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## Great Lakes Boating Festival is May 18 and 19

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The 35th annual Great Lakes Boating Festival is returning to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

The festival runs noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 18, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19.

The "Sail into Summer Party and Auction" is scheduled for 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 17, also at GPYC. Funds raised that night support the Youth Nautical Education Foundation's scholarship program. Tickets are \$150 each or \$200 for a VIP table seat. The night will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, an open bar until 9 p.m., an auction and music from Your Generation in

Concert.

The YNEF in 2022 increased its scholarship amounts from \$1,500 to \$2,000. It awarded 13 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in 2023.

The festival will include some 70 boats from 16 dealers ranging in size from 16 to 60 feet both on land and in the water.

Attendees will be able to stroll the grounds of the yacht club, with cocktails and lawn games available. Some 17 vendor booths will be set up selling a variety of boating accessories. Food will be available both from the yacht club and Flavors Food Truck.

"They're a little bit higher end," according to

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

An audio-visual hookup is linked to the diver's helmet to record images of the marina substructure and breakwall.

## Diver completes marina inspection

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A diver partly felt his way through three-foot visibility while inspecting the municipal marina.

Results of the three-day inspection aren't in, but no news was considered good news as work neared completion Thursday, May 2, at Windmill Pointe Park.

If there was something alarming to report, it

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## Lakeland resurfacing to begin in July; sewer cleaning continues

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Staging for this year's major road resurfacing project in the City — Lakeland from Maumee to Kercheval, as well as from Waterloo to Charlevoix — tentatively will begin the last week in June, with actual construction planned to start after July 1.

Construction is anticipated to last 45 days, weather dependent, and will include the milling and paving of 3.5 inches of hot mix asphalt, as well as the removal and replacement of concrete curbs, gutters and driveway approaches.

With the project cost to be covered by the 2014 voter-approved road millage, city council in March selected the lowest bidder of five companies vying for the project.

Best Asphalt Inc., which currently is leading the project to construct pickleball courts at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, will conduct the work for \$959,347.25, compared to the city engineer's estimate of \$1.05 million.

"Since I got (on coun-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lakeland's current condition between Maumee and St. Paul.

cil) in 2017, every time the bids go out for the road improvement plan ... we don't get as many as we would like and they always come in over what the engineer's estimates were," Mayor

Sheila Tomkowiak said. "... But what happened this year was our illustrious city manager said we'll go out (to bid) early. ... And guess what? We get five bidders and they're all

under the engineer's estimate.

"We're looking for ways to deal with our budget cuts and looking for ways to save money," she continued. "That was brilliant, simple and I'm grateful."

### Storm sewer cleaning

March also saw council approve a \$77,200 contract with Corby Energy Services Inc., for the continuation of the City's storm sewer cleaning and televising inspection program.

The work will span all storm sewers located between Jefferson and Maumee, expanding upon work conducted last fiscal year from Maumee to Mack.

"At that time, the lake levels were still elevated and the concern to clean and televise the sewers from Maumee to Lake St. Clair was deferred, because the cost to plug and dewater the lines was cost prohibitive," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo wrote in a memo to council. "This year, the lake levels are considerably down and can make the cleaning and televising much easier with minimal dewatering."

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## Gifting PSD & DPW meals

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Members of the community are hitting the spot with belly-busting celebrations of the public safety and public works departments.

Park restaurants are delivering free meals to officers during National Police Week, May 12 to 18.

"Last year, the mayor challenged our (public safety) committee to do something to celebrate National Police Week," said Councilman Marty McMillan, committee chairman. "Everybody on council brought a dinner every night during the whole week."

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# New DTE circuit breakers isolate outages

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A remote-control gizmo named after a fast-striking snake is being made part of the electric grid to reduce power outages and fix them quickly when they happen.

“It’s a device attached to a utility pole that opens and closes a circuit from DTE’s headquarters instead of somebody manually having to go up on a pole,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The equipment, mea-

suring up to 80-by-50 inches, is called a Viper Recloser. It operates as an industrial-strength circuit breaker attached to utility poles.

Sizeland said he learned of installations during a meeting he and the mayor had recently with DTE representatives concerning multi-faceted actions being taken to improve the reliability of electrical service.

“This is for when somebody may have to shut down power temporarily on certain circuits in the city to service (an area),”

Sizeland said. “Now, they can do it from their office. They believe this will greatly reduce power outages.”

“DTE is working on a four-point plan to improve electrical reliability and safety for all customers,” according to “Bringing the smart grid to Detroit’s westside,” posted on the DTE Energy blog, empowermichigan.com. “The plan includes trimming trees, updating and maintaining equipment, rebuilding significant portions of the grid and accelerating our transi-

tion to a smart grid.”

During the more-than half year since the posting, upgrades are taking place closer to home.

“That smart grid is now coming together throughout Detroit’s east side with a new piece of equipment called a recloser,” according to the blog.

The product is made by G&W Electric in suburban Chicago.

“An overhead three-phase recloser is a sectionalizing device that is installed at key points on overhead circuits,” according to a Sept. 23,

2023, letter from DTE’s director of legal counsel, Andrea Hayden, to the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding the utility’s five-year distribution and maintenance plan.

She added, “It acts like a circuit breaker by opening if high current is detected due to a downstream fault, such as a tree branch across two phases. Reclosers localize the fault to the circuit section beyond the recloser, leaving customers intact on the remainder of the circuit upstream of the

recloser.”

Sizeland said utility officials also increased the frequency in the Park of trimming branches away from overhead power lines.

“DTE used to be on an eight-year tree-trimming cycle,” he said. “Now, it’s on a five-year tree-trimming cycle. We hope to advocate for that to be brought down a little more, especially in urban communities like the Park that have so much (tree) canopy compared to some communities where some is underground.”

# Ahee brings powerful message to Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast

By Ted O’Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Until her husband, John, was stricken with cancer in 1996, Connie Ahee said her faith was “one-sided.”

“We went to church on Sunday, donated, helped with the Christmas gift drive,” she said. “But when John got sick, I started asking, ‘God, where are you?’”

Ahee talked about her journey with the theme “Faith over Fear” at the 38th annual Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 2, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

“When he got sick, John started to learn everything he could about Fr. Solanus Casey,” she said. “That’s where we learned to thank God ahead of time for his blessings and it’s something I still do to this day.”

Ahee met John as students at Albion College and the two were married in 1993.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE CHAMBER

Connie Ahee holds a resolution she received from State Sen. Kevin Hertel, in recognition of Ahee’s tireless work and dedication to the community.

“He really stuck out because he was so much fun,” she recalled. “He was creative and hand-

some and always planning fun things to do.” John Ahee was the youngest of seven chil-

dren of Edmund T. and Bettejean Ahee and co-owner of the family business, edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, at the time of his death in November 2020.

“It was always exciting to see him in the workplace because he loved it so much,” Ahee said. “He was a decision-maker and a provider.”

Issues with John’s health first popped up in summer 1996, when he started to complain about headaches.

“He showed up for a Fourth of July gathering with my family in Traverse City wearing a neckbrace,” Ahee said. “I talked to a friend of ours who’s a doctor and he asked if John had ever complained about headaches before. He told us to go to the emergency room right away.”

The diagnosis was a brain tumor that required immediate surgery.

“My world was turned upside down,” Ahee said. “Through it all he never complained. There

were ups and downs with his health, but he ate right, worked out. He’d wake up each morning and sing a hymn or say, ‘This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.’”

After five years cancer-free, the couple decided to start a family, with son, Zack, and daughter, Anna, born in 2002 and 2005, respectively.

“Through it all we had so much support,” Ahee said. “Friends, family, even strangers dropping off meals, making sure the kids were alright.”

John started feeling ill again in May 2020 and was diagnosed with kidney cancer.

“He had surgery to remove his left kidney and underwent chemo,” Ahee said. “In a way, the lockdown at the time was a gift. We lived like we were retired. We’d sit in the backyard and relax or go for drives.”

Ahee said John was “feeling out of sorts” in late October.

“We went to the hospi-

tal Friday, Oct. 30, and they said he’d suffered a stroke,” she recalled. “His mother (Bettejean Ahee) passed away the next day and five days later he died.”

“I was lost,” Ahee said. “He was the one who always made sure the rest of us were OK.”

Ahee said John’s funeral was difficult because, due to COVID, only family could attend.

“There were so many wonderful people who had helped us who couldn’t be there,” she said.

After returning from Florida with her children shortly before Christmas 2020, Ahee learned her younger sister — who had been diagnosed as bipolar and suffered from substance abuse disorder — had taken her life.

“It was shocking, but not surprising,” she said. “But I like to think Jesus picked her up and said, ‘Come with me, you’re safe now,’ and I picture her and John in heaven talking.”

## MEALS:

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This year is a twist with help from Joe Hebeke, founder and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business

Association.

“Joe, (restaurateur) Trenton Chamberlain and the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association are going to bring (officers) various dinners seven nights in a row from restaurants in

Grosse Pointe Park.”

National Police Week dates to a 1962 Congressional resolution recognizing law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

“Members of law

enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Grosse Pointe Park,” according to a mayoral resolution passed April 29.

Mayor Michele Hodges told officers, “Thank you for putting your lives on the line, protecting our lives and property and doing so as professionals as well.”

### DPW Week

The same gesture goes to municipal public works employees dur-

ing National Public Works Week, May 19 to 24.

“The infrastructure committee and business association are going to be bringing meals to the department during the week,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

“Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient com-

munities and to public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Park,” according to a mayoral resolution.

“(DPW Director) Tom Jenny has built a wonderful team,” Hodges said.

“Public works is the unsung heroes of the community,” Wiener said. “They’re always on call and do tremendous work. We need to make sure they know we appreciate them.”

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# Gardening flea market

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Everyone's invited to the Spring Plant Exchange 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18, in the Windmill Pointe Park parking lot next to the Tompkins Activity Center.

It's free and open to the public.

"You don't have to be a Grosse Pointe Park resident to attend," said Lisa Kyle, chairwoman of the Park Beautification Commission, event sponsor.

"It's rain or shine," said Councilman Brent Dreaver, chairman of the Public Engagement Committee. "If it rains, we move inside the Tompkins Center."

## The exchange

Organizers of the more than 30-year-old exchange said it's a popular place for gardeners to get both plant material and gardening tips. About 50 people attended last year.

"We have residents bring in plants that are transplantable so people can trade plants," Kyle

said. "Or, if someone's a new homeowner and doesn't have plants, they can come and pick up a few things for free."

Nor is there quid pro quo. People don't have to give something to get something.

"We take anything that's healthy, not infested with pests or disease," Kyle said.

Also, no invasive plants.

Kyle requested donors submit plants in bags or pots.

"It's better for the roots," she said. "Taking it home will be much neater. We'll have plastic bags."

In addition to plants, participants give and take bulbs, seeds, houseplants, garden tools and current gardening books.

Kyle advised people to plant their acquisitions promptly.

"They can go a week if you water them and keep the roots wet," she said. "If you let the roots become exposed to oxygen, they won't last long."

The commission's fall plant exchange usually takes place in October.

# PS director recalls FBI National Academy experience

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn was set to attend the prestigious 10-week FBI National Academy program in Quantico, Va., when COVID-19 hit.

A year and a half later, he again was preparing to go when he tore his rotator cuff at the scene of a fire.

Then, his application was flagged when the department changed addresses to its new building on Mack.

In 2023, the director had the opportunity to join the 286th session of the FBI National Academy, which less than 1 percent of law enforcement officers are able to attend. Alcorn is the first director in the City to attend in 25 years, following in the footsteps of former directors Al Fincham and James Fox.

"It's an incredible experience and I'm honored the city gave me the opportunity to be there," Alcorn said.

His class included members of law enforcement agencies from 25 coun-



COURTESY PHOTO

**City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn, right, with FBI Director Christopher Wray after graduation from the FBI National Academy.**

tries, five military organizations and six federal civilian organizations — all 237 for which he now has contact information and can call upon for collaboration and advice.

"What I found was I'd go to class and class was fantastic — some days were more relevant to Grosse Pointe City than other days — but I'd be in these classes with all these other fantastic leaders from other departments across the country or the world and I ended up with this notebook in my pocket, so I could write down stuff I was

and emotional intelligence, including working with new generations.

"The FBI training was challenging and rewarding," Alcorn wrote in the department's annual report. "One of the biggest takeaways from that experience is the confirmation that we are on the right path when it comes to mental health awareness and crisis intervention training. The collaboration with police officers nationwide armed us with new methods to continue those efforts."

Perhaps most well known about the FBI National Academy is the Yellow Brick Road — a 6.1-mile run through an obstacle course of ropes, walls, cargo nets and barbed wire over muddy water, which is named for painted yellow bricks and rocks used to mark the path.

While one of Alcorn's classmates broke an ankle during the attempt — "They'll have the chance to come back and redo it," he said — the Grosse Pointe chief has a hard-earned physical yellow brick at his home to prove he succeeded.

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## BOATING:

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Bethany Sly, director of exhibitor sales for the Michigan Boating Industry Association. "It's not just your ordi-

nary burgers and hot dogs. They have great barbecue and fish."

This is the second consecutive year the MBIA is coordinating the festival.

While admission is free, on-site parking at the GPYC is \$20. A free

shuttle will run between Ferry Elementary School and the event. It is available one hour before gates open Saturday and Sunday until one hour after closing both days.

"We really encourage people to use the shuttle

to cut down on wait times at the gate," Sly said. "Plus, there are some private events at the yacht club going on that will make parking a bit tight."

See [greatlakesboatingfestival.com](http://greatlakesboatingfestival.com) for further details.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, MAY 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks & Harbor Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m.
- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission meeting, 4 p.m.

## MARINA:

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would have already registered on a video recording camera affixed to the diver's helmet.

"At the end of yesterday (Wednesday), they already had about six hours' worth of footage in the water," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. "It's nice that we have video evidence of what it looks like."

"Water depth around here is fairly shallow," said a divemaster for Underwater Construction and one of three crewmen aboard a tender outfitted with a generator and pump to provide the diver with oxygen and an audio-visual link.

At some locations inside the harbor, such as along the innermost concrete breakwall, the water level was so shallow the driver's head broke the surface while standing on the bottom.

"Out toward the entry point, it's about 26 to 28 feet deep," the divemaster said. "Mostly in the marina it's 12 to 14 feet."

Underwater Construction won a low-bid, \$17,000 contract in March to report on the condition of three of the marina's five docks, plus the inner-side of the outer breakwall and both sides of the gateway to Lake St. Clair.

"They're checking for structural issues," Craig said. "We have to find out what condition the marina is in order to make renovations or an overhaul."

This and the following



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**A diver on Thursday, May 2, looks and feels his way while inspecting the inner concrete breakwall at the Windmill Pointe Park marina.**

marina expenses were borne by the marina fund, generated by seasonal boat slip rentals, not general property tax payments.

Divers didn't inspect

the lakeside portion of the outer breakwall. Prior inspection by consulting engineers found it to be in "great condition," Craig said.

While the dive team worked underwater, a separate contractor replaced more than 4,000 feet of plastic piping to provide improved water service to each dock.

"By the time we're done, which should be Monday, we'll have new water spigots for every boat in the bay," said Dan Phillips of Chris's Sewer Inspection, based in Clinton Township.

Members of the city council retained the company earlier this year for \$21,272 to replace plastic dockside water service lines, installed five years ago as a temporary alter-

native to high lake levels inundating a permanent water network.

The system being installed is looped, unlike dead-end piping and consequent stagnant water it replaces.

"The water's going to go all the way around the dock and stop at every dock," Phillips said. "So, when the last guy on the row uses his hose, the water is going to come from the beginning of the flow and go through the entire system and, hopefully, effectively flush everything out."

Other marina work completed this year consisted of:

- ◆ replacing 400 rubber rails, a cushion or bumper attached to dock pilings to protect boats from collision damage, at a cost of \$35,162, and
- ◆ \$26,862 to paint the inside half of the main, outer breakwall.



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# Mom inspired by infant to start embroidery business

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

Terese and Evan Castile placed significant intention behind giving two middle names to their first child, James Walker Corey Castile.

James was the name of Terese's father who passed away in 2018, Walker is a family name from Evan's grandmother and Corey is Evan's middle name.

"The theory behind the name was, if we did not have another boy, we would have used all of the names we liked," Terese Castile explained of her now 1½-year-old son. "His nickname, JW, was picked as we wanted him to stand out and be a bit unique once he goes to school in a sea of boys named James."

But when the time came for newborn photos, the couple — at the time living in the Farms, but who moved to the Shores in February — hit an unforeseen snag.

Terese Castile envisioned a monogrammed bow swaddle, but learned four-initial monograms are difficult to embroider. The one she ordered proved to be a disappointment.

"I needed to come up with a solution to my own problem," she recalled, "and my husband was like, 'Just get the machine. You can make it for him.'"

"And then he was like, 'But I think you can actually profit off of this.'"

Which is how the stay-at-home mom — fresh off a decade-long career in Washington, D.C., poli-



Terese and Evan Castile with 1½-year-old James Walker Corey Castile, 7-week-old Rollie George Castile and their "third child," Bernedoodle Gronk.

tics and without any background in creative pursuits — found her niche and GP Embroidery was born.

The small business is run out of Castile's basement and offers personalized embroidery in creative fonts and colors for children's and adult clothing, cocktail napkins, towels, sheets, bags and other accessories. Castile also does all the embroidery work for Apple Blossom Baby and Decor in The Village.

"It came out of nowhere," she said of her self-taught career, which provides a further sense of fulfillment while rais-

ing her children and simultaneously fills a gap she herself experienced. "I just really had always had a vision for my children being dressed in monogrammed clothes with their names on it or little sailboats or whatever and that was really the only reason."

While GP Embroidery primarily focuses on children's clothes and accessories, one of Castile's favorite recent projects was individualized sweatshirts for a bridal party of 15 — each encapsulating a memory with the bride, who will be married later this month. "I've also, locally for an

old neighbor of ours, made sweatshirts with her grandfather's handwriting on it right after he passed," she said, "and she gave those to her family as a gift for Christmas, which was also very sweet."

The Castiles' second child was born seven weeks ago and given a simpler, but just as intentional monogram.

Rollie George Castile was named first for Evan's grandfather, who passed away last year.

"George (is) an homage to my time in D.C., (because) George is a very popular presidential name: George Washington, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush," Castile said. "Evan's grandfather and his siblings all went by their middle name, hence why we call our son George."

She estimates 90 percent of her boys' clothes are embroidered.

"I dress my children like little men, as my mom calls them," she said. "They don't really wear typical children's clothes. Our 1½-year-old has a blazer and a full suit that he wears and he's very happy in it."

GP Embroidery can be found on Instagram @gp.embroidery or by emailing grossepointe.embroidery@gmail.com.

Castile also will host a live embroidery event at Apple Blossom Baby 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18.

"Seeing the first pictures of people posting their kids' clothes on Instagram or a fanny pack I made for them, it



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Above, Castile's first child, James Walker Corey Castile, wears the swaddle bow that inspired the start of GP Embroidery. Below, sweatshirts, which Castile embroidered with the handwriting of a former neighbor's grandfather who passed away, were given as Christmas gifts.



was just like, 'I did that,' and it's really cool," Castile said. "I never would have thought in a million years that I would do something like this."

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"The Yellow Brick Road, it's the biggest scam in the FBI," he joked. "... They do a great job of getting you to work out super hard, do all types of physical fitness and then do this really difficult challenge at the end. And if you complete it, you get a painted yellow brick — and I mean literally, the kind of brick you take off the side of a house — and it says 'FBI National Academy 286' and that's your motive."

Beside his yellow brick, Alcorn displays a photo of himself, dormitory roommate U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division



From left, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division Maj. Joshua David, Alcorn and Indiana State Police Commander Robert Priest after successfully completing the Yellow Brick Road.

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Maj. Joshua David and bricks at the end of the Indiana State Police challenge. Grosse Pointe Park Director Jim Bostock currently is attending the FBI National Academy.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Clearcut

An unknown person cut holes in the bird netting on the undersides of The Village parking structure roofs between Thursday, April 25, and Thursday, May 2.

## Welfare check

Upon responding to a welfare check at Charlevoix and Notre Dame at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, May 2, officers arrested a 42-year-old Park man on a misdemeanor warrant out of the Park.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Wrong crowd

Both passengers were arrested for cocaine possession when a vehicle was pulled over at Mack and Gateshead for a broken brake light at 12:22 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.

The 37-year-old and 31-year-old St. Clair Shores men also both had warrants for their arrest, while the driver walked away with only a citation for defective equipment.

## Home invasions

A furnace and 40-gallon water heater were stolen from the basement of a home in the 400 block of Allard between 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, and 3:50 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.

Three windows on the first floor were tampered with and fresh tire tracks were found on the front lawn.

A basement window to another home in the 400 block of Allard was discovered broken at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

## Act natural

An 18-year-old Detroit resident told officers the machete with an 18-inch blade under the driver's seat was used by his dad for fishing, after he was pulled over for not wearing a seatbelt and driving through a red light at Mack and Canyon at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, May 2.

Officers were tipped off he may be hiding something because he began shaking, sweating and refused to make eye contact.

The teen was cited for disobeying a traffic signal and never getting a driver's license, while the vehicle was impounded.

## Too slow

A 35-year-old Southfield woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated after being pulled over for driving 18 mph on Lakeshore and almost hitting the curb multiple times at 11:53 p.m. Friday, May 3.

A preliminary breath test found her blood alcohol content to be 0.16 percent.

## Squatter-to-be

An unknown man startled homeowners in the 100 block of Lakeshore at 9:28 a.m. Saturday, May 4, when he tried to open the front door, saw them inside and said, "I didn't know anyone actually lived here."

The suspect is described as an approximately 25-year-old black man with braided hair and a mustache. He was wearing a brown jacket and black pants.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Wrong way

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving after being stopped driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Lakeshore near Ford House.

He was lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail with a blood-alcohol content of 0.21 percent.

## Too fast

A 19-year-old Fraser man was ticketed for reckless driving and fleeing and eluding after his 2005 Chevy Trailblazer was clocked going 81 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Vernier.

The driver pulled into the parking lot at St. Lucy's Catholic Church just inside St. Clair Shores after being obstructed by traffic on Jefferson.

— Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Needs a lot of work

Police cited a 27-year-old Eastpointe woman for larceny because she allegedly refused to pay for \$280 worth of skin treatments at a business in the 15300 block of Kercheval on Tuesday, April 30.

"(She) refused to pay

and left the location," an investigator said.

## Cat tug-of-war

A man reportedly refused to return his neighbor's missing cat. "(He) eventually turned the cat over to an animal clinic, where it was reunited with its owner," police said. "(The man) was cited for larceny and disorderly conduct."

The neighbors live in the 15000 block of Windmill Pointe Drive. Police logged the incident Tuesday, April 30.

"The victim's cat was missing and the victim posted the missing cat on social media," police said. "The suspect located the cat, showed the victim he had it, but then refused to return (it). Police responded to the suspect's home where (he) refused to turn the cat over to police or cooperate in any way."

"From what I understand, he was upset that the cat was not neutered," an investigator said.

## Failed car theft

A witness told police an unknown man wearing a dark gray hooded sweatshirt exited the passenger seat of a black sedan in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield around 4:15 a.m. Sunday, May 5, smashed the window of a parked car and tried to steal it.

The man and driver of the sedan fled the area.

## Thieves caught

Two men accused of stealing equipment from a landscaper's trailer in the 800 block of Pemberton Wednesday,

May 1, reportedly did something similar later that day in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"Follow-up investigation revealed the identity of the suspects who were arrested (Thursday), May 2, and charged with multiple felonies in the City and Park," according to Park police.

The men, aged 22 and 25, are from Detroit.

They allegedly operated from a silver Kia SUV with a temporary license plate and damaged driver-side rear wheel well.

"(They) stole three backpack blowers from (a) landscaping trailer parked in the street, placed them into the vehicle (and) fled westbound on Fairfax," police said.

For more details, see the story below.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Near miss

A resident in the 800 block of Crescent Lane avoided becoming a victim of fraud after receiving a message on her iPad stating her Apple account was hacked.

The complainant called what she thought was Apple security and gave them her debit card number and Social Security number. She was instructed to go to the bank and withdraw \$24,800 to purchase cryptocurrency.

The woman did not go to the bank and no money so far is missing from her account.

## Mail fraud

A resident in the 1500 block of Roslyn who makes and sells jewelry at craft shows reported she was contacted via email and asked to make items for a birthday party.

The two sides agreed on a price of \$780, but she received a cashier's check in the amount of \$1,850. The scammer asked her to deposit the check and return the difference to him.

The woman became suspicious, however, because the alleged customer was in Kansas but the check was sent from a credit union in Denver and mailed from Miami. The complainant told officers she canceled the order and is not out any money.

— Ted O'Neil

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

## Thieves hold landscaper at gunpoint

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE CITY, PARK &amp; DETROIT

Within 24 hours of a landscaper being held at gunpoint just down the street from the City's public safety department last week, the two men responsible were arrested in a multi-jurisdictional stinging operation.

Alante Sloan and Daequan Davis face three felony charges — one count of armed robbery, one count of larceny more than \$1,000 and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$1,000 — for stealing two backpack blowers worth \$1,260 from a Miles Landscaping trailer at St. Clair and Charlevoix at 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.

"One of the employees from the landscaping company ... has stated that when he confronted them, the passenger pulled a gun on him (and) that he dove out of the way," Detective Sgt. Joe

Adams said.

The suspects deny the involvement of a gun, but admitted to the theft — as well as to stealing three backpack blowers from a landscaping truck in the 800 block of Pemberton in Grosse Pointe Park Wednesday morning and an additional blower from a truck in Detroit while its owner was cutting grass on Moross.

The dash camera on the Moross victim's truck managed to catch a clear picture of the temporary license plate on the suspects' 2007 Kia Sportage, as well as an image of the passenger. The license plate traced back to Sloan as the owner of the car and whose Facebook page is fraught with yard tools up for sale.

In conjunction with the Park and Harper Woods public safety departments, City officers posed as buyers and took the 25-year-old and 22-year-old Detroit men into custody at a Harper Woods Home Depot at 2

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### OUR VIEW

## Americans celebrate moms this Sunday, but not just with wallets

**W**ith many families planning to celebrate Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, financial forecasters are predicting fewer American consumers than last year will do so by reaching for their wallets.

What's up with that, America? But when breaking down the numbers, it looks like Mom will still come out smelling like a rose on her special day this year.

While more than 84 percent of U.S. adults are expected to celebrate dear old Mom this weekend, consumers are expected to spend around \$33.5 billion — a little shy of the \$35.7 billion they spent in 2023.

The numbers are according to a just-released annual consumer survey from the National Retail Federation and Prospects Insights and Analytics.

It might appear Mom is getting slighted in 2024, but Mother's Day remains one of the most lucrative holidays in the U.S. and the average amount spent on Mother's Day gifts and celebrations per person might surprise you.

Would you guess \$50? \$100? Try \$254.04. Seasoned gift-giving veterans know a spa day doesn't come cheap, but even so, this figure is slightly behind last year's record of \$274.02 per person.

Who are the biggest spenders? They may get a bad rap otherwise, but millennials are the most generous toward Mom's gifts, particularly when they are between the ages of 35 and 45. This age group spends an average budget of \$345.75 on Mom, roughly \$90 more than everyone else.

Survey respondents also revealed that in 2024:

- ◆ Most of the Mother's Day gifts purchases (59 percent) will be for mothers or stepmothers.
- ◆ Wives and daughters with children will receive the second and third most gifts at 22 percent and 12 percent, respectively.
- ◆ The most popular gift for Mother's Day remains flowers and cards at 74 percent each, followed by special outings and brunches at 59 percent.
- ◆ Jewelry continues to trend upward as a very popular Mother's Day gift, with sales expected to reach nearly \$7 billion.

It looks like many consumers will search online for the perfect gift, with 35 percent reporting they will be using e-commerce to find the perfect gift. But 32 percent will stick to department stores and 29 percent will do their shopping at specialty stores.

We fully support the idea of shopping locally and encourage Grosse Pointers to shop in our countless retail stores, many of which pull together specific merch that's made just for Mom.

If this consumerism surrounding the holiday feels like too much, many others agree with you. Some consumers are eschewing a focus on material things and report they still plan on taking a more thoughtful approach by spending time with their mothers.

Forty-eight percent say they intend to look for a gift that is unique or different, like finishing a "honey do" list, gardening or completing a task around the house. Another 43 percent report they want to create a special memory through an experience this year and will do so by spending quality time together.

So whether you decide to blow the budget or keep things quaint and simple, let the moms in your life know you care. Life's too short and Sunday is as good a reason as any to celebrate those we love. Cheers, moms!

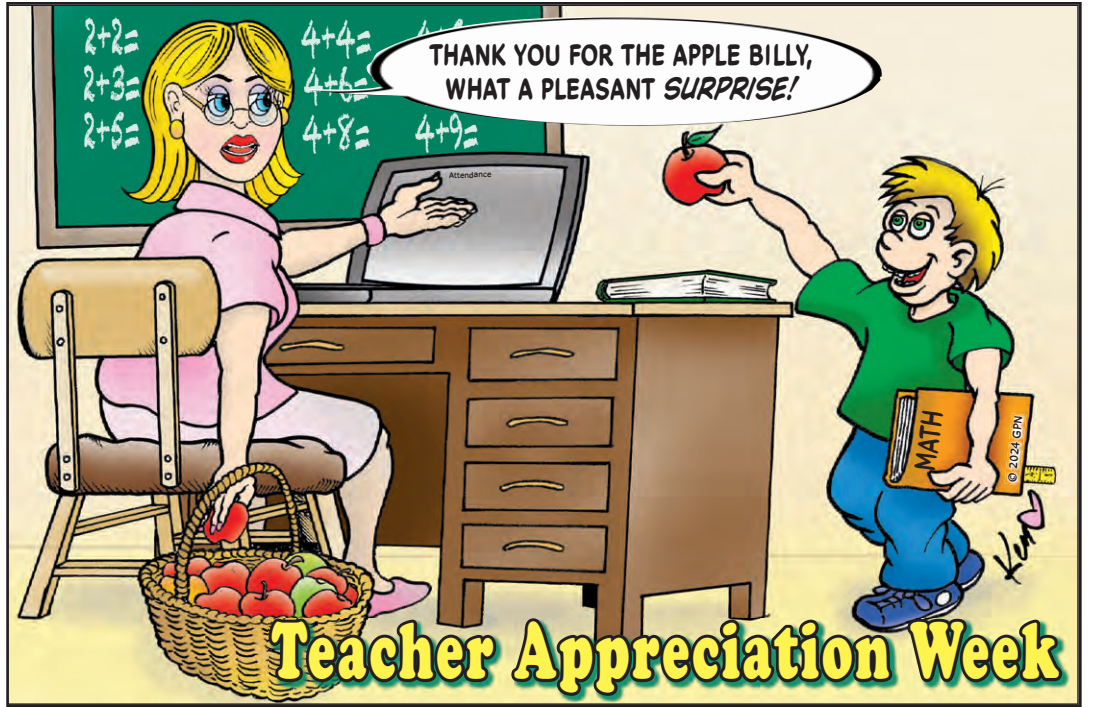


ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

To be or not to Airbnb in Grosse Pointe Park? That is the question this week as two Park residents weigh in on the subject of regulating short-term rentals in the city.

### GUEST OPINION By Jim Saros

## The complex web of short-term rentals

**S**hort-term rentals, facilitated by platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo, have sparked debate and a wave of lawsuits in communities across the country. As the popularity of short-term rentals (STRs) surges, so do concerns about their impact on communities, housing affordability and neighborhood dynamics.

The root of this bifurcated matter boils down to a debate of private property rights versus the permitted uses and regulations of a municipality's zoning ordinance.

The "hyper-local" nature of real estate mar-

kets further complicates the debate. What will work in Grosse Pointe Park may not work in Birmingham, Harbor Springs or Nashville. More specifically, what works on Yorkshire is not necessarily what works on Beaconsfield. There is no "one-size-fits-all" solution to this debate.

As an appointed member of Grosse Pointe Park's Planning Commission and the Wayne County Building Authority, a real estate broker and a local real estate investor/operator, STRs are a topic I encounter frequently. Whether reg-

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### GUEST OPINION By David King

## Showcasing community and welcoming visitors through STRs

**A**s cool as we all are here, Grosse Pointe Park is NOT a top tourist destination like New Orleans, Nashville or New York. However, we do get our fair share of visitors. With nearly 50,000 residents across the Pointes, people come to town every day for a variety of reasons: weddings, funerals, graduations, family reunions and relocations. Sometimes it's for special events like concerts, or natural disasters like floods, fires or life

changes at work or with a new home. Many visitors prefer to stay close to the family and friends they are visiting instead of staying in Roseville or Warren (12 to 18 miles away) or downtown Detroit. Without a hotel in the Pointes, short-term rentals (STRs) are an excellent option. While some residents may have concerns about STRs, they have been operating very successfully in the Park for more than 10 years.

The most often cited concerns about STRs are:

1. Impact on the housing market and removal of properties from the rental market: This might be a valid concern in tourist-centric cities where rental supply is much more limited. Grosse Pointe Park contains approximately 4,600 homes including more than 1,150 long-term rentals (25 percent). At last count, there are approximately 20 to 30 STRs available, equivalent to 0.0045 percent of the available housing market.
2. Removing a property for STR usage may reduce supply and affordability, preventing families from moving into the local school district: Given the decline from its height of over 12,000 students to approximately 6,000 students, 20 to 30 units have no measurable effect on enrollment.
3. It's going to be a party house: The city

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Food plating is an art



When you did your plate, no matter what meal it was, look like when you were growing up? Did anyone care if it was fancy or was it just food put on a plate and served? When you went to a restaurant, how much consideration was given at that time to food plating? When I was younger no one cared what the plating looked like, just if the food was good.

I remember when my family used to go to Howard Johnson's restaurant when it existed on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, where the CVS pharmacy is now located, and if you cleaned your plate you could go to the treasure chest at the hostess stand in front and pick a prize. You became a member of the Clean Plate Club. There wasn't really food styling back then. More like food gorging, which is why they discontinued the Clean Plate Club.

I am not sure how fancy or well-thought-out presentation is in homes today, but in many restaurants plate presentation has become an important part of the meal. For chefs, arranging plates of food has become an art form; plates have become canvases.

There are different modern plating trends

and presentation styles now and some of them are landscape, food on organic materials, minimalist, asymmetrical, free-form, color blocking, stacked and the hide-and-seek technique. I am not sure about the hide-and-seek technique. That sounds like extra work just to eat your meal.

Let's not forget the deconstructed dish. That is a dish that uses the ingredients of a recipe, but prepares the components of it individually then plates the components separately on one dish or on separate dishes.

There is always classic plating because it's traditional, but did you know classic plating is actually arranging the food side-by-side around the center of the plate using a clockwise method? I thought classic was just putting the food on the plate, then sitting down and eating it. I guess not.

There are keys to plating food such as arrangement, color, texture, how easy it is to eat along with techniques to master. There are even food-plating tools. Want to know what they are? A saucier spoon, three types of tongs, a slotted spoon, a solid plating spoon, decorating brushes, garnishing kits, molds, squeeze bottles and angled spoons for sauces. You know you have to get the schmear under the food just right.

An odd number of ingredients on the plate looks better than even numbers. Sauces can be drizzled on top of the food to enhance its look or a spoonful of sauce spread on one side of a bare plate creates contrast (here's your

schmear) and also gives you something to run your food through or dip the ingredients into, adding to the flavor.

Evidently there is a scientific study that shows restaurant goers, by almost 20 percent, believe their food tastes better if it's presented well.

Have you ever taken a photo of your plate when eating at a restaurant and uploaded it to social media? Probably because of how it looked when plated, right? Food styling is a thing. There are even food influencers. They share culinary expertise, recipes and cooking tips along with photos of plated food with their followers.

There are fundamentals of food presentation and it begins with the correct plate temperature — cold food on chilled plates and hot food on preheated plates. Then there are edible decorations and garnishes, texture and height, highlighting the key ingredient, etc. Chefs use bold colors, unexpected ingredients and unusual shapes. Food plating has to have visual appeal and even the color or type of plate you use make a big difference. If you've ever watched a cooking show, then you have probably seen a chef get dinged for using the wrong plate. Or not cleaning off the edges of the plate when serving. Messy edges are a no-no.

Food plating has come a long way since the French Court in the 1600s when Louis XIV informed his chefs he wanted them to present food in an elegant way.

What will your plate look like tonight?

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

# 1949

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### AUGUSTINIAN ORDER PUSHES PLANS TO BUILD HIGH SCHOOL ON FRINGE OF GROSSE POINTE:

The Rev. Father Charles J. Melchoir, head of the Augustinian Order in the Detroit area, told the News that preparations are being constantly advanced for the erection of the Augustinian high school in Detroit across Mack Avenue along Radnor. The school will eventually handle 1,500 high school students. The original unit, which will be started late this summer or in the early fall, will accommodate 1,000 boys.

### MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS HEADS:

Plans for the conversion of the Alger House property on Lakeshore into a memorial community center were greatly furthered at the annual meeting of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association. A new and greatly reduced board of directors was elected. Directors nominated for the one-year term are Vincent DePetris, Mrs. Charles Ellis, Norbert P. Neff, Ralph Netting and Alger Sheldon. For the two-year term are Louis Baldwin, Mrs. Charles A. Dean Jr., Leo Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Hubert Goebel and John L. Kenower. For the three-year term are Mrs. D. Dwight Douglas, Earl L. Heenan Jr., Ernest Kanzler, Mrs. C. B. Lord and Paul I. Moreland.

### CATCH OPOSSUM ON LAWN IN CITY:

Opossums are on the loose again in the Pointe. On Monday evening, W. N. Mayo phoned the City police that some sort of strange animal was on his lawn. The police picked up the opossum and locked him in the cat box in the pound in the municipal garage. The department is still debating whether to have a "possum roast" or turn him loose.

### POLICE RECOVER 49 STOLEN PIERCE BAND INSTRUMENTS:

Members of the Pierce Middle School band felt sad and dejected for several days because they were unable to practice for a coming spring concert. On April 15, burglars broke into the school band room and stole 54 musical instruments, some owned by the school and other by the band members, valued at approximately \$5,000. On April 30, happiness reigned as 49 of the instruments were recovered by Park police, with the authorities optimistic about recovering the still-missing five.

### WOODS OFFICER ALBERT ABEND TO RETIRE:

Woods Public Safety Officer Albert Abend, 60, who's affectionately known as "Uncle Al" around the department and among his friends, spends his last day at work May 11, although he officially retires June 1, after 30 years and seven months of service on the force.

### POOL HEARING DATE SLATED:

A public hearing date of June 3, was unanimously set by the Woods Council for a proposed bond election on the Lake Front Park Improvement Program. The hearing will take place at Parcels School, not the council-courtroom chambers of the Woods municipal building. The reason for this is because more residents can be accommodated at the school as it's expected the hearing will draw a "standing room only" crowd.

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SAROS:

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ulation, or an outright ban, is what our community decides is the best course of action, the decision process needs to be thought out and thorough.

Following are some of the potential benefits and negative aspects of having short-term rentals in our community:

Potential benefits:

- ◆ Solution for a lack of hotel options locally.
- ◆ Preferable travel stay option for families with young children compared to a traditional hotel.
- ◆ Local option for those in need of a place to stay for an extended period of time during a home renovation or after an insurance loss.
- ◆ More profitable for landlords who effectively operate their STR, within the rules and regulations that are decided by the municipality.
- ◆ STR operators often invest more and take better care of their property than traditional rental housing owners.
- ◆ Platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo's rating system provide additional checks and balances to STR operators. Bad reviews from guests negatively affect revenue.
- ◆ Offers a way for people to experience a slice of the Park. One Park resident commented they stayed at an Airbnb visiting a friend who lived in the Park. They ended up buying a home in the Park.
- ◆ Can increase property values and rents.

Potential negatives:

- ◆ Takes traditional housing options out of supply for both renters and purchasers, leading to upward pressure on values, rents and causing local population to decrease.
- ◆ Commercial use in a residential zone?
- ◆ Safety and security concerns.
- ◆ Disturbance to neighbors.
- ◆ Regulation challenges for municipalities.
- ◆ STRs take business away from traditional hotels.
- ◆ Very management-intensive for STR operators.
- ◆ Higher cost of operating an STR compared to a traditional rental for property owner.

While I recognize the benefits of short-

term rentals to our community, I personally do not operate any STRs and I am overall opposed to the premise of STRs as I view them as a commercial use in a residential zone. However, an outright ban is not ideal based on community feedback. Instead, responsible regulation would be the best approach

The planning commission has heard from local short-term rental operators, patrons of local STRs, as well as concerned neighbors who don't want STRs "in their backyard." Many community members were surprised to learn numerous short-term rentals have been operating in the Park for over a decade.

The community feedback has been invaluable in guiding our decisions thus far. We've heard from several local STR operators who have invested significant funds into their properties and enjoy hosting guests. Among those we've heard from are individuals who own duplexes, residing in one unit while renting out the other as an STR, as well as local investors living in the Pointes. Additionally, there are homeowners who lease individual rooms in their residences, similar to a bed-and-breakfast, while they are present.

The planning commission also heard from concerned neighbors to STRs who do not like not knowing who is staying next door, have concerns about street parking and worry about noise levels (although I do not believe we heard from anyone who experienced a noise-related issue due to a STR).

The STR operators commented that nearly every one of their guests are visiting for weddings, funerals, visiting family or graduation parties. Their guests have relatives who live in the Pointes or they once lived in the Pointes themselves. The Park is not a vacation destination, which limits the likelihood for guests to be a disturbance or concern to neighbors.

Our community needs to find a balanced approach that considers all perspectives for implementing proper and enforceable regulation. Continued participation from the community at planning commission meetings is essential to achieve this. Based on the discussions thus far, I believe we are moving in a responsible direction.

*Jim Saros is a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission and Wayne County Building Authority, a real estate broker and a local real estate investor/operator.*



Clean living

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones stands with Dane Fosse of Zeppelin Cleaning Services, during the club's April 16 meeting at Ford House. Fosse educated attendees on the overall health benefits of HVAC duct cleaning and the state-of-the-art equipment used by Zeppelin Cleaning. The firm also is an option for Grosse Pointe residents needing storm-related restoration/cleaning. Email [dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com) for more information.

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1999

25 years ago this week

**LITTLE LEAGUE BREAKS IN NEW ELWORTHY BALLPARK:** To the command, "Play ball," the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League season began last Saturday with a fast ball thrown high and inside at the revamped Elworthy Field baseball complex in the City of Grosse Pointe. The improvements were made with help of donations from throughout the community.

**NEW NOISE AND POOL ORDINANCES IN SHORES:** Early bird contractors in Grosse Pointe Shores are being warned by police about the village's new noise ordinance. The measure went into effect April 30 and is undergoing a 30-day grace period for first offenses. Aimed at contractors and lawn crews, the ordinance prohibits the making of loud and raucous noise which annoys, disturbs or endangers the "peace or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities."

**WOODS SIDEWALK PROGRAM QUESTIONED:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council Monday night

approved sidewalk repair plans for 1998 and 1999, a move that proved controversial with some attending the meeting. Councilwoman Patty Kukula-Chyhnski said she had talked with many of her constituents and was told they did not like the way the city pays for sidewalk repair. The Woods, like the other Pointes, hires a contractor to replace damaged sidewalk squares.

2014

10 years ago this week

**PERFECTION = 18 STRIKEOUTS:** Grosse Pointe South freshman Emma St. John pitched the most perfect of perfect games last weekend, tossing a no-hitter while striking out all 18 batters she faced in a 10-0 division win over Center Line. Of the 18 strikeouts, five were looking.

**MR. ABUD GOES TO WASHINGTON:** Grosse Pointe North High School science teacher Gary Abud ended his tenure as Michigan's Teacher of the Year with a week in Washington, D.C. Abud joined his counterparts from across the country in the nation's capitol for a week of conferences and receptions, culminating in a special reception at the White House with President Barack Obama.

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doesn't collect data on how many complaints have been received for STRs but when asked, could only recall one incident in 10 years and that was resolved immediately. GPP Public Safety currently responds to numerous nuisance complaints from its non-STR residents including loud parties, barking dogs and domestic disputes.

4. STRs will disrupt the neighborhood dynamics including increasing transient visitors: Unmanaged and without limits, this could occur in any location. The planning commission has been very thoughtful in balancing the need that clearly exists by adding oversight and regulations that STR operators welcome. Most visitors have some connection to GPP and to existing residents and know the importance of being responsible guests. Many STR owners are also local

to the community and feel a deep sense of responsibility to its residents.

5. It's a commercial business: Long-term rentals/property management are also a commercial business. STRs can be operated and managed responsibly without harming the residential character of the neighborhoods where they are located. In fact, most STRs are often better updated and maintained (than long-term rentals) in order to attract visitors.

STRs fill an important need in the community and add to the positive impact of visiting the Pointes. As hosts, we are pseudo-ambassadors, showcasing GPP and welcoming new people to this amazing place.

Leaving a long-term positive impact on visitors could lead to new permanent residents wishing to stay because maybe ... we are as cool as we think.

*David King is a Grosse Pointe Park resident, CEO of Red Level Group and owner of Motownbnb.com.*

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p.m. last Thursday. They were arraigned before City Judge David Draper Saturday, May 4.

"During investigation, we found other stolen items on (Sloan's) cell phone," Adams said. "It looks like he had been stealing for a little while from different landscaping companies."

Weed wackers, saws, blowers and lawn mowers are among the yard

tools for sale on his Facebook page dating back to February.

The stolen items have not yet been recovered, Adams said, but an investigation into their whereabouts continues.

"Unfortunately, for these landscaping companies, they're in the backyard, their truck's in front," he added. "Somebody drives up, steals it and drives away and they don't even know."

While armed robbery isn't a common occur-

rence, landscape equipment is often stolen throughout the Pointes. Additionally in last week's public safety reports, an Echo leaf blower was stolen from landscapers while they worked in the 800 block of University at 6 p.m. Friday, May 3.

Adams emphasized companies should take preventive measures, such as locking the equipment to the truck.

"You've got to somehow secure it so that way it's not easy just to be removed," he said. "Sometimes it's one extra step, but that's a \$600 step."

In the Park, the co-defendants also face one count of larceny more than \$1,000 and one count of receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$1,000.

Sloan, in 2022, was arrested in the Park for larceny from a motor vehicle and sentenced to three years of probation beginning April 2023.



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# Helping upgrade Mack corridor

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Saturday's call for action in the Motor City Makeover is a Johnny-come-lately compared with three of the Grosse Pointes' partnerships with Detroit for the long-term renovation of the Mack Avenue corridor.

"Our border prosperity is something we've been talking about for quite some time," Park Mayor Michele Hodges said.

"The Park, City and Farms and Detroit submitted (a proposal) several years ago, 'The Mack Avenue Corridor,'" Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "This has been in the works for over four years."

In late 2019, the City of Grosse Pointe acknowledged its participation in the "unprecedented partnership."

## Giving the Motor City a makeover

Plans are fluid but the goal is solid: Preparations are underway for suburbanites to participate in Saturday's Motor City Makeover. The objective is sprucing up the suburb's border with Detroit.

"May 11 is the Motor City Makeover," said Councilman Brent Dreaver, chairman of the council's Community Engagement Committee and liaison to the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. "We're planning on a cleanup along the border on Alter, maybe Mack."

The makeover is a voluntary, blight-busting city of Detroit event that takes place in separate parts of the city on three different weekends during May. Efforts this weekend focus on the Eastside.

"Strong corridors are good for all," Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. "We build community, the tax base and have fun doing it."

About 20 Park residents volunteered last year.

"It was a good event," Dreaver said.

"It's important we participate in efforts like this," Hodges said. "It should be a community-wide event, where we're all working on behalf of our community. Each year, it should grow."

Volunteers have two options. They can show up and get to work or register with the city of Detroit to "receive supplies, flowers and schedule special pickups," according to information posted at [detroitmi.gov](http://detroitmi.gov).

For more information, visit [motorcitymakeover.org](http://motorcitymakeover.org) or call (313) 224-4415.

"The project seeks to develop a commercial corridor plan for Mack Avenue, a county road," according to a notice on the City website. "It is the first known joint planning effort for a border street shared by Detroit and any of its suburban neighbors."

The scope of work is a

nearly 4.5-mile section of Mack from Connor in Detroit to Moross in the Farms.

Objectives, based partly on surveys and workshops with members of the public and business owners, include but are not limited to economic development, improved appearance, walkability, pedestrian

amenities such as benches, more green infrastructure, more parking facilities and better lighting.

"The plan is a shared vision for urban design-based business and economic development that provides a strategic framework for building a stronger corridor one step at a

time," according to the Eastside Community Network website, [ecnetworkdetroit.org/mack-plan](http://ecnetworkdetroit.org/mack-plan).

"The goal is to build upon and extend the results of the study to create a seamless redevelopment effort," the City posting said.

"The Eastside Community Network

received funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for about \$450,000 in engineering fees," Sizeland said. "We were hoping to get ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding from the county. To this date, the groups have not received any of that funding."

"I have a meeting with Deputy County Executive Assad Turfe coming up and will be sure to advance the need for ARPA dollars," Hodges said.

"We've submitted, over time, (funding) requests to the state," Sizeland said.

He said about \$1 million might be available from the state.

"Wayne County is the agency that receives the funding," Sizeland said.

"They act as a pass-through to the communities. We presented them a plan. For them to bring that money to us, we had to present them a plan. That should be discussed at a future Wayne County Commission meeting, probably."

# City struggles to craft balanced budget for new fiscal year

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Although residents are expected to see a property tax decrease of 0.1752 mills according to the proposed fiscal year 2024-25 budget, this does not indicate a good state of financial health for the City.

Administration managed to craft a balanced budget — increasing both expected revenues and expenditures in the general fund by exactly \$461,366 — but noted to do so, it was unable to make its annual contribution to the retiree healthcare fund.

The city manages this fund on a pay-as-you-go basis, budgeting each year for the projected expenditures.

"Every year we would do a budget of what we thought retiree healthcare was going to be and we would transfer that to that account," Finance Director/Treasurer Kim Kleinow explained. "So because taxable values increase, the millage is able to go down just so that we generate enough revenue to make those principal and interest payments on the bonds." A projected hike in sewer rates, passed down from a Great Lakes Water Authority 28 percent increase to the city's sewer charge, may not be as staggering as previously anticipated.

accumulated over the last 10 years for this year's retiree healthcare."

The secondary plan is a one-year-only fix.

"The only additional plan we have for next year, if we don't receive some additional funding, would be to use what we do have in our OPEB (retiree healthcare) trust that the pension board manages," Kleinow added. "There's probably another year's worth of money."

The 0.1752-mill property tax decrease is a result of a state-capped Headlee rollback combined with a 0.0909-mill reduction in the voter-approved millage for the city's new public safety and public works facilities.

"That's determined solely on what the taxable value is and what our principal and interest payments are," Kleinow explained. "So because taxable values increase, the millage is able to go down just so that we generate enough revenue to make those principal and interest payments on the bonds."

A projected hike in sewer rates, passed down from a Great Lakes Water Authority 28 percent increase to the city's sewer charge, may not be as staggering as previously anticipated.

A standard meter size, Kleinow said, is looking at a sewer commodity increase of approximately 13 percent.

"But that's just the sewage piece," Kleinow cautioned. "Then the water piece goes up, the readiness just goes up and also the debt service goes up. There'll be increases similar to what we've seen in the last couple of years."

As the city attempts to better match its service fees to its expenses for providing said services, residents should prepare for a number of additional increases.

Building department fees, parks and recreation fees and a 5 percent increase for the 2024-25 boating season are among those expected to be approved during the next council meeting Monday, May 20.

"This will help generate funds to do some capital improvement projects due to the changes in the water level," Kleinow said of the boating increase. "We're always having to raise or lower things based on the lake levels and the revenues that we generate continue to provide funds to repay the loan from the general fund for the marina."

Administration also will ask council to

approve a loan from the city's general fund to its parking fund to cover the overrun cost of last year's CVS lot reconstruction, as well as a significant loss in parking revenue incurred when the city offered free 90-minute parking in the parking structure throughout the duration of the lot's reconstruction.

A repair to the lot's entrance arch — damaged in February when a Panera Bread delivery

truck knocked it off center — is not included in this cost, as it was covered by insurance.

In regard to planned expenditures, the proposed budget accounts for \$1.1 million in street improvements, \$2.9 million in sewer improvements and lead service line abatements, \$125,000 in parks and recreation maintenance and \$400,000 in vehicles and equipment replacement.

It also requires a \$236,000 pension contri-

bution, which is a \$40,965 increase over the prior year.

"We focused on avoiding actions that could impact our AAA bond rating, as we have a pending bond proposal planned in August of this year for a major storm-water separation project," City Manager Joe Valentine said.

Council will vote to approve the fiscal year 2024-25 budget during its next meeting Monday, May 20.

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# Students are suckers for sweet-tooth science

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — In a twist on an old saying, students in one class at Grosse Pointe North High School can have their assignment and eat it, too.

For the past several years, students in Susan Speirs' applied medical research class have been doing year-end projects involving researching a particular disease, then creating a dessert as a 3D model.

"It started around 2008, when a student asked if we could celebrate at the end of the year after some pretty intense learning," Speirs said. "One of them brought in a cake decorated as the human body."

Speirs turned that



Niya Kendell and Aakash Nagori based their research project on intraocular melanoma, which is a disease in which malignant cancer cells form in the tissue of the eye. Their dessert consisted of two cakes, one is an eyeball looking straight on and the other is a side view if eyeball is cut in half.

into the current iteration of a year-end project.

"Each group of students researches unique

articles and prepares graphics and a summary of a particular condition," she said. "The main thing is a tri-fold presentation accompanied by the dessert and a 60-second elevator speech they give to the judges."

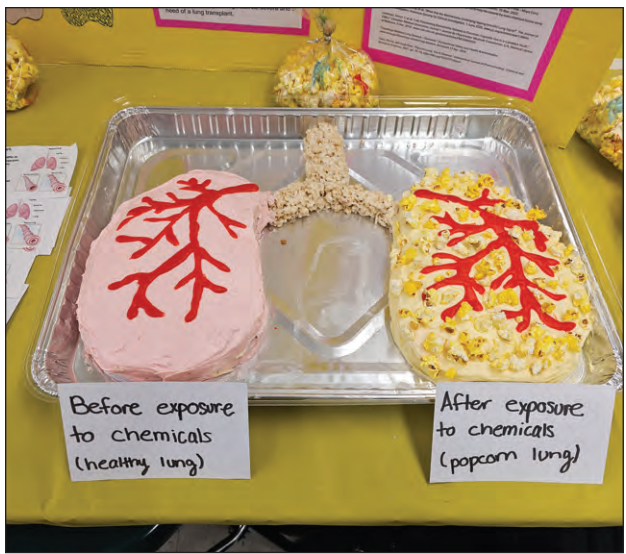
Judges have included staff, administrators and local medical professionals, although the judges' scores are not included in the project grade.

"They've come up with some pretty creative ideas over the years," Speirs said. "Things like what happens when cancer metastasizes, what happens during hypoxia when a cell doesn't get enough oxygen and how laparoscopic surgery works."

"It's not just cake though," she added. "I've seen them use



Rylee Nugent and Abby Dombrowski tackled a research project about foreign accent syndrome, which is the sudden onset of a change in an individual's speaking accent as a result from brain trauma from cancer, aneurysm, MS, strokes and damage to the frontal lobe or other trauma. The most common accent change is an English speaker changing to speak French. One of their desserts represents the brain. They also made cupcakes with other countries' flags to represent possible accents associated with the syndrome.



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Above, Addyson Payne, Addi Molitor, Sam Sahadi and Emily Giffer presented their research project on popcorn lung, a rare lung disease that causes scarring and inflammation in the bronchioles. It can be caused by inhaling dangerous chemicals. They created this treat to demonstrate their project.



This research project on borderline personality disorder was done by Amaya Johnson, Jaden Laster and Iyana Graham. They built a rollercoaster to represent the ups and downs of the disorder. Their dessert was a swirl cheesecake representing all the emotions someone with the disorder feels all at once.

things like Rice Krispies, popcorn, licorice."

The class, which can earn students college credit, started as an after-school club.

"My sister, Jane, died of lymphoma in 2006, but before she died she told me one of my stu-

dents would find a cure for cancer," said Speirs, who also teaches AP biology, chemistry and physics. "Two weeks later a student knocked on my door and said they wanted to form a club and asked me to be the adviser."

The class, for seniors

interested in the medical profession, allows them to shadow doctors making their rounds and includes guest lecturers.

"I've also had students who end up deciding medicine is not for them," Speirs said. "That's just as important as those who do end up going that route. Some have told me they were disappointed because they really wanted to like it."

Speirs said over the years the class has received a great deal of support from students' parents who are in the medical field, local hospitals and the Wayne State University School of Medicine.

"It's so awesome that they gift us with their time that way," she said. "The students are exposed to a lot of intellectual ingenuity."

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# St. Clare student maps out future

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Shelby Jones, an eighth grader at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, knows just where he wants to go moving forward. But he also has an interesting take on where he'd like to go in the past.

Jones, 13, is one of just 43 students nationwide to win a scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation that will pay for private high school. Part of the application process included writing three essays.

"The essay that really stands out for me was a question about where in time you would go and why," he said. "I picked the Dark Ages because there are probably a lot of important things that could have happened but there are no historical records. I could share that with today's historians."

Jones, who has been attending St. Clare since fourth grade, applied for the scholarship a year ago. According to the foundation, students can apply in seventh grade if they meet certain criteria. That includes receiving grades of mostly As, with nothing below a B in core subjects, in addition to meeting financial need requirements and participating in extracurricular activities.

"I was really excited when I found out that I won," Jones said. "It took a few days for the magnitude of it to set in, but I feel really blessed."

Jones lives in East English Village with his mom, Kysha, and brother, Armond, a third-grader at St. Clare. "My brother is really happy for me, but I'm not sure he understands exactly what it means," Jones said. "My mom is a big part of why I won because she's always pushed me to do better."

As for those extracurricular activities, Jones is treasurer of the school's Junior National Honor Society chapter and student council and participates in football, basketball and track. He also has been a member of the chess club.

The scholarship provides \$10,000 per year for high school tuition, technology needs, arts, athletics and summer enrichment programs.

One of those programs Jones has been part of is SINORMS, which stands for Silas Norman Medical Scholars, through Wayne State University. It's named for Silas Norman Jr., M.D., the first African-American full-time member of the Wayne State School of Medicine faculty. It includes a week-long summer camp and monthly virtual classes.

"We got to dissect a pig fetus, learn CPR and find out about different medical professions,"



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Shelby Jones is one of just 43 students nationwide to win a scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

Jones said. "I want to be a cardiovascular surgeon."

on to University Liggett School in the fall, then attend the University of Michigan.

"The blessings he brings to the school are countless," said Ann Crowley, who was principal at St. Clare until retiring in 2022 to teach for a year in Sudan before returning as an education specialist.

Crowley relates an example from when Jones was in fifth grade.

"We had a big snow storm and people were tripping and falling on the snow mounds left behind by the snow removal company," she said. "He convinced his mom and brother to come up in the evening to shovel those mounds. They didn't say anything, but I found out through the grapevine who it was. They step up all the time and are a great group of leaders."

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is named for its founder, a successful businessman who owned newspapers, TV stations and professional franchises in the NBA, NFL and NHL.



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German students from Grosse Pointe North High School at the University of Michigan's annual German Day competition.

# North German students taste 'erfolg' at competition

"Erfolg" is the German word for success and students from Grosse Pointe North High School who participated in German Day at the University of Michigan last month had plenty of it.

The theme of this year's competition was the national heritage and culture of German

food. Winners included:  
 ♦ 2D art: Josee Ledermann (1st place)  
 ♦ Poetry level 1: Isaac Hall (2nd place)  
 ♦ Poetry level 2: Sam Parish (1st place)  
 ♦ Reading level 1: Robert Warner (1st place)  
 ♦ Reading level 2: Josee Ledermann (1st place), Lauren Kaled (3rd place)

♦ Skits level 1: C'yliah Morris and Eli Kociba (2nd place)  
 ♦ Speaking level 1: Matthew Eshman (1st place), Zoe Schechter (2nd place)  
 ♦ Speaking level 4: Andrea LeFevre (3rd place)  
 ♦ Advanced Cooking TV Shows: Andrea LeFevre, Elma Gerguri,

Preston Auld and Hayley Thomas (3rd place).

# Liggett students earn top honors at state history championships

Several University Liggett School students earned top honors at the Michigan History Day state championships at Central Michigan University, with one project advancing to the national championships in June.

Sophomores Teresa Romanelli, Annabel Klaasen and Zaire Polk's group presentation was one of two projects selected to advance to the national competition in Maryland

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**Alda and Daniel Stahl, Class of 2001, at University Liggett School's Liggett Knight.**



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# Liggett Knight raises \$450,000 for ULS programs

University Liggett School's annual auction, Liggett Knight, raised \$450,000 to support academic initiatives, building improvements, athletic equipment and more.

The April 19 event, held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, included live, silent and fishbowl auctions, as well as a special paddle raise that raised \$150,000 for school initiatives.

Cressie Boggs, ULS's director of development and alumni relations, extended heartfelt gratitude to Alda and Daniel Stahl, Class of 2001, who served as Liggett Knight co-chairs, "as well as to our dedicated volunteers whose tireless efforts and guidance ensured the success of Liggett Knight," she said. "We also extend

our appreciation to the generous bidders, donors and sponsors whose support enriched the experience of Liggett Knight 2024, making it an unforgettable event."

Since its inception, Liggett Knight has raised more than \$5.1 million for school initiatives.

Popular live auction items included a four-course dining experience from 405 Hospitality Group; a Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day experience and a Sara Weinstock Lucia Collection diamond and rose gold bracelet from edmund t. AHEE Jewelers.

Liggett parents, faculty and staff donated items for the auction, which moved to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in 2023.

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in June. The trio's presentation, "The Gross Points of Grosse Pointe," details the disastrous effects of a prejudiced 1940s system that ranked prospective homeowners on a 100-point scale based on race, religion, accent, swarthinness, education and relationships. Their exhibit explores the buildup to its establishment, its abolition and its long-term effects on the diversity of the Grosse Pointes today.

Fourth-grader Elliott Hemler was the state champion in the youth category in grades 3-5 for an individual documentary. The youth category does not advance to the national competition. Hemler also earned Best Entry in the Use of Primary Sources (youth division). His documentary explored how the Battles of River Raisin marked a turning point in the War of 1812. By looking at the event through both the Native American and United States perspectives, Hemler exhibited how the event impacted different groups in different, yet similarly significant, ways.

Ninth-grader Enzo Rossi earned Best Entry in the Michigan History (senior division) category for his project about the introduction of the assembly line and the \$5 work day as a turning point in history. Rossi's project focused on the genius of Henry Ford and how the assembly line was transferred from the meat



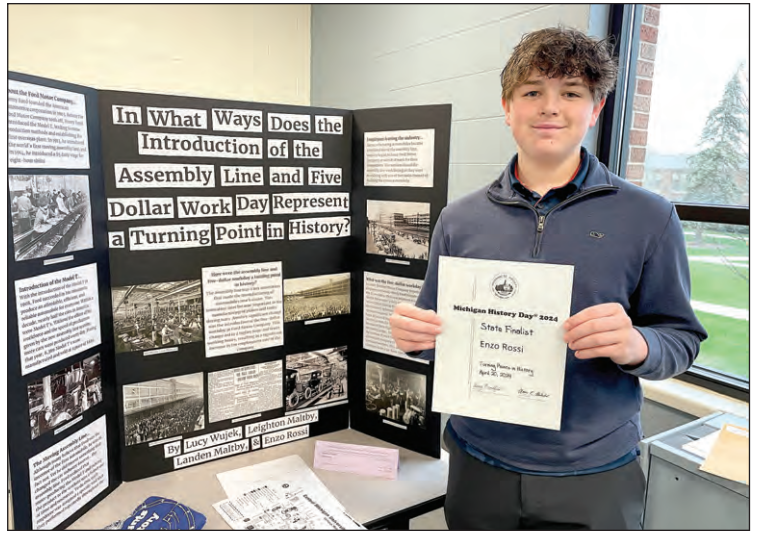
From left, Teresa Romanelli, Zaire Polk and Annabel Klaasen.

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packing industry to the new car industry. "This brings me great joy as a place-based his-

tory teacher and is a testament to the power of our place-based approach," said Chris

Hemler, Cynthia N. Ford chair of history and the social studies at Liggett.



Left, Enzo Rossi. Below, Elliott Hemler.



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## Summer sounds Atwater hosts Nolan Eszes' EP release party May 16

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Nolan Eszes picked up his first guitar while in sixth grade at Pierce Middle School and by his last day of seventh grade, his band, Boys of Summer, was onstage at Atwater in the Park.

Eszes returns to Atwater next week as a solo artist to celebrate the release of his first EP, "American Kid." The party takes place 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 16, and features several special guests.

"It'll be a really fun community event, a great day of music and lots of talent," the 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park resident said. "I'm super excited to share my music with the community."

Releasing the EP is the next step in his promising music journey. After playing throughout high school, Boys of Summer changed its name to Moodswitch. The band — featuring Eszes on guitar and vocals, Charlie Bomgaars on guitar and vocals, Sebastian Moncivias on drums and Peter Smith on bass — has been making the rounds for a few years at bars like Cabbage Patch Saloon and street parties

like Kercheval After 6.

After high school, when his bandmates left for college, Eszes stayed local and found a bit of time on his hands, which he spent writing music.

"I go to Wayne State," he said, "so I started doing solo shows all of last year."

He was quick to land gigs at Atwater, Howlers & Growlers, Whiskey Six and other local hangouts, where he performed his solo work. Last fall, he found time to record "American Kid."

"It's a five-song EP that I recorded in my basement," he said. "I have a studio there. I play all the instruments, sing all the vocals and I mixed it all."

He's already released two singles and the EP sees its streaming release Thursday, May 9.

Eszes will have 100 physical CDs available for purchase at the release party May 16.

The party kicks off with a performance by Uncle Brown and ME — Pat Brown is the "Uncle" and Eszes's dad, Matt Eszes, is the "ME" — and also features a performance by Eszes's girlfriend, Katie Schneider. Eszes will perform his solo work, backed by members of Moodswitch, then

Moodswitch will perform its own music to top off the night.

"I've got other friends who, if they're able to come, I'll have guitars set up so they can come up and jam," he said.

Those unable to make it to the release party can follow Eszes on social media — linktr.ee/nolanesz — where he lists upcoming solo shows.

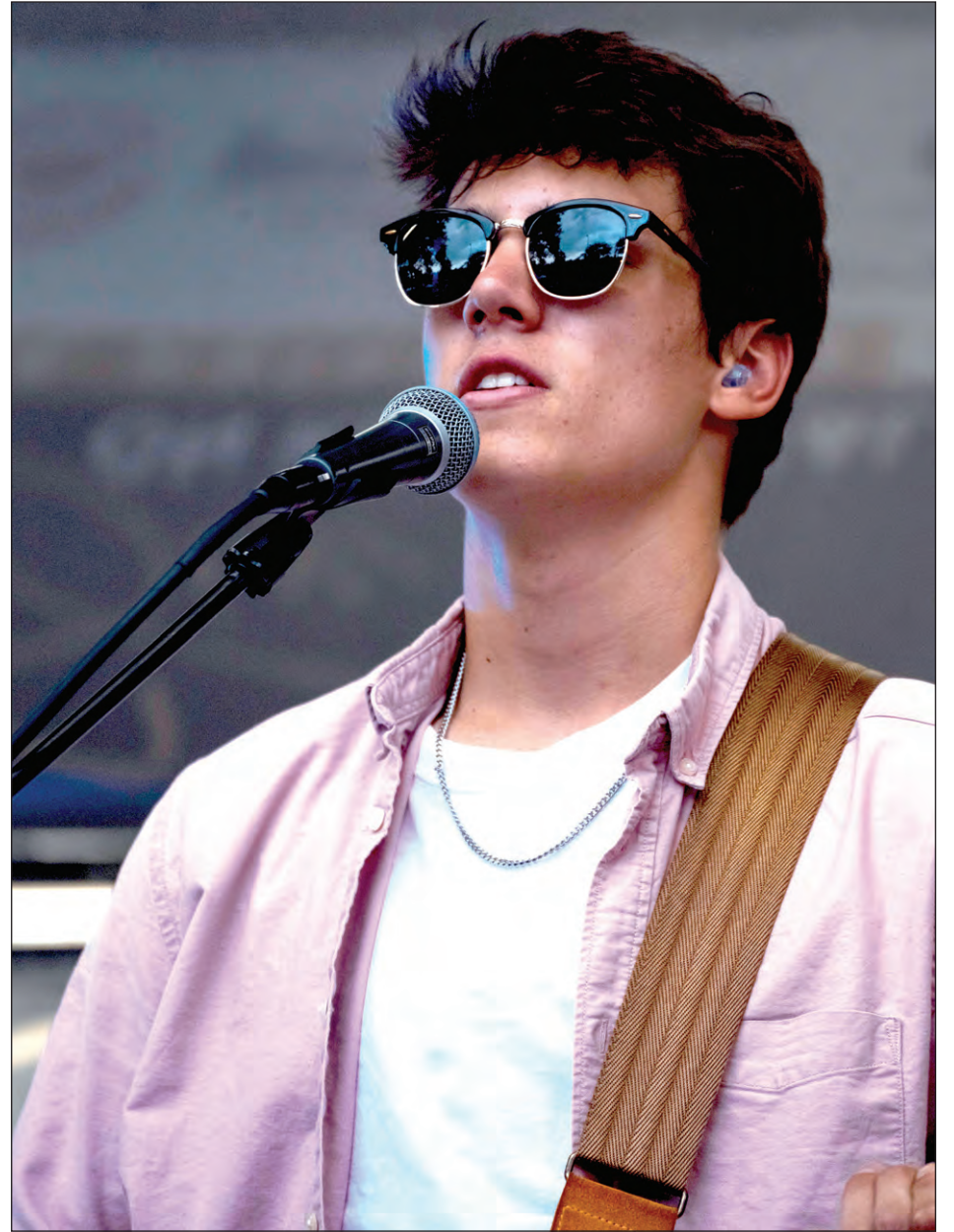
"I'll have CDs at all my shows," he said. "They're \$10. And you can get it on Spotify and all streaming platforms."

Eszes said he's most influenced by Van Halen, especially the guitar playing of the late Eddie Van Halen.

"As for writing," he added, "it's Bruce Springsteen — his lyrics and the way he tells a story."

Though he describes his sound as rock, the singer/songwriter is hesitant to box himself into one genre.

"Pop, rock, acoustic — I just write what comes out," he said. "I start with the music, with a riff. Then my process is to push record on the voice memo and sing off the top of my head. When I hear a line I like, I go off that."



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Nolan Eszes will perform songs from his EP "American Kid," during a CD release party at Atwater in the Park May 16.

In the title song, "American Kid," Eszes reminisces on his childhood, whereas "She Walks on Stars" is a love song dedicated to Schneider.

"I write a lot of love songs," he added.

Eszes plans to continue

writing music and consistently releasing singles with hopes of writing and recording a full album.

In the meantime, the Grosse Pointe South High School grad and WSU freshman is studying exercise and sports science.

He hopes to draw a big crowd to Atwater, to thank the community for having his back.

"Grosse Pointe has been very supportive over the years," he said. "I hope everyone comes out and gets a CD and has a good time."

## High-octane rock coming to Cadieux Cafe Hashtag Insecure headlining May 17 gig

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

To celebrate the seasonal opening of its biergarten, Cadieux Cafe welcomes back Hashtag Insecure to its outdoor stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17.

The band — which specializes in rock music from the '70s, '80s and '90s, interspersed with some original tunes — features singer Rick Pesta, guitarist Joe Fikany, bassist Chris Cooper and drummer Mathieu Fikany.

"Hashtag Insecure started as a side project for Joe Fikany, who spent his youth touring the country with Natives of the New Dawn and later years playing locally with his family in Bad Dudes," Cooper said. "As an accomplished guitarist in almost every genre of music, Fik had a vision of creating a band that focused on theatrics,



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Hashtag Insecure is, from left, bassist Chris Cooper, drummer Mathieu Fikany, vocalist Rick Pesta and guitarist Joe Fikany.

high-energy performances and good time rock 'n' roll.

"Fik called me with his vision and asked that I play bass in this new band," he continued. "I remember saying, 'I

haven't played in a band in almost 30 years. I don't think I'm your guy.' His immediate response was, 'Yes, you are. Start practicing — today.'"

Fikany's cousin, Mathieu Fikany, already

was on board to play drums. Cooper noted the immense talent and energy the drummer brings to the band.

"The broken drumsticks and bleeding hands were exactly the

type of drummer we needed to bring audiences a high-octane show. The final ingredient was finding a singer.

"Joe suggested we call Ricky Pesta, a karaoke singer who dazzled friends with his theatrical performances," he continued. "Although Ricky had never sung in a band, we knew he was our guy. We were looking for someone who could embrace the vision we had of glam rock and dramatic performances and Ricky had that magic."

Though initially hesitant, Cooper thought the idea sounded fun, "but I was insecure about how this was going to go down," he noted. Hence, how Hashtag Insecure was named.

"Ricky and I were basically starting from scratch and thrust into playing with two guys who are serious musicians," Cooper recalled. "Somehow, it was the perfect recipe for a rock band."

Hashtag Insecure's hard work and rehearsals paid off.

"We did a show at Telly's first, because we're friends with the owner," Cooper said. "We packed the place. You couldn't even walk through it, couldn't get to the bathroom; they ran out of beer."

Next, they put in a call to Cadieux Cafe co-owner John Rutherford, hoping to get a gig at the legendary venue. That show last fall sold out in nine hours.

Now, Hashtag Insecure returns to the outdoor stage at Cadieux Cafe for a performance Friday, May 17, with opening act Levi Moore.

This rock band promises more than just music.

"Glam rock is our goal," Cooper said. "Makeup, theatrical outfits — it's a full performance. We're not just getting up and playing music. We want to focus on putting on a show."

"Most of us are middle-aged guys except our drummer, who's 21 or 22," he added, noting the

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# Restaurant Week is May 13-19

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

More than 20 restaurants have signed on to participate in the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Restaurant Week, which takes place Monday, May 13, to Sunday, May 19.

"Each restaurant has their own approach to what they will be offering as far as specials," said Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and events coordinator. "Some are promoting new menu items, while some are offering deals on favorites."

"... Many participants differentiate between dine-in and takeout options," she added. "There truly is something for everyone — even the pickiest eaters."

As of press time, participating restaurants include:

- ◆ Alma Kitchen
- ◆ Antonio's in the Park
- ◆ Big Boy
- ◆ Brine Oyster House
- ◆ Bronze Door
- ◆ Cadieux Cafe
- ◆ Champs Rotisserie and Seafood
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- ◆ Someday Brewing
- ◆ Sprout House
- ◆ The Bricks Pizzeria
- ◆ The Whiskey Six
- ◆ Watermark Bar & Grille

"This year we are so excited that so many new restaurants are participating," Turnbull said. "It is a great time to welcome someone new to the area by supporting them during Restaurant Week."

Among first-time participants is the cafe at the Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House, 315 Lakeland, City of Grosse Pointe, which is open to the public through May 19.



"We thought it would be a great opportunity to encourage the community to visit the Show House and continue the celebration with going to dine at one of our wonderful restaurants before or after the visit," Turnbull said. "The house also has a café with light options that is participating in Restaurant Week, so guests can enjoy one of those options while taking in the breathtaking landscapes surrounding the house."

"We also made the decision to move Restaurant Week to be a time where the weather — fingers crossed — will be warmer so people can take advantage of out-

door seating and the start of the summer season while supporting our wonderful restaurants," she added.

The chamber once again will supply Restaurant Week diners with its Passport to the Pointes. With the passport comes the potential for prizes.

"Restaurant goers can collect stamps from participating restaurants to prove that they've dined at the establishment," Turnbull said. "Upon completion, a photo of the passport can be sent to [info@grossepointechamber.com](mailto:info@grossepointechamber.com) or people can drop them off to our office, located at 106 Kercheval. Diners can also tag the chamber on

Instagram or Facebook to enter the drawing while dining at participating restaurants. We're not certain how many prizes will be awarded, but expect to be close to 30 or more as we awarded last year. In 2023, we gave out several gift cards to the participating restaurants and sponsoring businesses and look forward to offering that again this year."

Restaurant Week is presented by several sponsors. This year, the chamber added a benefit to sponsorship in collaboration with OUTFRONT Media.

"OUTFRONT offers out-of-home advertising services and created billboards for our top spon-

sors — the Junior League of Detroit, Brine Oyster House, LeRouge Boulangerie, Red Crown Cantina and The Bricks Pizzeria," Turnbull said. "While driving on I-94 at Vernier through Restaurant Week, you'll see these cobranded billboards promoting Restaurant Week. With that, we are excited to expand our reach and bring new foot traffic to the area."

Additional sponsors include Ford House and Ascension Health.

"GP Restaurant Week is a week-long adventure of dining at over 20 delicious restaurants," Chamber President and CEO Jenny Boettcher said. "Whether you are craving comforting classics or bold new flavors, GP Restaurant Week promises to deliver an unforgettable dining experience of tantalizing aromas, exquisite presentations and mouthwatering flavors that will leave you both satisfied and craving more."

For more information, email [info@grossepointechamber.com](mailto:info@grossepointechamber.com) or call (313) 881-4722.

"Our website, social media and the restaurants will have location-specific information for guests to enjoy," Turnbull added.

## Mutt March is May 18

Michigan Humane's 36th annual Mutt March takes place Saturday, May 18, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Guests are invited to experience the grounds with their pups, family, friends and a community of animal lovers while participating in dog-focused activities.

Since 1989, Mutt March has served as Michigan Humane's annual fundraising walk, celebrating people and their dogs on the grounds of Ford House. In 2023 alone, more than 700 participants from across southeastern Michigan attended the event.

"The staff and board of trustees of Ford House are thrilled to welcome Michigan Humane and Mutt March back to this historic estate for 2024," Ford House President and CEO Mark J.

Heppner said. "Dogs are an important part of the Ford House story, having been on the property from the very beginning, sometimes as beloved family members and other times as staff, like our goose dog, Moss."

Registration is free. Those who raise or donate \$50 or more will receive a limited edition Mutt March T-shirt, as well as a bandana for their canine companion.

Some highlights from the event include:

- ◆ adoptable dogs
- ◆ costume contest
- ◆ scavenger hunt
- ◆ photobooth
- ◆ games
- ◆ food trucks
- ◆ free ice cream
- ◆ music
- ◆ a scenic walk
- ◆ prizes

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

## AREA ACTIVITIES

### Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at Bayview Yacht Club. Member Clementine Rice is the hostess and will provide lunch. Cassandra Budzik, head horticulturist at Country Club of Detroit, will speak about edible flowers, which also will be served as part of the luncheon menu.

### Ford House

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

◆ Preservation Talk: Flat Plaster in Historic Buildings, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Bicknell Lecture: The Centennial of the Motor Vessels Benson Ford and Henry Ford II, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.

◆ Botany & Brews, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, May 15, July 24, and Oct. 16.

Cost is \$35 for members only.

◆ Michigan Humane's Mutt March, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18.

◆ Preservation Tour, 1 and 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 20. Cost is \$20 for members only.

◆ Cody Clark Magic: A Different Way of Thinking — Autism Advocacy Magic Show, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21.

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

◆ The movie "Past Lives" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 10. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Premier World Discovery presents

Italy's Amalfi Coast and San Antonio Holiday, 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 15. Details about these two trips — to Italy Oct. 8 to 15, and to San Antonio Dec. 4 to 8 — will be presented.

◆ Share for Dementia, Mondays and Thursdays by appointment only, with care consultant Gray Jessiman.

◆ Monday Morning Speaker Series: Effective Estate Planning, 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, May 13, with attorneys Lauren Gilpin and Asimina Olmeda.

◆ India: Life and Philosophy, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, with Dr. Lakshmi Saleem.

◆ Medical Hypnosis for Pain Management, 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, May 20, with hypnotherapist Cheryl Beshada.

◆ Learn Excel Basic 2, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, May 21 and 28, and June 4.

◆ Evening Speaker Series with Sen. Kevin Hertel, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 23.

◆ The movie "The Secret" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 24. Cost

is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

### Family Center

The eighth annual Suicide Prevention Walk and Mental Health Fair takes place 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Farms. More than 20 vendors dedicated to mental health will be on hand. Learn more by calling (313) 447-1374.

### Library

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

◆ Books on the Lake, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

◆ Hustle for Health

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band is popular with the 40- to 60-year-old crowd.

The gig is a fun outlet for the foursome, each of whom has a day job. Pesta has a career in sales, while Joe Fikany works in the health benefits arena and his cousin works in logistics. Cooper named his company, Zeppelin Cleaning Services, after his biggest influence: Led Zeppelin. He's also inspired by The Rolling Stones, Black Crowes, Nirvana and Stone Temple Pilots.

However, the music at a Hashtag Insecure show follows a bigger swath.

"We've done covers from 'Bohemian Rhapsody' to the Beastie Boys to AC/DC," Cooper said. "We're all over the place in terms of what we do."

Cooper said the band has been really well received.

"Our first shows sold out," he said. "We've got quite a few tickets sold already for Cadieux, but there are a few left. We're hoping for a really good killing on this."

"We only play a couple shows a year," he added.

"We don't want to burn people out on it. And this is not our career; we don't have a ton of time to dedicate to it. We look to do two or three shows a year and make sure we do the best shows we can do and that people stay interested in it."

Tickets to the May 17 show at Cadieux Cafe are \$20 and available on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

"Most important, we're not just a band that goes up and plays songs," Cooper said. "We're focused on theatrics and visuals."

Cadieux Cafe is located at 4300 Cadieux, Detroit.

# Prom Remodeled raises funds for Anchor Detroit

## Life Remodeled to repurpose former Dominican High School

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

For some people, high school prom was a magical night full of unabashed fun and festivities, while others wish the dreaded dance was banished from their memories.

The nonprofit Life Remodeled invites both sides of that spectrum to either relive the magic or declare a do-over during its Prom Remodeled fundraising gala, from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Durfee Innovation Society.

Funds raised are earmarked for Life Remodeled's new project, Anchor Detroit, which will see the former Dominican High School refurbished to house a selection of nonprofits that will serve 18,000 Detroiters each year through youth programming, health and wellness services, tech skills training, arts and culture.

"There's special relevance because they're kind of our neighbor,"

said Bob Bury, one of around 50 prom committee members who helped organize the event. "The significance of this prom is it's an opportunity for people to get an introduction to the organization and what it does and do it in a fun way."

Life Remodeled is a Detroit-based nonprofit that repurposes vacant school buildings into one-stop hubs of opportunity for entire families to thrive. Its Durfee Innovation Society, formerly a school building, currently serves as such a hub, offering after-school programming, job and workforce development and a variety of community resources.

Anchor Detroit will bring a similar hub to the Eastside.

Bury noted Life Remodeled CEO Chris Lambert's "Tale of two ZIP codes," which he shares with people interested in learning about the organization's goals by comparing the 48224 ZIP code, where Anchor Detroit will be located, and neighboring Grosse

Pointe's 48236.

"Statistics show the percentage of children younger than 18 living below the poverty line is 47 percent in 48224, and in 48236, it's 7 percent," Bury said. "These statistics just show the need to get students from everywhere to perform at or above grade level in math and reading and doing that by having access to the services this center will provide."

"... It's great to clean up the neighborhood and clear alleys and remove debris, but this project is really about self-sufficiency," he added. "That's why there's the willingness to invest so much money in the neighborhood. This party is a great opportunity to get exposed to the impact made in that (Durfee) neighborhood and get excited about it and learn more about what's planned in a neighborhood right next to ours."

Bury said there will be something for everyone at Prom Remodeled, which includes a variety

of entertainment, food and drinks. Live entertainment includes classic national acts Treach of Naughty By Nature, Rob Base and Tone Loc.

Attendees will dine on heavy hors d'oeuvres from Detroit restaurants such as Baobab Fare, SheWolf, Townhouse, Fried Chicken and Caviar, Hungry Mob, Elle the Foodie/Homegirl Kitchen, Leila, Besa, Little Caesars and Cake Crumbs. Beverages will be available from The Congregation, Miss Mixology, Detroit City Distillery and Great Lakes Wine and Spirits.

Guests are encouraged to dress festively, Bury noted.

"It's a loud, fun event throughout the entire Durfee Innovation Society," he said, "which looks like Grosse Pointe South times two. It's a beautiful historic building, large and most parts of it are in tremendous condition, thanks to Life Remodeled. You can play foosball, dance ...

reconnect with old friends or make new

friends.

"It really attracts a broad base of people," Bury noted. "I've been to many galas; this one is not the same. Chris and his team include not only people who support the organization — the volunteers and donors — but also those who benefit from the services."

"... Life Remodeled is all about being inclusive and inviting everyone," he added. "Last year we had people from the neighborhood and people arriving in stretch limousines and party buses."

Though it's a dress-up event, he noted people get creative with their dressy attire. Guests in black-tie attire will happily mix with others in powder-blue tuxedos and prom dresses. Bury said guests shouldn't let the dress code hold them back.

"It's a fun night, but it's definitely a night people should turn it up a notch," he said. "We try to simulate what you'd experience at a prom."

Best-dressed honors

and a prom king and queen will be selected.

"Last year, I went with 20 friends from Grosse Pointe and we had a great time," he said. "It's about enjoying the night, but most important is why we're doing it. We're raising funds so the wonderful resources that are available on the west side of Detroit will be on the Eastside soon."

Last year's "Prom Remodeled" fundraiser — which nearly sold out — was an overwhelming success with 1,000 attendees raising more than \$500,000.

"For a first-year fundraiser gala for a relatively new organization, that's tremendous," Bury said. "This year, I hope to exceed last year's goal and engage even more people."

"... I'm looking forward to the event," he added. "Last year will be hard to beat, but I have every confidence in the Life Remodeled team to do that."

Tickets are \$350 each. Sponsorships are available. For details on that and all aspects of the event, visit [promremodeled.com](http://promremodeled.com)

## Ford House, GP Historical Society co-sponsor free May 15 presentation

As has been the case for two decades, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Grosse Pointe Historical Society will again co-sponsor a free presentation during National Preservation Month.

This year's program takes place at the Ford House Visitors Center at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, to celebrate the centennial of the Great Lakes ships, MS Henry Ford II and MS Benson Ford.

These ships were launched in March 1924,

and were the first large vessels on the Great Lakes to be powered by diesel engines. While built at different shipyards, they were nearly identical and were the most modern on the Great Lakes at the time, with guest accommodations containing inlaid mahogany doors and paneling, wall sconces and chandeliers. The Benson and the Henry remained in service nearly 60 years, becoming a familiar sight along the Grosse Pointe shoreline.

Former Grosse Pointer Greg Rudnick, who served on both ships during college while completing a bachelor's degree at the University of Detroit, will present. Rudnick is on the staff at the Great Lakes Maritime Institute's Telescope magazine and his reports also appear in the Inland Seas Journal and [boatnerd.com](http://boatnerd.com).

Visit [fordhouse.org/events/](http://fordhouse.org/events/) to register for this presentation, which is free and open to the public.



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Greg Rudnick will present about the MS Henry Ford II and the MS Benson Ford.



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The MS Henry Ford II.



The MS Benson Ford.

## Celebrating 102!

Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods resident Flo Kliber celebrated her 102nd birthday Wednesday, May 1. Family members traveled from out of state to surprise her; the gesture brought her to tears.

Kliber has lived at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods nearly four years, but has lived in Grosse Pointe since 1957. She studied journalism and at one time wrote for the Grosse Pointe News.

Before becoming a mother of four, she worked as an executive secretary at AT&T. Kliber instilled in her children the importance of education, encouraged them to make new friends and cheered them along at their sporting and scouting events. She also volunteered with the Northeast Guidance Center.

She loves to sing and previously sang on the radio with her sister. Her love of music may have come from her father, who was in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She once said, "I want to see my name in lights!" She also loved the theater and the arts.



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Flo Kliber, center, was surprised by her family, from left, daughter-in-law Mandy Kliber, son Dave Kliber and daughter Nancy Ruppert, during her 102nd birthday party.

Staff at Sunrise said she always be heard singing along with the entertainers who play for the residents.



Kliber with her son, Dave, and daughter, Nancy.

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# OBITUARIES

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## Alger "Al" Peter LaHood

Alger "Al" Peter LaHood, 78, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024, in Chicago, from cancer attributed to Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War.

Al was born July 27, 1945, in Grosse Pointe, the fifth of six children. He lived a life marked by unwavering kindness, sharp wit and an infectious smile. He also never met a stranger. Those who gave him just five minutes of their time walked away feeling special and he walked away with their life story.

A proud veteran, Al served as an infantryman machine gunner in the Vietnam War, rising to the rank of sergeant and earning a Bronze Star with Valor. Subsequently, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master in Business Administration degree with honors at the University of Detroit Mercy. Upon graduating, Al became a distinguished businessman, owning and managing LaHood Realty, with properties across southeastern Michigan. Al was beloved by his tenants and took pride in his work. In his leisure time, Al was a voracious reader, always eager to discuss novels and New York Times opinion pieces.

A consummate family man, Al is survived by his wife, Marquita Bedway; children, Simone and Gregory LaHood; sisters, Beline Obeid (Tony Obeid), Rose Goebel (Bob Goebel) and Mary Anne LaHood; brother, James LaHood; mother-in-law, Nancy Bedway; brothers-in-law, Jonathan Bedway (Jessica Bedway) and William Bedway (Bobbi Bedway); sisters-in-law, Nannette Bedway, Marianna Bedway (Kevin Hyde) and Kirsten Bedway (Simeon Peebler); and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews, all of whom he loved very much. He was predeceased by his parents, Tom and Melania LaHood; brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Elaine LaHood; and father-in-law, Toni Bedway.

Al was always generous with his time and resources. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in his name to causes that were important to Al: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, [lls.org/?campaign=390400](https://www.lls.org/?campaign=390400); Neighborhood Services Organization, [iveffect.com/checkout/2340](https://www.iveffect.com/checkout/2340) or Loyola High School Detroit, [interland3.com/donorperfect.net/web/link/weblink.aspx?name=E200066&id=53](https://www.interland3.com/donorperfect.net/web/link/weblink.aspx?name=E200066&id=53).

A celebration of life is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, May 9, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, followed by a luncheon at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Charmaine Theresa Kaptur

Charmaine Theresa Kaptur, 89, passed away Monday, April 29, 2024.

Charmaine was born Sept. 8, 1934, to Vincent Kaptur Sr. and Theodora Kaptur. She earned a bachelor's degree in art from Marygrove College in 1956, and a master's degree in painting from Wayne State University in 1969. She studied hand papermaking at Central Michigan University and the Art Institute of Chicago, Oxbow, in the 1990s. Charmaine also ran the Millard Sheets Painting Workshop in Mexico in the 1960s.

Charmaine earned a number of accolades for her artwork, including Best of Show from the Grosse Pointe Artist Association in 1994, first place at the 1964 Michigan State Fair watercolor competition, Best of Show from Studio 23 in Bay City and honorable mention from the Scarab Club Watercolor Show in 1999. She also won the Maximilian Jaeger Award from the Michigan Watercolor Society, Anderson Winter Show Award in Anderson, Ind., and a merit award from the Marygrove College Alumnae Show.

Charmaine was published in "Rockports Best of Watercolor Texture" in 1998, and spent 30 years as a graphic designer. She also worked as a design supervisor for the Michigan Credit Union League and taught watercolor painting and drawing at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for 10 years. She also taught papermaking at the Anton Art Center in Mount Clemens, experimental painting at the Grosse Pointe Art Center and offered painting lessons in her art studio.

Charmaine had numerous exhibitions, including the one-woman show "Retrospective: A Life in Art," in September 2023. She painted and exhibited in Biarritz, France, in 1998; Graz, Austria, in 2000; and Stravanger, Norway, in 2002. She designed the catalogue for the Michigan Watercolor Society's 50th anniversary exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts in 1997, and taught experimental watercolor techniques at the Summer Arts Festival in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Her corporate collections included the Young and Rubicam Advertising Agency; Arthur Anderson, CPA; League Life Insurance Co.; and several Detroit-area banks. She was a former board member and active member of the Michigan Watercolor Society and a member of the Grosse Pointe Artist Association, Pointe StudioTen, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors and International Society of Experimental Artists.

Charmaine is survived by her brother, Hugh M. Kaptur; nieces and nephews, Terese Kaptur, Christine Kaptur, Laurence Garascia II, Paul Kaptur, Michelle Kaptur, Paulina Kaptur,

Drew Kaptur, Michael Kaptur, Marc Garascia, Vincent Kaptur III, Phillip Kaptur, Christopher Garascia, Nicolette Kaptur, Charmaine Kaptur II and Andrea Kaptur; sister-in-law, Victoria; and many loving grandnieces, grand-nephews, great-grandnieces and a great-grandnephew. She was predeceased by her parents; sister, Delores; brothers, Robert and Vincent Kaptur II; and nieces, Miriam Kaptur and Leeann Hamrick.

A memorial gathering took place at Chas. Verheyden Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass was held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Share a memory at [verheyden.org](https://www.verheyden.org).

## Joseph Mark Hazebrook

Joseph Mark Hazebrook, 66, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease and dementia.

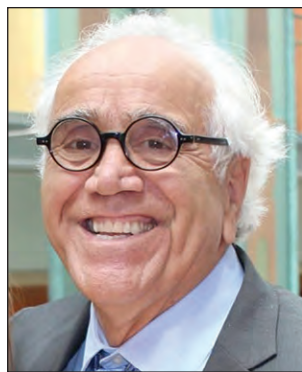
Born Dec. 7, 1956, in Houghton, Joe was a remarkable individual who overcame early challenges with grace and resilience. Joe grew up in the Detroit area and studied at Macomb Community College, graduating with a degree in Numerical Control Technology. His interest in computer-aided design served him well. He worked for several automotive-related companies, eventually rising to the position of CAD team leader, which he held more than 20 years.

Joe's life was marked by his passion for sailing, which he discovered at a young age. He became a sought-after crew member and helmsman, competing in races across the Great Lakes, Eastern Seaboard, Caribbean and in Japan. His experience and calm demeanor proved to be a great benefit during challenging conditions, which helped him earn the trust and admiration of his crew mates.

Despite facing adversity in his early years, Joe's sense of humor and wit endeared him to all who knew him. He was described as a compassionate, caring and humble man, always bringing laughter and cheer to those around him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Hazebrook-Powers; stepdaughters, Lorelle and Shyla Strange; grandchildren, Jaden, Milan and Canyon Hendrickson, and Talia Larson; brother, Dan Hazebrook; and many extended loving family members. Joe was predeceased by his older brother, Doug Hazebrook.

Joe's life will be honored with a service at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. His memory will forever live in the hearts of those who



Alger Peter LaHood



Charmaine T. Kaptur



Joseph Hazebrook



Gregory Alan Ricard



Tina Roberts



Karen Hornung Brennan

knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a commemorative tree or trees be planted through the Arbor Day Foundation, [shop.arborday.org/com/memorative-trees-for-others?producttype=TIM](https://shop.arborday.org/com/memorative-trees-for-others?producttype=TIM); or a donation be made to the Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailing Program, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit MI 48215, [bycjuniorsailing.org/donate](https://bycjuniorsailing.org/donate).

## Gregory Alan Ricard

Gregory Alan Ricard, 63, passed away Sunday, April 14, 2024. He was a Grosse Pointe Park resident. He was born Jan. 7, 1961, in Detroit, to Marilyn and Roland Ricard.

Growing up in Grosse Pointe Park, Gregory attended Grosse Pointe South High School and graduated with a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 1985. He worked as a sales representative in Memphis, Tenn., for the Conwood Co.

Gregory had many different interests and hobbies, but was known for being a collector of many interesting things. He enjoyed watching sports and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his mother, Gregory is survived by his brother, David. He was predeceased by his father.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, [gpaas.org/donate](https://gpaas.org/donate).

A celebration of life is being planned for Saturday, May 25. See more details or share a memory at [verheyden.org](https://www.verheyden.org).

## Tina Roberts

Tina Roberts, 88, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024.

Tina was a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt and mother, as well as a beloved grandmother to her three grandchildren.

Tina never met a stranger; she only had instant friends. She devoted her life to God; she was a lifetime member of Nativity of Our Lord Church and member of St. Joan of Arc Parish. She loved going to church, saying the Rosary and going to Bible study.

Tina also had a wonderful career at Aon Risk Services that lasted 50 years. Once she found

out she was going to be a grandmother, she instantly retired and started her true calling as a doting grandmother. Her family said she ran a wonderful race when God told her it was time to come home.

Tina was predeceased by her parents, Magdalena and Joseph DeWalls; and her siblings, Delores Biebuyck (Bill), Joseph DeWalls (Delores Ann), Anthony DeWalls (Delores), Edward DeWalls and David DeWalls. She is survived by her loving daughter, Michele Johnston (Kyle); cherished grandchildren, Owen, Sara and Eli; and loving siblings, Marty DeWalls (the late Elizabeth) and Mary Rose Corser; as well as many loved nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral Mass will be held at noon Saturday, May 18, at Nativity of Our Lord Church, 5900 McClellan, Detroit. A rosary service will be held at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Father Singer Memorial Scholarship Fund, [giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity](https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity).

## Karen Hornung Brennan

Karen Hornung Brennan, 86, passed away peacefully Wednesday, May 1, 2024, surrounded by family at her home in St. Clair Shores.

Karen was born March 12, 1938, to Otto and Bertha Hornung, who immigrated to the United States in 1921, from Kirchentellinsfurt and Hamburg, Germany, respectively. Karen grew up in Detroit and graduated from Denby High School.

In her early years, Karen and her sister, Lilian, and brother, Ernest (Pat), spent time working for their father, a German-trained artisan sausage maker and founder of Detroit-based Alexander & Hornung Meats. After high school, Karen pursued her passion for design at the Parsons School of Design in New York City. Shortly after her return to Detroit, she met and married the love of her life, Michigan Court of Appeals Judge, the Hon. Vincent J. Brennan, in 1962. He predeceased her in May 1991. Together, they built a family rooted in love, faith and tradition.

Karen is survived by her four devoted children, Vincent J. Brennan

(Megan), Julia Brennan Dinan (Timothy), Patrick O. Brennan (Kathryn) and Sarah H. Brennan; and 14 grandchildren, Timothy Dinan, Dr. Vincent Brennan Jr., Michael Dinan, Daniel Brennan (Alex), Marijane Brennan Crocker (Edward), Andrea Brennan, Claire Dinan, Margaret Brennan, William Gilroy, Patrick Brennan, Erin Brennan, James Brennan, Ann Gilroy and Katherine Gilroy, all of whom she cherished deeply.

The grandchildren all have fond memories of time spent at Grandma Brennan's house on Lake St. Clair, where Sunday meals followed a day of boating, fishing and swimming in the summer, and skating and ice boating in the winter. As a mother, she nurtured, guided and inspired; as a grandmother, she delighted in the joys and achievements of her grandchildren, always offering a listening ear and sage advice. Her home was a hub of creativity and the delicious aromas of traditional German dishes, a testament to her excellence in the kitchen.

Karen's artistic flair was most evident in her ability to design and make clothing, a skill she not only enjoyed but also shared with others. Karen also was devoted to her Catholic faith, celebrating the Eucharist regularly until her health would not allow her to attend Mass. The light of God shined within her.

The memory of Karen will be cherished and kept alive through the stories shared by her loving family and the numerous lives she touched. Her spirit, characterized by kindness and grace, will continue to influence and guide her family for generations to come. Karen's life was a celebration of love, family and faith.

The family will receive guests at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9, until a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Most Holy Trinity Parish children's Christmas party, 1050 Porter St. Detroit, MI 48226 or [mhtdetroit.org/outreach/childrens-christmas-party/](https://mhtdetroit.org/outreach/childrens-christmas-party/).

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park.

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



# 2nd annual Stitch-A-Palooza is May 18

## Quilters welcome to create for good causes

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

After a successful inaugural year, the sewing group at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church invites old friends and new to its second annual Stitch-A-Palooza event, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18.

Participants will unite with members from other sewing groups to “create a sense of larger community in the desire to sew for others,” said Nancy Eckert, who has been involved in Makers @ Memorial since its inception. “It’s a day when you can enjoy old friends and new and do for others.”

Participants will stitch to their hearts’ content the charity projects of their choice, while building camaraderie with other like-minded sewers.

“The thought behind Stitch-A-Palooza is the awareness that there are many quilting groups in the greater Detroit area who share their time and talents sewing for others, but we all function in somewhat isolation,” Eckert said. “Last year was the first year and we had around 28 women join us. It was a resounding success — full of laughter and conversation, sewing and seam rippers. Approximately 20 quilt tops were pieced and Makers @ Memorial then finished those up and sent them out into the community. It has become an annual event because it was so positively received by the everyone involved — attendees and volunteers alike.”

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with caffeine and carbs. Participants should know how to sew and must bring their own sewing machines; help unloading sewing



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Participants in Stitch-A-Palooza 2023 sit around tables during the afternoon breakout session working on quilt designs that reflected their life stories.

machines will be available. Those who plan to sew can bring a charity project they’re working on, but those without a charity are welcome to select a kit. Kits have clear directions, precut pieces and can be completed during the event.

Also featured during Stitch-A-Palooza is a Zoom presentation by Houston-based quilter Sarah Ruiz. She’ll present “From Rockets to Rotary Cutters” at 10 a.m., discussing how she balances her work at NASA with her successful quilting career.

A lunch break takes place at noon. Guests are welcome to bring their own lunch; sandwiches also will be available for purchase.

An optional workshop, “Sending a Little Love: An Exploration of Fabric Postcards,” takes place at 1 p.m. Most workshop materials will be provided.

Door prizes, swag bags, popcorn, coffee

and chocolate also are provided.

“This year we are planning on welcoming 40 sewers,” Eckert said. “There are still spots open. We do need people to pre-register so that we have enough seats and treats.”

Though Stitch-A-Palooza is a fairly new event, Memorial Church is no stranger to sewing groups that support the community. For years, groups made and sold crafts, then donated proceeds to different charities. However, as more women joined the workforce, membership began to dwindle. When the pandemic hit, the group essentially disbanded.

“When it was safe to start meeting again, the focus of the group changed,” Eckert said. “Makers @ Memorial now has both daytime and evening sessions and we’ve cut out the middleman. We work directly on projects that can address a need some-

where in the community. Some of these projects include fidget quilts for local Alzheimer’s units, incubator cover quilts for Ascension St. John’s NICU unit, small handmade gifts for all Meals on Wheels clients to celebrate Meals on Wheels month, teddy bears for children around the world who have lost everything and are in crisis, as well as quilts for foster children and families being supported by Samaritas and Building Beds 4 Kids. The list goes on and on.”

Makers @ Memorial has been meeting the past two years and welcomes anyone of any skill level.

“You do not have to be a member at Memorial to join the fun,” Eckert said. “It is also a ‘no guilt group.’ You are welcome to come when you can.

We do not give out attendance awards or demerits. If you don’t know how to sew, there are beginning Learn to Quilt classes occasionally and the group as a whole is very adept at teaching and supporting new quilters. There are generally 10 to 15 people at each meeting and we are intergenerational — members from middle school up to their 80s and everything in between.”

To register for Stitch-A-Palooza, visit [bit.ly/GPMCQuiltEvent2](https://bit.ly/GPMCQuiltEvent2) or call (313) 882-5330.

“Stitch-A-Palooza is my way of broadening the joy of working together to help others,” Eckert added. “My mother taught me to quilt and I have been quilting for around 50 years. ... I love the satisfaction of making with my hands and the joy of fondling

### About Sarah Ruiz

Sarah Ruiz is a quilter and aerospace engineer from Houston. Her creative and technical sides have always intertwined, from drawing Disney characters and memorizing constellations as a kid to taking humans back to the moon and dreaming up new quilts today. Quilting combines her engineering and artistic mindsets, and she loves the puzzle solving required to turn an idea into reality. Her quilts feature bright colors, bold lines and graphic shapes that are easy to make but pack a visual punch.

Her quilts and have been displayed at shows including QuiltCon and the International Quilt Festival, and her quilts and patterns have been featured in publications including QuiltCon Magazine, Curated Quilts and Make Modern.

For more about her, visit [saroynet/about/](https://saroynet/about/)

fabric, combining colors and designing soft, snugly hugs.”



Quilters during last year’s event sew on charity quilt tops.

## CHURCH EVENTS

### St. Michael’s

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn program at noon Thursday,

May 16. Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited — Grosse Pointe Woods, will speak. To reserve a seat, call the church at (313) 884-4820. The deadline to register is Tuesday,

May 14. The public is welcome; a freewill offering is collected at the door.

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church also sponsors a workshop about advance directives

at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18. The session is designed to explain what an advance directive is and how to ease conversation around it with loved ones. Allie Short, LLMSW, case coordinator with The Helm, will lead the discussion. The workshop is free and open to the public, but reservations are required and seating

is limited to 25. Call the church office at (313) 884-4820 and leave name and phone number to secure a seat. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

### Eucharistic Procession

Eastside Catholic Eucharistic Procession takes place at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 2. St. Paul

on the Lake Catholic Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church are pairing up for this event, during which participants will walk the Blessed Sacrament along Lake St. Clair, from St. Paul to Star of the Sea. All are welcome to participate. For more information, visit [bit.ly/EastsideEucharisticProcession2024](https://bit.ly/EastsideEucharisticProcession2024).

# Worship Service



## Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

15020 Hampton  
Grosse Pointe Park,  
Michigan 48230-1302

### Masses

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

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St. Michael’s Episcopal Church  
sharing the Light of Christ

May 12 ~ Ascension Sunday  
God Has Gone Up With A Triumphant Shout

Sunday Worship at 10 am  
followed by Coffee Hour in the parish hall

20475 Sunningdale Park  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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## Christ the King Lutheran Church and Preschool

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SUNDAY  
8:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
Sunday School - During Service

WEDNESDAY  
10 a.m. - Bible Study  
7 p.m. - Worship Service  
Randy S. Boelter, Pastor  
Making New Disciples - Building Stronger Ones

## Grosse Pointe Congregational Church

(United Church of Christ)

Worship Sunday at 10:00 am

Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver  
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WE HAVE AN ARTS MINISTRY

# Shores native an Emmy nominee

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

Less than a year out of college, Steffi Roche already is making a splash in her new profession.

Roche, a reporter and anchor at KHQ-TV News, an NBC affiliate in Spokane, Wash., has been nominated for an Emmy.

"I was completely honored," she said. "I was shocked when I saw my name on the list, going up against some phenomenal reporters from much bigger stations in Portland and Seattle."

Her nomination is in a category called "Daily News Single Shift." It's for a story she reported last October about a county sheriff's sergeant who was placed on administrative leave after using excessive force.

Roche, the daughter of John and the late Sue Roche, graduated last year from the University of Missouri with a degree in broadcast journalism. While there, she worked at KOMU, an NBC affiliate in Columbia, Mo.

"I started off as a production assistant to learn



COURTESY PHOTO

Steffi Roche is nominated for an Emmy.

about how a newsroom works," she said. "I eventually ended up as a reporter and anchor."

She also was active during college with her first love, singing, performing as the vocalist for the school's concert jazz band.

"She's always been into music," her dad said. "She'd sing Judy Garland

songs to us all the time."

As John Roche recalls, Steffi's first public performance came at 7 years old.

"We were at the old Andiamo on Mack and she just walked up and started singing with the band," he said. "That led to her performing at the Andiamo Showcase in Warren in front of about

1,000 people. She showed absolutely no fear."

At 14, Steffi Roche was named "Youth Diva" and "Youth All-Star" at the Detroit Jazz Festival.

"I strongly considered going to college for musical theater," she said. "I still sing and perform."

She chose journalism instead for a number of reasons.

"I love politics, love being informed and love to write," Roche said. "I was on my high school paper (Detroit Country Day School) and I'm comfortable being in front of people, so this kind of ticks all the boxes."

Roche said she has fond memories of growing up in the Shores.

"We went to Osius Park all the time in the summer," she said. "It's a big part of my identity and I still think of myself as a Grosse Pointer."

She gets back every few months to visit. As for moving back, that isn't an option right now.

"I love Detroit and it's always a possibility," she said, "but I'm under contract here so I'll be on the West Coast for the next few years at least."



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## She's a Genius

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones, right, stands with with Candace Cox-Wimberley, president of She's a Genius, and club member Richard Todd Smith, during the club's April 23 meeting at Ford House. She's a Genius mentorship programs support girls from single-parent households to encourage self-sufficiency while building healthy self-esteem, setting goals, getting exposure to careers in the arts and developing entrepreneurship skills.

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join their Tuesday presentations at 7 a.m. Email [dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com) for more information.

# Veteran CBP agent talks border security

Veteran U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent Mark P. Hall will address the Eastside Republican Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hall is past president of the Detroit National Border Patrol Council and has testified before committees of both the U.S. Senate and House on issues such as illegal immigration, terrorism and alien and drug

smuggling at the U.S./Canadian border.

"We hear daily about the crisis at our southern border and learn more every day about other ways that additional thousands are being inserted without the usual clearance into the interior of our country," ERC chairman Mike Vethacke said in a statement. "Mark Hall's experience and contacts give him a unique perspective on the state of our border security and

the extent of vulnerabilities. We are honored to have him as our guest speaker on the subject."

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking in advance of the meeting.

Hall served as a border patrol agent supervisor before retiring in 2022, after 36 years of service with assignments in 26 states, including Michigan, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and California.

In retirement he has

served with the Border Patrol to conduct recruiting, public information and liaison with other law enforcement partners. He currently serves an international corporation as chief security officer.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the largest federal law enforcement agency of the Department of Homeland Security and is the country's primary border control organization with more

than 45,600 sworn federal agents and officers.

CBP is charged with regulating and facilitating international trade, collecting import duties and enforcing U.S. regulations, including trade, customs and immigration regulations.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum is held monthly September to May. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at



Mark Hall, U.S. CBP agent, retired

EastsideRepublican.Club and find the ERC on Facebook and X.

## EVENTS:

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Dance Classes, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, May 13, at all three branches.

◆ Prissy Portraits, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Little Learners Coding, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Voters Not Politicians Proposal 22-2 Letters to the Editor Workshop, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Hustle For Health Dance Class, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 16, via Zoom.

◆ Readers' Choice Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen D&D Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18,

at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The group hosts a fellowship evening with dinner at Pandy's Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Woods. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### PFLAG

PFLAG Grosse Pointe hosts an evening focused on LGBTQIA+ education and support from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Founding chapter president emeritus Maurya Kay will present "Understanding LGBTQIA+: A Primer for Families and Allies." The event is free. RSVP at [bit.ly/PFLAGGSupport](http://bit.ly/PFLAGGSupport)

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 17, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 17, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, Richard Elementary School, 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org).

### Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

### Grosse Pointe Theatre

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts a community open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18, at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests receive tours of the building, information about the group's different departments, a chance to meet next season's directors and more. Visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) or call (313) 881-4004.

### Life Line Screening

Affordable health screenings will be available Saturday, May 18, through Life Line Screening at the Neighborhood Club,

17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in one's arteries, which relates to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; kidney and thyroid function and more. Advanced registration is required. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will create a package tailored to each individual. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit [lifelinescreening.com](http://lifelinescreening.com).

### GPAA

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

◆ Two-day Mixed Media Print-A-Thon with Valerie Allen, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19.

◆ Multicolor Japanese Woodblock Prints with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 1, 8 and 15. Registration deadline is May 16.

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

Philo, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 11.

### Air Show

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

### Reunions

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

Benkoski at (703) 901-0080, Johanna Staub Judson at (313) 580-3813 or Carey Fitzgibbon Baldwin at (828) 318-2628.

Grosse Pointe North High School's Class of 1984 seeks classmates for its 40th reunion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Golden Knights Parachute Team, Franklin's Flying Circus, A10 Thunderbolt II, KC135 Stratotanker and several ground displays. The theme is "Innovation Focused: STEAM Driven."

### Adaptive yoga

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

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## Paw patrol practice

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

There are enough sights and sounds and commotion for a Corewell Health security guard to be aware of. That goes double for those guards who also are K-9 handlers.

"We go through the same training as what police departments do," said Ryan Smith, a K-9 handler at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. "The dogs serve a dual purpose. Not only do they patrol, but they can visit patients who might be distraught and help calm them down."

Some seven handlers and their K-9 partners spent Monday, April 22, at Corewell going through routines to practice their craft.

"The important thing is the dog remains calm and doesn't overreact," Smith said. "They need to

pay attention to our commands no matter what crazy stuff is going on."

The day started with the dogs practicing odor detection in the hospital's parking garage. After that they were led through a conference room set up with several distractions. Those included videos being played on a large screen, a beeping IV machine, two people doing chest compressions on a dummy, another fake patient receiving shocks with electric chest paddles and a person in a wheelchair wanting to pet the dogs.

The nurses doing chest compressions on the dummy asked each handler to bring them a crash cart.

"The dog needs to know when to sit instead of following us if a nurse or doctor asks us to help them or bring them something," Smith said. That was followed by

alternating scenarios on an upstairs floor. The first involved an agitated patient who was scored on the CIWA scale and unhappy with their medication level. CIWA stands for Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment and is given to patients suffering alcohol withdrawal symptoms.

The second scenario involved two men arguing over which was the father of a baby being born.

In each instance, the dogs sat in the doorway of the hospital room while the handler went in to defuse the situation.

"They immediately lock on to who the aggressor in the situation is, but they don't do anything unless we tell them to," Smith said.

Smith started as a security guard at Corewell's Royal Oak location four years ago with the intention of becoming a K-9 handler.



COURTESY PHOTO

**K-9 handler Ryan Smith participates in a training exercise at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital with his partner, Wesson.**

"Two years ago I had just gotten to Florida for vacation when I got the call we were getting new dogs," he said. "I flew right back and was in Ohio the next day. I was picking third and thought there was no way (his K-9 partner) would be available."

But there was something else in the works.

"They had to give him a name to leave Germany, so they picked Apollo," Smith recalled. "I had just watched the movie 'Apollo 13,' so I guess it was meant to be."

Smith renamed the German Shepherd Wesson, so now, just like the firearms manufacturer, they're Smith & Wesson.

The 3-year-old is trained and certified in explosive detection, handler protection and hospital patrol.

"We're unofficially on-call 24/7," Smith said. "When the phone rings we have the option of answering or not, but when you love what you do, who wouldn't answer?"

## DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

# A science and faith connection?

**I've been told to go to AA, but I'm turned off by the use of "God" in the 12 Steps. I can't believe in something that can't be proven. I believe in science.**

Prove it! If you're a man of science, show us you're willing to follow the evidence wherever it leads.

The most recent meta-study of the scientific literature showed conclusively that 12 Step programs like AA were better than other methods over three years. The meta-study was conducted by the highly regarded Cochrane Collective, under the guidance of John Kelly, Ph.D., of Harvard University. They only reviewed the most rigorous scientific studies and the results were clear.

For people who participated in AA, their long-term recovery rates were better than those using other methods by a wide margin. In fact, they were 20 to 60 percent more likely to achieve and maintain sobriety than others, even after three years.

Read the words of one Stanford University scientist who participated in the Cochrane review: "... though AA was invented by peers and not by people like me who do science for a living, nonetheless the science supports what they did. In fact, people who go to AA are about 20 to 60 percent more likely to end up abstinent than people who do not. And that is a really big treatment effect. I mean ... if you could increase survival rates for cancer 20 to 60 percent, you would be overjoyed."

Now, to your point about the use of "God" in the 12 Steps. In our hyper-secularized age,

many people object to any language that references religion. But is this objection fair? 12 Step programs invite you to use your own conception of God, rather than a prepackaged notion of God. It is always up to you to decide what you will believe. What many people find challenging is that they may need to come to a conclusion.

In this regard, your scientific approach will be helpful. What works? What produces positive and reliable results? If you attend local 12 Step meetings, you'll find a wide variety of viewpoints, ranging from atheism and agnosticism to mainstream religions of one kind or another — and everything in between — all in the same room.

What bonds these unlikely viewpoints together? It is their common experience. When each one of them stopped relying on will-power alone and instead started asking for help and having faith, their lives got better. For each person, as they came to believe in a power greater than themselves — whether that power was a recovery group or God as they understood him — their addiction was lifted and they regained control of their lives. The 12 Steps are a recipe for making this change happen.

Before you say this stuff is nonsense and cannot be scientifically proven, consider two things. One, the square root of negative one cannot be rationally defined, either; yet it's necessary to solve many binomial equations. It is what we call an imaginary number, but it is essential to higher mathematics. Second,

you cannot scientifically argue against results of 12 Step participation. The belief in God or a Higher Power does not negate the statistical analysis.

But what about the people who don't get sober in AA? Does it work for everyone? The answer is this: 12 Step programs seem to work for everyone who really participates in 12 Step programs. In some ways, it's like joining a gym. Does joining a gym work for everyone? No, but it seems to work for everyone who joins the gym, goes to the gym regularly and uses the equipment under the direction of a trainer. The key element in both recovery and fitness is to do the work. Recovery isn't a mental exercise; it's a program of action.

For centuries now, various people have created a barrier between science and faith. But in everyday circumstances, there's no conflict between the two. The only time problems arise is when we take a fundamentalist stance on our religious or scientific perspective. In everyday life, we act on faith in many higher-level things and we simultaneously accept the scientific method for figuring out the physical aspects of the world.

Many of the best things in life aren't quantifiable or quantifiable by scientific methods and that's OK. We don't need algorithms for compassion or equations for love. Rather, we need to move from the noun to the verb, from the idea into action. When we set our objections aside and participate in a program of recovery, the results are scientifically

predictable. You can put your faith in that.

(By the way, there's an informative YouTube

video on the Cochrane study here: [bit.ly/3vTPH3l](https://bit.ly/3vTPH3l))

Jeff and Debra Jay help families resolve addiction problems. They are the authors of

"Love First: a family's guide to intervention," 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them through their website, [lovefirst.net](http://lovefirst.net).



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# GROSSE POINTE Gabby



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## Politely asking neighbor to clean up unkept yard

**Dear Gabby:** My neighbor barely cuts their lawn and last Christmas's decorations are still sitting in their planters — brown and dead.

The shrubs are so overgrown it's giving haunted house vibes. Is there any sort of polite or tactful way of addressing this? Frankly, it's making my house and our block look bad.

—Wild in the Park

**Dear Wild,**

Well, this is a delicate subject isn't it? We want to remain neighborly, but we also deserve to live where rules are followed and homes are

cared for. There's no good way to suggest your neighbor's house looks unkempt — unless your neighbor is infirm or elderly — in which case banding together and helping to fix it up with some of your neighbors would be the nice thing to do.

Otherwise, sometimes the anonymous route is



the path of least resistance. Grosse Pointe Park's ordinances call for grass no more than five inches high and several more regarding overgrown vegetation, noxious weeds, among other things.

If you find that your neighbor's yard does not improve, a simple call to the city should do the trick.

—Gabby

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## Celebrating Moms and their enduring love

**DEAR READERS:** Wishing you all a Happy Mother's Day. Below are some beautiful quotes to enjoy on Mother's Day.

"We are born of love; love is our mother." — Rumi

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colors of a rainbow." — Maya Angelou

"I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars." — E. M. Forster

"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe

to my mother. I attribute my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." — George Washington

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." — Abraham Lincoln

"I remember my mother's prayers, and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life." — Abraham Lincoln

"Over the years, I learned so much from mom. She taught me about the importance of home and history and family and tradition. She also taught me that

aging need not mean narrowing the scope of your activities and interests or a diminution of the great pleasures to be had in the everyday." — Martha Stewart

"Sons are the anchors of a mother's life." — Sophocles

"The best place to cry is on a mother's arms." — Jodi Picoult

"Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved." — Erich Fromm

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." — Rudyard Kipling

"Men are what their mothers made them." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

"As is the mother, so is her daughter." — Ezekiel 16:4

"A mother takes 20 years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool of him in 20 minutes." — Robert Frost

"A mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive." — Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"A mother's arms are made of tenderness, and children sleep soundly in them." — Victor Hugo

"Life began with waking up and loving my



### Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

mother's face." — George Eliot

"A mother understands what a child does not say." — Jewish proverb

"Most mothers are instinctive philosophers." — Harriet Beecher Stowe

"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?" — Mahatma Gandhi

"My mother had a slender, small body, but a large heart — a heart so

large that everybody's joys found welcome in it, and hospitable accommodation." — Mark Twain

"When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child." — Sophia Loren

*Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.*  
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## Spring benefit

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education hosted its annual spring benefit May 2, at The War Memorial. Nearly 170 people attended and through ticket sales, a live auction, sponsorships and a paddle raise, \$140,000 was raised.

The foundation's mission is to gift grants to teachers, students and staff to provide opportunities throughout the school district. A handful of students from schools that received grants attended, showcasing what their schools purchased with the grant money.



Daniel Clark and Jonas Wilborn show a digital drawing tablet, one of 10 Pierce Middle School received through a grant from GPFPE.



Grosse Pointe North jazz band members entertained the crowd. Pictured, from left, are Gabe Mahoney, keyboard; Thomas Torrento, band director, drums; Charles White, trumpet; Greg Alter, assistant band director, saxophone; and Kaden Connell, double bass.



Isaac Warner and Isabella Valdez wear the new band uniforms the Grosse Pointe North marching band purchased — the first new uniform in decades — thanks to a grant from GPFPE. Both students are clarinet players in the marching band.



Claire Pfeiffer, GPFPE board member, holds up her paddle to make a donation during the paddle raise portion of the live auction.



Botmasterz, an all-girl robotics club, includes South ninth grader Allie Betcher, South 10th grader Shelby McMillan and Pierce Middle School eighth grader Aria Burrascano. The robot on the floor is the South robot, named Frida Kahlo, and the robot Burrascano is holding is named Julie Andrews.

# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I'm all about effective cleaning techniques that are quick and easy. In my opinion, the shower and tub are two of the hardest places to clean. There are so many tiny cracks, crevices and grout lines to keep clean. It's hard finding a tool that does the job easily.

In one bathroom in particular, I find the shower and tub are generally clean, but it's super hard to get to the shower door jamb area and make the grout lines white again. I've tried scrubbing them with a ton of different cleaning products, hot water, a toothbrush and many other tools and techniques. You name it, I've tried it.

As usual, there are solu-

tions on Amazon for my problems. My friend, Angela, told me about the Bissell Steam Shot Deluxe. She recently purchased her first home (go, Angela!) and saw some excellent reviews on this product. She bought it and has been using it to clean and sanitize her entire house, room by room.

She sent me a few before-and-after photos that made me realize how badly I needed to try out the Bissell myself. Luckily,



she let me borrow it for a few days before I actually purchased it.

This thing is literally life-changing and I do not use that term lightly. I filled the tank with water,

plugged it in and waited about 5 minutes. Once the machine heats up, you simply press the button, attach whichever cleaning end you'd like to use and watch the dirt and grime disappear.

The device uses high-pressure steam to clean and sanitize surfaces without the need for harsh chemicals. I love this because there are no ongoing costs for chemicals or cleaning agents, making it cost-effective over time, and it's safe for households with children and pets.

The Steam Shot comes with a variety of attachments, such as nozzles, brushes and a grout tool, which enable users to tackle a wide range of cleaning tasks. These attachments make it incredibly easy to clean hard-to-reach areas and make a difference you can see almost immediately. While I have been using it in the bathrooms to start, it also can be used on windows, upholstery and more.

The machine is lightweight, portable and inexpensive at only \$41. If I could only recommend one cleaning product, it would be this! It was actually pretty fun to use and got

the job done quickly. My bathroom looks awesome and I can't wait to use it again for another project!

I am giving the Bissell Steam Shot Deluxe 5 out of 5 alligators. Let us know if you try it!

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

5 Out Of 5



## Chevre Chaud Salade

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This salad now has a special place in my heart. It was on every menu of every restaurant that we enjoyed in Paris.

Chevre chaud means hot goat cheese over a salad. It's a blank plate for you to add anything that makes you happy. This salad has three key components but the rest is entirely up to you.

The first are pickled red onions. They are so easy to make and so tasty. The second is a great vinaigrette. And most importantly, the goat cheese. Buy a good one. They would slather it on a fantastic toasted baguette as a crouton. It's absolutely amazing.

Add more to the salad if you want. Bacon, toasted nuts, tarragon, parsley or extra goat cheese would all be amazing. The dressing is straight from Juila Child's cookbook so you can't go wrong.

Cheers, Mombeau

**Salad with warm goat cheese and toasted bread**

2 big handfuls of spring mix lettuce

A handful of half sliced cherry tomatoes

10 green beans, trimmed

Pickled red onion, to taste

8 oz good goat cheese

Dressing (See below)

1 baguette

Preheat the oven to 400. Slice your baguette on the bias. I did four slices.

Parboil green beans for four minutes. Cut your goat cheese into half-inch sliced place over top of the bread. Drizzle with olive oil and cook for five minutes.

They should be crusty and the cheese should be soft.

**Pickled Red Onions**

1 red onion sliced

¾ cup red wine vinegar

1 tsp ground cloves

2 tbsp sugar

1 tsp salt

Bring the liquid together and spices and bring to a boil.

Add the onion and simmer for five minutes.

Place in a Mason jar and let marinate overnight. Or honestly 15 minutes.

**Julia Child's Vinaigrette**

½ tbsp minced shallot

½ tbsp dijon mustard

¼ tbsp salt

Juice of 1 lemon

½ tbsp red wine vinegar



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

½ cup olive oil

Fresh ground pepper

to taste

(I like to add a squirt of honey)

Mix all ingredients in a Mason jar. Shake well and serve.



## Wine-food pairing

I was reviewing a classic Mandarin restaurant some years ago and was amazed at what I saw. The restaurant's food was made to go with aromatic white wines, but 13 of the 14 tables had chardonnays.

Even though this was a truly upscale restaurant in a supposedly savvy

wine town, chardonnay isn't the best match for this kind of food. Gewurztraminer is. And the wine list had a superb dry gewurztraminer, which is a classic match with Asian food.

I can't blame the restaurant for the mindlessness of its patrons in ordering yet another bor-

ing chardonnay. But I can blame most restaurants for not helping diners with their choices.

Most restaurant-goers are not wine experts and could benefit from some wine assistance, particularly if the servers are not carefully trained on wine.

But the current state of affairs does not include one-on-one education in restaurants. In the last several years, even before COVID-19 struck and devastated the dining-out scene, many restaurants abandoned professional wine servers or sommeliers. Part of their reasoning is that high salaries paid to these people usually were not covered by the sale of wine.

And part of this may well have been due to extremely high markups for wines in restaurants at a time when many diners eschewed wine because of high pricing!

Another factor in diners' reluctance to buy wine at restaurants is simply that they are not particularly skilled at identifying a wine that will work with their food.

Back in the 1970s, a chain of restaurants in the Los Angeles area that I used to frequent called The Velvet Turtle had a small, well-chosen and well-priced wine list. Part of the clever marketing of that chain was the fact

that every menu entree had a wine listed; it was the chef's best guess as to what went with that dish.

Not only were the suggestions accurate, but the restaurant also didn't blindly buy the next vintage of each wine; they tasted the wines vintage by vintage to make sure that the wine did go with the dish for which it was targeted.

Even in the most upscale of restaurants, diners need help. The best wine-savvy restaurants know this, and some still employ knowledgeable servers.

The same tactic of food-wine suggestions on the menu worked brilliantly for one of the best restaurant owners I ever knew, a man by the name of Tony Hermann, who ran the old Bouzy Rouge Cafe in Newport Beach.

For sheer wine intensity, one of the nation's wine institutions is the superb Bern's Steak House in Tampa, Fla. Most of the servers are well-trained and tremendously helpful.

Those who have the time to review a wine list in advance of going into the restaurant could research online. Many restaurants now put their wine lists on their websites. This is also a good way to determine in advance if the wine list is

appropriately priced and has wines appropriate for the food.

**Wine of the Week:**

2022 Cline viognier, North Coast (\$15) — The aroma of excellent white wine is marked by peach and traces of pineapple, and the succulent entry is faintly tropical. This leads

to a relatively dry finish, but the wine still has slight succulence. It's an absolute delight.s.

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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Even with the decline of hiring a sommelier in fine dining establishments, there are still some restaurants with professional wine servers dedicated to their wine offerings and assisting diners in choosing the perfect bottle.

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Vinny (Micheal Ward) & Mal (Bill Nighy) in the 2024 film "The Beautiful Game," directed by Thea Sharrock.

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



devoted to the actual matches.

England's archrival is the team from South Africa. They're lead by Sister Protasia, played brilliantly by Susan Wokoma. She's a feisty, determined and hilarious

unfold. One is the dynamic between Vinny and his teammates. He's just so full of himself, he can't be bothered to share a room with anyone. So he spends his nights out in the open air, confirming his homeless nature.

My rating system:

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

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

★★★ Pretty good. In

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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

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

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [dominmark@yahoo.com](mailto:dominmark@yahoo.com).

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



England's Homeless Team.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"The Beautiful Game"  
2024 - Rated PG-13  
2 hr 5 min  
★★★★☆

I'll be the first to admit, I'm not a huge soccer fan. Maybe it's because I don't appreciate the subtleties of the game. Or that it's just a plain boring sport.

When I hear people describe a game that ends in a 0-0 (or should I say nil-nil?) tie exciting, all I can think of is, "And you think baseball is boring?"

Well, I have to confess, I really enjoyed this soccer-themed movie. Perhaps it was because it featured "Street-style" play along with great camerawork. Or that soccer was just the backdrop for some other engaging stories. It also didn't hurt that it starred the always-entertaining Bill Nighy.

Depending on which account you read, "The Beautiful Game" either is or isn't based on true events. However, it is centered around the Homeless World Cup, an annual competition that began in 2003, and is focused on creating awareness of homeless people around the globe.

Here it's the setting for an uplifting and very entertaining new film from director Thea Sharrock ("Wicked Little Letters").

Mal (Bill Nighy), is the coach of a ragtag group of homeless soccer players. His dream is to bring home a championship for England.

One day during practice, a talented young man comes to his atten-

tion. Vinny, played by Micheal Ward ("Empire of Light"), is clearly a cut above the rest of the players. He's a prickly, egotistic sort who's in denial about his plight.

Vinny is homeless like the other players and lives out of his car. Mal sees his potential and recruits him to be part of his team.

Vinny joins Mal's group of misfits. They each have an interesting backstory of how they've become homeless — one's a recovering drug addict. Another's a refugee from war-torn Syria.

Collectively they're all a decent lot who have each other's backs. All except Vinny, who feels he's superior to the rest of the gang.

The scene quickly shifts to the team arriving in Rome, "The Eternal City," where this year's event is taking place.

Cinematographer Mike Eley does a marvelous job presenting the glorious city.

Stops include the Spanish Steps, the Vittorio Emanuele Monument, and of course, the Trevi Fountain. It's sure to wet your appetite to take a Roman holiday of your own.

It's against this beautiful backdrop that a good deal of the action takes place. As you'd expect, at least half of the film is

nun who adds a bit of comic relief to the story.

The series of games that lead up to the finals are as exciting as it gets. The camerawork puts you right there in the action on the turf. It even had this jaded movie viewer captivated.

Behind the scenes a number of other stories

acter. For the most part, he plays his usual reserved English gentleman. But there were a couple scenes that caught me off guard. When Mal is upset over a ref's call, he storms out onto the field to protest. After getting a red card that sends him into the stands for punishment, he turns into just another rabid fan. It was so entertaining seeing him shouting and pumping his fist in unbridled enthusiasm! Very uncharacteristic of Mr. Nighy.

Ultimately, "The Beautiful Game" isn't just about soccer and winning. It's about what makes us human and how we look out for each other.

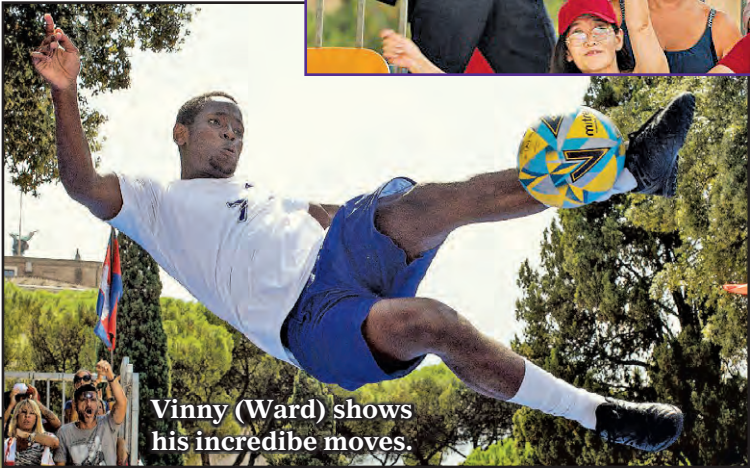
The film is an invigorating emotional roller coaster and it will leave you with a satisfied smile on your face. Don't miss this wonderful movie the whole family will enjoy.

Currently streaming on Netflix.



Above, Rosita (Cristina Rodlo) & Jason (Sheyi Cole) out for a jog.

At left, an exuberant Coach Mal (Nighy).



Vinny (Ward) shows his incredible moves.



The team at Rome's famous Trevi Fountain.



The team at the opening ceremony.

# Royal Stars

## Weekly Horoscopes

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

**Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 9, 2024:**

You have strong morals and a sense of fair play, which you will defend. You appear calm, but you are also a vigilant proponent for your beliefs. This year it's time to create solid foundations in your life. Keep things simple. Take charge of your health. Get physical exercise.

**♈ ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)

You're keen to talk to others today. You feel you have something you want to say or something you want to share with someone. This is why you want to talk to someone who will genuinely listen to you. You don't want to waste time on superficial chitchat. Tonight: Don't worry.

**♉ TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)

Not only might you be concerned with cash flow, earnings and financial matters today, at a deeper level, something might trigger thoughts about your basic values. In other words, what really matters in life? What is really worthwhile? Think about it. Tonight: Budget.

**♊ GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and half days every month. When this occurs, your good fortune is slightly enhanced. You might test this by asking the universe for a favor. Play a longshot. Ask for permission. Meanwhile, you're emotionally hyped. Tonight: Stay chill.

**♋ CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)

Privacy matters to you today. In fact, despite your recent experience of increased popularity talking to friends and groups, today you will welcome an opportunity to hide or enjoy your privacy and solitude. (With good food and drink, naturally.) Tonight: Relax.

**♌ LEO**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

A heart-to-heart conversation with a friend will likely be meaningful to you today. In fact, this discussion could cause you directly or indirectly to modify your future goals. Someone might point out new possibilities. Or they might point out limitations and pitfalls. Tonight: Listen.

**♍ VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today the Moon is sitting at the top of your chart, which means you're more public for some reason. Quite likely, people will know personal details about your private life. Possibly because someone is reading your resume, or you're selling something, or advertising something online — could be anything. Tonight: Show respect.

**♎ LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today you have an urge to get away from it all. You want to travel, explore or do something different. You want some adventure! If you can't travel, you could at least be a tourist in your own neighborhood or town. Go somewhere different. Shake things up a little! Tonight: Patience.

**♏ SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you might have to deal with the values of someone else, especially if those values don't agree with yours. Let's face it: Some societies like bread, some like

potatoes, some like rice, some like corn. We're all in this Big Soup together. Tonight: Check your finances..

**♐ SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Once a month, the Moon is opposite your sign for two and half days, and when this occurs, you have to compromise with others. That day has arrived. Therefore, be easygoing and cooperative. (It's not a big deal.) In two weeks, others will have to cater to you. Tonight: Cooperate.

**♑ CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might have to do a service for someone or put the needs and wants of someone before your own today. (Note: If you wear clothes made by someone else, or drive on a road built by someone else, or use a cellphone built by someone else, it's how the world works.) Tonight: Work.

**♒ AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a fun-loving day, which is why it's the perfect time to play hooky, take a long lunch or goof off. You'll enjoy sports events as well as fun activities with kids. You'll also enjoy schmoozing with friends and exploring the world of the creative arts. Tonight: Responsibilities.

**♓ PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Home, family and your private life are your primary focus today. Many of you might be involved with a parent more than usual or a female family relative. If you can find some privacy in familiar, pleasant surroundings, this will please you. Tonight: Think positive.

**BORN TODAY**

Singer-songwriter Billy Joel (1949), actress Rosario Dawson (1979), actress Candice Bergen (1946).

## Mother's Day Word Search

L	F	Y	S	V	I	U	K	H	L	I	G	F	H	Y
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O	S	C	K	H	C	F	R	G	T	I	C	E	E	G
J	S	C	O	O	K	I	N	G	H	B	Y	C	C	K
P	M	W	V	D	V	J	Z	M	O	Z	X	T	Z	Z

WISE	KISS	MOM	LOVE
CHERISH	HUGS	PRESENTS	BREAKFAST
GRANDMA	BIRTH	CHILD	FAMILY
RESPECT	COOKING	ROSES	BEAUTIFUL

## Help the baby elephant find it's Mommy



## Find 8 Differences



# Contract Bridge

**HOW TO MANUFACTURE TRICKS**

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable

**NORTH**

- ♠ J 9 7
- ♥ Q 6
- ♦ A 9 5 4 2
- ♣ 8 6 3

**WEST**

- ♠ 10 2
- ♥ J 10 9 4
- ♦ K 10 8 6
- ♣ K J 4

**EAST**

- ♠ 5
- ♥ A K 8 5 3
- ♦ Q 7 3
- ♣ Q 10 7 2

**SOUTH**

- ♠ A K Q 8 6 4 3
- ♥ 7 2
- ♦ J
- ♣ A 9 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

In some hands, you start with a ready-made number of tricks and finish with exactly that number because there is nothing you can do to increase the total. In other hands, the number of tricks you can take is far from certain at the start.

The outcome might depend on how the opponents' cards are situated, or on the particular approach you adopt. Such deals are naturally more interest-

ing to play than the so-called pat ones.

Take this case where the defenders cash two hearts and shift to a club. Superficially, it seems declarer must lose two club tricks and go down one, but actually he has a chance to make the contract if he can establish dummy's fifth diamond as his 10th trick. To that end, he should start by winning the club return with the ace, then lead a diamond to the ace and ruff a diamond.

To utilize the extra diamond trick he is trying to establish, declarer will require three further entries to dummy, so he next leads a low trump and finesses the seven! When the finesse succeeds, South ruffs another diamond high and leads a trump to the jack to ruff the fourth round of diamonds.

Declarer's efforts are rewarded when the diamonds prove to be divided 4-3. The nine of diamonds is now a trick, and the nine of spades is the entry to dummy to collect it.

Note the importance of the trump finesse, without which the contract cannot be made. Percentage-wise, it is much better to finesse against the ten than to try to drop the singleton ten in the East hand. This is because West will be dealt the 10-5-2, 10-5 or 10-2 of spades far more often than he will be dealt specifically the 5-2 of the suit.

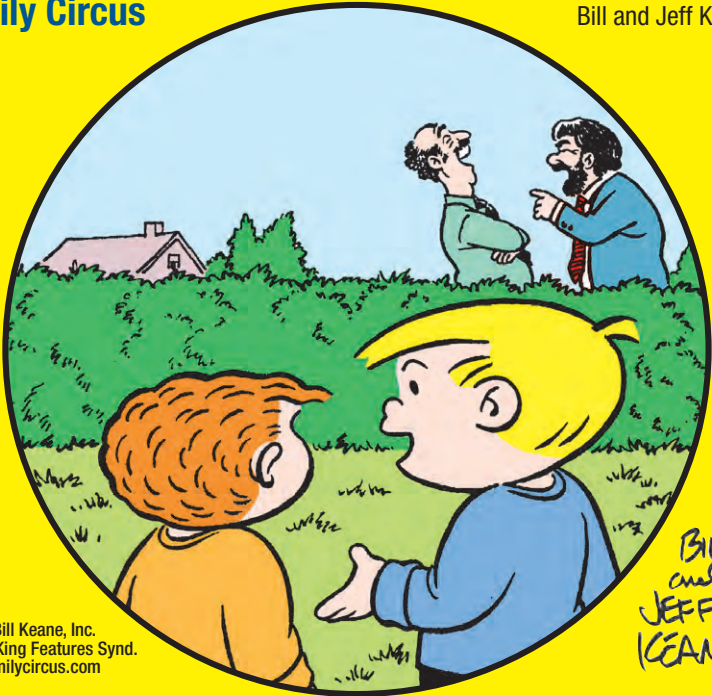
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# Puzzles and

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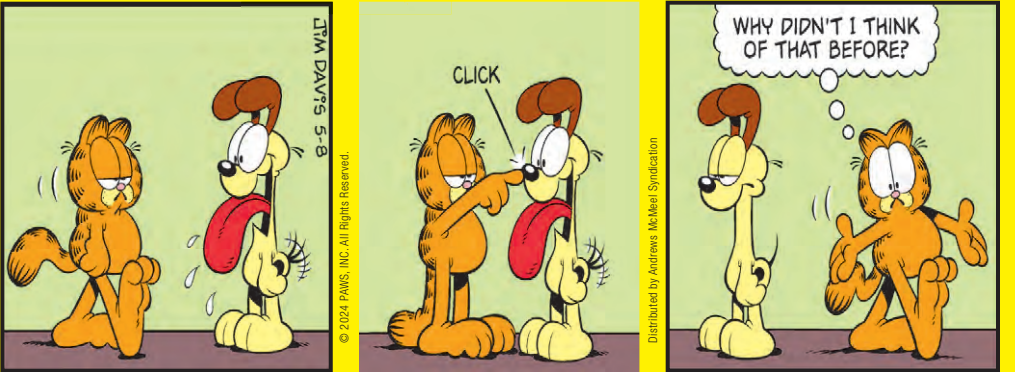
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**"Some people have foreign accents – until they laugh."**

## Garfield

Jim Davis



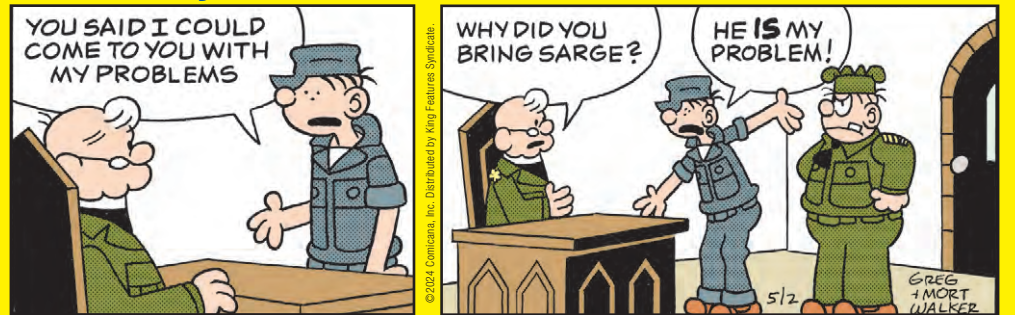
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Bud Sagendorf



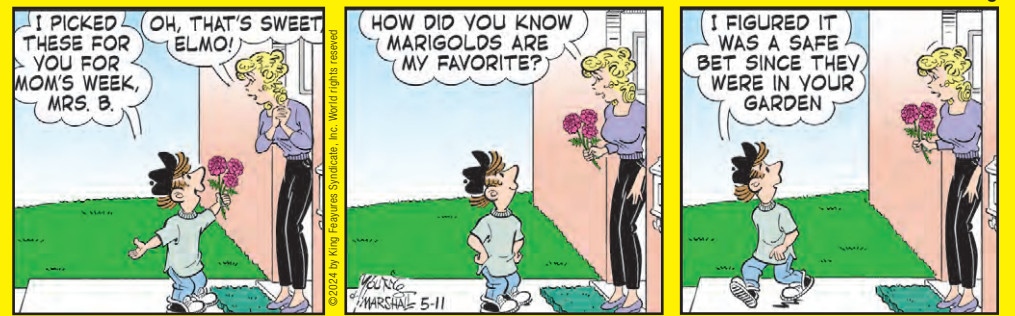
## Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



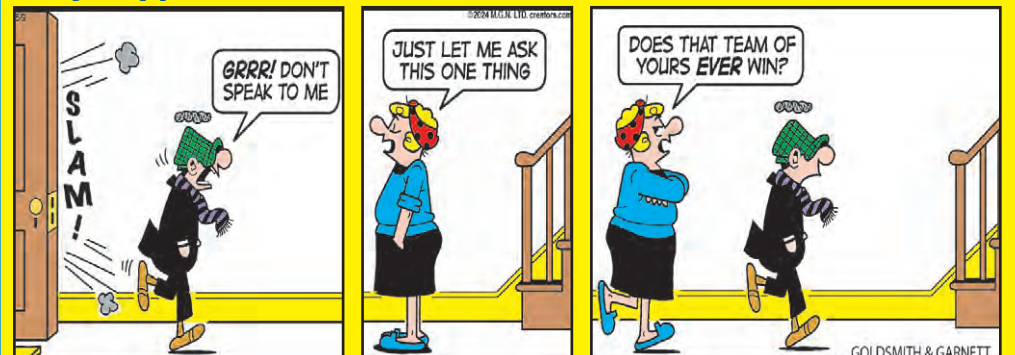
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Michael Fry and T. Lewis



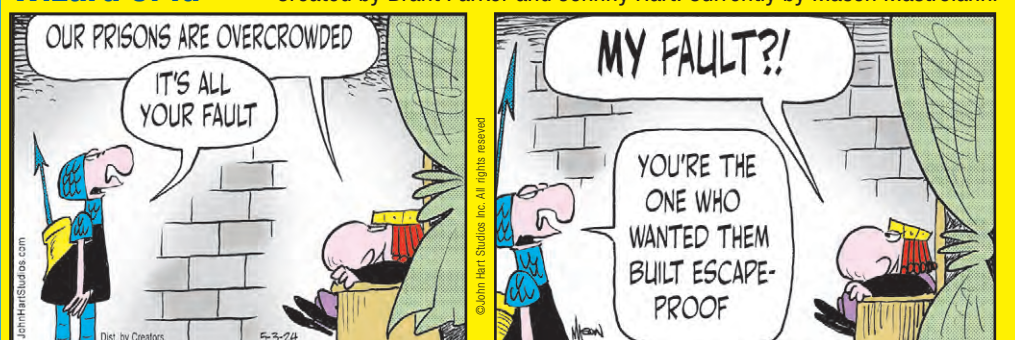
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Reg Smythe



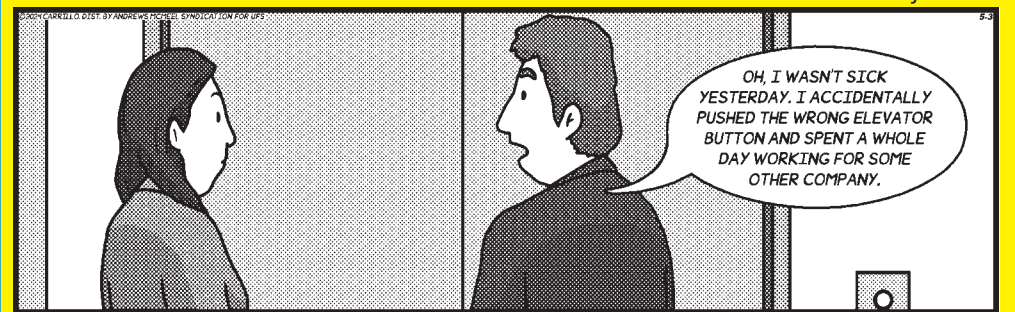
## Wizard of Id

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## F Minus

Tony Carrilo

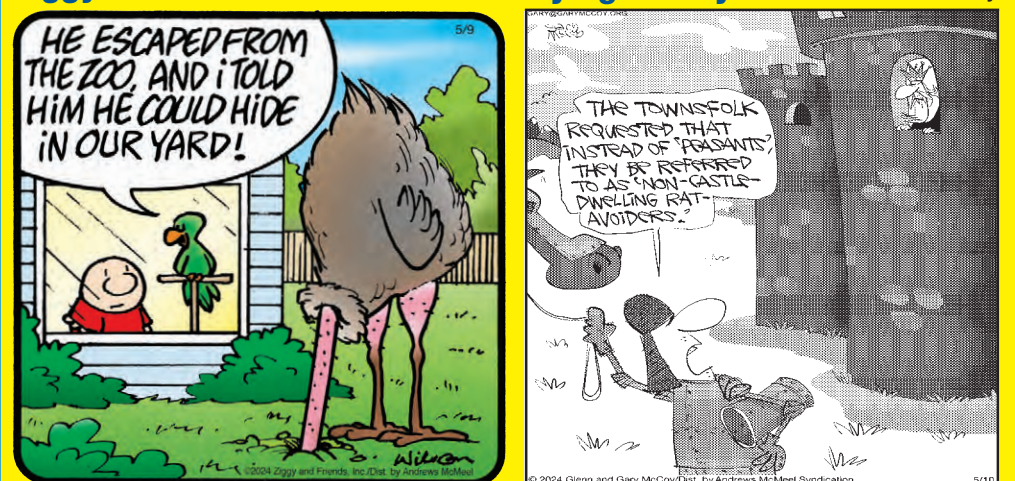


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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5/2 Solution

## Universal Crossword

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### ACROSS

- Nearly boil, as milk
- Secretly includes on an email
- Places for self-care
- Video's counterpart
- Bring home the bacon
- Apt rhyme for "bake"
- "Gilpin of 'Frasier'
- Battery fluid
- Common street name
- "Let It Be" and "Let It Go"
- Water filter brand
- Wonderment
- Tennis's Nadal, familiarly
- Like the highest court
- "Sir, this is an \_\_\_\_\_" (punch line for a fast-food meme)
- How some sardines are packed
- Avocado dip, for short
- Moderate ... or where to find every starred clue's answer?
- Part of a molecule
- Back tooth
- Less wild
- Winter wish for many kids
- "Lily variety
- Six-pack muscles

- Air freshener targets
- White on "Wheel of Fortune"
- Mouse's larger relative
- Draped dress
- "Wall-mounted light fixture
- Sicilian smoke ring puffer
- Forearm bone
- Parton who said, "It's hard to be a diamond in a rhinestone world"
- Meeting, informally
- Spreadsheet contents
- Comedian's seat

### DOWN

- Wise
- Dumbbell exercise
- "Ferrari" Driver?
- Actress Tyler
- Is successful
- "Never better"
- Ship's goods
- Like new dollar bills
- NBC sketch show, briefly
- Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt
- Appease
- Japanese dogs
- Car type

- Ode, for one
- "It's freezing!"
- Parched
- Apiece
- Kind of card in a phone
- College, to an Aussie
- "Save America" (downloadable political show)
- Showbiz grand slam
- Sci-fi saucer
- Cash dispensers
- "Downton Abbey" title
- Paramore and Fall Out Boy
- Spreadsheet lines
- "Grow \_\_\_\_\_ along with me! The best is yet to be" (Robert Browning)

- Small battery
- Parched
- So far
- Squirrel's stash
- Pop star Carey
- Chicago trains
- Prefix with "second"
- Comes in last
- Hometown of St. Teresa
- "That \_\_\_\_\_ so bad"
- Final Four org.
- Change addresses, to a Realtor
- Singer Guthrie
- Texter's sign-off
- Total flop
- Portable bed

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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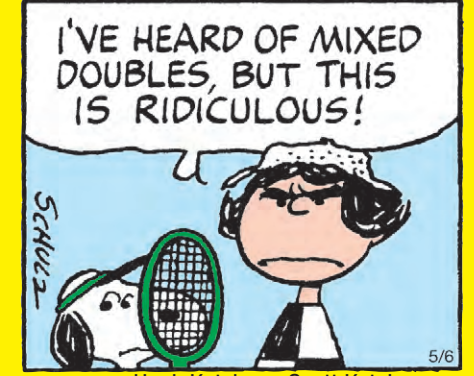
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# Comics

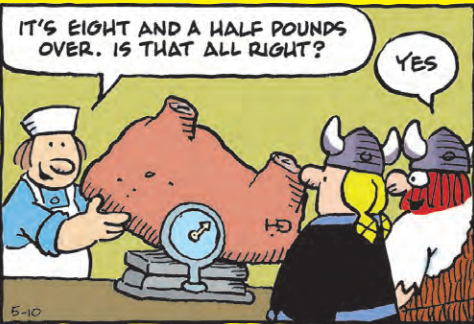
## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



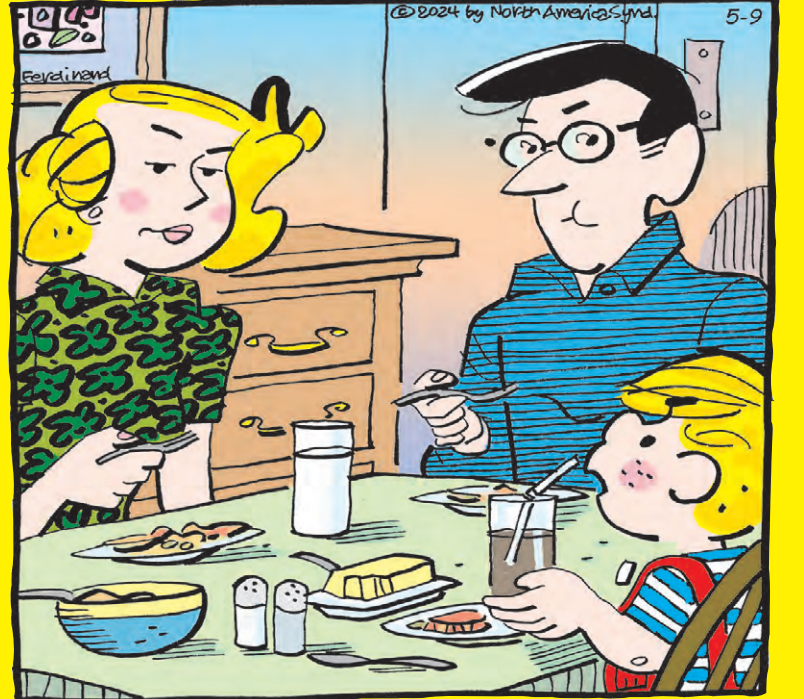
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Dik Browne and Chris Browne



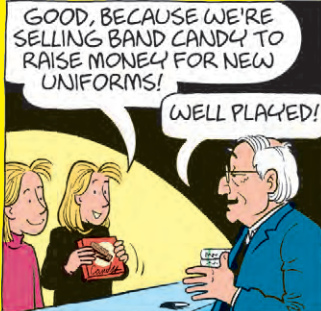
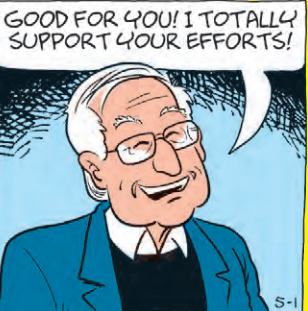
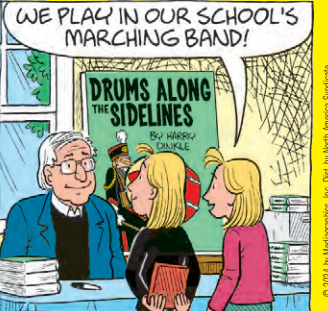
## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



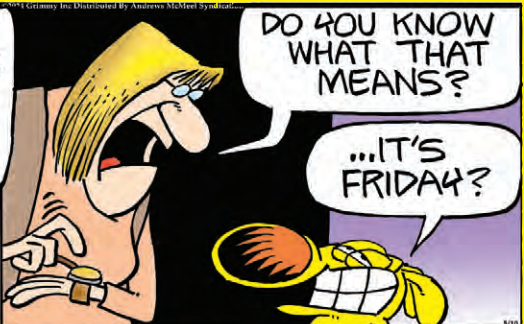
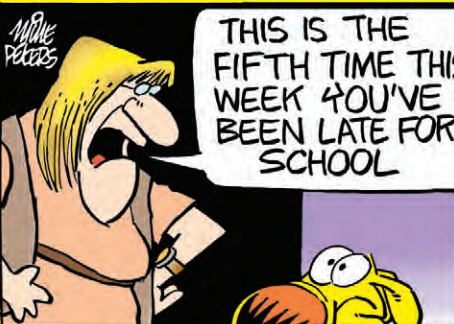
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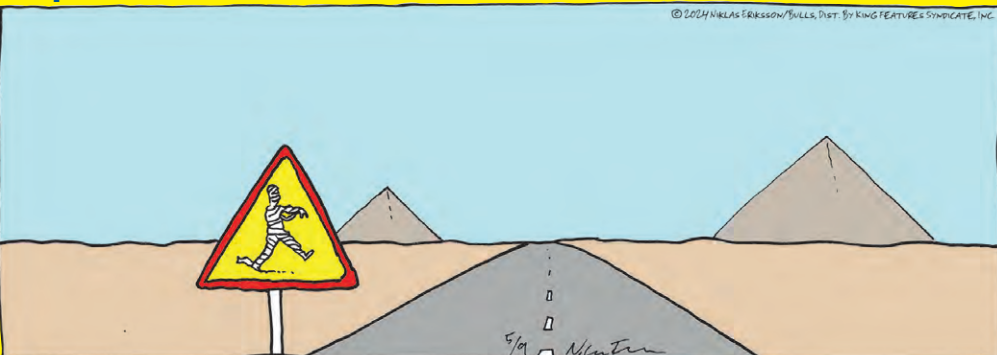
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Mike Peters



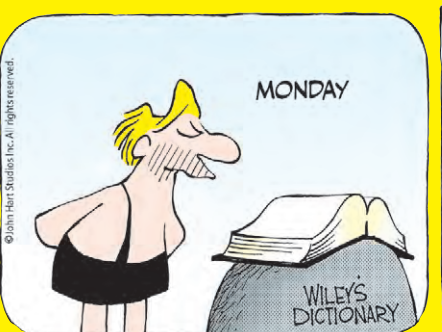
## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumbo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



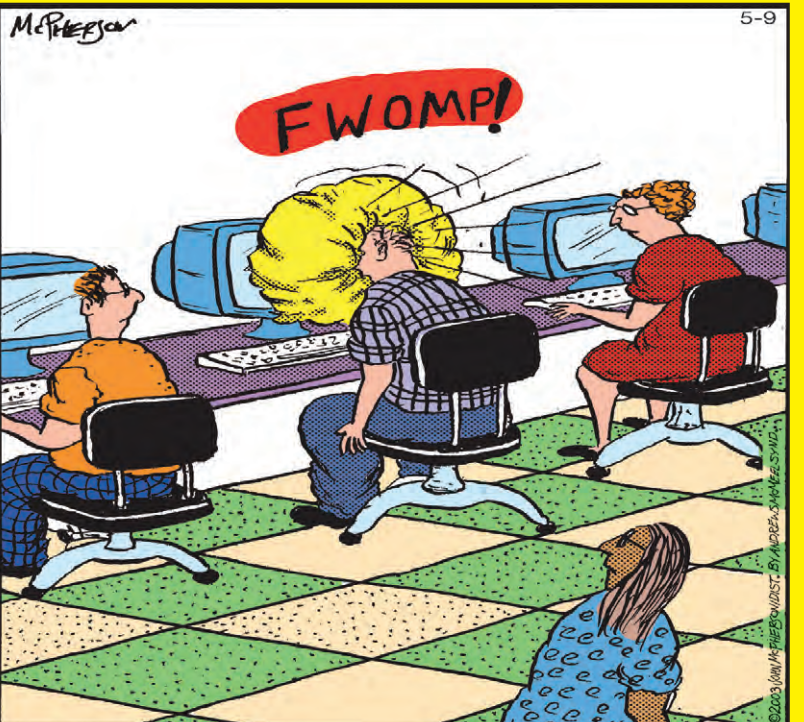
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Dan Piraro and Wayno



## Close To Home

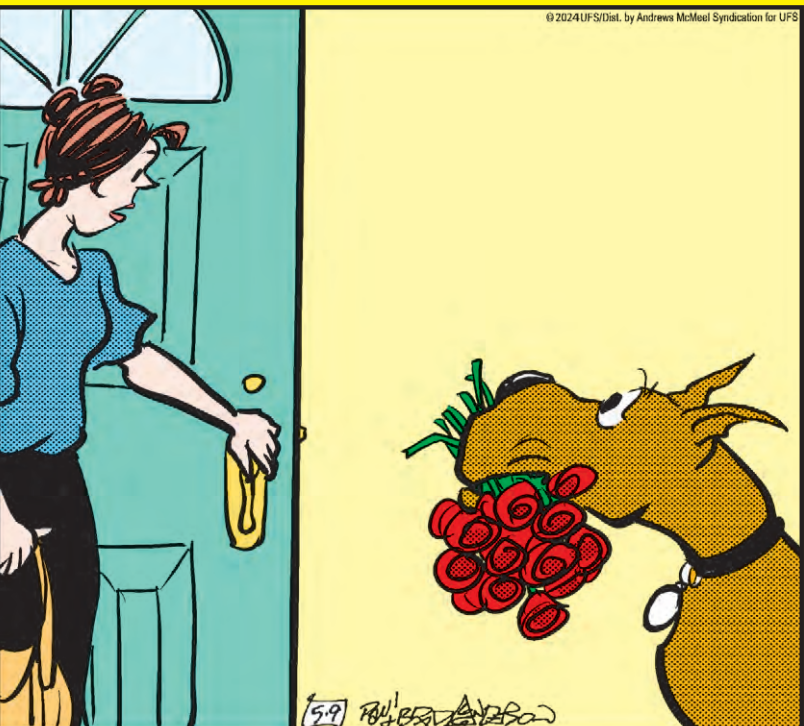
John McPherson



"Sensing that he was about to doze off, the airbag on Wade's computer rapidly deployed."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"I'm not even going to ask what you did."



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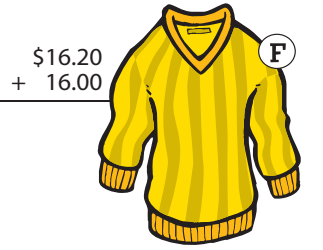
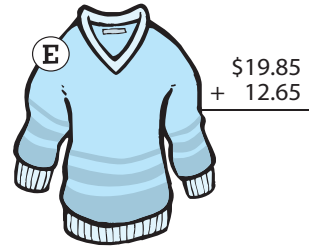
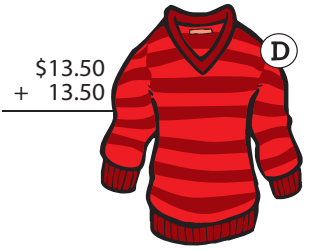
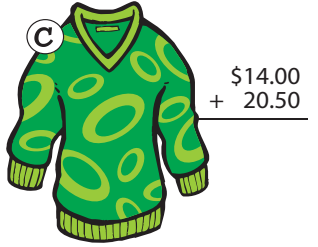
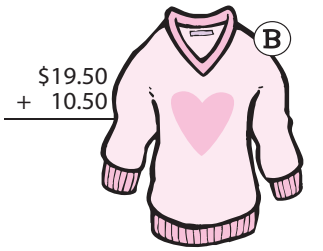
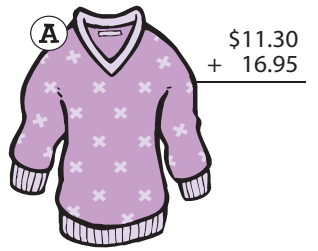
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**Kid Scoop Together:**

### Unravel This Mystery!

Vicki got a new sweater for Mother's day. Her son Max chipped in \$17.50. Her other son, Jacob, gave \$15.00. Which sweater did they buy?



# The Perfect Mother's Day Gift: YOU!

Make a Mother's Day Coupon Book for Gifts of Time from you!

Stuff you'll need:

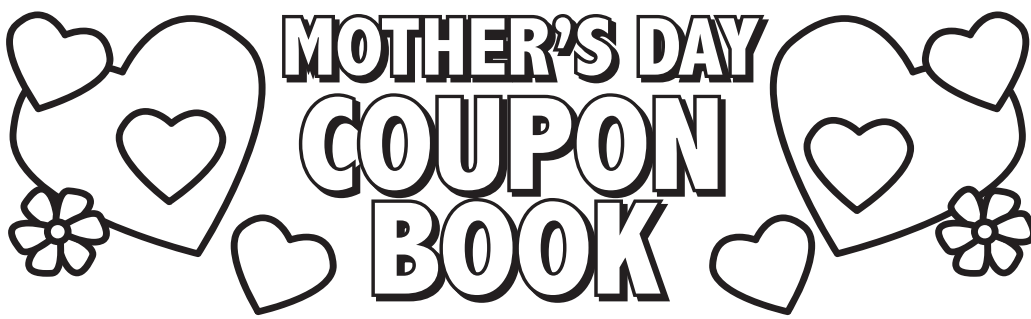


You don't have to spend money to tell mom how much you love her on Mother's Day. The most precious gift for her is your time.

Create a special Mother's Day gift for your mom, aunt, step-mother, grandmother or other special woman you know. Follow the easy instructions below and then work on the activities together.

### How to make your Mother's Day Coupon Book

- Cut out each coupon.
- Paste the coupons on a large piece of construction paper.
- Add photographs and/or draw a picture of you and your mom doing something together. Or, write a paragraph about a special memory the two of you share.
- Present your gift and watch your mom smile!



Created with love by: \_\_\_\_\_

This coupon is good for a backyard picnic with just you and me.

### Why are computers so smart?

Circle every other letter for the answer.

**B Q E W C G A J U M S I E P T F H V E N Y M L Y I  
H S Y T C E B N N T H O R T W H J E H I G R L M P O  
T T R H S E N R L B E O F A B R N D M S Q**

**B E**

### Mystery Note to Mom

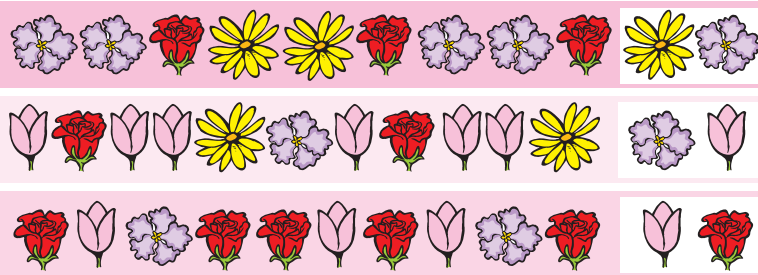
Cut out letters from today's newspaper and use them to write a mystery note to your mother below:

This coupon is good for me cleaning my room without being asked.

This coupon is good for one hour of yard work.

### What's next?

Circle the flower that continues the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Math/Probability: Identify and extend simple patterns.

Work together to draw a family portrait here:

This coupon good for one breakfast in bed prepared by me. (I'll clean up the mess in the kitchen, too!)

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Luis wants to buy his mother some flowers. He has \$1.00. Use the puzzle to figure out what each of the flowers costs. Then select some flowers that Luis can buy to make his mother a bouquet.

**FLOWER PRICES:**

+ + = 35¢  
 + =   
 + =   
 + + = + + +

5¢    \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_    10¢

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve problems using amounts of money.

### Double Double Word Search

- CHILDHOOD
- PRECIOUS
- DESCRIBE
- PERFECT
- MOTHER
- COUPON
- MEMORY
- CREATE
- GIFTS
- SMILE
- WOMAN
- BOOK
- TIME
- LOVE

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



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

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### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **KEEPSAKE**

The noun **keepsake** means a gift or item someone saves to remember fond memories.

Molly made her grandmother a scrapbook page as a **keepsake** of Mother's Day.

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

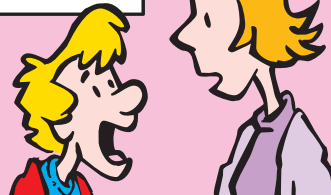
### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Mom Poem

Look through the newspaper for five or more adjectives that describe your mom (or a special lady in your life). Use these to write a poem or paragraph about her.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Identify and use adjectives.

Mom, I know a person who thinks they're an owl!



Who?

Now I know TWO people!



### Write On!

### Help Wanted: Mom

Write a Help Wanted classified ad for a mom. Read the classified ads in this newspaper to give you ideas.

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## Pierce rules pool at championships

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Pierce Middle School swimmers had the need for speed at the Grosse Pointe Public School System's league championship meet Wednesday, May 1, propelling the Trojans to win 13 of 19 swim events and set six new league records on their way to hoisting the 2024 trophy on the pool deck at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Winning with 207 points, Pierce's coed team outpaced second-place Brownell Middle School's 160 points and Parcels Middle School's 158 points.

Pierce's girls team took first with 110 points, while Brownell's boys team won it all with 90 points. In total, Pierce swimmers set 11 new records this season, led by Brady Bond, Nicole McEnroe and Caroline Bryan. Thanks to Pierce's remarkable finals performance, the Trojans now own 18 of the league's 21 records,

except in boys and girls 1 meter diving and in the boys 50 free. Diving was not officially scored at this year's meet.

Brownell's Quinn Ryan also set a new league record in the girls 50 free in 2024.

The Trojans not only won, but also broke the league and school records in the following events:

Girls 200 medley relay: Natalie Warnick, Nicole McEnroe, Caroline Bryan and Marielle Macuga (1:56.74)

Girls 50 fly: Bryan (26.23)

Girls 50 back: Bryan (27.72)

Girls 50 breast: McEnroe (32.33)

Boys 100 free: Bond (49.54)

Boys 50 breast: Bond (29.90)

Earlier this season, Pierce's mixed 400 free relay team of Brady Bond, Everett Wood, Bryan and McEnroe set a new league record in the event in 3:39.23. They shattered the previous record set in 2017.



PHOTO BY JESSICA BRYAN

From left to right, Pierce Middle School's mixed 400 free relay team of Brady Bond, Everett Wood, Caroline Bryan and Nicole McEnroe broke a 2017 league record earlier this season in a time of 3:39.23.

McEnroe also set a new record within the season in the girls 100 IM in 1:01.42, while Brady Bond set new league records in the

boys 200 free (1:53.74) and boys 100 IM (58.80.)

Brownell's Quinn Ryan won the girls 50 free at the championship in 25.23, while also

breaking the league record.

Brownell won four more events at the final meet, including the boys 200 medley relay of

Ronin Hobson, Anthony Cooper, Samuel Xia and Joseph Fodell (1:55.86). Fodell also won the boys 200 free (2:07.90) and boys 50 free (27.71). Cooper won the boys 50 back in 32.36.

Parcels claimed a relay championship in the boys 200 free relay, with Peter Gusmano, Ronan Zvirbulis, Javier Santos-Jones and Logan Bogner finishing first overall in 1:51.18.

Pierce added seven more first-place finishes at the meet. On the girls side, the Trojans won the girls 200 free (Charlotte Bond, 2:12.02), girls 100 IM (Avery Stevenson, 1:09.73), girls 100 free (Charlotte Bond 1:00.36) and girls 200 free relay (Macuga, Warnick, Stevenson and Charlotte Bond, 1:51.41).

Pierce boys won the 100 IM (Wood, 1:01.80) and boys 50 fly (Wood, 27.28). The mixed 400 free relay team of Bryan, Brady Bond, Charlotte Bond and Keaton Angelocci finished first in 3:47.31.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Liggett's Stefanides showcases strength on track and gridiron



By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

In his athletic career, Jordan Stefanides has tried his hand at a lot of things. The University Liggett School senior has been part of the Knights' baseball and basketball programs in the past but is most likely more well-known as a football player and Wayne State University commit, and, more

recently, as part of the boys varsity track and field team.

Stefanides only joined the track and field team last year as a junior and ended up qualifying for the Division 3 state finals in the shot put. He is back competing in the shot put and discus for the Knights this spring and has already made his mark on the program, winning first place and setting a new school record for shot put at 47 feet 5 inches during the CHSL Jamboree April 25.

While setting a school record and winning events is always exciting, Stefanides is really using his senior season to enjoy being with his teammates and competing as a Knight one final time.

"It's really about having fun," Stefanides said. "It's my senior year. I'm going to play college football and I've been gifted to do what I do. Just going out there and spending time with people is my biggest thing...A lot of it is just about having fun and throwing heavy things, which is something that a big guy would always want to do."

His achievements

during the track and field season so far are definitely worth noting, and Stefanides has his sights set on making it to states yet again this spring. Competing in track and field also gives him the chance to continue building his strength before he goes on to play college football beginning in the fall.

Stefanides is signed to play Division II football at Wayne State University. He has experience playing both offense and defense at Liggett but expects to spend much of his time in college on the defensive line. With his coaching staff at Liggett having connections with Wayne State and the fact that his family and friends can easily come to watch him play home games in college made it an easy decision for Stefanides to become a Warrior.

"(Wayne State) told me once they saw something they liked that they didn't

want to wait," he said. "They gave me the offer and I wasn't talking to too many other schools. It's close to home, that's a big thing for me and my mom, and I figured it was the best thing. It was a good fit and I liked the people that I met there so I figured let's go for it."

His commitment to Wayne State capped off a strong senior football season back in the fall where Stefanides earned All-League honors from the CHSL. It was also a season where he played under his third different football head coach and coaching staff during his career at Liggett.

The current staff, led by head coach Kevin Glenn, definitely made an impact on Stefanides

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**Jordan Stefanides**

School: University Liggett  
Sport: Track and field, football

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in the lone season they had together. Not only did the coaches help him get noticed by the Wayne State program, but they more importantly taught Stefanides several lessons both on and off the field that he knows he will carry with him throughout the next step in his journey.

"I would've loved to have a few more years under this coaching staff," Stefanides said. "I feel like with the opportunities they brought me and the things they've taught me about football and character...They all have a bunch of knowledge about everything they teach and I'm in a great spot now so I wouldn't trade it for any-

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### Field of Dreams

- Set Liggett school record in the shot put at 47 feet 5 inches April 25
- Named CHSL All-League for football in 2023
- Signed to play college football at Wayne State University



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## 2D | SPORTS

# Blue Devils' bats outlast Norsemen, Knights continue Catholic League push

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The varsity high school softball season has moved into its second month with the calendar turned to May, and teams are finding their groove and looking to get in top form before the postseason comes. In the early days of May, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North faced off in a highly-anticipated rivalry showdown while University Liggett School continued fighting through its Catholic League schedule.

## North vs. South

While not a divisional game, the Norsemen and Blue Devils' meeting on the diamond on Monday, May 6, had plenty of excitement surrounding it as the teams battled for crosstown bragging rights. South came into the game riding a seven-game winning streak, while North had lost three in a row.

Monday's rivalry matchup was high-scoring, giving the fans of both sides who made their way to North's softball diamond plenty to cheer about. In the end, the Blue Devils were able to come out victorious 15-8.

South jumped out to an

early lead in the top of the first inning with a sacrifice fly by Avery Bellish and then an RBI single from Mackenzie Simon putting the Blue Devils up 2-0. The Norsemen pulled one run closer in the bottom of the first with a sacrifice from Eva Borowski.

The third inning is where the bats started to come alive for South. Bellish launched a three-run home run over the fence in center field to extend the Blue Devils' lead to 5-1. Murphy Russell added another to South's total with an RBI hit soon after, and then Victoria Ostrowski used her bat to bring in two more, making it 8-1 Blue Devils after the top of the third.

In the top of the fifth inning, Bellish once again came up big for the Blue Devils with a three-run double to put South in front by ten runs. North's offense started to roll again in the bottom of the fifth, but the deficit would prove to be too much to overcome. Both teams scored three runs in the fifth, one in the sixth inning and three again in the seventh, but the lead the Blue Devils built early on was the dif-

ference.

Bellish finished the game with seven RBIs for South and Ostrowski had



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**South's Avery Bellish celebrates after hitting a three-run home run against North.**

two. Addie Wakefield was the leader of the Norsemen with two RBIs on two hits.

"The girls had made it one of their goals for the season (to beat North) so they were really pointing toward this game to show that we improved and worked really hard in the offseason and now we get a chance to show it on the field," South varsity softball coach Bill Fleming said.

The win brought South's record this season to 21-4. The team returned to MAC Blue Division play after press time on Tuesday, May 7, hosting Port Huron Northern. The Blue Devils host a trio of games on Saturday, May 11, against L'Anse Creuse North, University Liggett and Stevenson beginning at 10 a.m.

North fell to 6-13 on the season after the loss to South. The Norsemen hosted Utica on Wednesday, May 8, after press time. They are at home again on Thursday, May 9, taking on Romeo with the first pitch at 4:30 p.m.

**University Liggett**  
The Knights looked strong through April

and made some noise in the first month of the season. The team's Catholic League schedule is in full swing and continued last week with two doubleheaders.

The first doubleheader was on the road just across the state border in Toledo against Central Catholic on Wednesday, May 1. The trip to the Buckeye state was one that Liggett would likely want to forget, losing both games of the doubleheader.

The first game last Wednesday was an 11-1 loss for the Knights where Constantina Bournias had the only RBI of the matchup. Liggett's offense was more potent in the second game but was still not enough to get a win as the team suffered a 13-9 loss. Jasmine Maxwell had three RBIs for the Knights in the loss while Catherine Suarez had two.

The team stayed on the road the next day for another doubleheader on Thursday, May 2, against Riverview Gabriel Richard. The Knights had a much better day last Thursday than they did the day before, taking both games against the Pioneers.

The first game on

Thursday was a dominant 12-0 victory for the Knights. Tori Nugent had four RBIs at the plate and also recorded a win on the mound, striking out five batters in two hitless innings of work. Isabella Nihem pitched three innings, also not allowing a hit while getting two strikeouts. Stella Smitacz also had a hot bat with three RBIs in the win.

Game Two of the doubleheader was much closer. The Knights were able to win by one run, taking the victory 10-9. The game was tied at five runs apiece in the fourth inning when Liggett was able to scratch across five more runs to lead 10-5. Gabriel Richard put up four runs in the fifth inning, making the game close yet again but still coming up short.

Margaret Weiss had a pair of RBIs for Liggett in the win. Nihem, Smitacz, Maxwell and Isabel Jenkins all brought in runs as well.

The Knights got a long break after that, not taking the field again until Saturday, May 11. Liggett hosts Stevenson at 10 a.m. and then travels across town to face Grosse Pointe South at noon.

## Teams stay right on track

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

With 45 years of head coaching under his belt, Grosse Pointe South's Steve Zarenek knows momentum when he sees it and his 2024 girls varsity track and field team is peaking at the right time.

"The girls track team just keeps getting stronger and stronger as the season progresses," he said after South won its final dual meet of the season 82-55 against Anchor Bay Tuesday, April 30, where the Blue Devils put on 55 season-best performances in the MAC Red division matchup.

Zarenek said his team will use that momentum as it begins preparing for the postseason and tapers down for the state regional, which the Blue Devils host Thursday, May 16.

Against the Tars, South demonstrated its season-long prowess in distance events, outscoring Anchor Bay 22-5. South was led by freshman Calisse Budek's first-place finish in the 800 meter run, junior Savannah Spangler's first place in the 1600 and the first place 3200

relay of Chloe Caulfield, Sarah Koval, Morgan Deenik and Spangler.

In the hurdles, South outscored the Tars 13-5 and were led by two first-place finishes in the 100 meter and 300 meter events by Adelina Parikh. Hannah Przybylski took second in the 100 meter hurdles.

South sprinters also held Anchor Bay in check, with Morgan Duff winning the 200 meter dash and the 800 meter relay, along with teammates Grace Campbell, Evie Wodzisz and Jaimison Diamond.

Sophomore Wodzisz had a banner day, vaulting a career best 9 feet, 6 inches for the win. She now ranks No. 3 in South track and field history in the event.

Duff won the long jump with a career best 16 feet, 4 inches. Olivia Barba gave South another first, winning the discus throw in 109 feet, 4 inches.

Molly Reynolds, Morgan Costello, Rylee Piornack, Koval, Catherine Pattie, Kloie Roy and Anne Wayman all scored valuable points contributing to the win.

South finished the season with a dual meet record of 6-2.

Friday, May 3, a pared-down team of athletes preparing to qualify for the postseason went back to Anchor Bay to compete in a 15-team invitational. The Blue Devils came away with 85 points and a first-place trophy. Utica Eisenhower finished second with 65 points.

Pole vaulters Wodzisz and Wayman led South with a 1-2 finish by clearing 9 feet, 6 inches and 8 feet, 0 inches, respectively. Two more first-place finishes came from the field events as Barba threw 119 feet, 0 inches to win the discus, while teammate Duff leaped 16 feet, 4 inches to win the long jump.

On the track, the distance relay team of Roy, Lorelei Carr, Morgan Costello and Abby Macey medaled with a sixth-place finish, with Wodzisz taking third in the 400 meter dash in 1:05.30. Duff gave South additional sprint points placing fifth in the 200 meter dash.

Caulfield and Rylee Piornack placed 1-2 in the 1600 run while Koval added a second-place finish in the 3200 run with a personal record of 12:27. Budek and Deenik teamed up in the 800

meter run to place in third and fourth place, respectively. Budek's time of 2:33.20 and Deenik's time of 2:33.80 were both season bests.

## Grosse Pointe North

Grosse Pointe North girls varsity track team is hitting its stride as the regular season winds down. The Norsemen won the Dan Simeck Invitational with 141 points Friday, May 3, in an 11-team meet hosted by Warren Woods Tower.

"We are making some progress as we look forward to the championship part of the season," North's head coach Diane Montgomery said. "This team has really worked hard to find just the right events for every athlete as well as the right combinations for relays."

Bailey Hopko shined in two events, winning the discus in a new personal best of 122 feet, 10 inches, placing her within a few inches of a school record. She also took third place in the shot put.

Sarah Westrick took second place in both the pole vault and 100 meter hurdles. Zofia Lutoborska finished first in the 800 meter run and joined Mimi Trupiano, Quinn Notebaert and Cass Finley to win the



PHOTO BY DIANE MONTGOMERY

**From left, North varsity track and field members Cass Finley, Mimi Trupiano, Zofia Lutoborska and Quinn Notebaert hit their stride last Friday, helping the Norsemen win the Dan Simeck Invitational.**

1600 meter relay in a new team-best time.

Ashlei Anatalio finished second in the 1600 and third in the 800 meter run.

North's relays helped push North toward the win, taking first place in the 1600 meter relay. The 3200 meter relay team of Finley, Avery Boutell, Nicolina Gusmano and Emily Francis finished second, as did the 400 meter relay team of Kimora Laster-Walker, Dakota White, Adriana Pearson and Kayli Johnson.

North also entered two special relays in the meet — the throwers 400 meter relay and the co-ed 1600 meter relay. The team of Francis, Jolie Plewa, Lauren Loper and Hopko took second overall in the throwers relay. The co-ed team of Lutoborska, Jakub Lutoborska, Gusmano and Cameron Bochenek finished third.

Rachel Rumschlag and

Liliana Ivanaj tied for second in high jump and Notebaert finished third in the 300 meter hurdles to contribute more points in the Norsemen win.

Montgomery said she can see her team's hard work throughout the season paying dividends.

"Our throwers, in particular, have been really improving — both girls and boys — and they have been working very diligently from early-morning weight-training sessions to weekend afternoons and evenings," she said. "Coaches Rob Wozniak and Chayne Jackson have done an amazing job with the throw squad this year."

Both North and South competed in the MAC Red Championship at Anchor Bay Tuesday, May 7, after press time. Both will also compete in the MHSAA State Regional meet next week at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 16, which will take place at South.



PHOTO BY STEVE ZARENEK

**Junior Chloe Caulfield and freshman Rylee Piornack give South a 1-2 finish in the 1600 meter run, helping the team to a first-place finish at the 15-team Anchor Bay Invitational.**

# Big night on offense lifts South over Norsemen

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The girls varsity lacrosse season is rolling on with the start of play-offs now on the horizon. However, before the postseason begins, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North met for one more regular season showdown last Thursday, May 2. With the Blue Devils hosting, they had no trouble for much of the night when it came to scoring, using a flurry of offense to take down North 18-9 to sweep both games of the regular season series

against their rival. Thursday night's rivalry game actually began as a close, back-and-forth affair. South opened the scoring early

the Norsemen take the lead 2-1.

South's Ruby Verlinden evened things back up at two goals apiece before Ava Smarch put North

*'What they've done a really good job of is playing more and more as a team and as a unit'*

SHAUN HAMPTON, SOUTH GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE COACH

with a goal by Lyla Hampton, her first of eight on the night. North's Josie Cueter answered back quickly to tie the game back up, and then Paige Martin helped

back on top. Martin scored again to make it 4-2 Norsemen before the Blue Devils scored three straight, two goals by Hampton and one by Scout Webber to ulti-

mately make it 5-4 in favor of South after the first quarter.

The late surge to end the first quarter gave South a boost of momentum that carried through the rest of the first half. Riley Norrholm scored twice for the Blue Devils in the second quarter, Hampton scored another and Meg Kelly also found the back of the net.

Smarch scored the Norsemen's only goal of the quarter and at half-time, the scoreboard was 9-5 in favor of South.

South never looked back from the lead that it built up in the first half. Cueter, Smarch and Ava DeCoste all scored for North in the third quarter, but South continued adding to its advantage as well, leading 13-8 going into the final frame.

Cueter added one more for the Norsemen in the fourth quarter, but that would be it. Hampton finished with eight goals, Kelly had three and Verlinden with two when all was said and done as the Blue Devils cruised to win by nine.

The win was the second for South over the Norsemen this season, winning the matchup

15-4 back on April 9. The win last Thursday bumped the Blue Devils' record to 6-9 while dropping North to 3-10.

With just a few games left in the regular season, momentum from a rivalry win could be big for South.

From the coach's perspective,

continuing to work together and play clean lacrosse should be what the team needs to finish the year strong and possibly make waves in the postseason.

"What they've done a really good job of is playing more and more as a team and as a unit," South girls varsity lacrosse coach Shaun Hampton said. "...They all work together. They pass the ball to each other and move the ball. As long as they keep playing as a team and playing for each other and have some fun out there, do the fundamentals, and have some fun then we should be okay."

South traveled to Henry Ford II Tuesday,



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**South's Scout Webber scoops up a loose ball in the Blue Devils' win over Grosse Pointe North.**

May 7, after press time. The Blue Devils celebrate senior night at home Thursday, May 9, hosting Chippewa Valley at 5 p.m.

The Norsemen will also celebrate senior night during their next game, which is also on Thursday, May 9. The team hosts North Farmington at 7 p.m.



Angelina Vasilos from North looks to make a pass in front of the Blue Devils' net.

# Golfers find early-season success on links

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

With the calendar flipped to May, the warmer and sunnier spring weather is making it truly feel like golf season. While the varsity boys golf teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School have been competing on the links for about a month now, the teams have all reached the heart of the season.

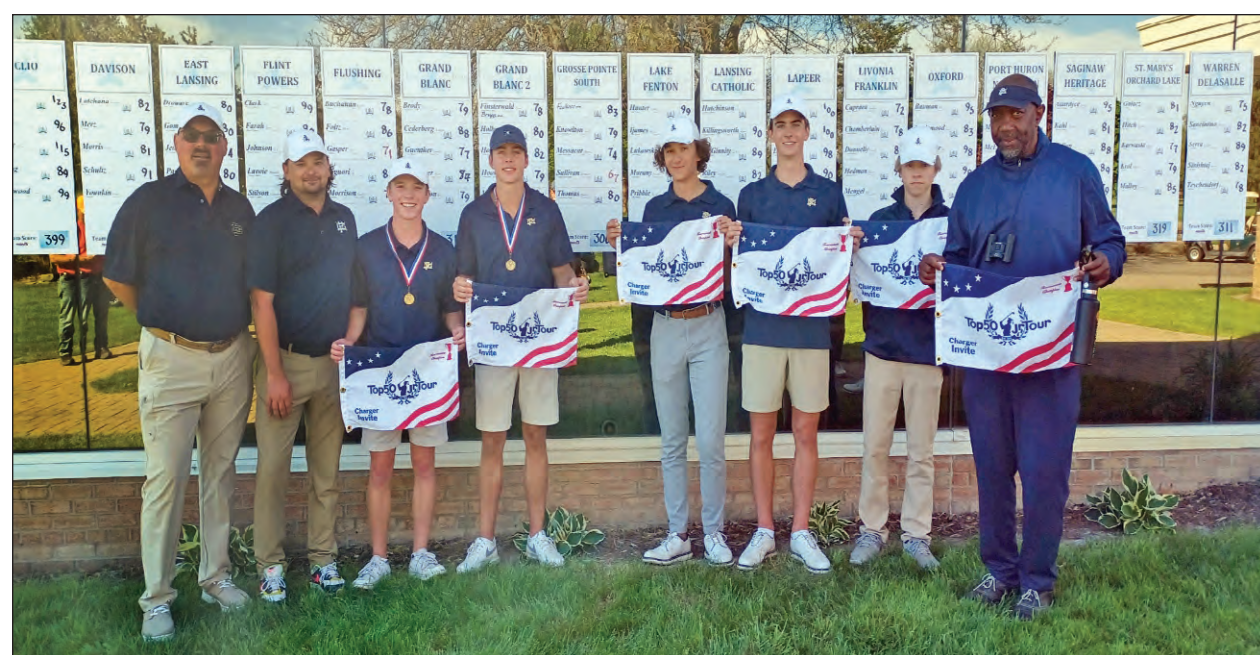
With league championships and eventually state playoffs looming later in the month, the Blue Devils, Knights and Norsemen have been trying their hardest to pick up tournament and head-to-head wins as the last weeks of the regular season approach.

## University Liggett

The Knights had two head-to-head matchups against Catholic League opponents last week and ended up victorious both times. The first was a match against Frankel Jewish Academy last Wednesday, May 1, at Knollwood Country Club.

Liggett won the match by ten strokes, finishing with a team score of 175. In the nine-hole matchup, Tommy Ugval had the best round of the day for the Knights by shooting 39. Juniors Charlie Cooksey and Steve McMahon were both just one shot behind finishing with 40.

The Knights were back on the links the next day, Thursday, May 2, hosting Our Lady of the Lakes. Liggett played host to the Lakers at Sycamore Hills and found itself in a tighter battle than the day before, winning the matchup by just two



The Grosse Pointe South varsity boys golf team finished in first place at the Charger Invitational in Flint on Monday, May 6.

strokes 196-198.

McMahon once again finished the day with a score of 40 after nine holes, good enough for the best finish on Liggett's team and overall. Ugval shot 45 and Charlie Laethem ended the round with 52.

After the matchup with the Lakers, Liggett gets a break of nearly two weeks before getting back into action. The Knights compete next Monday, May 13, in the CHSL Cardinal Division hosted by Oakland University at the Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

## Grosse Pointe South

The Blue Devils currently sit at the top of the MAC Red Division and picked up another division win last week in a matchup against Romeo. South traveled to Pine Valley Golf Course last Friday, May 3, to take on the Bulldogs and won the match by seven strokes 152-159.

Senior Brennan Sullivan led all golfers, shooting 36 in nine holes. Patrick Messacar was only a shot behind

at 37 and fellow senior Tommy Ciconte ended with 38. George Knowlton and Charlie Thomas both ended the day with 41.

South then traveled up to Flint on Monday, May 6, to play in the Charger Invitational hosted by Flint Powers Catholic. The trip proved well worth it for the Blue Devils, who ended the day in first place, finishing four strokes ahead of second-place Flushing with a team score of 300.

Sullivan was once again the low scorer of the day for the entire field shooting 67, good for five strokes under par at the Flint Golf Club. Messacar was fourth overall in the field at 74 while Knowlton ended with 79.

The Blue Devils hosted Romeo after press time Wednesday, May 8. Their next matchup is a rivalry showdown with Grosse Pointe North at Lochmoor Club Wednesday, May 15, teeing off at 3 p.m.

## Grosse Pointe North

North spent the last week with two MAC Red matchups. The first was a meeting on the road against Henry Ford II at Rammler Golf Club

Thursday, May 2. North ended up on the losing side of the match, finishing ten strokes behind the Falcons with a team score of 187.

Junior Colin Smith

had North's lowest score in the match against the Falcons with 44. Sophomore Alejandro Delgado finished with 50 for the Norsemen and senior captain Jackson Hansinger shot 53.

The Norsemen went on the road again Monday, May 6, to face off against Eisenhower at Cherry Creek Golf Club. North was once again unable to come up with a win, finishing with a team score of 182 to Eisenhower's 155.

Senior Jack Howe had North's best round in Monday's match shooting a 42. Fellow senior Niko Truza was one stroke behind with 43 while Smith shot a 47.

North hosted a tri-meet against Cass Tech and Ford II at Lochmoor Club Wednesday, May 8, after press time. The team hosts rival Grosse Pointe South at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.

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The 2024 total tax rate will be 17.8029 which includes the debt service fund requirement of .6705 mills.

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budget at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Administrative Offices, 795 Lake Shore Road on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 and will also be available for viewing on the City's website ([www.gpshoresmi.gov](http://www.gpshoresmi.gov)).

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## 6D | SPORTS

# North v. South game at Comerica canceled; Liggett falls short amid tough schedule

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

In an unexpected turn of events, Detroit Tigers officials canceled the much-anticipated game between varsity baseball teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North at Comerica Park Saturday, May 4, due to what the organization described as “poor field conditions.”

Both programs are working to get the game rescheduled before the season ends.

“Trying (to reschedule) as we speak,” South head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr. said Monday morning, May 6. “We have sold over 1,000 tickets.”

Leading up to last weekend’s cancellation, the Blue Devils faced a three-game series during the week against MAC Red foe Dakota High School. South dropped all three games against the Cougars.

The week began with a 4-1 loss at home Monday, April 29. The team then traveled to Dakota Tuesday, April 30, and left with a 12-6 loss.

Senior Jack Weigand’s two-run home run in the top of the third served as the Blue Devils’ biggest highlight, pulling South within a run for a 3-2 game, but that was the closest the team got in its 12th loss of the season.

Things didn’t get much better Thursday, May 2, when Dakota blanked South 8-0 to close out the series.

The rigor of league play



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett’s Gary Stacy slides into first in the bottom of the fifth inning while St. John Jesuit’s Kenyon Miller leaps to tag the base Friday, May 3.

in the MAC Red continued for the Blue Devils, who faced a three-game set against the Eisenhower Eagles this week. South won the first game of the series 5-4 Monday, May 6.

The teams played again Tuesday, May 7, after press time. They finish the series with a final game at South at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9.

South is 10-13 overall on the season.

#### Grosse Pointe North

After starting the week on the road with a 4-1 loss to the St. Clair Saints Tuesday, April 30, the Norsemen found success in its final two games of the three-game series.

In a 4-2 win at home Thursday, May 2, the Norsemen effectively spread its offense with seven hits coming from Shane Armbruster, Bobby Rhodes, Rocco Cardinale, Charlie Rocho and Deshawn Edwards.

Tied 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth, Rocho doubled to break up the deadlock, scoring Brady Beers from first. Facing two outs thanks to back-to-back runners thrown out at home on a fielder’s choice, Rhodes came up big with a single to left field, which knocked in Luke Shanley. That hit extended North’s lead to 4-2, with a score that would hold to give North its fifth win of the season.

Junior pitcher Brandon Keyes earned the win, giving up eight hits over seven innings, striking out three and walking two batters.

North’s bats stayed hot to close out the week with a 6-1 away win over the Saints Friday, May 3.

Armbruster went 3-for-4 on the day, with base hits in the first, fourth and sixth innings. Brennen Hill got in on the offense in the first inning, lacing a single

to right field, knocking in Shanley for a 1-0 North lead. A fielder’s choice from Edwards scored Armbruster to make it a 2-0 lead after one.

Down three runs in the bottom of the third, with a runner at second, St. Clair scored its only run of the game off a single to left field to make it a 3-1 game. But North’s defense held strong while its offense continued to work, collecting nine hits in the game. Two of those hits came from Hill, with additional hits from Shanley, Edwards and Trevor Lipscomb.

Henry Rocho pitched a complete game, surrendering three hits and a walk, while striking out four.

North hosted Chippewa Valley to start a three-game weekday series Tuesday, May 7, after press time. They hit the road to face the Big Reds

at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9, then host the team at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, to close out the series.

The Norsemen are 7-11 overall on the season.

#### Liggett

University Liggett School’s varsity baseball team continued grinding in one of the state’s toughest schedules in Division 2, but fell short in all four contests.

Last week’s losses included two defeats on the Knights’ home field, including a 19-2 loss to Catholic Central Wednesday, May 1.

The other came in extra innings in a 6-3 loss to St. John’s (OH) Jesuit, Friday, May 3. The Knights outthit the Titans 10 to four, with Preston Barr, Nick Greene and Zach Hill collecting two hits each.

Liggett struck first in the bottom of the first, when Barr doubled to right field to drive in Nick Greene for a 1-0 lead. Gary Stacy drove Barr in from second on a base hit to left to put Liggett up 2-0.

The Titans finally got on the board in the top of the fourth to close the gap 2-1. Liggett scored again in the bottom of the inning for a 3-1 lead.

But the visiting team struck back with two runs in the top of the fifth to tie things up 3-3, ultimately moving the game into extra innings. The seventh inning came and went without any heroics and the teams stayed deadlocked 3-3.

With Cam Veitengruber pitching for Liggett in the

top of the eighth, a dropped third strike gave the Titans a base runner. Donovan Mattimore singled to score the run and give St. John’s a 4-3 lead. After a walk then put runners on first and second, Thomas Oehlers doubled on a line drive to left, bringing in two runs for a 6-3 lead.

Veitengruber walked the next batter, then settled in to strike out the final two to end the inning.

Liggett made things interesting in the final half inning by loading the bases but fell short in its comeback attempt in a 6-3 loss.

Barr started on the bump for Liggett, going six and two-thirds innings, surrendering three hits and five runs, only two of which were earned. He gave up no walks and struck out 14 batters.

The team then faced Catholic Central Saturday, May 4, this time for a double header on the Shamrocks’ home field. The Knights had trouble crossing the plate in both contests, losing 5-0 in Game 1, then 2-0 in Game 2.

The Knights are set to play in a quarterfinal matchup in Catholic High School League playoffs Wednesday, May 8. The opponent, time and location was not yet determined by press time.

The team resumes regular season play at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, for Game 1 of a double header against Cardinal Mooney. Liggett is 6-15 overall on the season.



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South’s Bobby Cooper (front) and Jack Riley lay it all out in the Baker midwest team racing championship on Lake Minnetonka last weekend.

## South sailing takes 4th in championship

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On a day made for Star Wars fans, the magic of “May the Fourth” also was with Grosse Pointe South’s varsity sailing team when they placed fourth overall at the Baker Midwest Team Racing Championship at Lake Minnetonka, near Minneapolis, Saturday, May 4.

The race brought together the top 10 high school varsity sailing programs from across Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota to compete for spots in the upcoming Baker national championship May 17 to 19.

The Midwest championship kicked off with a 10-team round-robin of head-to-head matchups between each school in a three-boat vs. three-boat format. The Blue Devils finished the round with a 7-2 record and qualified for the final four gold round later that day.

South then went 1-2 in the gold round for an overall record of 8-4 in the regatta and fourth place overall.

The top two schools, Lake Forest High School (Ill.) and Latin School of Chicago (Ill.) qualified for the Baker team race national championship later this month.

South’s fourth-place finish qualified the team, along with third-place winner Jones College Prep (Ill.), for the National Invitational Tournament May 18 and 19, in Chicago.

“We had an excellent regatta,” South head coach Christina Noland said. “I’m really proud of how the team worked together, since this style of racing requires

teamwork to help your three boats achieve a combined lower score than the opponent.

“The top four schools each had wins against the others throughout the regatta and the difference between second and fourth came down to a single matchup,” Noland added.

South sailors who competed in last weekend’s regatta included seniors Eric Brieden and Gavin Webster; junior Jack Riley; sophomores Elsa Leal and Peter Horst; and freshmen Ana Kozak, Bobby Cooper and Teddy Gmeiner.



Varsity sailing teams from throughout the midwest, including Grosse Pointe South, competed in a three-boat vs three-boat format outside of Minneapolis last weekend.

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thing.”

That feeling is mutual for the coaching staff as well, wishing that they could have had a few more years to work with Stefanides on the grid-iron but also knowing that he is set up to do great things soon.

“(Stefanides) is a pleasure to coach and I wish I had him for another year or two,” Glenn said. “...I think (Wayne State) is going to get a lot out of him. Our defensive line coach Terry Sanders has been working with him in the weight room this off-season and helping him learn how to continue to play the position as far as defensive line is concerned...He’ll have a pretty good upper hand when he gets there.”

Stefanides will head off just down the road to Wayne State’s campus in Detroit in just a few short months to begin working for the football season. Before he leaves Liggett, however, he still feels like he has something to

prove, just like any great competitor. What would make his final weeks as a Knight really special, he thinks, is going even further beyond his own school record and setting a mark in track and field that could stand in the Liggett record books for a long time.

“There’s not much else to look up to except for the number milestones,” Stefanides “Right now I’m trying to break 50 feet because that would really put me in a league of my own. There’s been a few people in Liggett’s history who have thrown over 40 (feet), but if I break that 50 mark, that’s a league of my own.”

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Stefanides, left, with his mom Misty as he signs his letter of intent to play football at Wayne State University.