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City councilman passes away

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Thomas Vaughn, a member of city council since 2021, passed away Saturday, May 11, after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

"We've known about it for a while, but this was a surprise," Mayor Art Bryant said. "We thought he was doing OK."

Vaughn, 68, was appointed to council in



Thomas Vaughn

2021 to fill a vacancy, then elected to a four-year term that November.

"He was a wonderful guy and a longtime member of the planning commission," Bryant said. "That's why we appointed him to council."

Vaughn lived in the Woods 42 years. He joined the Dykema law firm in 1980 after earning undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

"He just received an award last Monday,"

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COURTESY PHOTO

Woods approves social districts

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents and visitors will have two options to choose from in the coming months after city council approved two social districts at its meeting Monday, May 6.

Council voted 5-0 on the matter, with

Councilmen Todd McConaghy and Thomas Vaughn absent.

Social districts became legal under Public Act 124 of 2020, as a way to help businesses struggling through the pandemic while allowing people to socially distance themselves. The districts are allowed in commercial areas with

at least two qualified businesses that have a Class C liquor license and can serve open alcoholic beverages.

Drinks must be served in plastic cups no larger than 16 ounces and clearly marked with the business name and social district logo.

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Historic marker to be dedicated during Memorial Day service

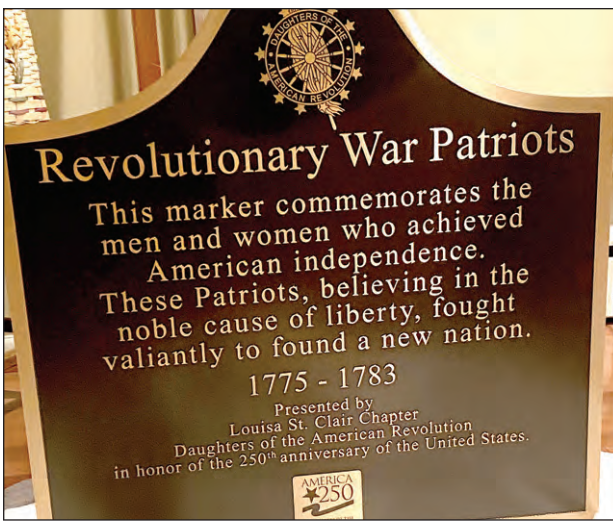
By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The War Memorial's first Memorial Day service was held May 30, 1949, just two months after the Russell A. Alger Jr., estate became a public space.

Fast forward 75 years and the veteran-focused community organization will hold its annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 27, beginning at 10 a.m.

Held on the lakefront lawn and set to the back-

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Revolutionary War Patriots marker will be dedicated during The War Memorial's Memorial Day service Monday, May 27.

Branching out

More than 100 trees found new homes on Grosse Pointe lawns during the inaugural Grosse Pointe Tree Sale in partnership with Willoway Nurseries earlier this month. In light of its success, another wholesale tree sale is being planned for the fall. Pictured are event organizers, from left, Dr. Seth Krupp, City of Grosse Pointe councilman and liaison to the Urban Forestry Commission; Suzy Berschback, Farms resident; Rick Whitney, Urban Forestry Commission chairperson; and Ed Gotfredson, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation trustee.

More paperwork needed for Park's grant application

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials revised their request for a state grant to fund part of the proposed renovation of the Charlevoix business district streetscape.

Proposed work is within the Tax Increment Finance Authority district and, therefore, is mainly a TIFA project.

Revisions comported with a request by Michigan Department of Transportation officials in accordance with the Transportation Alternatives Program, or

TAP.

"As part of the review process, the MDOT asked for several clarifying questions and documents which have been addressed by the city," Warren Rothe, TIFA director and assistant city manager reported to the city council April 29.

State officials requested the following be added to a Feb. 12 council resolution supporting TIFA's funding effort:

- ◆ the city commit to owning, operating, funding and maintaining the planned streetscape and
- ◆ be responsible for

engineering, permitting, administration and potential cost overruns.

Both requests were much ado about nothing.

"The commitment to operate and maintain the streetscape is no different from current practice," Rothe said. "As a public right-of-way, the city is already responsible for the perpetual maintenance and operation of the project area."

Members of the TIFA board hope to obtain up to \$1.4 million in TAP grants to partially fund \$3.8 million worth of

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Melissa Champine

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Longtime basketball assistant gives her all for North athletics



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Park's parks are packed with attractions

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The crew of Le Griffon could have made it easier for themselves.

Instead of the back-breaking, blister-bursting work of keding up what is now the Detroit River in 1679 and into the northern Great Lakes, they could have taken a break and had hamburgers at the Windmill Pointe Park concession stand.

They could have dropped anchor off the big point of land on the western side of a broad expanse of water thereafter honoring Saint Clare of Assisi and watched a movie at Windmill's Okulski Family Theatre. And caught some sun on the deck outside the Meade Fitness Center. Or played tennis on one of four lighted courts, went swimming in the 450,000-gallon pool or practiced putting on a green at Patterson Park.

That's fantasy, of course, because the captain and crew weren't residents of Grosse Pointe Park. Windmill, the Park's 15-acre active municipal park; and Matthew C. Patterson Park, a relatively passive setting, are reserved for Park residents and their guests.

Summer hours at Windmill are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. Summer hours at 22.4-acre Patterson, located on Essex at the foot of Three Mile Drive, are 7 a.m. to dusk.

"In most municipalities I know of, you have to pay to use the city's swimming pool," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. "We offer ours free to residents. We have two movie theaters, a fitness center, full-size gymnasium, two nice locker rooms, a concession stand and a dog park. We fit all these amenities into two parks that are on the

lake. There might be some parks in other cities that are similar, but I don't know of any quite like ours. We're lucky and fortunate to have them."

Entry to the parks is by a pass issued to residents. Obtain park pass applications in person at city hall or the park gate-houses. Applications also are available online at grossepointepark.org. Click the recreation department option.

Now that the pandemic is over, recreation programs that had to be put on hold are back.

Program highlights and offerings this year are:

- ◆ Swimming lessons in two two-week sessions for levels one and three. Session one is June 17 to 20. Session two is July 8 to 19.

- ◆ Windmill has four tennis courts. Six-week tennis classes for beginners and advanced players are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to

noon on dates to be determined.

- ◆ "We also have the Mutants swim team, which is probably our biggest program in terms of participation," Craig said. "We usually have over 200 swimmers." This year's Lakefront Swimming Association prelim and finals are at Windmill.

- ◆ Windmill's children's pool and playground.

"We have a big, new and popular playground that the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation generously donated," Craig said.

- ◆ Plans are still being made to repair the wood playscape at Patterson Park, built about 30 years ago by resident volunteers.

"We have the material in," Craig said. "It will be power washed and cleaned, followed by sealing and staining the structure. They are working on the dates to see how many volunteers they can get."

- ◆ Patterson has three outdoor pickleball courts.

"We started offering drop-in pickleball (this month), which is on Wednesdays 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m.," Craig said. "We also have color-coding touchup and crack repair scheduled for the pickleball courts. Once we complete that, we're going to try to offer late summer and early fall leagues."

- ◆ An adult coed outdoor volleyball league starts July 11, Tuesday through Thursday nights. "Usually, we have about 15 to 20 teams participate," Craig said. "At times it's more of a social event than a competitive league."

- ◆ Karate camps. "We don't have specific dates set for that," Craig said.

- ◆ There are about 200 names on the waiting list to rent a boat slip at Windmill marina, which has a total of 270 wells.

- ◆ The list of people

waiting to rent a kayak rack at Patterson has about 40 names.

- ◆ The After 6 on Kercheval street parties return this year June 22, July 27, and Aug. 24, 6 to 10 p.m. on Kercheval between Maryland and Nottingham.

- ◆ Craig said there's a good possibility the single-day Knapsacker Camp will resume.

"We have children ages 3 to 8 years old come down between from 9 a.m. to noon, and another gathering from 1 to 4 p.m.," Craig said. "They'll do activities in the park, swim and play on the playground. We'll have a lead instructor and assistant instructors. That program was put on hold when the pandemic hit. We feel we're able to bring it back if we have the staffing."

Most knapsacking activities are at Windmill Pointe Park.

"There will be days they meet at Paterson as well," Craig said.

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improvements to the Charlevoix streetscape.

"If awarded a grant, the city will receive a conditional commitment," Rothe said. "The conditional commitment is less lengthy, lines up with the targeted constitution year of 2026 and will allow additional funding sources to be secured."

TIFA anticipates having approximately \$2 million cash on hand to pay toward construction in 2026, Rothe told the council Feb. 12.

"When combined with a \$1.4 million grant, (there is) an estimated funding shortfall of \$400,000," he said at the time.

Proposals for the Charlevoix commercial district feature:

- ◆ narrower roads, intended to slow traffic;
- ◆ wider sidewalks with

crosswalk bump-outs at intersections to make it easier and safer to cross the road, as in The Village district in the City of Grosse Pointe;

- ◆ curbless roads, which promote flexibility for outdoor dining in empty roadside parking bays and effectively widen the sidewalk when no vehicles are parked at the side of the road;

- ◆ increased greenery and decorative pavements for beautification and to buffer curb lines and

- ◆ bicycle racks, better lighting, pocket parks, wayfinding signs and decorative pavement.

Estimated costs for a comparable renovation of the Kercheval commercial district streetscape total \$3.9 million.

An aspect of the Kercheval plan is modifying the roundabout at the intersection of Wayburn to allow access by larger vehicles.

Main-opoly fundraiser to fill community chest

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Main Street Grosse Pointe is aiming to collect far more than \$200 as it launches its first major fundraising event, Main-opoly, from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 30.

The Monopoly-themed evening on St. Clair at Kercheval will feature a strolling, light dinner from restaurants in and outside of The Village, themed cocktails, a DJ and a photo booth, alongside games of

chance.

"We are going to have everybody, when they come to the door, get a chance card and the chance card might be a free drink, but it also might be, 'Pay \$10 to help support the cause,'" said Betsy Enders, Main-opoly organizer and co-owner of Small Favors.

The chance card also could be a "Get out of jail free" card.

For any donation amount, attendees will have the opportunity to place others in a jail cell

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Municipalities also must establish common areas where beverages can be consumed and put signage at the boundaries.

Beverages purchased at one permit-holder cannot be taken onto the premises of another permit holder and must be consumed in designated common areas.

"We discussed this last year and the businesses wanted to talk about how it would be created and maintained," planner Brigitte Wolf of McKenna Associates said. "We're recommending two separate commons areas."

Wolf told council last year that having two districts would be safer so people would not be crossing Vernier while drinking.

The common area for the northern social district will include the sidewalk rights-of-way along Mack north of Vernier, including pedestrian crossings at Anita and Ridgmont, as well as Chene-Trombley Park.

Businesses that have said they will participate include Telly's Place, Ferlito's, Pendency and Sometown Brewing.

The city hall district common area will include the front lawn of city hall, sidewalk rights-of-way along Mack and pedestrian crossings at Lochmoor, Torrey and Cook.

Businesses that intend to participate include Bucci, Mack Avenue Grille, Salvatore Scallopini, Crispelli's and Da Edoardo.

"This is a way to increase foot traffic and encourage window shopping," Wolf said.

Mayor Art Bryant said businesses that do not sell alcohol or food can apply for a permit indicating they would allow people with alcohol to enter their store to browse or shop.

The districts will operate 1 to 10 p.m. Thursday through Sunday from May to October. They could begin as early as next month once businesses get proper permitting from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and the city.

"The 1 p.m. start both-

ers me and I'm not sure about Sundays," Councilwoman Vicki Granger said. "That seems like an awful lot. Maybe we should start with baby steps and revisit this in the fall."

Granger referenced neighboring St. Clair Shores, which holds its social district two Saturdays a month May through October at Nine Mile and Greater Mack.

Janelle O'Keefe, whose husband Anthony Kilimas owns Sometown Brewing, noted during public comment that having more options is easier on businesses.

"When it's only a couple times a month it draws much bigger crowds," she said. "Businesses have to staff up and order extra supplies."

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Bryant said. "That's why he wasn't at the council meeting."

He received a lifetime achievement award from the Association for

Corporate Growth's Detroit chapter for his work on mergers and acquisitions.

"Tom was very inquisitive," Bryant said. "He was always paying attention to the finer points of what we did as a council."

"He was a very good

man and will be missed," Bryant added. "Our hearts go out to his family."

Council as of press time had not decided on a timeline to name Vaughn's replacement. His obituary can be found on page 6B.

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Motown Makeover

Volunteers gave themselves a workout during last Saturday's Motor City Makeover. Grosse Pointe Park residents helping clean the Alter Road border with Detroit are, from left, Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Councilman Brent Dreaver, Alexandra Turnbull, Tatiana Grant, Ben Gardner, City Manager Nick Sizeland, Jaime Rae Turnbull, Wayne Kvintus and, sitting on the cooler, Kanon Lefief. "We really cleaned the place up," said Dreaver, chairman of the Engagement Committee. "We weed whipped so hard, we had to replace some of the strings. Mayor Hodges was a beast with the mini-chainsaw. We couldn't get it out of her hands. There were sidewalks you couldn't really walk on Alter. We made it so there were nice, clear paths with nice lines of sight."

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Tears, trees and tales

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Tears, hugs and stories of loved ones filled the room as the Community Tree Commission held its 41st annual memorial tree dedication ceremony Wednesday, May 1.

A dozen people were honored, with memories of some shared by family members.

Michael Adkins — Hornbeam at DPW headquarters

"Working for the DPW was like family to him," said Todd DeMand, one of Adkins' four brothers. "It was a second home to

him." **Gary Guidas — Dawn redwood at DPW headquarters**

Albert and Dorothy Kyselka — Locust at Lake Front Park

Jim Lamoureux — Sycamore at Lake Front Park

"We loved to hike and had been to places like Hawaii and Costa Rica to do it," said Kathy Fulgenzi, who was married to Lamoureux 42 years. "When he was facing health challenges, we used to walk at the park."

John Mueller — Silver maple at Ghesquiere Park

"John was a pillar of strength, a loving hus-

band and a devoted father," said Tony Rubino, Mueller's father-in-law. "He touched countless lives coaching baseball and hockey."

John Neuman — Silver maple at Lake Front Park

"We now have four trees at Lake Front," Neuman's widow, Kathy Neuman, said. "Twelve years ago our identical triplet grandsons were stillborn and we picked out three pine trees by the tennis courts. This is a gorgeous grandfather tree overlooking our triplet pines."

Pat Reardon — European linden at Sweeney Park

"Dad always wanted a son but had four daughters," Debbie Perkins said of her father. "That's why every dog he ever had was a male."

Louis Snyder — Locust at Ghesquiere Park

The commission also plans to dedicate trees at the corner of Mack and Vernier in honor of three members who passed away last year — Ted Colborn Jr., Robert Greening Jr. and Peter Groschner.

Under the memorial program, friends and family can pick out a tree at one of the city's parks and pay \$180 to install a marker on the ground in front of the tree.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 20

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Committees United in Diversity meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Curriculum Committee meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

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

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission Adopt-a-Garden gardening event, 9 a.m. to noon at Patterson Park.

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drop of "Les Braves II: At Water's Edge" — a D-Day remembrance sculpture — the ceremony will include musical tributes and remarks of remembrance and honor, as well as a recitation of the names of Grosse Pointe residents who lost their lives in service to the country.

The planned keynote speaker is Daughters of the American Revolution State Regent Kelly VanWormer as, new this year, will be the dedication of a Revolutionary War Patriots marker by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the DAR in Grosse Pointe.

"The marker will be dedicated as we reflect on the sacrifices our veterans have made for us," said Deann Newman, treasurer of the local chapter, in a press release. "Memorial Day at The War Memorial is a huge family event that has been going on for so many years. Our community is blessed to have The War Memorial do this."

The first Revolutionary War Patriots marker in Grosse Pointe Farms was placed at Joy Bells Park last September, in anticipation of the country's 250th anniversary in 2026.

"We are fortunate to have two markers approved for Grosse Pointe Farms," Newman said. "The way our community is situated and with The War Memorial's reputation of what they are doing to honor veterans, we thought it was

time to get a second one." The annual Memorial Day service is free and open to the public, but registration — at war memorial.org/event calendar11/memorialday — is required.

"On Memorial Day, we pay homage to those whose lives were sacrificed in battle and conflict," said Maria Miller,

War Memorial president and CEO. "To take one day to pay tribute to those that gave so much is the very least we can do as Americans. We are also excited and honored that the DAR will be dedicating a historical marker on that day to be permanently placed within the beautiful Veterans Garden on our campus."

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Coach, mentor, mom does it all for Norseman family

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

Listing every position she has held would lead people to believe Melissa Champine has just about done it all when it comes to being both a coach and a mom. From coaching Little League baseball and high school girls basketball to being a football mom cooking team dinners, Champine always has been willing to step up and do anything to support not only her kids but the many young student-athletes she has mentored over the years.

Most people around the Pointes probably would recognize Champine from the sidelines of varsity girls basketball games at Grosse Pointe North High School. She spent more than two decades as an assistant on head coach Gary Bennett's staff, the coach she also played for during her school days at North. Champine also shares the bench with her dad, Jim Champine, a member of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Honor and who inspired her love for coaching and mentoring.

"I grew up in a gym," Champine said. "My dad was a high school coach when I was a kid and I would always get dragged to his practices, but I loved it. ... I always knew I wanted to coach somehow. I always loved watching my dad and the whole aspect of it."

Champine spent her final season on North's staff this winter. She had planned on coaching until the younger of her two sons, Ryan Henderson, graduates from North, which he will do in just a few weeks.

While Ryan and her oldest son, Drew Henderson, were growing up, Champine helped coach their teams in the



Melissa Champine, center, with her father Jim Champine, left, and North varsity girls basketball head coach Gary Bennett.

Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League and also served as the league's president. Her sons played football, baseball and boys basketball at North during their high school careers, meaning Champine never coached them in any varsity sports. However, being able to coach a girls varsity team is something Champine has enjoyed as a way to mentor young women.

"I have two boys and no girls, so coaching the girls gives me my 'girl dose,'" she said. "I didn't realize how important it was until the last few years. ... I've always had to juggle travel and schedule, and in the last few years some of the girls have started taking interest in what I do and I recognized that they got to see that I can do more. I was able to connect some of the things I do at work with basketball and I love being a mentor. ... It gave me a few hours a day to

look forward to and put work aside and be in the moment with them."

Champine also got to have a unique experience when it comes to coaching the same team she once played for and doing it alongside her former coach. Her time coaching in North's girls basketball program has allowed her to further become part of the tradition that generations of Norsemen have seen

"It is a family and it's such a unique experience," Champine said. "There are so many traditions that have been there the entire time for 40 years since Gary (Bennett) has been there. Girls graduating this year can talk about the road rally and things they do now and girls that graduated 30 years ago or more will know what they're talking about."

Champine's work at North does not stop at coaching. She has been



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Champine and her sons, Drew Henderson, left, and Ryan Henderson in 2019.

involved in the Grosse Pointe North Athletic Booster Club since her youngest son was a freshman. This year, she serves as the club's president.

As president, Champine helps organize the club's fundraising through the concession stands at various North sporting events, Booster Club passes and the club's annual golf outing, which takes place Aug. 4.

"Every dime we make goes back to the athletes at North," Champine said. "... We're across all sports. Our booster program supports all of them. This year, we've given money to nine different programs for anything

from weight room equipment to football equipment to a golf simulator. Everything goes right back to the athletes and you get to see them use it."

While her final season on a coaching staff with the Norsemen is over, Champine knows North will always be home. It is where she has been and always wanted to be, even when there were chances for her to move up in the coaching ranks elsewhere.

The reason she never left is simple: Everyone at North is family. From the countless athletes she has worked with as a coach to her literal family with her

father and two sons.

"I've had opportunities to coach elsewhere for basketball, but it never crossed my mind," Champine said. "North has always been my home and a large part of that is because my kids are there. It's given me an opportunity to be plugged into their world and see their friends and their environment. ... My kids have been running around North's gym since they were toddlers and it was kind of just what they did. It's been pretty sweet to see them grow up and be comfortable in the building and neither one of them was embarrassed to have me around."

Sidewalk repairs resume

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The summer sidewalk repair program, dormant 10 years, is awake and focused on District 1.

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"We can start getting trip hazards out of the way," said Tom Jenny, director of public works.

Construction is forecast to take two weeks and be finished by the resumption of next school year.

City council members on May 13 accepted Luigi Cement's low-bid offer to do the work for \$145,368. The sum is more than \$76,000 less than the Park's consulting engineers anticipated. Engineering costs raise the total to \$170,000.

City code lets the city repair sidewalks at the property owner's expense.

"The key to this is communication," Councilman Max Wiener said. "We don't want any residents to feel they are getting blindsided."

"DPW will identify flags for inclusion in this year's program and communicate with impacted property owners," Jenny said.

Residents can piggyback on the city's program and have slabs fixed for an estimated \$100 to \$250 each, Jenny said.

"DPW will identify flags (the top layer of a sidewalk) for inclusion in this year's program and communicate with

impacted property owners," Jenny said. "Sidewalk defects caused by city-owned trees or utilities will be replaced at the expense of the city."

Due for replacement are sidewalks with the following faults:

- ◆ offset at least a half inch between slabs,
- ◆ cracks larger than three-eighths of an inch in width,
- ◆ spalling or scaling where the surface is deteriorating more than 75 percent of the flag,
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- ◆ cross slopes exceeding 2 percent.

The city is being divided into five maintenance districts. Each is targeted on a rotating annual basis for various forms of maintenance, including tree trimming.

"District 1 is the first district in the five-year program," Jenny said. "By bundling together large quantities of sidewalk flags, the city can achieve more attractive pricing rather than a piecemeal approach."

Although this year's campaign focuses on District 1, Jenny said dangerous slabs elsewhere in the community can be repaired on a piecemeal basis as needed.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Cleaned out

A Grosse Pointer recently discovered approximately \$17,000 in fraudulent charges on three credit cards over the last five months.

The house cleaner is suspected and an investigation is ongoing.

Stranger danger

After meeting a man online and inviting him over at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, a Grosse Pointe resident discovered he stole a Glock 19 handgun.

The suspect is described as a 22-year-old, heavy-set, 5-foot, 8-inch black man. An investigation is ongoing.

Struck door

A rear glass door in the 600 block of Lincoln was damaged at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 8.

The door was struck with an object that caused a spider web effect on the glass.

Wrong plate

The vehicle's plate was found to be registered to a different vehicle when a 72-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for an expired tab at Mack and Cadieux at 4 p.m. Friday, May 10.

The man was cited and the vehicle impounded.

Deceiving Daisy

A suspect claiming to be "Daisy Alvarez" from Flagstar Bank convinced a Grosse Pointer to fraudulently send her \$1,999 via Zelle Saturday, May 11.

Drunken driving

A 39-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating while intoxicated after being pulled over for speeding 56 mph

at Jefferson and University at 3:22 a.m. Sunday, May 12. His vehicle was impounded.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Asked for it

Motorists disregarding suspended driving privileges almost asked to be caught last week on Mack Avenue.

Between Monday, May 6, and Sunday, May 12, police stopped four of them for speeding. Background checks resulted in each suspect being arrested for violating a suspended operator license.

Investigations occurred at the intersections of Ashland, Whittier and two at Cadieux. Alleged offenders were Detroit males younger than 30 years old.

Porch pirate

A package thief stole a delivery to a house in the 900 block of Nottingham late afternoon Thursday, April 25.

Stolen from the front porch was a package containing Coach tennis shoes and a Coach purse.

Theft from car

An unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway in the 800 block of Berkshire proved easy pickings for a thief early Friday, May 10.

Sometime during the hour beginning 1:20 a.m., someone entered the vehicle and stole a PNC

debit card.

Failed car theft

An unsuccessful auto theft was reported at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in the 15000 block of Mack.

Prompted by hearing a car alarm, a woman discovered someone smashed out a window of her vehicle and damaged the steering column.

Flee & elude

A motorcyclist ducked out on a roadside investigation for speeding shortly before 11 p.m. Sunday, May 12, on Mack at Three Mile Drive.

A patrol officer attempting to pull over the cyclist terminated pursuit when the fleeing suspect achieved an unsafe speed.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

(Un) Happy Mother's Day

A 19-year-old Warren man was cited for no proof of insurance and an expired license plate after he was pulled over around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 12, on Lakeshore near Vernier.

The 2010 Dodge Caliber he was driving, which the man said belonged to his mother, was impounded.

Not safe

A 34-year-old Detroit man received several citations after being

pulled over on Lakeshore near Fontana around 12:30 a.m. Sunday, May 12, where he was clocked driving 59 mph in a 35 mph zone.

He was ticketed for speeding, no registration and having an unrestrained child in the vehicle.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen car

A 2017 Camaro was stolen from the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital between 8:30 and 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. A Glock 10mm pistol in the vehicle also was reported missing.

Bad call

A cell phone was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 1700 block of Prestwick sometime overnight Thursday, May 9. The complainant told officers his fiancée began receiving text messages from the phone the following day, including a demand of \$50 to have it returned.

Right at home

A 40-year-old resident was arrested on an outstanding Woods warrant after being pulled over for an expired license plate tab around 11:30

a.m. Saturday, May 11, on Bournemouth at Raymond.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Wait for it

A 46-year-old Park man is suspected of fraud by conversion after he was paid \$1,300 in May 2022 to build a deck and has yet to start the work.

The man has emailed the Farms homeowner twice apologizing for his poor business ethics and citing deaths in the family, childcare issues and vehicle problems, but otherwise has been unreachable.

Close call

A Capital One SavorOne credit card with a \$1,000 credit limit was fraudulently opened in a 52-year-old Farms woman's name Tuesday, May 7.

The woman was notified by Capital One that a new device was used to login, which alerted her to the new account. It was closed with no loss to the victim.

Full steam ahead

A 46-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving on a suspended

license and improper lane usage, after she proceeded straight in a left-turn-only lane on Muir at 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, May 7.

Suspended license

After being stopped for a broken headlight at Moross and Williams at 10:22 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, a 25-year-old Chicago resident was cited for driving while license suspended, defective equipment and no proof of insurance.

Imaginary employer

A suspect claiming to be Dr. James White with the Charities Aid Foundation attempted to defraud a 21-year-old Farms man who was looking for a job as a personal assistant, by sending him a fraudulent cashier's check by mail, which he then would have been directed to donate.

Broken window

The left front window of a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Fisher was broken between 10 p.m. Saturday, May 11, and noon the next day.

Nothing appeared to be stolen, but the interior was rummaged through.

— Laurel Kraus

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

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constructed by Posterity Gallery. To be released, prisoners can use a "Get out of jail free" card or donate to the community chest.

Toward the end of the evening, MSGP Chairman Hans Brieden will lead a paddle raise seeking donations for specific Village needs such as \$4 candy canes for Santa's Workshop, \$39 flats of flowers, \$350 trees, \$500 self-watering flower pots and \$2,250 benches. Bigger-ticket wishlist items for attendees feeling generous are \$25,000 for repairs to the Kercheval clocktower; \$27,750 for safety bollards, which would efficiently block off streets for Village events rather than the current system of using public safety vehicles as blockades; \$36,000 for repairs to Kressbach fountain; and \$39,000 for a street speaker system.

Those who wish also may bid on Village experience packages including:

◆ VIP seating for this season's Music on the Plaza, including drinks and snacks;

◆ VIP seating for the 2024 Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Santa Claus Parade;

◆ a VIP private visit with Santa at his workshop in The Village;

◆ and a private party at the winner's choice of participating Village boutique

stores.

Pre-sale tickets are \$75 at givebutter.com/c/18ELDM — tickets also can be pre-purchased at Small Favors and Glitter & Scotch — or \$85 at the door.

"Our goal is that this will be an annual event to raise money for Main Street," Enders said. "We're calling it the first annual."

MSGP's responsibilities, all focused on bringing further vibrancy to The Village and its small businesses, run the gamut of creating and maintaining aesthetic public spaces,

incentivizing property improvements, providing entertainment and draws to the downtown district and encouraging new housing and development.

Since the City became a Main Street community in 2020, the litany of vacant storefronts lining The Village has decreased dramatically. New businesses attracted to the downtown strip include Bakehouse 46, Sidecar Slider Bar, Shift Kitchen & Cocktails, Lululemon, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Poké Poké: Sushi Unrolled.



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OUR VIEW

To protect and serve

You've no doubt seen that motto emblazoned on squad cars on countless television shows or movies about police over the years. It has been the motto of the Los Angeles Police Department since 1963, and subsequently adopted by numerous other agencies over the years.

During National Police Week, also known as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, let's remember that can be a two-way street. Public safety departments across the Pointes go above and beyond to protect and serve us and residents in turn take every opportunity to return the favor.

First, a little background. National Police Week this year started Sunday, May 12, and ends Saturday, May 18. It began in 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day to pay homage to those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

As Brad Lindberg reported in last week's Grosse Pointe News, restaurants in Grosse Pointe Park teamed up to deliver free meals this week to public safety officers there. They'll extend the same gesture to municipal employees later this month during National Public Works Week.

Also in the Park, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation paid to refurbish the gym officers use and paid for new sidearms and holsters. The separate Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation bought officers new bulletproof vests.

Residents across the Pointes team up to deliver meals to officers who are away from their families during the holidays and the Knights of Columbus at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church has been known to drop off pizzas, soda and water to various departments from time to time.

Newly sworn officers tell our reporters how friendly people are, always waving and willing to stop and talk to welcome them to the community as they're out on patrol. Those who retire after several decades on the job often comment it is the people they'll miss the most.

We also appreciate how the departments work together when necessary, whether it's providing mutual aid during a fire call or coordinating efforts to crack a case.

Such was the situation earlier this year when officers from the City, Woods, Shores and Farms worked together to arrest a suspect accused of stealing from homes of deceased people across southeast Michigan using obituaries to target his victims.

Although the man also targeted houses in cities with much larger police forces such as Ann Arbor and Troy, it was our men and women in blue who put the pieces together.

Same goes for Detective Mike Narduzzi from the City, who was specifically recognized by Attorney General Dana Nessel late last year for his work in solving a rash of robberies at Lululemon stores in metro Detroit, including one in The Village.

For all their success and accolades, our public safety departments are always striving to get better.

As Laurel Kraus reported last week, John Alcorn, the City's public safety director, last year attended the prestigious FBI National Academy program in Quantico, Va., something less than 1 percent of law enforcement officers are able to attend.

Park Public Safety Director John Bostock currently is attending the same program. In addition, Bostock and Woods Director John Kosanke applied to receive opioid settlement money that will help officers in those departments battle the ever-growing epidemic.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

These goslings, eating along the shore at the Ford House, are smart little birds. They learn to swim 24 hours after hatching and at 1 day old can dive up to 40 feet underwater. Their parents teach them how to fly when they are around 3 months old and the goslings stay with their parents for their first year of life and even migrate with them in that year.

GUEST VIEW By Melissa Fradenburg

From dorms to IRAs: How graduates can invest 529 leftovers for the future

Welcome home, college graduates! As you transition from worrying about final exams to navigating your first job offers, many parents are shifting from fretting over tuition bills to a new concern: how to financially set you up for adulthood — and possibly coax you out of the house for good.

But don't worry, there's a silver lining with the new provisions of the SECURE Act 2.0 that can help turn those leftover 529 funds into your first retirement nest egg.

Throughout this month, many Grosse Pointe parents are welcoming their college students back home, some of whom are freshly minted graduates stepping into the next phase of their lives. But what happens to the funds remaining in their 529 college savings plans? Traditionally, families could reserve unused 529 funds for future educational expenses, either for the original beneficiary or another relative. However, using these funds for non-educational purposes comes with significant drawbacks: Not only would withdrawals be subject to federal income taxes, but they would also incur a 10 percent penalty on any earnings. This situation often created a financial quandary for families when a beneficiary won a scholarship, enrolled in a military academy or received other forms of financial aid that diminished the need for the 529 funds. Starting in 2024, individuals can now roll over excess funds from a 529 plan into a Roth IRA for the plan's beneficiary, without facing taxes or penalties.

This provision bridges the gap between educational saving and retirement planning, offering a tax-advantaged continuation of unused educational funds.

Understanding the fine print

As promising as this option sounds, several important criteria must be met:

- 1. Duration requirement:** The 529 plan must have been established at least 15 years prior to any rollover. This ensures the funds were truly intended for long-term educational savings.
- 2. Contribution limits:** Rollovers to a Roth IRA are limited by the annual Roth contribution limits, which for 2024 is set at \$7,000. If the beneficiary also makes personal contributions to their Roth IRA, the maximum eligible rollover decreases accordingly.
- 3. Lifetime limit:** There is a \$35,000 lifetime limit per beneficiary for such rollovers. This cap necessitates careful planning to maximize the benefit while adhering to annual contribution limits.
- 4. Recent contributions restriction:** Funds contributed to the 529 plan within the last five years, and any earnings on those contributions, are ineligible for rollover to a Roth IRA.
- 5. Beneficiary consistency:** The beneficiary of the 529 plan must be the same individual who owns the Roth IRA. Transfers cannot be made to a different person's retirement account.
- 6. Earned income requirement:** The ben-

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In the Shores, Lt. Tony Spina has been chosen to attend the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command, which specializes in training future directors and police chiefs. Director Ken Werenski said he is not planning to retire any time soon, but wanted to have a succession plan in place.

Also in the Shores, Sgt. Jason Cook this fall will receive a Fire Officer III certificate, meaning he can teach Fire Officer I, II and III classes to all supervisors across the Pointes.

Werenski said that will benefit those departments being able to hold the classes locally.

Suggestions for celebrating National Police Week include wearing blue to show support, sending thank-you notes or gift cards or, if your neighbor is an officer, cutting their lawn while they work yet another 12-hour shift.

Nice sentiments, but don't forget the other 51 weeks during the year when they're here for us.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



What to do?

ward, backward and circular motions that spelled a script "Ohio" in the coliseum's dirt surface.

Summer starts soon and I have to make plans. Haven't been to the Armada Fair for a couple of years. That will have to change. My favorite day to attend is during the draft horse pulling contest.

Too bad there's no more Michigan State Fair. In addition to draft horse shows, it hosted numerous multi-horse hitch competitions.

One year during a draft horse competition at the fairgrounds, but not during the state fair, an Ohio teamster created buzz by driving his six-horse team in a series of for-

Maybe I'll ride my bike to the Belle Isle Conservatory. Haven't been there since August 2021. All kinds of tropical plants and trees, including one with red and yellow spiked flowers shaped like pterodactyls.

It wouldn't be summer without visiting the Mad River and Nickel Plate museum in Bellevue, Ohio. I've written about it before, about how the museum is next to the former Nickel Plate's mainline and how visitors can sit in the engineer's seat of a Wabash F7 diesel locomotive and watch Norfolk Southern freight trains go by.

Another high point is the display of a Nickel

Plate Berkshire steam locomotive. The engine doesn't operate, but has been restored cosmetically to look as though it does.

The museum is open weekends only until daily Memorial Day through Labor Day.

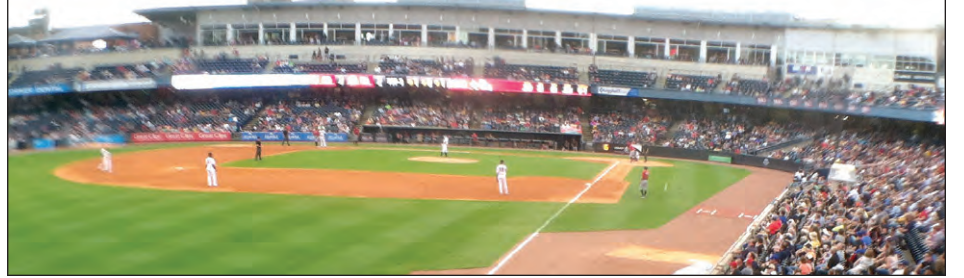
The Toledo Mud Hens rate another visit, although with conference changes they no longer play the Durham Bulls. Maybe before a game I'll go to the National Museum of the Great Lakes and walk around the 617-foot freighter, Col. James M Schoonmaker, launched in 1911 at the Great Lakes Engineering Works in Ecorse, the same shipyard that built the Edmund Fitzgerald.

From hold to bridge, the boat is open for touring.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Clockwise from top left, tug and freighter; Armada Fair; Mad River; Toledo Mud Hens; and pterodactyl flower.



YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

SCHOOL EXPANSION PLAN KILLED: The special school election on May 9 on the proposal to issue \$4,000,000 in bonds for the erection of three more new school buildings, the completion of two others and to approve a raise in the school tax millage, resulted in defeat for both proposals by substantial majorities. The total number of persons voting was 4,206, which represented approximately fifty percent of the voters registered for school elections.

BELDING CLEANERS 30 YEARS OLD: Grosse Pointe has many fine commercial establishments where citizens have long

found pleasure in doing business and one of them is the Belding Cleaners and Dryers. The firm, now celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, occupies its own beautiful building at 15139 Kercheval and has been in Grosse Pointe for more than twenty years.

1974

50 years ago this week

GUARD PREVENTS SPREAD OF FIRE: Quick thinking on the part of a City park guard prevented a small fire from spreading to other boats in the marina of the Norbert P. Neff Memorial Park. Park guard Fred Schleman spotted the fire aboard a 25-foot cruiser around 4 p.m. and promptly telephoned the City Fire

Department. Chief Robert Marshall said the fire was probably started by a short in the light over the stove.

WOMAN SWIMS ASHORE WHEN CAR LANDS IN LAKE: An auto, driven by a 37-year-old Warren woman, went speeding into Lake St. Clair Friday evening, reported Shores police. The woman managed to get out of the car and swim to shore, where she was taken to St. John Hospital where she was treated and released shortly thereafter.

1999

25 years ago this week

SUP'T CALLS FOR INCREASED SAFETY PROCEDURES: The Grosse Pointe Public School System is actively updating its school safety plan. In a memo to board

of education members dated April 30 and presented at the May 3 board meeting, district superintendent Suzanne Klein outlined a list of priorities to be completed by June 30 and another list of items to be listed for future consideration. "For the past 10 days we have watched with sadness the aftermath of the Columbine (High School) tragedy unfold on television," Klein said in her report. "Our hearts go out to the Littleton community as they begin their recovery process. We have used that event to carefully reexamine our own procedures and support services."

TOWN MEETING WILL ADDRESS Y2K: The approach of Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, is seen by many as the nightmare on which the Y2K computer collapse will ride. To help clear up the issue, a quartet of local officials drawn

from commerce, utilities, healthcare and the clergy will speak at a town meeting at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

GP UNITARIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES 60 YEARS: The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is celebrating its 60th year in the community with reflection of its history, involvement in ongoing missions and plans of spiritual and programming growth.

2014

10 years ago this week

GONE TO THE DOGS: Dogs have a new park at Mack and Moross. Set for

a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, entry is by resident-only pass. A 6-foot tall iron dog statue stands guard over the gated park entrance, between playfields behind the former Kroger parking lot at Moross.

FOUNDATION PLAYS CAPE DEDICATION: The new playscape at Neff Park is dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 18. Parents may be interested to know the playscape provides realistic play formats for children in ergonomically safe ... blah, blah. More exciting to children are the playscape's climbing surfaces: a simulated rock cliff, tree trunk with limbs and wood planks.

GUEST:

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eficiary must have earned income at least equal to the rollover amount in the year of transfer. This aligns with the fundamental Roth IRA rule that contributions cannot exceed earned income.

Why this matters

This new pathway is particularly advantageous for high earners who might otherwise be phased out of contributing directly to a Roth IRA due to income limits. The SECURE Act 2.0 provision allows these individuals to funnel their educational savings into a retirement account without the constraints of income limits, promoting greater flexibility in financial planning.

The introduction of 529 to Roth IRA rollovers under SECURE Act 2.0 marks a significant opportunity for strategic financial planning, bridging the gap between educational savings and retirement. This innovative option necessitates a careful understanding of the new regulations and integration into your broader financial plan. Whether you're still in the accumulation stage of saving for college or building your retirement nest egg or considering how to transition your 529 plan funds, reach out to me. Together, we can strategize a plan that not only meets your educational funding goals but also enhances your long-term financial well-being.

*There remains some uncertainty in a few of the intricacies of this provision that have yet to be fully addressed by the IRS.

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Chiseling a piece of the reception room wall for restoration, Raphael Brim, owner of Cosmic Drywall LLC, is following the designs of Historic Surfaces LLC, on the project.

Alger house restoration begins

War Memorial seeks donations for Historic House Fund

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — With The War Memorial's newly constructed Fred M. Alger Center serving its intended purpose of taking pressure off the historic Alger House, a multi-phase restoration project now can commence, aiming to preserve the aging structure and reconnect it with its 1910 origins.

While portions of the home have undergone restoration in the past — the ceilings in the dining room and library went through an extensive restoration process about a decade ago — “This is the first time we are attempting to give it a level of restoration that would be more reminiscent of what it looked like back in the 1910s,” President and CEO Maria Miller said.

Work began last week on the Robert H. Tannahill Reception Room, also known as the Great Hall, to mend water-damaged sections of the ceiling, as well as repair and thoroughly clean the marble baseboards and 16th century Florentine fireplace.

Burlap wall coverings, which weren't original to the house and have become buckled in certain areas due to natural aging of the glue and repainting over the years, also will be removed as the plaster walls are

patched and returned to their original creamy, tan color.

“It was not uncommon to line plaster with canvas or other lining materials for two reasons,” explained Anthony Kartsonas, a preservationist with Historic Surfaces LLC, which is leading the project. “Sometimes it would just allow you to paint on surfaces faster. But then the second reason was that it could give a slightly different texture to the plaster. So, like a burlap lends to having a little softness and it also can be a little more durable. If there's nicks and scrapes, it can tend to hold up a little better than conventional plaster.”

Items not present in 1910 — chair molding and specific portions of the cornices — will be removed.

“The reception room originally was very scant and it just had bench seating and chairs maybe around the walls, but nothing in the center other than a couple bear-skin rugs,” Miller said. “I think we'll skip the bear-skin rugs.”

Further restoring the room's original ambiance, the team hopes to digitally replicate two

large antique Flemish tapestries of idyllic scenes, which are shown adorning the walls in archival photographs of the reception room and now are owned by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

“The tapestries actually were given to the DIA when they had the home, so they have them still and they've been able to locate them,” Miller said. “If we could make a broker deal with the DIA to get those back, I don't think that we would ever want to hang those there, because we use that room. I don't know that I would want something from 1910 to be there from a preservation perspective. I'd be very concerned about damage, so we would love to replicate (them) in some way, shape or form.”

As the least extensive of the planned restorative efforts, and with funds already set aside to cover it, the reception room work — aside from the tapestries and highly specialized restoration needed for the French doors — is planned to be completed in time for the organization's Evening of Red, White and Blue Wednesday, May 22.

Proceeds from the annual gala will go toward the recently established Historic House Fund, which serves as the funding source for the multi-phased project.

If the necessary fund-

ing is achieved, restoration work in the Alger house dining room and library could be conducted as early as the first quarter in 2025.

This includes extensive repairs to the library's water-damaged former exterior wall — specifically the antique crown molding near the ceiling and granite molding near the floor — and repairing cracks in the wooden dining room walls, as well as treating them to return them to their original darker shade.

“It's just a way to honor and keep the legacy of this wonderful story alive,” Chief Operating Officer Nikki Charbonneau said of returning the home to its 1910 origins. “Because if you make it completely different, you lose some of that history and story behind it.”

The War Memorial team also remains mindful of costs associated with the roof needing replacement in about a year, aging boilers and water mitigation issues on the lower level.

Donations to the Historic House Fund, and in celebration of The War Memorial's 75th anniversary, may be made at warmemorial.org/housefund.

“It needs some love,” Miller said, “the whole place. It's given so much. It just needs a little TLC right now.”

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Planning for diamond jubilee

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Although the official date isn't for another 19 months, discussions already have started about how to mark the city's 75th anniversary.

“The exact date is Dec. 11, 2025,” Mayor Art Bryant said. “But if we do have a major event, we'll do it during warmer weather.”

Stretching back even farther, the Village of Lochmoor was incorporated Jan. 4, 1927, from the former Grosse Pointe Township. It became the Village of Grosse Pointe Woods in March 1939, and officially became the City of Grosse Pointe Woods 11 years later.

Councilwoman Vicki

Granger, first elected in 1997, said the 50th anniversary in 2000 included a large parade and the burying of a time capsule. It's located in the front wall of council chambers.

“We'll open that and bury a new one,” she said. “We also updated the historical pictures on our website so we can add to that and tie things into other events on our calendar like the yearly picnic, the Little League parade and tree-lighting ceremony.”

Councilwoman Angela Coletti Brown suggested making a promotional video, an idea she said came from her daughter.

“We can talk to long-time residents and former administrators about the changes they've

seen,” she said. “We can also film our various events during the year to create a sort of snapshot of life in Grosse Pointe Woods. We could have a ‘Movie on the Lawn’ next year to show it, sort of like our ‘Music on the Lawn’ events.”

The city also is developing a logo to mark the anniversary. Councilman Michael Koester said the city could embroider the logo on flags and sell them — at cost — to residents who want to hang them in front of their house and have as a keepsake.

“The historical commission will be handling most of the planning, but we're always looking for suggestions,” Bryant said. “It'll be here before we know it.”

Chipper rounds cut to one week

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Cost savings of an undetermined amount are forecast to come from reducing the public works department's brush chipper operations from weekly to monthly.

Instead of chipper crews coordinating daily rounds with the Monday-through-Friday rubbish collection schedule, they will now cycle through the city during the first full week of every month spring through fall.

The change starts Monday, June 3.

“During the pickup week, the chipper will follow the garbage pickup schedule,” DPW Director Tom Jenny wrote in a memo to the city council. Storm cleanup isn't

altered. Crews will continue clearing storm damage as needed, day or night.

Nor are changes being made to the weekly yard waste collection schedule. The service, contracted to Green For Life, continues as is.

“Brush that are bundled properly will be picked up,” Jenny said during the council meeting May 13.

“You're still going to be able to get rid of all your sticks,” Councilman Brent Dreaver said.

Residents requiring chipping off-schedule due to special circumstances are likely to be accommodated, he added.

“Residents can always reach out to public works if there is a need,” said Councilman Max Wiener,

chairman of the Infrastructure Committee.

Jenny initially requested the new schedule during the March 15 meeting of the Infrastructure Committee.

“It costs nearly \$460 per day, or nearly \$3,000 per week, for two employees to man the chipper,” Jenny said at the time.

Related costs, such as \$1,600 per week for a truck and \$1,100 per week for the chipper itself, boost the weekly total to about \$5,000.

Jenny anticipates operational cost savings and productivity increases to result from reallocating his workforce.

“Weekly chipping necessitates the dedication of two public works employees solely to chip-

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BoE approves two millage proposals

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Voters will be asked to approve two millages later this year after the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved resolutions at its meeting Monday, May 6.

First up will be the operating millage on the primary ballot Aug. 6. The district will ask for 20 mills for five years, beginning in 2025. State law allows for a levy of up to 20 years.

"I think the community would understand five or 10 years, but 20 is too much," said Board President Sean Cotton, who also owns the Grosse Pointe News. "This is the most important one because we have to get it approved

to receive our full per-pupil state aid."

The per-pupil funding tied to the operating millage accounts for about 25 percent of the district's annual budget.

"Anyone who follows school funding knows this is a must, so I don't think it will require as much public education," Cotton said in favoring the August election date.

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

The current operating millage, approved in 2019 for five years, has a 1-mill cushion.

Trustee Valarie St. John was the lone "no" vote on the resolution, saying she didn't see a need for the additional cushion.

"I'd rather see a restoration," she said. "I don't see a need for an increase."

Vice President Ahmed Ismail, elected to the board four different times starting in 2004, said he was surprised by St. John's vote.

"All school districts in Michigan must levy 18 mills on non-homestead property to receive their full per-pupil funding," he said. "A vote against levying what many refer to as the school tax is tantamount to saying that one doesn't want

their school system to exist. I honestly don't recall any Grosse Pointe school board member ever voting against presenting the tax that allows us to operate our school system to the voters of our community during the 20 years I have been involved with our school system. In fact, I don't know of a board member in the state of Michigan who has ever done so."

The 18 mills are levied against commercial, industrial and rental properties. Owner-occupied principal residences, also known as homestead properties, will see a rate of 7.5 mills if approved.

If it passes, the operating millage would bring in about \$22 million in its first year.

The board voted unan-

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

Although St. John voted in favor of the resolution, she said she wasn't confident an increase in the millage would go over well with voters.

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

"We have old buildings, beautiful buildings, that cost a lot to maintain," Trustee Terry Collins said in proposing the 10-year time frame.

A critical needs assessment conducted by Plante Moran in 2022 said the district had some \$252 million in

maintenance costs to address in the next 10 years.

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

The board agreed that putting the question on the November ballot would give the district more time to make its case to voters.

"We need to take our time and prioritize so we have a well-thought-out plan in place for the public," Cotton said.

The operating and sinking fund millages were both passed in 2019 with 70 percent of the vote.

Gearheads find success at world finals

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Unprecedented success.

That's how Drew Behringer, captain of the Gearheads, explained his team's performance at the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston last month. The team, made up of students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, were part of an alliance that finished second out of some 600 teams at the event.

The students — and their robot — were recognized at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, May 6.

"We earned a lot of respect with our performance in Houston," said Jack Pierick, the team's faculty adviser. "We hope this helps us with recruiting and keep moving forward by getting more students at the elementary and middle school lev-

els involved."

Pierick, who teaches algebra I, algebra II and geometry at North, said robotics is a very complicated game.

"It's about completing a series of tasks that can range from simple to complex," he said. "The main tenant of FIRST Robotics is called 'cooperation,' a combination of competition and cooperation."

That's where the Gearheads, the only Michigan team to make it to the finals, were able to achieve their silver medals in Houston.

"Each event features a red alliance and a blue alliance of three teams each chosen at random," Pierick continued. "You earn points in each match by modifying your strategy to score more points. Each match is really like an experiment."

After qualifying for worlds, the team set off on a 20-hour bus ride to Texas.

"We had 25 students and 10 adults," Pierick said. "We chartered a bus with a team from Rochester to cut down

on costs. Spending 20 hours on a bus can be tough, but we have a great group of kids."

The international competition featured eight fields, each named for a famous scientist. The Gearheads were assigned to the Newton Field.

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The Gearheads hang out at the Robotics FIRST World Championships in Houston last month.

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ping activities four to six hours per day Monday (though) Friday," he said. "Devoting two employees exclusively to chipping limits their availability for other critical tasks, such as (fire) hydrant, street sign maintenance and road repair, which are essential for public safety and infrastructure upkeep."

A united council, with excused absences by members Tom Caulfield and Christine Gallagher, agreed.

Jenny reinforced his earlier recommendation by citing the traditional weekly set-up's operational inefficiencies.

"The system results in underutilization of resources, as the demand for chipping services may not be consistent on a weekly basis," he said. "This leads to idle time for employees and equip-

ment."

Another benefit of the new schedule is reducing wear and tear on the chipper, which is approaching the end of its service life.

"The more we run it, the faster it's going to run out," Dreaver said.

"Reducing hourly usage will help extend its life until a replacement is purchased," Jenny said.

He anticipated allocating cost savings to other DPW duties.

Green For Life's schedule of yard waste collection is unchanged, according to Jenny.

"The only yard waste that will no longer be picked up weekly are branches exceeding half inch in diameter and four feet in length," he said.

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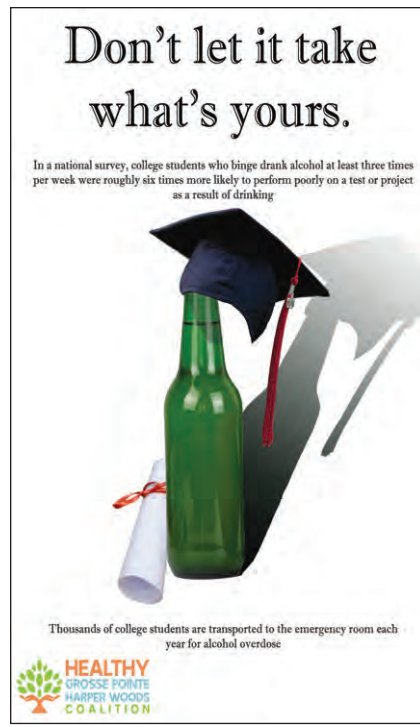
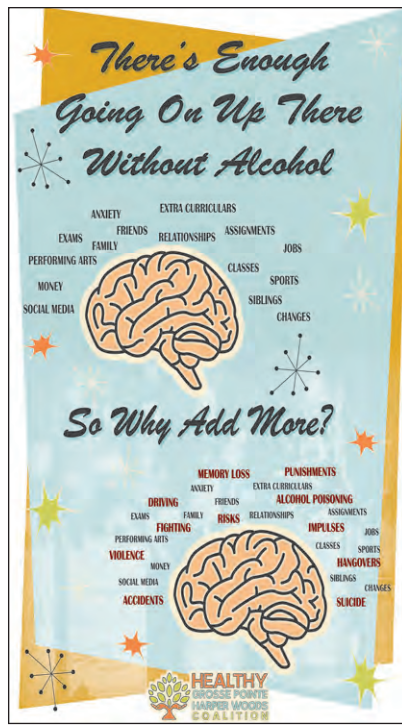
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From left, Sofia Danna's poster, Juliette Aouad's poster and Andrew Bernard's poster.

Students share 'Risk of Underage Drinking' message through posters

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods recently hosted a "Risk of Underage Drinking" poster contest. Art students at Grosse Pointe North High School designed the posters and students in Grosse Pointe South High School's Wellness Club voted on the winners.

Sofia Danna's poster earned first place, while Juliette Aouad placed second and Andrew Bernard earned third place.

Of her entry, Danna wrote, "My poster's main purpose is to prevent teenagers from underage drinking. Underage drinking is a serious problem that affects many lives. In my poster I included five pieces of information that I find most important. I thought the information I used would impact others opinions on underage drinking the most. I mainly used informa-

tion talking about the consequences and risks you take while consuming alcohol.

"While creating my poster, different ideas and designs flooded my mind," she continued. "The main idea I tried to get across in my poster was the consequences you can get when you consume alcohol not of age. I knew I wanted to include the action of someone consuming alcohol because it reflected my main goal of the poster. The young girl laying at the bottom of the poster is being flooded with the risks and consequences of consuming the alcohol. This shows the audience all the risks shown are what's 'inside' the bottle of alcohol."

Bernard also commented on his poster.

"My initial thought was the impact underage drinking has on students and how it risks

their academic opportunities," he wrote. "Ironically, you could even argue it's most rampant in the highest form of education: college. The social situations college creates — partying and mixed-aged demographics where older students supply younger students with alcohol — was something I wanted to highlight in my poster's design."

"The double meaning of the phrase, 'Don't let it take what's yours,' refers not only to your college education but your future opportunities as well," he continued. "The 'it' is the urge to drink coupled with the social pressures to do so. As the poster's statistics show, this isn't anecdotal: Underage students that drink are more likely to perform poorly in school. My poster powerfully demonstrates the inherent dangers of underage drinking."

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"It was the most difficult field based on each team's rankings," Pierick said. "You play 10 matches and we finished with four wins, five losses and one tie."

The top eight teams on each field choose an alliance to form three teams and then one alternate.

"We were picked by the No. 1 alliance on our field to be their backup," Pierick said. "They weren't doing it to be nice. They wanted to win. We were ready in case one of the other robots had a mechanical or electrical failure."

Pierick said the alliance was led by a team from California ranked third in the world.

"We got to know them last year and as we were inspecting each other's robots they gave us some advice. They saw this year we took their advice and said, 'We want you to be our backup.'"

The finals, on the Einstein Field, saw the alliance fall 2-0 in a best-of-three match.

"We would have loved to have been wheels on the ground and some people commented maybe we should have been subbed in after the first loss," Pierick said. "But we were there helping with strategy even though our robot wasn't out there."

The FIRST Robotics season begins in January when the governing body releases a 150-page rulebook that outlines what the robots have to accomplish.

"You need to build a new robot every year," Pierick noted. "They look very closely at that."

The team meets a few times a week in the fall, ramping up to about 20 hours a week once the season starts.

"We use the old auto shop at North," Pierick said. "We'll be there usually three hours a night Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, then nine or 10 hours on Saturdays."

"It takes a lot of discipline for these students to show up," Pierick added. "They've got homework for all their classes, extracurricular activities. But it really helps them grow their leadership and social skills."

The students also are applying what they learn in various classes.

"Not only are they using what they learn in their math and science classes, but also say, English, how to better communicate," Pierick said. "This is real-world engineering that will give them an edge going into college and seeking internships."

As Behringer said at the board meeting, the team attributes much of their success to the financial backing it has received from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education and the GP Foundation for STEAM.

In the final rankings following worlds, the Gearheads ended up 137th worldwide out of 3,474 teams, 118th nationally out of 1,804 teams and 19th in Michigan out of 511 teams.

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‘Soiree at the Stone Manor’



Grosse Pointe Historical Society summer gala is June 20

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It was a simple decision selecting 663 Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores as the site of this summer’s Grosse Pointe Historical Society gala.

“Everyone who drives along Lakeshore Road has watched the building of this house and marveled at the materials and process,” said Stuart Grigg, society president. “Guests will get a chance to see the marvels of the interior and truly appreciate the work of artisans who spent three years building this landmark.”

“Soiree at the Stone Manor,” at the home of Seth and Ruth Krueger, takes place 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursday, June 20, and provides a glimpse into the unique home.

The couple began planning the palatial estate in 2016, and broke ground in 2017. They met with architects and went back and forth regarding what direction to take.

“Seth ended up designing the whole house,” Ruth Krueger said. “It’s eclectic because we

picked all the elements we liked.”

The combination of their styles leaves the Kruegers at a loss when describing the house, which includes features similar to Rocky Mountain style, as well as Tudor elements.

“It’s sort of a lodge style, more rustic,” Ruth Krueger noted. “We put in more Grosse Pointe details, too.”

Added Seth Krueger, “It’s definitely a cohesion of a couple styles. The designers and architects we worked with, no one agreed on what style it is.”

They found middle ground and agreed on neutral walls, white trim, black windows and industrial fixtures. The elements are reflected throughout the house, pulling each room’s individuality neatly together.

“We built a style guide to go off of for all the interior design,” Ruth Krueger said. “Seth wanted natural materials, like stone. I did the interior with ceramics and wood and metal. Those elements are repeated in various ways throughout the whole



The library and piano room include a fireplace made of hand-carved limestone imported from Italy.

house.”

Also while designing the house, Seth Krueger wanted to keep in mind the idea of building a “100-year-old home,” he said. “I was doing it in the way it was constructed, the materials used and also the style of the bones of the house, making that be timeless. I wanted it to have a modern, clean feel, but also, whether it’s 100

years ago or 100 years in the future, still making it work.”

The home’s flooring and exterior entry doors are made from reclaimed mixed oak from Canadian barns. Countertops and open shelving match the wood.

“All of the timber is new cedar that was distressed onsite with axes and chains,” Seth Krueger

added, noting builders used a shou sugi ban bonding technique, “where you burn the wood first to make it water repellant, fire resistant and termite resistant. It not only has an aesthetic look, but it goes along with the 100-year look.”

The same lumber is used inside and outside the house for continuity. Other features of the

home include leaded-glass doors; three chimneys for three types of fireplaces, including a Rumford fireplace and a pizza oven; and a kitchen that “cheats geometry.”

“I rotated it at a 30-degree angle, so it touches the great room, the dining room, the breakfast room and it looks out back,” Seth Krueger said. “It turned the house into having a very unique feel. The angle is not only in this room, but it goes into the upstairs, too, which made it challenging to build.”

Grigg also has a few favorite features he noted while touring the house.

“As a history and building buff, I love all the intriguing details and materials,” he said, “and Seth’s deep knowledge. I’ve learned about a ‘canoe valley’ on a slate roof and saddle-stone detailing for the base of solid wood pillars. This new house, built with traditional techniques, has taught me details to look out for in the historic homes in Grosse Pointe

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Left, the kitchen has a farmhouse feel to it with its white finish and black hardware. Right, the dining room looks out to Lake St. Clair and a pizza oven is nestled in the corner.

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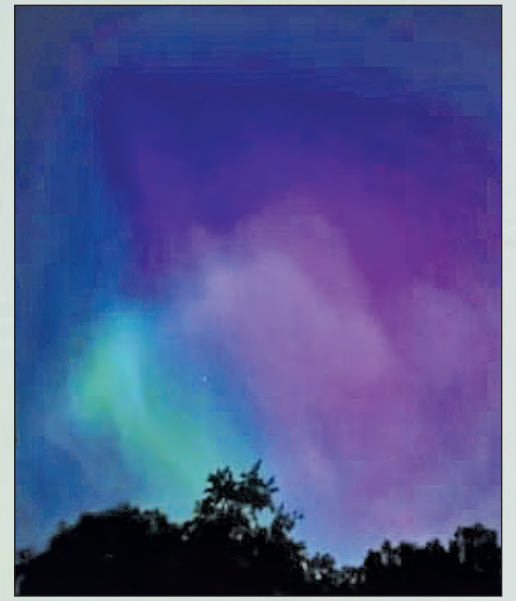
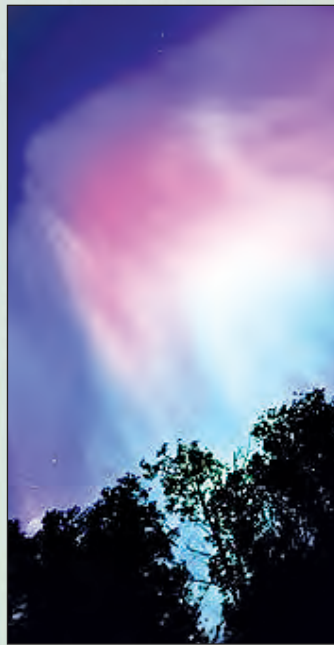
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Northern Lights

Michigan residents across the state had one of the best shots in decades to see Northern Lights last weekend, May 10 to 12. Scientifically known as the Aurora Borealis, the lights are actually collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun entering the earth's atmosphere. They're caused by the sun's solar flares, swept through the expanse of space by the solar wind.

The Grosse Pointe News asked residents to share their snapshots of this amazing spectacle and our readers did not disappoint. So in case you missed it, here are a handful of Northern Lights notables.



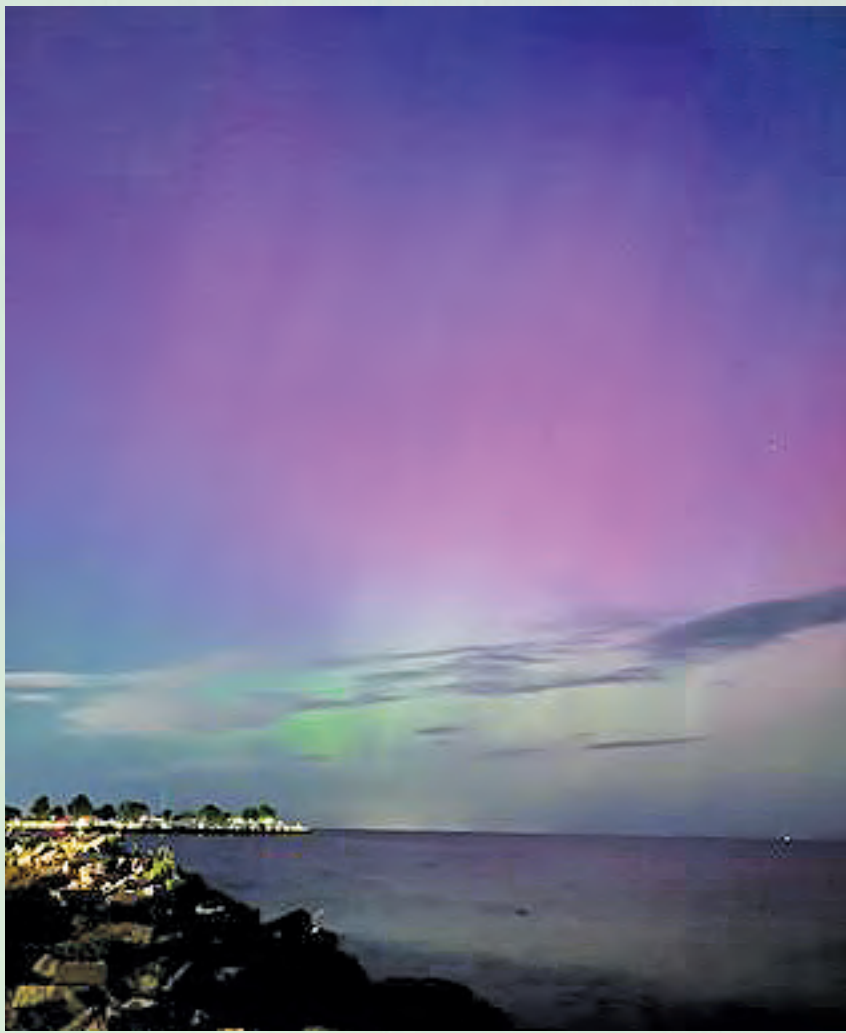
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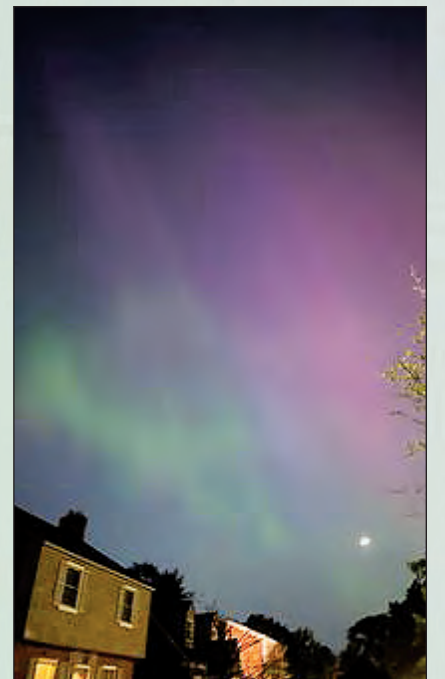
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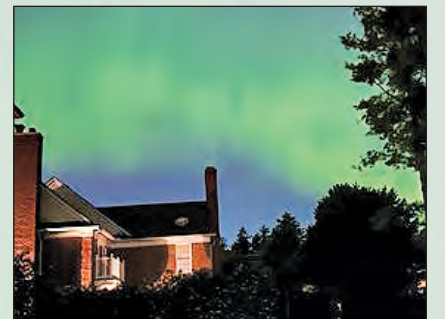
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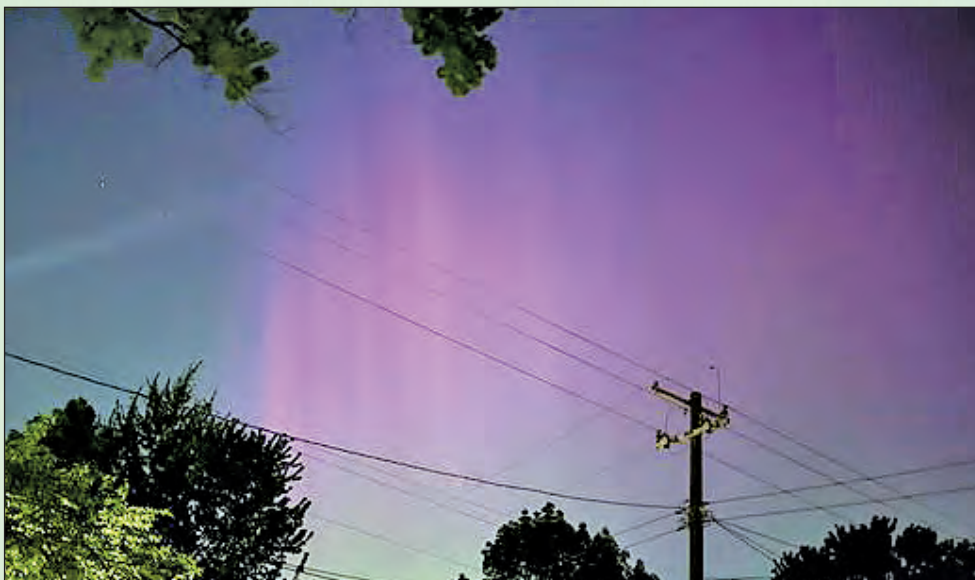
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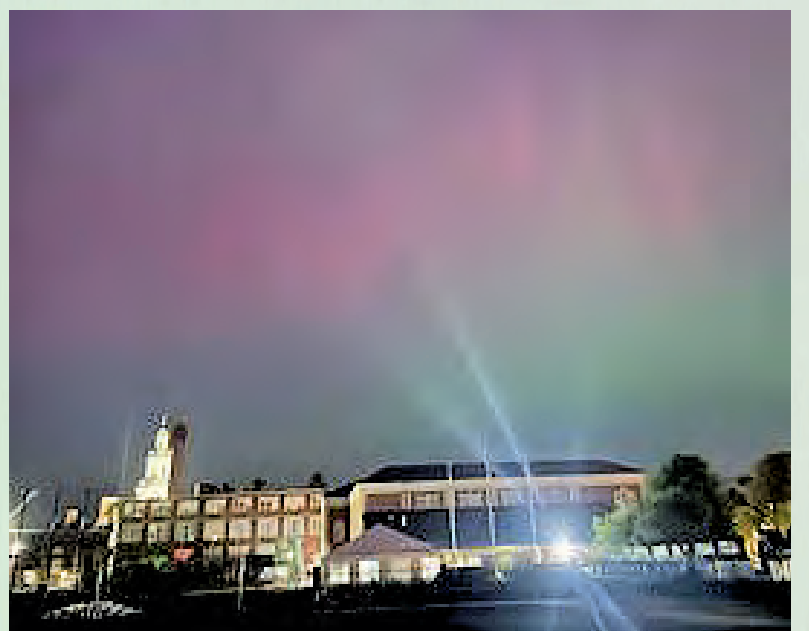
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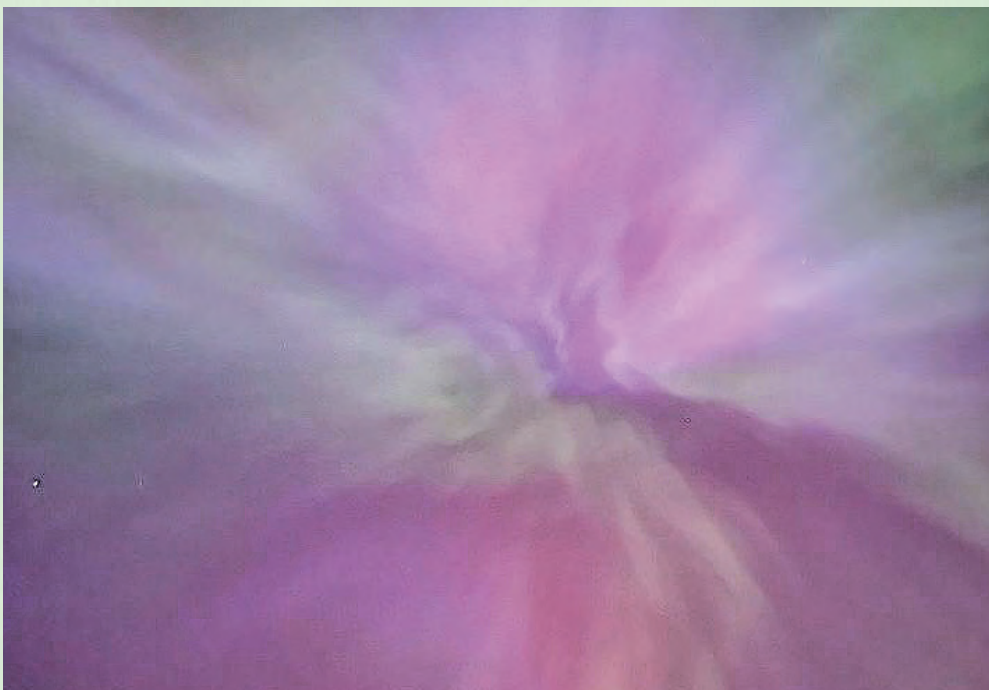
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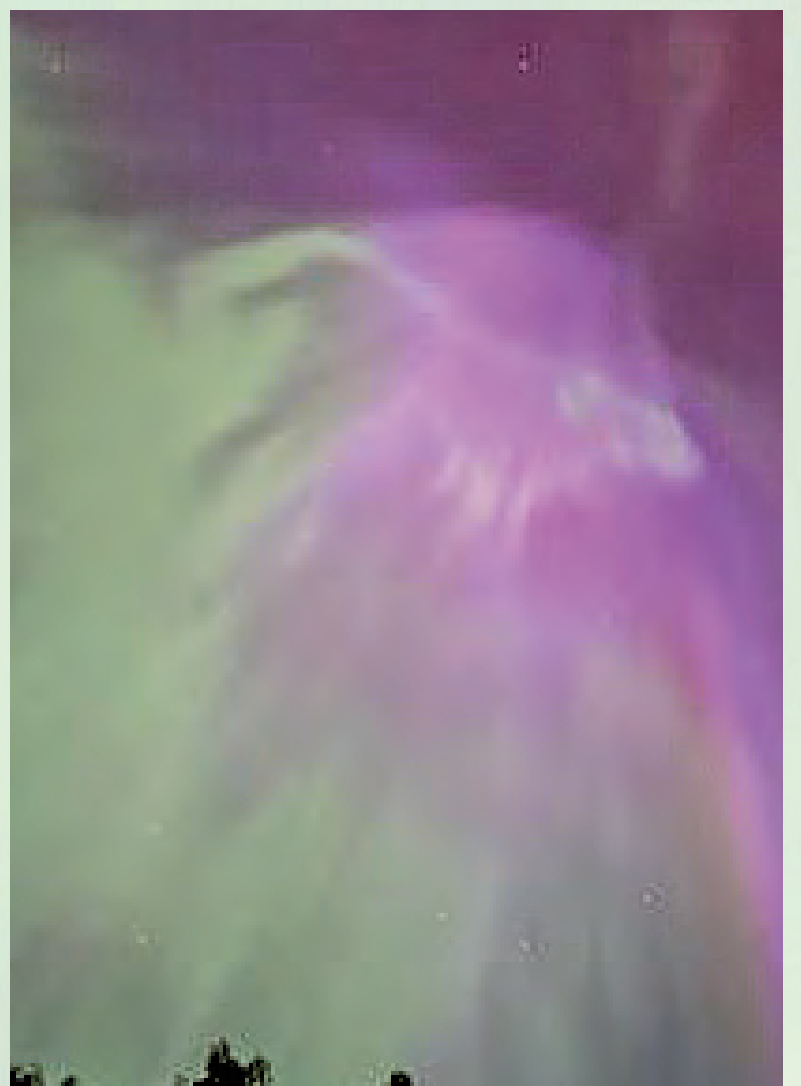
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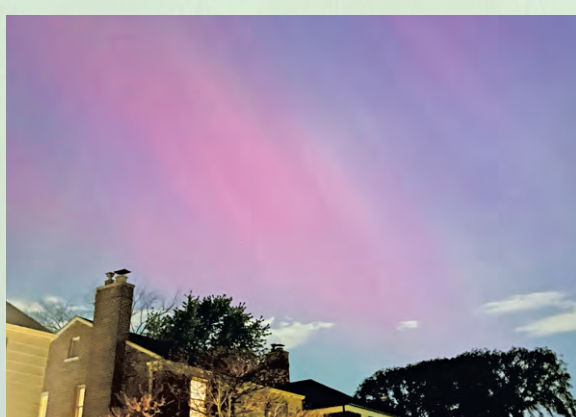
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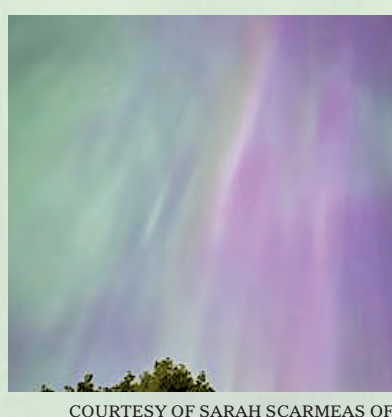
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Purple in the Pointes campaign concludes with Cody Clark Magic

Free show entertains, educates about autism

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Closing out the second annual Purple in the Pointes campaign — which saw purple porch lights, ribbons and other flashes of purple displayed throughout the community in support of autism awareness — the Full Circle Foundation is hosting a performance by magician Cody Clark.

Clark, who has autism, will perform “A Different Way of Thinking” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. It’s an autism advocacy magic show in which Clark entertains guests while sharing his personal journey on the autism spectrum.

“It’s a message-heavy show that’s still fun and has magic and storytelling about what living with autism is like,” Clark said, noting how his own challenges, pitfalls and triumphs as someone on the spectrum align with the challenges, pitfalls and triumphs involved with magic.

“I figured we needed something informational and educational to wrap up Purple in the Pointes, so I started looking online to see who was out there and what we could bring to the community,” said Patty Sunisloe, Full Circle board member and Purple in the Pointes organizer. “I found Cody. ... When I



COURTESY PHOTO

Cody Clark will entertain his audience with magic tricks while sharing insight into his journey on the autism spectrum.

found out how many places he travels to and how in-demand he is, I thought he has to be good.”

Clark was introduced to the world of magic as an 11-year-old on a family vacation to Gulf Shores, Ala. Magician Bart Rockett pulled him onstage to assist with a few tricks; his introduction to performing involved seeing a woman

in half.

But there was another element to being onstage that struck him harder.

“I saw that it contrasted well with not being good at sports or having OK grades,” he said.

It allowed him, a boy on the spectrum, to develop a hobby into a passion and then into a successful business. He’s been performing magic 20 years and touring profession-

ally the past decade, sharing his talent — and his personal message — with audiences around the country.

Clark honed his magic skills with help from several mentors, but added the advocacy component to his work while a student at the University of Louisville.

“There are no secrets onstage,” he said. “My fellow students were wondering about my quirks and tics. ... That was the impetus to write full scripts for my shows.”

Now he shares his message through a range of shows, geared toward students at all grade levels, colleges and universities, as well as adults in the work force.

“It works on a professional development level and a family fun level,” he said. “There’s a universal appeal to the show, whether it’s for a college or a school assembly or a corporation. ... One of the strengths is having that flexibility to adapt to age ranges.”

It’s that wide net Full Circle hopes to cast for Clark’s performance.

“We want to bring in people from the school system — teachers, school administrators,” Sunisloe said, “parents who have children with autism and individuals who have autism, too. Cody is such an inspiration.”

“I’ve worked with peo-

ple on the spectrum who feel hopelessness about their future and where they fit in,” she continued. “When they see (Clark) perform, see how successful (he is), how relatable, they can see that the sky’s the limit. They can find their own talents, gifts and crafts and have the life they want.”

Clark also welcomes one and all to his show.

“If you’re directly part of the community of autism, it lets you know you’re not alone,” he said. “If there’s no connection to autism, you see universal relatability. Lots of people are not good at sports and struggle to find out what their thing is. ... Autism is nothing to be scared of, just a different way of thinking.”

Added Sunisloe, “Understanding is the first step to acceptance. That’s why we launched Purple in the Pointes, to reach out to the community and start getting them to think about these things.”

The Cody Clark Magic show is free, but seating is limited and registration is required at fordhouse.org.

“This is my first time to Detroit and my second time to Michigan; last month I performed at Central Michigan University,” Clark said. “It’s not often I get up to Michigan, so you shouldn’t miss out on this opportunity.”

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 28, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 3, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Register at redcrossblood.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 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

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Sights of spring

The Grosse Pointe Shores home of Marlene Boll was brightened up after 2,400 tulips were planted. Each spring, the Bolls have planted tulips in honor of John Boll’s Dutch/Netherlands ancestry. While their colors have ranged throughout the years, this year 1,200 purple tulips were planted, coinciding with the Full Circle Foundation’s Purple in the Pointes campaign. Additionally, 600 white and 600 pink and yellow tulips spruce up the Lakeshore yard.

Grosse Pointes host various events to honor victims of gun violence

Members from all five Grosse Pointe communities once again are coming together to honor victims of gun violence and support survivors.

This month and next month, as part of Wear Orange Weekend, June 7 to 9, and Gun Violence Awareness Day, members of the community are hosting the following events to raise awareness and honor the victims and their families:

◆ Join neighbors from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 30, at Otherworld & Mums Arcade for a “Flowers & Fun” event as a

way to prepare for Wear Orange. This all-orange event features free arcade games, snacks and drinks. There also will be a large selection of orange flowers for sale, along with orange ribbons for trees and orange lights.

◆ At 6 p.m. Thursday, June 6, students from Grosse Pointe North High School will host a gun violence awareness panel discussion at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. Panelists include a member of Sen. Debbie Stabenow’s staff and a professor from the University of

Michigan Firearm Injury Prevention Department.

◆ At 7:25 a.m. Friday, June 7, Grosse Pointe North students will have a Wear Orange sign-waving rally directly across from the high school on Vernier Road.

◆ From 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 7, a silent vigil takes place in front of Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Avenue. This vigil will be an opportunity for community members to share who they Wear Orange for and who they are honoring for Wear Orange Weekend.



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Equine-assisted psychotherapy available through Therapy Ranch

Funds being raised for mental health through May 31

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Lindsay Drouillard doesn't horse around with her work.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident takes seriously the treatment she offers through her business, Therapy Ranch, based in Ortonville, which offers equine-assisted psychotherapy with the mission of "empowering people of all ages to discover hope and resilience on their path to mental well-being by harnessing the healing power of horses."

Sessions do not involve riding horses, rather allow clients to brush, pet and walk with them. The idea is to develop relationships, connection, emotional regulation, communication skills, mindfulness and resilience.

"It's important to show people a way of managing the stress in their life," Drouillard said, "of finding natural and holistic, meaningful skills they can take with them that aren't taking a pill. ... It's being out in the environment, finding resources within to get them to restore and relax."

"Horses are really good co-regulators," she continued. "They have a calm demeanor, slower heart

rate, slow respiratory rate. That helps us slow our heart rate and respiratory rate. They are so regulated and they can help us get regulated."

That rhythm is established through brushing the horses, walking with them, recognizing their heart rate and respiratory rate, she noted.

"Horses help us be in the moment, too," she added. "They demand all of our attention and focus, so we're not able to be worrying about the future or thinking about the past. They command attention to our emotions. They react to it; they give us honest feedback."

Therapy Ranch, which formed in 2019, offers individual, group and team-building sessions, but also specializes in youth and adults with a history of trauma.

"We work with people who have anxiety and depression," Drouillard said. "We strive to reduce anxiety and depression and suicidology. We're expanding to include veterans soon."

Therapy Ranch has seven part-time staff members, including three mental health profession-

als, three equine specialists and one certified yoga instructor/mindfulness trainer.

"I know horses very well," said Drouillard, who has been riding since



age 6. "I'm also a nurse practitioner, so I bring my medical knowledge and horse knowledge together to create mental health intervention."

Raising awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and to help raise awareness, Therapy Ranch is participating in a virtual Ride, Run & Walk fundraiser through Friday, May 31.

"You do any activity and track your own miles," Drouillard said. "It's fundraising and raising mental health awareness with over 80 other nonprofits across the U.S. It's part of the national organization Horses for Mental Health."

Those interested in par-

ticipating in the Seen Through Horses campaign can sign up online at therapyranch.org or by visiting its social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

"You can check it out and join the walk through the end of May," she said. "Joining is just \$35 and you track your miles. We're giving away weekly prizes for miles and raising funds."

This is the first time Therapy Ranch has participated in the virtual event, though it raised funds for the campaign last year.

"We hope next year to do an in-person event," Drouillard noted.

This fall, Therapy Ranch will host a fundraiser at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Tompkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park. "Diamonds & Denim" includes dinner, drinks, a silent auction, live music, a photo booth and more. A presentation about Therapy Ranch begins at 7 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available at therapyranch.org.

There also are in-person Therapy Ranch experiences available. The organization recently moved into its new home,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Lindsay Drouillard with Scotty, one of her therapy horses, during the marshmallow drop at Patterson Park at the end of March.

Stillwater Stables & Stays in Ortonville.

"It's an Airbnb for horses," Drouillard said. "We can host retreats, clients, three-day events, five-day intensives with clients as groups or individuals onsite. We always work outside and incorporate nature."

In action

Therapy Ranch also is available for on-site visits. Last month, Drouillard visited Fitzgerald High School in Warren with two therapy horses and members of her Therapy Ranch team. The goal was to work with staff members on relaxation and mindfulness.

"You have to be mindful of your position; you could get stepped on, kicked, stuck between them," she said. "Mindfulness helps, too, with your position in the world. Horses really do allow you to use all your senses at the same time."

During the workshop, yoga instructor Briana Nixon and psychiatric

nurse practitioner Amy Fox spoke about mindfulness.

Nixon encouraged teachers to take cleansing breaths, then led them through stretches to "get our energy grounded and centered," before entering a corral with the horses.

"When you go in, engage all of your senses," Fox said. "If you're feeling nervous or anxious, that's OK."

Added Nixon, "Keep mindfulness going, notice your heartbeat and your breathing."

Teachers were invited to pet or brush 13-year-old Scotty and 18-year-old Bunny, the two horses Drouillard brought to the workshop.

"Be mindful of your placement and what the horses are doing," Drouillard told teachers.

"Try to be present with them," Nixon added.

For more information about Therapy Ranch or to participate in the virtual Ride, Run & Walk campaign, visit therapyranch.org



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Drouillard, with therapy horses Scotty and Bunny, sets up for a recent teacher workshop day at Fitzgerald High School in Warren. The horses were instrumental in helping participants practice mindfulness.

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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.

Ford House

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

◆ 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.

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

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

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

◆ Botany & Brews, 6 to

8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 24, and Oct. 16. Cost is \$35 for members only.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

◆ 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.

◆ Prissy Portraits, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 20, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Dream Lab Adult Swim, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Shelf Indulgence, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Screening of "Orchestrating Change," 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Flower Moon Party, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Reader Dog, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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.

◆ 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.

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

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

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

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

The Helm

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

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

◆ 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.

◆ Let's Get Artsy, Decorative Painted Birdhouse, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 28, with instructor Linda Boyle. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie "Eat, Pray, Love" will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29.

◆ Bocce League, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning June 4.

◆ Premier World Discovery hosts a presentation about two upcoming trips, Italy's Amalfi Coast and San Antonio Holiday, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.

◆ The movie "The Boys in the Boat" will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 7. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Nine graduating seniors from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools will receive scholarships. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

League of Women Voters

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

No lovey left behind

Community page helps reunite 2-year-old with treasured toy

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

The Easter Bunny may have gifted 2-year-old Cameron Wirkus his lovey, but it was fellow Farms residents who ensured the two were reunited last month after the stuffed friend disappeared during a walk around the neighborhood.

"We're at the age where they're very attached to loveys and things," his mom, Holly Wirkus, said of Cameron and his 11-month-old sister, Chloe. "My son's just starting to express himself and he was very sad when I couldn't find it.

"... They take it on all of their walks and I think my daughter must have thrown it out of the stroller."

Not one, but three, Farms residents made use of the "Grosse Pointe Farms Community and Conversation" Facebook group to announce the presence of a lost lovey on the westside of Grosse Pointe Boulevard between Stephens and Lothrop.

Holly Wirkus saw the first post at 9 p.m. and

sent her husband, Andrew, out to rescue the unnamed lovey. He returned empty-handed, so she tried her luck with the same unfortunate result.

"I was actually nervous because it was on a Tuesday, which is our trash day," Wirkus said. "So when I went out the first two times, I was discouraged that someone picked it up and threw it away. ... Then I posted a message on the Facebook group expressing my difficulty of locating the lovey and another community member privately messaged me and said he saw it, spotted it up on someone's wall post in their yard."

The third time was the charm.

"I found it and I dusted it off and put it in my son's crib," Wirkus said. "And then the first thing he said in the morning was, 'I found it in my crib!' And he was very happy."

His next words?



This photo was posted on the Farms community Facebook page when the lovey was discovered on Grosse Pointe Boulevard between Stephens and Lothrop.

"Give to Chloe," his mom recalled, before explaining, like many younger siblings, the 11-month-old graciously had adopted the doll as her own — nevermind having been given her own matching girl lovey for Easter.

"He is a very sweet boy and was more worried about wanting to return the doll to Chloe," Wirkus



COURTESY PHOTOS

Two-year-old Cameron Wirkus, right, and his 11-month-old sister, Chloe, with the recovered lovey.

said.

Even days later, the excitement remained.

"Whenever he looks at the doll, he is so excited it was found," Wirkus said later that week. "This

morning he kept saying, 'I found it! I found it!'"

Wirkus was born and

raised in the Farms, before meeting her husband during medical school residency in

Chicago and choosing to return specifically to raise a family.

"It really is so special to live in a community where everyone looks out for each other," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2024 F-150 Raptor R is up for grabs in this year's sweepstakes.

Fair Lane welcomes visitors this summer

With summer fast approaching, the gardens and grounds of Fair Lane: Home of Clara and Henry Ford in Dearborn are coming to life and ready to welcome visitors.

Designed by landscape architect Jens Jensen, the gardens and grounds at Fair Lane have long been an inviting place to relax, reflect and explore. In addition to Clara Ford's acclaimed Blue Garden and the vibrant pink roses in the English Garden, Fair Lane boasts a Tribute & Cutting Garden, numerous woodland trails and an extensive natural habitat ideal for bird watching along the Rouge River.

While the main residence remains closed for ongoing restoration, visitors are welcome to explore the grounds daily, free of charge, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit henryford-estatefairlane.org for more details about Fair Lane and membership benefits, including invitations to special events and seasonal gatherings.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, Fair Lane will open its doors for its yearly Restoration Showcase, where visitors are invited inside to see the restoration underway. Advance registration and timed tickets are required and available online at bit.ly/restorationshowcase2024.

Concurrently, Fair Lane's garden staff and volunteers will host its annual plant sale Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, featuring a wide assortment of native plants, perennials, birdhouses, bee houses, garden art, herbs, vegetables and more.

Summer also marks the launch of Fair Lane's annual sweepstakes. This year, guests will help support the estate's ongoing work to reimagine this National Historic Landmark and get an opportunity to win a supercharged 2024 F-150 Raptor R. Combining raw power and sophisticated design and engineering,

this vehicle is equipped with a supercharged 5.2L V8 Predator and roars with 720 horsepower, making it a formidable beast on any terrain. The Southeast Michigan Ford Dealers is supporting this year's sweepstakes.

Visit henryfordfairlane.org to purchase tickets. All sweepstakes proceeds support the restoration and re-imagining of the Fair Lane estate, whose mission is to illuminate the lives and legacy of Clara and Henry Ford.

Visit Fair Lane, an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, at 1 Fair Lane Dr., Dearborn, adjacent to the University of Michigan — Dearborn.



Ticket Information

Selfridge Military Air Museum announces '2024 Veterans Weekend'

The Selfridge Military Air Museum invites the public to a special tribute, saluting men and women who served in the U.S. Military, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19. The event offers a glimpse into what it was like serving during various campaigns.

Exhibits include: "A Vietnam Veterans Tribute," featuring the Michigan Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall, as well as "Historic Military Impressions," with campaign-relevant equipment displayed in and around the museum. Patriotic displays, uniforms and a collection of U.S. military vehicles from all

eras also will be on display.

During a visit to the museum, guests may want to take an accessible walking tour of the Air Park that has more than 30 historic military aircraft and displays. Free food and beverages will be provided by National Coney Island, Mission BBQ, Texas Roadhouse, Faygo and Better Made.

Base access and museum admission are required. Veterans receive reduced-price admission. Active service men and women are always admitted free of charge. For additional details, including requirements for base access, visit selfridgeairmuseum.org.

Tickets available for Sail into Summer auction, party

The Youth Nautical Education Foundation presents its Sail into Summer auction and party, with proceeds benefiting youth sailing, at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

The event, which is open to the public, includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, an open bar until 9 p.m., a live auction and live music by Your Generation in Concert.

"Foundation activity is about community and youth education programs," said Jim Morrow, YNEF president. "This is one of the ways to raise funds that provide scholarships and programs, so we are able to support the community."

Along with annual scholarships, the foundation provides support to high school sailing programs, junior sailing programs at various clubs, as well as the Detroit Community Sailing Center.

"Part of our reach is to include everybody," Morrow said, "which is part of the reason we dropped 'Grosse Pointe' from our name. We really are of the entire community."

Tickets to Sail into Summer are \$150 per person. VIP tables are \$200 and include a \$50 charitable donation.

Tickets may be purchased online at ynef.org/party; by calling (313) 884-2500; emailing frontdesk@gpcc.org or at the door via credit card or check, made payable to Youth Nautical Education Foundation.

"There are 28 high schools in metro Detroit that have sailing racing teams," Morrow said, noting the growing footprint of community sailing. "This is a lifelong skill. You don't need to join a club; you can learn to sail and take it where you want to go from there."

— Jody McVeigh

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, 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.

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OBITUARIES

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

Dr. Walter Guevara

Dr. Walter Guevara, 88, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, passed away Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

He was born Nov. 23, 1935, in Santa Fe, Argentina, to Dr. Luis Bernardo Guevara and Ana Clorinda Guevara. The family later moved to Córdoba, Argentina, where he completed his medical studies at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, along with his identical twin brother, Dr. Omar Guevara.

He met his beautiful future wife, Rosa Pucheta, on a mountain-climbing trip. When he saw her, he asked her to put his hat next to her seat on the bus. They soon married and in 1960 emigrated to the United States, where he specialized in psychiatry with an emphasis on adolescents and younger adults. He completed his internship at Barberton Citizens Hospital in Barberton, Ohio, in 1962, and his residency at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit, in 1966.

Walter established Medical and Psychological Services in Harper Woods and later in St. Clair Shores. He built a respected team of physicians, psychologists, counselors and social workers serving the mental health needs of the community. Rosa joined him in managing his practice. He retired in 1997.

In 1966, Walter and Rosa settled in Grosse Pointe, where they raised four children and were involved with many activities, including the Grosse Pointe Chapter of Rotary International, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Eastside Tennis Club and coaching boys' soccer. He loved nature and was a longtime member of the Woodland Springs Club in Comins. Since they lived far from their families, they became active in the Argentine Association of Detroit and helped many newly arriving Argentines adapt to their adopted country.

They traveled the world together and later retired to Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., where they enjoyed life meeting with friends and family. After Rosa passed in 2018, Walter began a new life journey with his lovely partner, Carolina. They were very happy; traveling, visiting with friends and being thankful to God for the privilege of being together.

Those who met Walter were immediately charmed by his gentlemanly manner. He listened and gave wise counsel with good humor and without judgment. He always was there for everyone through good and challenging times. He stressed the importance of family and staying connected. He lived his life honorably. He loved to dance and told fascinating stories of his life and adventures. He loved to read about science and space. Affectionately known as "Tata" by his grandchildren, he loved spending time with them, teaching them to swim, leading nature walks and telling

stories.

Whether family member, friend, patient or acquaintance, he would find a way to connect with people and make them feel loved, cared for and respected. The family cherishes wonderful memories and know many will think of him and smile about something he said or did that touched them.

Walter was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Rosa Guevara; sister, Raquel Guevara; and brothers, Luis Bernardo, Jorge, Dr. Omar and Raul Guevara. He is survived by his loving partner, Carolina Strutz; daughter, Denisse Guevara Veater (Colin); sons, Herman Guevara, Walter Guevara Jr. (Keri) and Dr. Tristan Guevara (Mary); and grandchildren, Natalie and Arthur Veater, Camila, Andres and Luis Guevara, Graciela, Nicolas and Luke Guevara, Abigail and Tristan Tomas, and Sofia Guevara.

A celebration of life will be held later in the year.

Donations in Walter's name may be made to Haiti and Africa Relief Team Inc. (HART) at hartfund.org or P.O. Box 806176, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

Katherine Jordan Melick

Katherine Jordan Melick passed away Thursday, May 9, 2024, with her children by her side.

Born Feb. 20, 1930, to Serafim and Ariste Jordan, Katherine grew up in Detroit and graduated from Southeastern High School in 1948. Upon graduation, she accepted a job at Bank of the Commonwealth. Within two years, she was promoted to secretary to the president and blazed a path for women by eventually being appointed the first woman officer in the bank's history.

In 1964, Katherine was among a small group of women whose names were given to both Michigan Gov. George Romney and President Lyndon B. Johnson as leading Detroit businesswomen who, "if given the chance could make valuable contributions to their state and country."

Katherine married Robert Melick in 1964. They were happily married for 48 years and together raised two children. She was devoted to creating a loving home for her family. An accomplished sewer who created beautiful clothing, Katherine also loved to needlepoint and knit.

Katherine will be remembered for her ever-present smile, kindness and playful humor. Her kindness extended not only to her family and close friends, but to anyone she met on any given day. This endearing quality allowed her to count people from all walks of life among her friends. The legacy she leaves her family is one that will remind them to live every day with gratitude and remember that offering a smile to others is the simplest act

of kindness.

Katherine was predeceased by her husband, Robert; and siblings, George, Fr. Basil Gregory, Edna and Thomas. She is survived by her son, Jordan; daughter, Ariste Egan (John); and grandchildren, Christian and Patrick Egan.

A funeral Mass took place at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77030.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Thomas Stephen Vaughn

Thomas Stephen Vaughn, 68, died Saturday, May 11, 2024, after a courageous one-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Tom was born June 17, 1955, in Detroit, to Joseph and Frances (nee Baker) Vaughn. He was a lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointes, residing in Grosse Pointe Woods the past 42 years. Tom attended Our Lady Star of the Sea School and Austin Catholic Preparatory School where he made friendships that lasted throughout his life. Tom was a proud graduate of Georgetown University, earning his Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Science degrees, both with magna cum laude honors.

Tom had a prestigious 44-year career as an attorney for Dykema, a fixture in the firm's Corporate Finance Group. Described by colleagues as a titan in the metro-Detroit community, Tom's career was marked by unwavering dedication and relentless pursuit of excellence. Tom loved the city of Detroit and was long involved with the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) Detroit, serving on the board of directors. He proudly accepted the ACG Lifetime Achievement Award on May 6, 2024. Tom served as a trusted advisor, strategic thinker and beacon of integrity in his field. He was consistently listed among the top lawyers in Michigan and America.

Tom was passionately committed to his community, as exemplified by his service to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods since 1983. Tom served as city councilman from 2021 until his death. He enjoyed contributing to his beloved community with his enthusiasm and thoughtful attention to detail.

Tom cherished spending time with those close to him. From backyard games and bike rides to dancing at weddings with Patti, Tom always was ready to have fun. Tom enjoyed being outdoors and was especially drawn to the natural beauty of national parks. He hiked with family at as many of them as he could. A lifelong learner, Tom loved having new experiences with his family and sharing his wealth of knowledge with his children and grandchildren.

Tom's energy and zest for life were unmatched. He will be dearly missed



Dr. Walter Guevara



Katherine Jordan Melick



Thomas S. Vaughn

by his wife of 44 years, Patti Krausmann-Vaughn; and his four children, Catherine Vaughn-Gillman (Eric), Cecelia Forinash (Brian), Patrick Vaughn (Jason Kim) and Audrey Vaughn. He was proud to be called "Pampa" by his six grandchildren. Tom also is survived by his five siblings, Kathie Hickel (Gerry), Jackie O'Boyle (Paul), Marybeth Grosfield (Dick), Jeff Vaughn (Patty) and Jim Vaughn (Ellen), and was loved by many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 19, Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. He will lie in state at 9 a.m. until his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, gpwfoundation.org; The Kirk Gibson Foundation for Parkinsons, kirkgibsonfoundation.org; or Regina High School, reginahs.com.

Robert Glen Vallee Sr.

Robert Glen Vallee Sr., passed away peacefully Saturday, May 11, 2024, surrounded in love by his family. He lived a long and successful life of nearly 96 years, leaving a legacy of ambition, optimism and determination. Known for his wit and inspiring presence among crowds large and small, Bob was the epitome of the American dream: a hard worker who took advantage of every opportunity to better his life and the life of his family.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 67 years, Virginia Fern Johnson Vallee.

Bob is survived by children, Robert G. Vallee Jr. (Linda), Laurence S. Vallee (Jayne), Lisa M. Vallee (Jeff) and Janet S. Vallee (Todd); as well as grandchildren, L. Scott Vallee Jr., Lauren D. Vallee, Joseph M. Vallee, Taylor A. Vallee, Payton C. Vallee, Gerard P. V. Smith and Jeffrey C. P. Smith. Robert also leaves behind four great-grandchildren, Arden Vallee, Louis Vallee, George Vallee and Arthur Vallee.

Born Nov. 4, 1928, in Rogers City, Bob was the youngest of nine children. His parents, Eugene and Genevieve Vallee, were of French-Canadian origin. Raised in a devout Catholic family of humble means, Bob's father worked in the Rogers City calcite quarry and his mother was a homemaker. Bob spoke fondly of his siblings and liked sharing stories of childhood adventures in Rogers City, from serving as an altar boy to ice skating on Lake Huron to his dog, Sandy McTavish, and his many odd jobs.

Bob's teenage years were spent in Grosse Pointe, where he was raised by his sister,

Lorraine, and her husband, George McAllister. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School (now Grosse Pointe South) where he met the love of his life, Virginia, in 10th grade.

Upon graduation, Bob returned to Rogers City to find work. Eager to make money, he followed in some of his brothers' footsteps and worked aboard the John G. Munson freighter — an experience he proudly recalled as the worst job of his life.

In his early 20s, Bob volunteered for combat duty in the Korean War and served with the 45th Infantry Division, earning nine battle ribbons and the Combat Infantry Battalion Badge. He was honorably discharged with distinction in 1953. Despite serving on the front lines under the toughest of circumstances, Bob cherished the discipline and camaraderie the U.S. Army taught him, channeling his experience into valuable lessons for himself and those close to him.

Bob built a long and successful business career with The George P. Johnson Co., (now a division of Project Worldwide) spanning more than five decades. He joined the business — founded as a flag-making company by his father-in-law — as a truck washer before working his way up through sales and into management. Bob eventually became president, CEO and sole owner of the organization, which under his leadership grew to become the leading privately held experience marketing agency in the world (project.com).

Among his many accomplishments are his four children. Together with Virginia, or "Tootsie," he made certain to instill in the two boys and two girls the basics of a responsible lifestyle, laying a foundation of Christian and patriotic values such as hard work and integrity. Bob was an affectionate dad, generous and genuine with his emotions, and he loved making people laugh. Around the Vallee household, and especially at dinnertime, there was never a shortage of comedy fodder with Bob holding court and telling stories (many of them fabricated) and pulling just about any joke — until Tootsie told him to stop.

Bob and Virginia were generous philanthropists throughout their lives, supporting community, cultural, religious and healthcare initiatives across Michigan and Florida. One of their most creative contributions is the Virginia and Robert Vallee European — Early Christian Gallery at the Detroit Institute of Arts. They also were significant donors to St. John Hospital in Detroit, making donations that have benefitted cardiology, pediatrics and gastroenterology.

Arrangements are being handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral service is sched-



Mary Ann Kosek

uled at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be at the Christ Church Grosse Pointe columbarium. In lieu of flowers, the family invites contributions to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, bgcsm.org

Mary Ann Kosek

Mary Ann Kosek, 95, passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

She grew up in Detroit and graduated from Cass Technical High School, majoring in dressmaking and design. Mary Ann went on to use her skills to make exquisite clothing at the high-end department store, Russeks, in downtown Detroit and for herself as well. She eventually sought out a higher-paying job and went to work for Burton Abstract and Title Co., as a secretary.

Mary Ann met the love of her life, Tom, through the Catholic Youth Organization Ski Club. They married in 1958, and she quit her job before the birth of her son, Tom. Mary Ann then devoted her time to raising her son; cultivating a large annual, perennial, fruit and vegetable garden; and volunteering at St. Veronica Catholic Church in East Detroit. Eight and a half years later, she had a daughter, Annie.

Mary Ann was a fabulous cook, baker, textile artist, gardener and volunteer. She regularly volunteered at her children's schools and in the local nonprofit food banks and arts communities. After her husband, Tom, retired from General Motors, they spent more time boating, fishing, camping and exploring Michigan. Mary Ann also kept busy with her many friends and children, supporting the local arts and culture community.

She lost her husband, Tom, in 2015, and is survived by her children, Tom and Annie Kosek (Christof Othmer).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army, salvationarmyusa.org; or Detroit Goodfellows, detroitgoodfellows.org.

Visitation will take place 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 17, at A. H. Peters funeral home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 21440 Universal, Eastpointe.

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Geraldine Caroline Young

Geraldine Caroline Young (nee Maraulo) was born April 20, 1931, in Grosse Pointe, and passed away Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at age 93, after a graceful battle with Alzheimer's disease. Her family felt blessed to celebrate her 93rd birthday with her.

Gerry is survived by her loving children, Kevin (Maria) and Kathy Young. She was most proud of her grandchildren, Alex Krusinski and Angela Young. Angela graduated from the University of Michigan in 2022, happily following in her Grammy's footsteps.

Gerry was predeceased by her husband, Bill, in 1993; her parents, Martha and George Maraulo; and sister, Mary Anne Maraulo Burns.

Gerry met William Albert Young III at the University of Michigan while Bill was in law school and Gerry was an undergraduate. They both graduated in 1952, and proudly supported their alma mater. They were married Nov. 3, 1956.

Gerry started her career as an elementary school teacher in Lakewood, Ohio. She and her family spent 18 years in New Canaan, Conn., then in 1994, she began her rise to become one of the top Realtors in Grosse Pointe.

Gerry was a huge Michigan sports fan and loved playing golf, tennis and paddle tennis in the winter. She regularly beat her kids at all sports. Gerry also loved watching her children and grandchildren compete. When her kids were younger, she was a constant fixture at all their sporting events. During football season, the first row of the stands was left empty so Gerry could run down the sidelines with Kevin, usually beating him. At swim meets, Gerry would race down the side of the pool while Kathy was competing. She was always supportive and loving.

Gerry battled severe

Alzheimer's disease since 2015. The family offers a special thank you to the great caregivers at Beechwood Manor Assisted Living in St. Clair Shores for the care they provided Gerry for the last seven years. They always looked after her with loving care.

A Catholic Mass of cremation burial takes place at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 30, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online at alz.org/gmc/donate or mailed to Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph Rd., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48033.

Share a memory at verheyden.org

Shirley Mae Colson

Shirley Colson, 94, died Friday, May 3, 2024, at American House Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Shirley was born June 7, 1929, the daughter of George and Erma Pettit.

Mrs. Colson enjoyed music, travel and volunteer work, and was the "No. 1 Cheerleader" for her grandchildren's sporting events.

She is survived by her son, James, and his wife, Lynne; and three grandchildren, Christopher (Laura Palen), Leigh-Ann Szabo (Stephen) and Blair Symington (Brendan). She was blessed to have four great-grandchildren, Jack and Ella Colson, and Lily and Emma Szabo.

A Celebration of Life service was held Wednesday, May 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Her remains will be inurned at Oakwood Cemetery in Sharon, Penn.

Her family extends their appreciation to the staff at American House for caring for her and enriching her life for the past 2 1/2 years.

Donations in Shirley's memory may be made to the The Longest Day — American Alzheimer's Association, alz.org/the-longestday

Choir director stepping down after 36 years at St. Clare

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Ron Kotz retired from his career at Chrysler Corp., in 2007, giving him more time to focus on the thing that really made his heart sing: music.

After leading the contemporary choir at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church the past 36 years — and leading a folk group at St. Matthew Catholic Church for 20 years before that — Kotz has decided it's time to let someone else take the reins.

He'll officially step down Sunday, May 19.

"When we started doing this 56 years ago, I never thought for a minute I'd still be here in my 80s still doing what we were doing as kids," he said. "It's such a special ministry. I'm grateful to have all those memories."

Kotz's devotion to his faith began well before St. Clare entered the picture. After graduating Salesian High School in Detroit, he entered the seminary, where he studied nearly nine years. Though never ordained, he happened upon another calling.

"That's where the genesis of what I've done ever since with the folk group began," he said. "This was something exciting and that stayed with me all these years — and that excitement never stopped."

While in seminary, changes began to take place in the Catholic Church. Notably, rather than preaching in Latin with their backs to the congregation, priests began to address congregants face-to-face in English. And, as Kotz put it, the guitars came out.

"When things started changing, it hit us like a rocket," he said. "... There was this sense of participation. People were spectators before, but then they became way more involved."

In 1968, when Kotz walked into St. Matthew with a guitar slung across his back, he was welcomed with open arms. He joined a newly formed folk group and, after a couple of practices, was asked to lead it.

His focus was on involving the congregation in ways they hadn't been involved before, he said.

The group — much like the contemporary choir he leads at St. Clare — did not perform for performing's sake; it was tasked with prompting the congregation to sing along. The group also performed outside of the church, at nursing homes, hospital, jails and community events.

"We were never just a group that sang at the 9 a.m. Mass," said Kotz, who met his wife, Carol, at St. Matthew. They were married in 1976, and blessed with two sons and two grandsons.

Over time, declining attendance at St. Matthew prompted the elimination of the weekly folk Mass. In 1988, St. Clare Minister of Music Maureen Kennedy asked Kotz if he'd take over the church's contemporary choir.

"Ed Possilius was the biggest help having us make the transition to St. Clare," Kotz recalled. "From 1988 to 2000, when he passed, he was absolutely integral to everything we did."

"... Things formalized the longer we were at St. Clare," he added. "We were young, a little bit irreverent. That has carried us through this whole time. The music got better and the musicians got way better."

The contemporary choir welcomes "anybody inclined to sing and who feels moved by the music," he said. "People that joined us are of every age."

"We never had auditions," he added. "We take ordinary people singing songs they can relate to."

Over the years, more than 200 people have sung in the choir, around 25 to 30 people at a time, "because that was all we could accommodate," Kotz said. "Whenever we'd lose a key member, somebody would pop up with a different skill set and we'd keep going. That happened over and over again."

"... The music is always tied to the liturgy," he noted. "It's like a stage play. The music has to



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Ron Kotz will end his tenure as choir director at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church this Sunday.

support the underlying liturgy and reinforce the message the priest would be preaching about. It's not just fun and games."

In the early 1990s, students from Grosse Pointe South High School joined the choir, which prompted the start of a scholarship program for graduating seniors. Donations to the choir allowed the scholarships to be self-funded.

"It wasn't tons, but it was enough to give them something," Kotz said.

Other highlights included helping organize and the choir performing in a benefit concert for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, as well as the choir performing in the Project Life Fund Christmas concert hosted by St. Clare.

"One of the most touching moments was at Erika Beer's father's funeral," he added. "She was with us all through high school and just after she graduated, her dad was buried. That church was standing-room only. We were asked to sing; it was so touching. Those are important moments for people."

After experiencing health issues in recent years, Kotz, 81, decided it was time to step down.

"I've always kept myself busy, with reading, drawing, art," he said, "but I missed the opportunity to see Michigan. When you're tied to a schedule from September to June, it's hard to get away. Hopefully we'll be able to do little trips around the state and outside the state."

The Kotzes also will

remain members at St. Clare and, though he won't be directing anymore, they still plan to sing.

"I'll miss it," he said. "That's one of the reasons we'll hang around. I never really thought of myself as a director or conductor. Even though it's kind of informal and even though it's kind of popular music, you still need discipline. Those 15 to 20 people need a hand to present it a certain way."

"... The idea is that religion didn't have to be something drab and dreary," he added. "We reflected the joy people felt by engaging in a ceremony with a human component as well as a transcendent component. That was our driving force."

Kotz said there's a particular moment when he's singing that he'll miss the most.

"When I turn around to direct the congregation and I see people smiling," he said. "We are singing, we're smiling and they're smiling back. You can appreciate the connection you have in those moments when everything comes together. There are times when you can't control the tears. The emotional part is what I'll miss the most, somehow having a hand in bringing the congregation together."

When asked if the church has any plans to bid Kotz farewell, he said he hopes to be serenaded with "Thank You for the Music" by ABBA:

"Thank you for the music, the songs I'm singing/Thanks for all the joy they're bringing/Who can live without it? I ask in all honesty/What would life be?/Without a song or a dance, what are we?/So I say thank you for the music, for giving it to me."

"That's what I want them to know," Kotz said. "All art has a way of expressing things that can't be put into words. That's how I feel about what we do. There's music and there's words, but there's something else you can't express in any other way."

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like Ford House. And of course, who isn't envious of a pizza oven right in your own home?"

The Kruegers, who moved into the house in 2021, said they are honored it was selected for the gala, especially since it's a new build and, though it has historical elements, is not a historical home.

"It puts validation on the historical elements we were aiming for," Seth Krueger said. "I don't have an architectural background; this is not my profession and I don't have a degree in it. When designing the whole house, my hope was that it looks right. The historical society saying they want to host it here is an honor."

"... The mentality we had during the design was we're not building a house for us; whoever's the steward of the home is who we're building it for," he added. "We thought quite a bit about design and longevity. We might be here for a short time or the rest of our lives, but even that is a fraction of this home's life. That was all taken into account during the design."

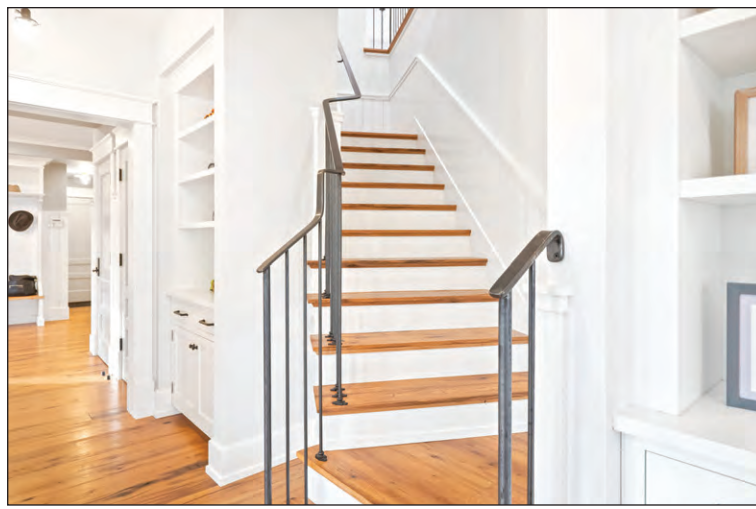
While Seth Krueger most appreciates the iron staircase handrails, crafted by Artistic Diseños in Detroit, his wife is partial to the cohesion of variety throughout the home.

"I appreciate on a daily basis seeing all the variety throughout the house, but also seeing balance, the continuity," she said. "You get unique feelings in each space. I appreciate how you feel cozy in one room, a bright open space in the next, or feminine or masculine, but it's all cohesive. It's peaceful to know everything goes together."

That cohesion goes for all spaces, including bedrooms for their two sons and two daughters; they began designing the house before they had any children.

"In designing a house like this, a house on the lake, the frame of mind is we're not building a castle-looking house for ourselves," Seth Krueger noted. "It's an art piece for Grosse Pointe."

Added Ruth Krueger, "We're doing it in the right way as far as putting effort into the right design, the craftsmanship. We're doing it for the beautiful elements so when you see the details it's something you really appreciate."



Left, the iron handrail is Seth Krueger's favorite detail in the house. Below, timber was used on the exterior and interior of the home for continuity.



The sitting room includes a Rumford fireplace.



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This is not a house for ourselves, but we wanted to build something really beautiful. We wanted more attention to detail."

Their planning paid off. Guests will see for themselves as they arrive at the main Lakeshore entrance

and proceed through the main floor to the backyard, where tents will provide shade and seating for open bars, hors d'oeuvres, a catered strolling supper, entertainment and a photo booth. Vintage cars also will be on display.

A pre-gala preview reception for sponsors takes place in the home and includes cocktails, special hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

"There's nothing finer than a party on a private estate in Grosse Pointe in

summer; it's an unmatched evening," said Grigg, who noted the society is thrilled the Kruegers agreed to open their home. "Guests can have fun and feel good that they are supporting two worthwhile causes — the historical society and Gianna House, if they attend the afterglow, too." (See sidebar below for details.)

Valet parking will be available. Tickets are limited. General admission is \$185 each and may be purchased through gphistorical.org or by calling (313) 884-7010. Sponsorship opportunities also may be found on the website.

Proceeds are earmarked for the operational costs of the society, which protects historic artifacts, shares and educates Grosse Pointe history through its collections and website, and brings history to life for current and future generations through programs, lectures, exhibits and activities.

"There are so many good things taking place on the GPHS campus," Grigg noted. "We depend on community support for our operations. The gala is a chance to support the history of the Pointes and adjacent communities."

The afterglow

Guests to the gala are invited to attend an afterglow in the spacious lower level of the Krueger home. Guests will be treated to a concert on the 1718 Marquis de Riviere Stradivarius violin, which was owned by the marquis in the early part of the 19th century. The violin has passed through a prestigious list of owners and performers. In 1964, it was owned by Daniel Majeske, concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra. Upon his death in 1993, his son, Stephen, continued to play the violin until his retirement.

In 2004, the Majeske family sold the violin to the Gerald and Lynne Krueger family of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Proceeds of the afterglow will benefit Gianna House in Eastpointe.

"It's a pregnancy housing center that houses women from any point in their pregnancy up until a year after the baby is born, to give them a stable environment," Ruth Krueger said. "I

met Joella Bush, the executive director, who is ... really passionate about giving a safety zone to these moms who are in unstable living environments. As a mom, that really impacted me. They're providing stability, which is important, especially at a time when they're vulnerable."

"When I was approached for this, Gianna House was my first idea," she continued. "I thought, how can we help in a larger capacity? I talked to Stuart (Grigg, Grosse Pointe Historical Society president) and he was very open to sharing that spotlight with Gianna House. I hope this gets Gianna House in the sightline of people who hopefully will be interested in supporting them."

Tickets to the afterglow are \$75 and may be purchased online at

eventbrite.com/e/soiree-at-the-stone-manor-tickets-818451810397?aff=oddttdcreator

For more information about Gianna House, visit giannahouse.org



The 2017 gala featured performances on the 1718 Marquis de Riviere Stradivarius violin, owned by the Krueger family. The 2017 gala was hosted by Chad Krueger, Seth's brother.

The history

In the 18th century, long, narrow ribbon farms ran to the edge of Lake St. Clair. In the 19th century, elaborate summer homes for well-to-do Detroiters dotted Lakeshore. By the turn of the century, the farmland was subdivided and new roads developed for the interurban and very quickly, the automobile. Summer homes were replaced by mansions where the residents lived surrounded by exquisite furnishings and attended by fleets of servants.

In 1907, Benjamin S. Warren, a prominent Detroit attorney, bought a 107-acre "gentleman's farm" with barns, outbuildings and a racetrack. Warren continued farming as an avocation. Eventually he sold much of the acreage, including what is now Oxford Road.

The Warrens lived in the original farmhouse, at 655 Lakeshore. They added on and remodeled through the years to create a home of more than 20 rooms, with an "easy, rambling charm." Warren died in 1930 and his widow lived in the home, which was known as Fairlawn, until her passing in 1965, when the house was razed and the property divided.

In 1948, Robert P. Scherer and his wife, Margaret, built a new home on property which had been part of the original Warren farm. Scherer was the inventor of the gelatin drug capsule and built the first rotary die process capsulating machine, now in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution. The home at 665 Lakeshore had a fully equipped metalworking

and woodworking shop in the basement.

The home at 665 Lakeshore was designed by Hugh T. Keyes, architect for many prominent Grosse Pointers. When the Scherers moved to the Pointes, they wanted a home that was light, bright and contemporary. Keyes obliged, producing a rambling glass and gray stone home. The Scherers decorated to give the house the feeling of a Southern beach home or Hawaiian lanai. The home was sold in 1984, to Ron and Mary Lamparter, who lived in the house 24 years.

In 2009, 665 Lakeshore was demolished. In 2017, ground was broken on the current dwelling, into which the homeowners moved in 2021. Designed by the owners, Seth and Ruth Krueger, with the support of architects, engineers and consultants as a "contemporary castle," it was inspired by traditional building techniques and timeless materials and crafts. The materials were sourced worldwide; local craftsmen executed features including handmade hardware throughout the structure. Seven family members own homes nearby. The rear yards have been merged into a shared park reminiscent of an English country estate. The expansive land has room for a greenhouse, terraces, mature trees, swimming pool and pool house, paths and, in the winter, a hockey rink. The Krueger family estate is unique in Grosse Pointe, with three generations sharing the space.

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Honoring the past Students clean gravestones at St. Paul Cemetery

Students from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School cleaned nearly 40 gravestones in the St. Paul Catholic Cemetery, which has been located on Moross since the parish acquired the property in 1868.

"This Corporal Work of Mercy is one way we show respect and honor the dignity of the deceased," said Tricia Kesteloot, director of evangelical charity at St. Paul.

Teams of students, parents and teachers

used a simple formula of dish soap, soft brushes and lots of water to clean the grave markers. Marcia McBrien, St. Paul on the Lake parish historian, did extensive research on what products would be best suited for the project, taking into the consideration the age of the gravestones. Stones were marked in advance of the project to ensure only certain ones were cleaned.

McBrien and Izzy Donnelly, former direc-

tor of education and collections manager with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, shared with students historical information about Grosse Pointe, St. Paul on the Lake and many of the departed who are buried in the cemetery.

"When cleaning was complete, students included saying a prayer at each gravesite," Kesteloot said.

An additional opportunity to clean grave markers will likely take place in early or mid-autumn.

Clara Johnson and Maleah Miller scrub a headstone.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Before and after photos of the Rev. John Elsen's headstone. Elsen was the pastor at St. Paul on the Lake for 10 years, 1889-99.



Teacher Michelle Roberts and students stand near headstones they just finished cleaning as Andrew Adlloch reads the prayer, "Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May they continue to rest in peace. Amen."

ASK THE EXPERTS By Megan Gunnell, LMSW

Why should mothers prioritize their mental health?

In the whirlwind of nurturing families, managing households and juggling careers, mothers frequently find themselves at the center of a delicate balancing act. Let's be honest, moms still carry the lion's share of parenting tasks and predominantly play the role of default parent despite modern-day advances in division of labor and attempts to co-parent equally. Yet, amid the chaos of daily life, it's critical for moms to recognize the importance of prioritizing their own mental well-being.

Here are compelling reasons why moms should take better care of their mental health:

First, a mother's mental health significantly influences the well-being of her entire family. Mothers are the emotional anchor of the household and when their mental health suffers, it can ripple through the family dynamic. By prioritizing their own well-being, moms not only draw from a full well — rather than an empty one — but they also help foster healthier relationships and nurturing environments for their children to thrive in.

Furthermore, self-care isn't selfish; it's essential. But self-care is way more than a day at the spa. True self-care involves things like paying careful attention to the signs and signals our bodies are sending us and responding to those in a deeply nurturing way. I remember when I was parenting my young children, I became so accustomed to ignoring exhaustion and fatigue I continued to push myself to function at full capacity instead of allowing myself to rest or reach out for support when I needed it.

Taking time to recharge and prioritize mental health also includes paying careful attention to our thoughts and behaviors. Listen carefully to your inner dialog. What do you notice? If your tone is self-critical, harsh or judgmental, there are strategies and tools therapists use to help shift those thoughts into self-love, compassion and kindness.

Moms typically are the pillar of the family system. When that pillar starts to crumble, everything goes down. When we pay careful attention to our

self-care needs, such as getting adequate sleep and rest, focusing on good nutrition, exercise, socialization and outlets for stress, moms can bolster up their reserves and operate from a place of abundance rather than scarcity or resentment.

On a more serious note, neglecting mental health can have serious long-term consequences. Chronic stress and untreated mental health issues can lead to a host of physical ailments, including heart disease, weakened immune systems and increased susceptibility to illness. By prioritizing self-care, moms not only safeguard their mental well-being but also promote better physical health for themselves and their families.

Lastly, modeling healthy self-care sets a powerful example for children. By witnessing their mother prioritize her mental health, children learn the importance of self-love, boundaries and the value of seeking help when needed. In doing so, moms empower their children to prioritize their own mental well-being as they navigate through their own life challenges.

Moms play an irreplaceable role in the lives of their families, making it critical for them to prioritize their mental health. By doing so, they not only benefit themselves but also create a ripple effect of positivity that extends to every member of the family and extended social network as well. Remember, self-care isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.

If you need more support, reach out to our team at thriveadvantagegroup.com

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Mackenzie Bobak works hard to scrub the dirt and moss off a headstone.

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Rethinking holiday get togethers

Dear Gabby: This (and every single) Memorial Day, my inlaws insist on having a barbecue together.

How do I just get that day to relax and plant my flowers? It's not that I don't love them — I do. I just feel like doing my own thing for once.

—Trying to lose this tradition in the Park

Dear Trying,

Traditions can be part of the foundation of solid and healthy families. However, if you are THAT unhappy about an afternoon, let's think about this. How about

the best of both worlds? You are free all day to garden and whatever floats your boat — and this year your spouse is in charge of gathering, buying and prepping all of the barbecue "stuff."

You get to show up stress-free for an hour or so of the festivities while taking a year off of the

work part of the barbecue.

Kick back, eat some ribs and crack a beer in celebration of your beautiful garden and your day off.

—Gabby

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Deciding Mom's final resting place

DEAR ANNIE: My mom passed away six months ago. I am in possession of her cremated remains. Shortly before her death, I moved to the other side of the country, to a place she'd never been.

She mentioned many years ago she would want her ashes to be scattered in the state of Maine, where she resided for about 15 years in the 1990s. When she mentioned being scattered, she didn't seem very serious. She was in great health at the time and much younger.

I don't feel comfortable with her ashes in my home. When I received them, I had them blessed by a priest at the church. You see, my mother no longer had any friends or relatives, and when she passed away, she was residing in Florida.

I didn't even have a memorial service there because it would've just

been me and probably a couple nurses from the facility she was in. It would've made no sense to scatter her ashes in Florida because she really wasn't happy there.

I don't have anyone to help me with this. I'm growing old and have many health issues. If I were to take the trip to Maine, it would involve a very long flight with layovers and connecting flights. I think I'd be risking my health.

My question is, should I scatter her ashes here in my new homeland, which is very lovely, or put the urn in a mausoleum near me? I am so distraught and desperate for advice. —ASHES TO ASHES

DEAR ASHES: Handling the final wishes of a loved one is always a deeply personal and challenging task, especially if their plans

weren't clearly outlined or aren't practical to carry out.

Given your health concerns and the difficulties involved in traveling to Maine, it's understandable to look for alternatives that still honor your mother's memory respectfully.

Scattering her ashes locally or placing the urn in a nearby mausoleum are both respectful options. If you choose a local scattering, select a place that is serene and beautiful, where you feel her presence would be at peace and where you can visit comfortably.

The mausoleum could offer a sense of permanence and ease of visitation, which might bring you more comfort.

Whatever decision you make, ensure it brings you peace and feels like a fitting tribute to your mother's memory, taking into account your own

needs and limitations. I'm sure your mother would more than understand and appreciate however you decide to handle it.

DEAR ANNIE: I have been married to my spouse for two decades and in a committed relationship with him for 23 years. We are parents to a 17-year-old son. While our relationship is characterized by mutual love and respect, I am concerned about the state of our physical intimacy.

Despite repeated attempts to initiate discussions on the topic, my husband becomes defensive and dismissive, asserting that I place undue emphasis on sexual intimacy and that it should not be the primary focus of our marriage. This lack of intimacy has adversely affected my emotional and physical well-being,



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

although I maintain a deep affection for him as a person.

While I acknowledge his lower libido, I believe that a healthy level of intimacy is essential for any marital relationship. I am seeking your professional guidance in addressing this sensitive matter and exploring potential solutions to rekindle the physical aspect of our marriage. —INTIMACY CONCERNS

DEAR INTIMACY CONCERNS: If direct conversations have ended in defensiveness, consider broaching this topic together in couples counseling. A therapist can facilitate discussions and provide strategies to

help both of you understand each other's needs better.

Meanwhile, try to increase physical affection in non-sexual ways, like holding hands or hugging. These can be steppingstones to more intimate moments.

Keep an open dialogue, emphasizing to your husband your desire to nurture and strengthen your bond together as a team.

With professional guidance and patience, you have a good chance of finding a balance that suits both your needs.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Books on the Lake

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosted its Books on the Lake event Saturday, May 11, and welcomed authors Bonnie Jo Campbell and Brendan Slocumb. This event is the library's signature author event during which the library spotlights authors who are selected by the staff.



Sylvia McKinney waits to have her book signed while Jill Campbell finishes recording a hello for a friend from author Brendan Slocumb.



Lynne Krieg listens as author Bonnie Jo Campbell tells her about the scarf a friend made that is based on the cover of her newest book, "The Waters."



Amelia Glebocki, right, a special education paraprofessional at Grosse Pointe South High School, has followed author Bonnie Jo Campbell for 14 years. Glebocki first met Campbell in 2010, when she was a student at Saginaw Valley State University and the editor of the campus literature magazine. Glebocki was thrilled to hear Campbell was one of two authors chosen for this local event. Campbell recognized Glebocki right away and the two had a nice time catching up.



We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Is there anything better than that post-dentist, shiny-teeth feeling?

My youngest sister is about to graduate from dental school and I cannot believe she will be a real-life practicing dentist in just a few short weeks. She's been sharing a few of her favorite tips and tricks about oral hygiene with me along the way and I'm happy to share those tips with all of you.

One of her instructors is a big fan of the water flosser and after using mine for a few months, it's safe to say I am obsessed.

This might be the lamest thing I've ever said, but a water flosser does make a big difference in the overall health and longevity of gum tissue.

According to my sister and her instructors, many people hate flossing and

never do it. Sorry to break it to you, but a dentist can take one look at your gums and see if you actually floss regularly.

Water flossing tends to be much easier for people to incorporate into their daily routines.

Water flossers effectively remove plaque from the teeth and along the gum line. They use a stream of pulsating water to clean the mouth and can easily reach areas that traditional string floss might miss.

They are super gentle on gums and great for people with sensitive gums or who might find traditional flossing painful. The water stream doesn't cause irritation and often is considered more comfortable than string floss.

Water flossers are great for people with braces, dental implants, crowns or



bridges. The water jet can reach places that are difficult to reach with string floss, so it tends to be easier for teenagers with orthodontic work to maintain

good oral hygiene.

Regular use of a water flosser can significantly reduce gingivitis and gum disease by effectively removing debris and bacte-

ria from between the teeth and under your gum line.

I have super sensitive gums and teeth, so I love that my water flosser has a sensitive setting, which allows for a customized cleaning experience.

It's so quick and easy to use and I have no issue using it twice daily. It's more fun to use than traditional floss, so I'm sure it might motivate people, especially children, to use them more regularly.

My sister also suggested filling the water flosser with a mixture of half water and half mouthwash. She thinks this leads to a superb clean and allows people to floss and use mouthwash at the same time.

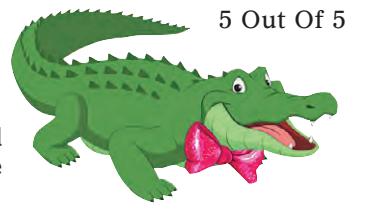
I used to actually make fun of my sister for using a water flosser and now here I am, using one

and loving it.

I found a pretty inexpensive option on Amazon for \$25.99. It comes with three standard nozzles, a periodontal tip for cleaning gums, an orthodontic tip for users with braces and a tongue cleaner.

I love this thing so much and I am giving it 5 out of 5 alligators. If you try one and find that it helps your routine, let us know!

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5 Out Of 5

Potatoes Al Forno

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This recipe is a take on a Jamie Oliver recipe. His point was that sometimes the side dish can be the star of the show.

This potato dish definitely achieves greatness on the dinner plate.

Lots of fennel is added including the core and top stalks (fronds). It's a licorice taste in raw form but when cooked it turns sweet and soft.

Then cream and cheese are poured over top that have been infused with rosemary, garlic and bay leaves. It's baked until you achieve a bubbling pan of goodness.

My kids and I ate it straight from the pan

because it was so good. But if you have company over, plates might be required.

Cheers, Mombeau

Potatoes with fennel and onions

4 large Yukon Gold potatoes

2 fennel bulbs

1 large white onion

1 cup whole milk

1 cup heavy cream

3 large rosemary stems

2 bay leaves

6 whole garlic cloves

1 cup freshly grated parmesan

Salt and pepper to taste

Start by prepping the vegetables. Peel and thinly slice the potatoes and onion.

Trim the fennel bottom and slice thinly. You can use all of it in this recipe. Save the fronds on top for garnish.

Add the mix to a large, greased baking dish. Season with salt and pepper and combine with clean hands.

Next, add the milk, cream, herbs and garlic

to a saucepan and bring to a slow simmer. Once you see some bubbles, turn off the heat.

The herbs and garlic will gently kiss the cream mixture. Let it sit for a few minutes. Then add ½ cup of parmesan. Stir to combine.

Remove the rosemary, bay leaves and garlic. Pour the mixture over the vegetables and attempt to mix everything together. It will look like a lot but it cooks down. Cover with aluminum foil and place in a 400 degree oven for 30 minutes. Uncover and add the remaining parmesan over top.

Bake for another 30-40 minutes or until the potatoes are fork tender. Best served with beef or fish.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON



Dining out woes

Food prices have risen in the last year, causing a cataclysmic decline in dining out. This is having a negative impact on the sale of wine in restaurants.

If you're a regular restaurant-goer, even to casual and reasonably priced restaurants, you are probably among those who are opting to avoid taking out a mortgage to continue dining out.

This is a major headache for restaurant owners, some of whom may have sown the seeds of their own ruin long ago by charging too much for wines when times were good. In many instances, prepandemic wine pricing was not in diners' favor either.

Today, things are close to being a disaster, partly because wine prices have escalated from exorbitant to stratospheric.

The San Francisco Chronicle recently did a survey to determine if readers were dining out less often than they have been. Nearly 600 people responded to the survey. Eighty percent said they were not eating out as frequently.

Regardless of how accurate that number is, it still represents a shock to the system of anyone who owns a restaurant. And one of the obvious results of fewer diners is restaurant closures, which are on the rise.

Anecdotally, certain restaurant dishes that



FILE PHOTO

In a recent survey, 80 percent of respondents said they were not eating out as frequently.

were once reasonably priced, such as pasta and chicken, have become more expensive in recent months. And once you add a bottle of wine, the cost of dining out is nearly prohibitive.

One major problem is how diners are being

charged higher prices in restaurants almost by deception. Unrevealed "service fees," ranging from 3 percent to more than 20 percent, have been popping up on bills and go unnoticed by many diners.

Here are two parallel scenarios:

- 2022 cafe experience: two salads (\$12), two entrees (\$30), one bottle of wine (\$40), 9.5 percent sales tax (\$7.79). Total without tip: \$89.79. Total with 20 percent tip: \$107.75.

- 2023 cafe experience: two salads (\$15), two entrees (\$36), one bottle of wine (\$46), 9.5

percent sales tax (\$9.22), service charge (5 percent) \$5.31. Total without tip: \$111.53. Total with 20 percent tip: \$133.84.

So, it costs roughly \$26 more in 2023 than a year earlier for the same meal. And chances are that the

bottle of wine in this scenario was one that probably cost no more than \$17 in a retail shop.

Starting July 1 in California, the hidden (never mentioned until the bill arrives) "service fees" will be a thing of the past. A new state law prohibits them. But that merely means that service fees will be camouflaged in other ways, such as in the form of even higher prices for entrees.

The obfuscation will be gone, but the pain will persist. What's a frugal diner to do?

One strategy to consider is dining at home. And to make the experience a little more special, improve the quality of the wine. There should be a vast difference between a \$17 chardonnay and one that sells for \$26.

And although most people regularly spend moderate amounts for their wines, dining at home can be cheaper, and the quality of the wine improves the experience.

Here are two suggestions:

- Sauvignon blanc: 2022 Dry Creek Sauvignon Blanc is a classic example of this popular variety, and the wine can often be found at well under \$20 per bottle.

- Blended red: 2022 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant: The grenache grape is this wine's lead variety, and it is not only

aromatically excellent, but also delightfully structured to work with almost any kind of food. And often it is priced below \$20.

Wine of the Week:

2023 Frisk Prickly Riesling, Alpine Valleys (\$12) — This wine is bright and hugely floral with a delightful aroma of lime and ginger, a

lemony midpalate, slightly sweet, and effervescent. Pair it with Asian food — or just sip on a patio! It's imported by Old Bridge Cellars, in Napa, California.

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Left, Tim Robbins as Tom Terp, Anne Hathaway as Sarah Barlage Bilott and Mark Ruffalo as Rob Bilott in the 2019 film "Dark Waters," directed by Todd Haynes.



Left, Wilbur Tennant (Bill Camp) meets with Rob (Ruffalo).



Wilbur Tennant (Camp) arrives with his evidence.



Rob Bilott (Ruffalo) begins his research.

The real Rob Bilott with Mark Ruffalo.



Rob Bilott (Mark Ruffalo) testifies in court.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
 "Dark Waters"
 2019 - Rated PG-13
 2 hr 6 min
 ★★★★★☆

One of the scariest movies I've seen recently isn't the latest sequel to "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" or "Friday the 13th," it's this powerful film from director Tom Haynes. "Dark Waters" was written by Nathaniel Rich, Mario Correa, and Matthew Michael Carnahan and it tells the story of what happens when a corporation or industry is allowed to self regulate.

What makes it so frightening is that it's based on true events, and it happened just a few years ago.

Several friends of the actor Mark Ruffalo sent him an article that appeared in the New York Times. "The Lawyer Who Became DuPont's Worst Nightmare" by Nathan Rich dealt with a topic they knew Ruffalo was passionate about.

He ended up spearheading the project with Haynes and they made the film in less than a year. And what an excellent movie they created.

Ruffalo plays Rob Bilott, and attorney who's just been named partner at a prestigious Ohio law firm. During a meeting, a cattle farmer arrives at the office with boxes of videotapes with evidence of massive pollution near his property.

The gentleman is Wilbur Tennant (Bill Camp), an old friend of Bilott's grandmother. He reluctantly agrees to meet with the farmer and look into his claims. What he witnesses is absolutely shocking. The property is a sea of mounds of dirt — graves of hundreds of diseased cows.

At one point, a crazed cow attacks them and is subsequently shot. How could the lawyer not take up the cause? This spearheads the events that are at the core of this fine "whistleblower" themed movie.

The culprit in the film is the DuPont Corporation, which is the major employer in the small West Virginia town of Parkersburg.

Once Bilott's investigation gets underway, it's no secret amongst the locals what he's up to. He and his family get sideways glances from folks while attending Mass, but not the expected level of antagonism. I liked that it's treated subtly, instead of the usual ostracizing and getting jeered at. It makes for a more convincing telling of the story.

Bilott is encouraged by senior partner Rob Terp (Tim Robbins), and he's soon collecting records from DuPont. In fact, he's absolutely overwhelmed by the sheer volume of paperwork he receives. Literally hundreds upon hundreds of boxes of potential evidence. When a bunch of papers fall to the floor, he sits down to read them and begins organizing them into piles. The viewer immediately realizes what a daunting task he has ahead of him.

It's eventually discovered that a chemical, PFOA, is behind the increase in disease in the citizenry and livestock in the area. DuPont had been dumping it into a landfill for years.

PFOA, commonly known as Teflon, is used in everything from frying pans to clothing and carpeting. It's a synthetic compound that's virtually indestructible and never breaks down.

There's a brief scene when Bilott is driving through town and he sees a young girl riding her bike. When she smiles at him he notices her teeth are all black. Later he has a flashback when it's revealed that one side effect of ingesting PFOA is blackened teeth in humans and animals.

Adding to the ominous feeling of the film is the innovative camerawork of cinematographer Edward Lachman. A good deal of "Dark Waters" is just that. Dark. Many of the scenes are under-saturated and have a monochromatic blue hue to them. They almost have a horror film vibe to them.

But what really makes the film so effective is the superb acting. Ruffalo has never been better. You can sense the events taking their toll on him. As the film progresses, he seems to be saddened by the sheer weight he has on his shoulders.

He's lucky to have a strong supportive wife Sarah (Anne Hathaway) offering him encouragement. Even though the

case takes him away from his family, she never gives up on him.

(Spoiler alert)

One thing that makes this such an unusual and provocative movie is the way it ends. In a way, it doesn't have an ending. There's no impassioned, rousing speech that gets the whole courtroom on its feet, followed by a bunch of victory hugs and back patting. This is due to the fact that the resulting lawsuits continue to this day. Rob Bilott has never given up and is still fighting the good fight.

Currently streaming on Netflix and available to rent on YouTube.

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.

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Rob (Ruffalo) is comforted by his wife Sarah (Hathaway).

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 16, 2024:

You have a distinctive style and are never boring. You have a wild streak in you that you keep under control. This is a slower paced year that brings opportunities to rejuvenate yourself and focus on important relationships. Seek out people who want the best for you.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today you might have to put your emotional and practical considerations second to someone else. This is because you're in a situation where someone else's needs come first. (You're not being a martyr; it's just what's happening.) Home crafts and getting organized will please you. Tonight: Money concerns.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This is a lovely day for romance! In fact, you won't be able to conceal your feelings from others because you're wearing your heart on your sleeve today. You will also feel more protective and nurturing today, especially toward children or someone special. Tonight: Financial disputes.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

This is an excellent day to relax at home among familiar surroundings. It will give you a pleasant feeling to "get away from it all." We all need days to try to restore ourselves before we sally forth into the world again. A conversation with a female family member could be significant. Tonight: Research.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

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

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you're concerned with money, cash flow and your possessions. You might want to take care of something or repair it, or you might want to protect it from someone. Perhaps you don't want to loan something to anyone. Think twice before you spend money today. Tonight: Cooperate.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month, and when this occurs, it makes you more emotional than usual. (This happens to each of us.) However, the good news is that your luck will get a tiny boost. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might be tempted to withdraw and keep your feelings secret today, because it's easy to second-guess yourself or have self-doubts. (The position of the Moon today encourages unconscious fears.) You might want to explore mystical or spiritual disciplines that deal with hidden truths. Tonight: Financial disagreements.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your emotional contact with friends as well as members of groups and organizations is important to you today. In fact,

you might feel more protective and supportive than usual to a friend, especially someone in need. Tonight: Listen.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Professional and business concerns are your focus today. You also might be concerned about what people think of you. In fact, you are noticed more than usual today, which means a public argument or any display of emotion will register with others. Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today you have a strong urge to "do something different." You want to break free from your daily routine. If you can travel, perfect! However, if you can't travel, you can certainly explore your own neighborhood or city. Give yourself an exciting diversion! Tonight: Be supportive.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today your emotions are more intense. (If you don't notice this, others will.) You also might be concerned with secrets, especially because something behind the scenes might stir up feelings of jealousy. That's because feelings of possessiveness might arise today. Tonight: Patience.

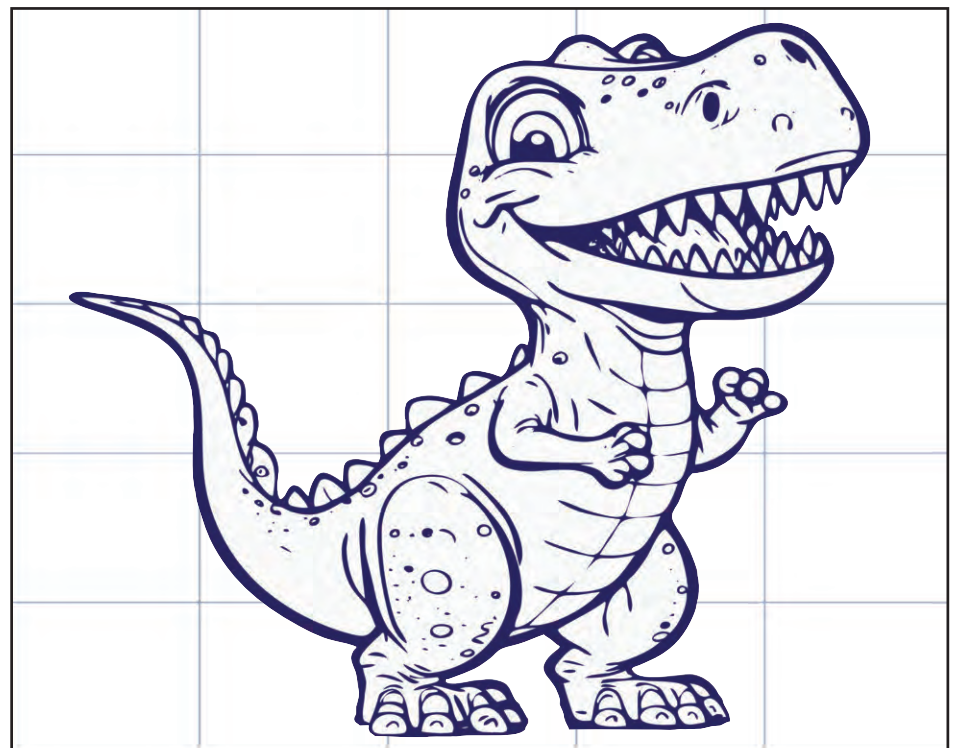
PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which will turn your attention to your most personal relationships — friendships, partners and spouses. If you have conflict with anyone, it will be more emotional. Be smart and agree to compromise. Tonight: Show respect.

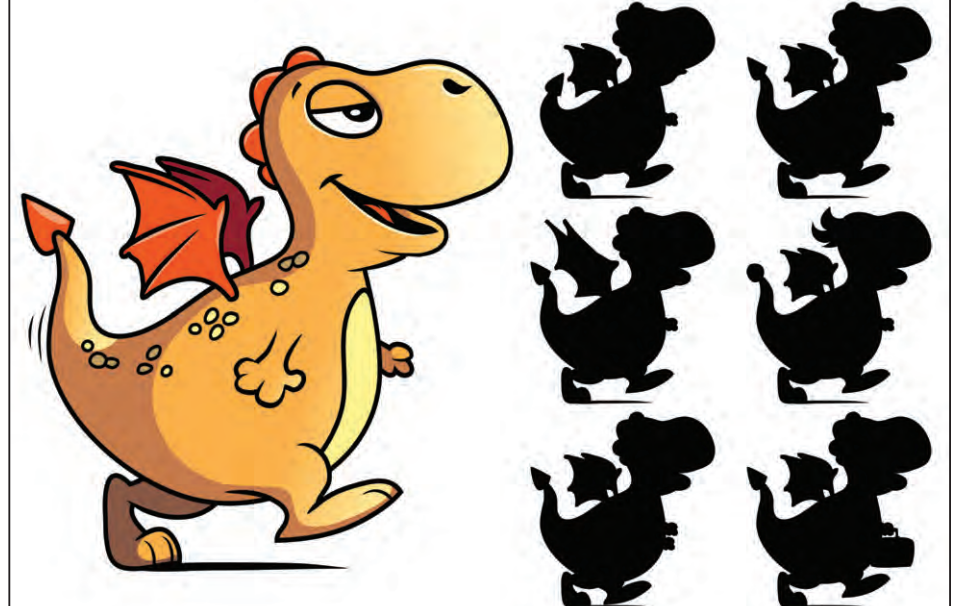
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Pierce Brosnan (1953), actress Megan Fox (1986), actor Thomas Brodie-Sangster (1990).



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FIND THE CORRECT SHADOW



Contract Bridge

THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 10 9 5 3
♥ A 4
♦ A 10 5 4
♣ 6 4 3

WEST

♠ K 4
♥ Q J 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 9 8
♣ 5 2

EAST

♠ A Q J 8 7
♥ K 8 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ J 10

SOUTH

♠ 6 2
♥ 10 6
♦ K J 2
♣ A K Q 9 8 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

The best players play well, but they don't always achieve the perfection they could attain if they saw all four hands. For example, take this deal where all four players would have bid or played differently had they seen each other's cards.

North had no convenient bid over West's weak jump-overcall of two hearts. But after he passed and South showed a good hand by bidding

three clubs, North indicated interest in game by cuebidding West's suit. South read this as showing a heart stopper, and, after accepting North's invitation to bid three notrump, then stood his ground when East doubled.

West led a heart, and South ran like a bunny with nine tricks. He could have made two overtricks by guessing which way to take the diamond finesse, but he was understandably content to settle for three notrump doubled.

Of course, had West been sufficiently inspired to lead the king and another spade, the contract would have failed. But then, had North-South seen all the hands, they would have bid and made five clubs.

East surely would have altered the outcome had he simply raised two hearts to three, or even had he bid two spades. After either action, North-South could scarcely have arrived at three notrump, and it is doubtful that they would have reached five clubs.

Part of the fascination of bridge lies in attempting to gain the maximum result on every deal, even though every player realizes that, realistically, this goal is impossible to attain. But there's still a lot of fun — and certainly no harm — in analyzing all the different possibilities.

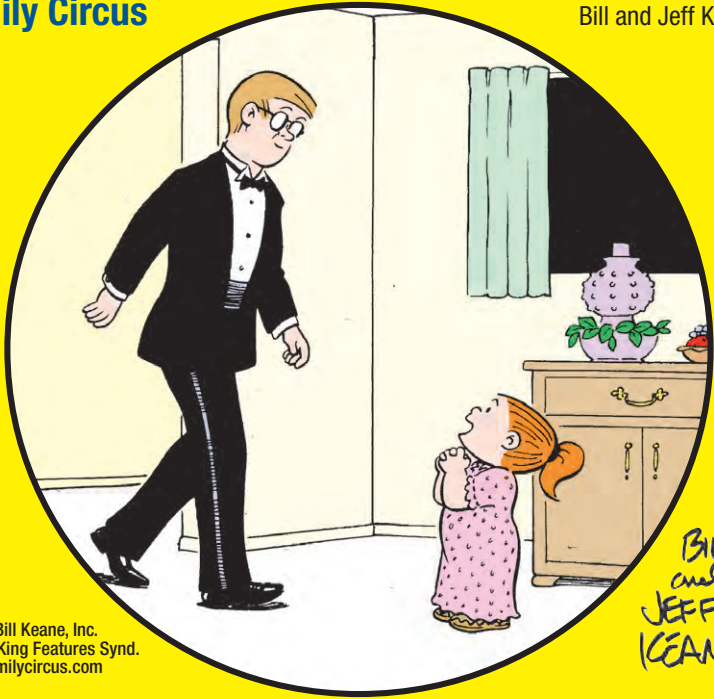
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"You look nice in that, Daddy. Why don't you ever wear it to work?"

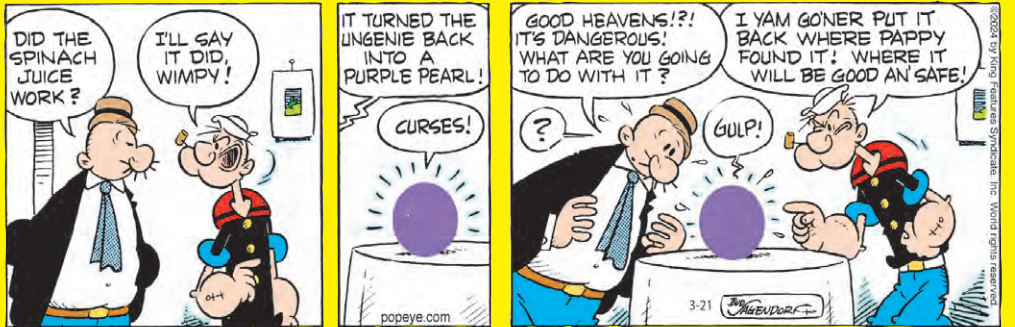
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Jim Davis



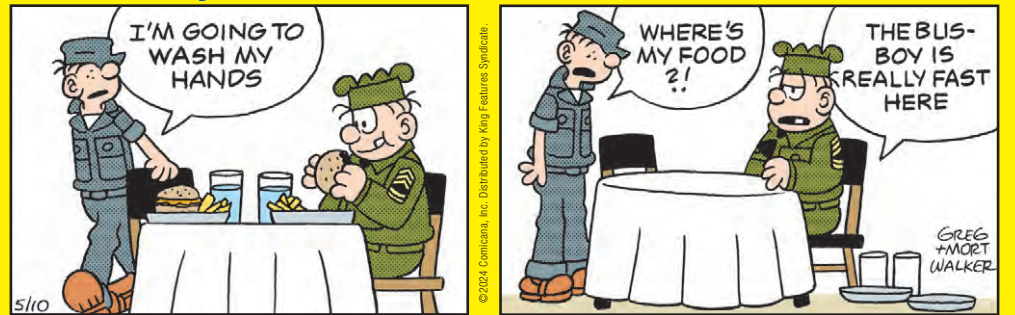
Popeye

Bud Sagendorf



Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



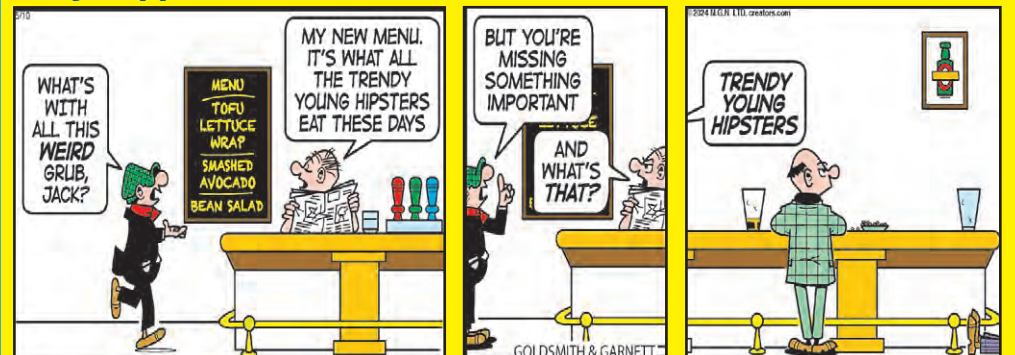
Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



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F Minus

Tony Carrilo

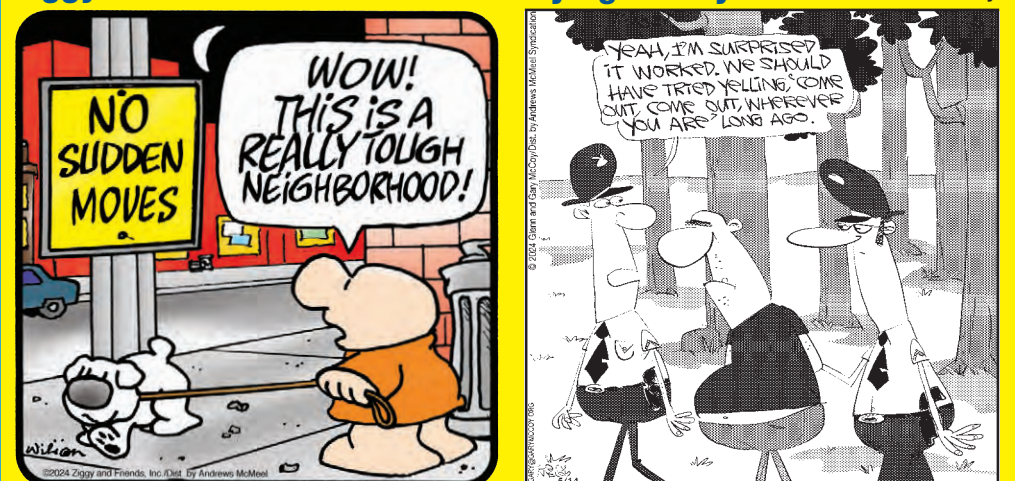


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg May 16, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Thick things to smoke
- 7 Overacting actor
- 10 Wear down
- 14 Iron deficiency
- 15 Chicken king
- 16 Short race, for short
- 17 Renowned medical center
- 19 Speechless entertainer
- 20 Seek legal damages
- 21 Nautical record
- 22 Dog that visited Oz
- 23 Congregant's reply
- 25 Hit traveling close to the ground
- 28 What a screwdriver might go on
- 31 Sea of Galilee's country
- 32 Fixed-term investments, for short
- 33 Short-legged Australian creature
- 37 Automaker whose name preceded "mobile"
- 38 Cabaret performance
- 40 Region
- 43 Scheduled to appear
- 44 "You look like you need a"
- 47 Classic theater name

- 49 Modify, as a manuscript
- 51 City just west of Dallas
- 55 And more authors: Abbr.
- 56 "Divergent" actor
- 57 Notable period
- 58 Surgery ctrs.
- 59 It might be hinged or sliding
- 60 One who's seen it all, perhaps
- 64 A do or a don't
- 65 Braying beast
- 66 Batter's position
- 67 Pre-owned
- 68 Live and live
- 69 "Stop!" ... or what one can do with the start of 17-, 25-, 38-, 51- or 60-Across

- 10 Day after today
- 11 Agree to briefly, on a contract
- 12 Withdrawn
- 13 Just make, with "out"
- 18 In poor health
- 22 Six-pt. NFL
- 23 First letters
- 24 Livid
- 26 "Both will do"
- 27 Windy City trains
- 29 Cobbler's hand tool
- 30 "Kiss it and make it better" target
- 34 Cow sound
- 35 Fratty guy
- 36 Seek an answer
- 38 Lost confidence
- 39 Poem of praise
- 40 Comic strip bark
- 41 Very funny

- 42 Football helmet opening
- 44 Transmit an email
- 45 Where to find CA, LA, MA and RI
- 46 Hairdresser's supply
- 48 Number of dice in craps
- 50 equinox
- 52 Oscar winner
- 53 Witherspoon
- 54 Lovers' rendezvous
- 55 Hem and
- 58 Movie-maker
- 59 Reminger R&B's
- 60 Actor Penn
- 61 Somewhat, informally
- 62 -fi
- 63 Word before "in stone" or "in motion"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

S	C	A	L	D	B	C	C	S	S	P	A	S		
A	U	D	I	O	E	A	R	N	C	A	K	E		
G	R	A	V	E	P	E	R	I	L	A	C	I	D	
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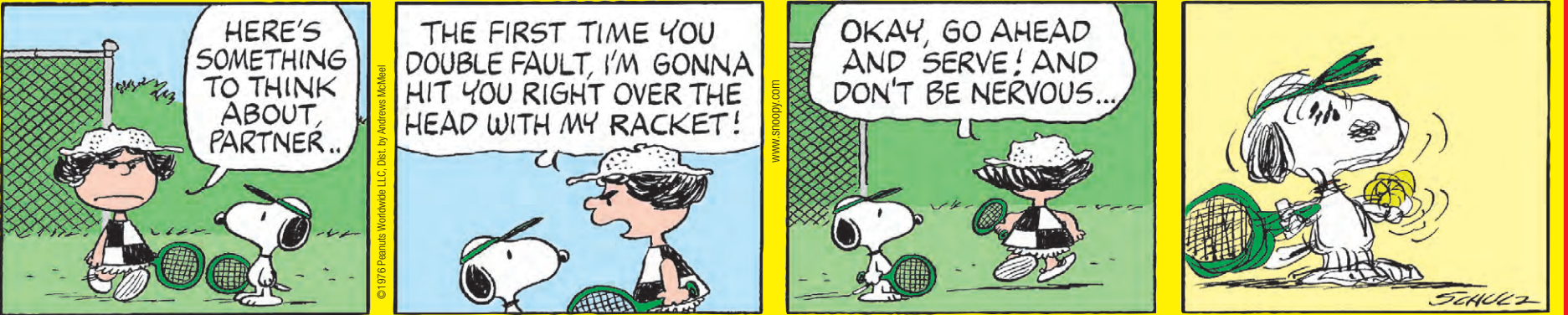
Control Group by Gary Cee

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59						60					61		62	63
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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



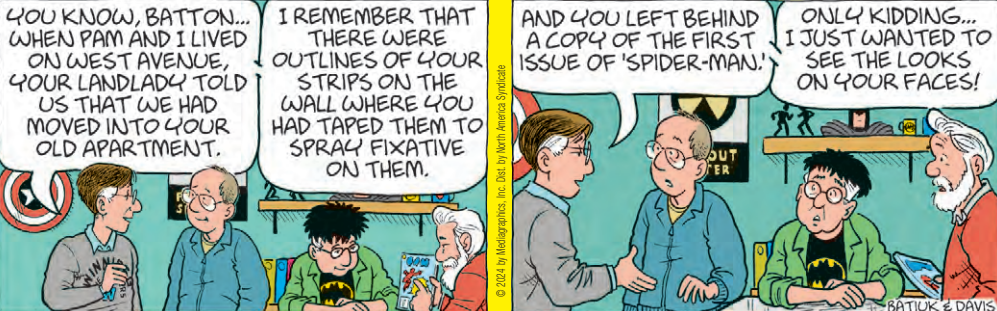
Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



Reality Check

Dave Whamond



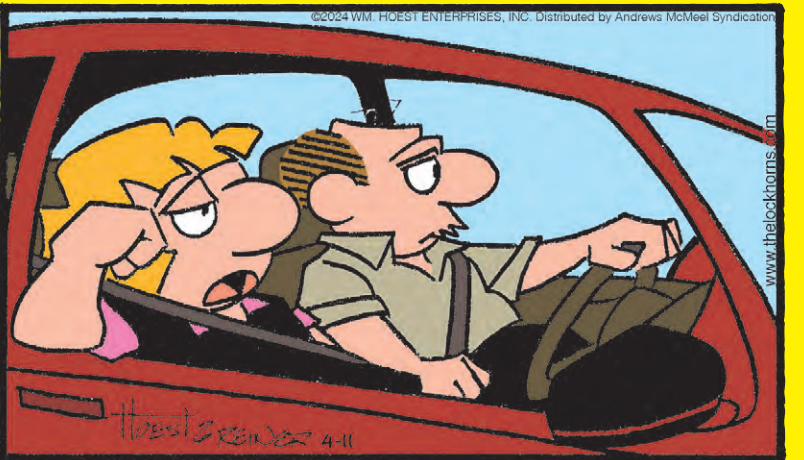
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayne



The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

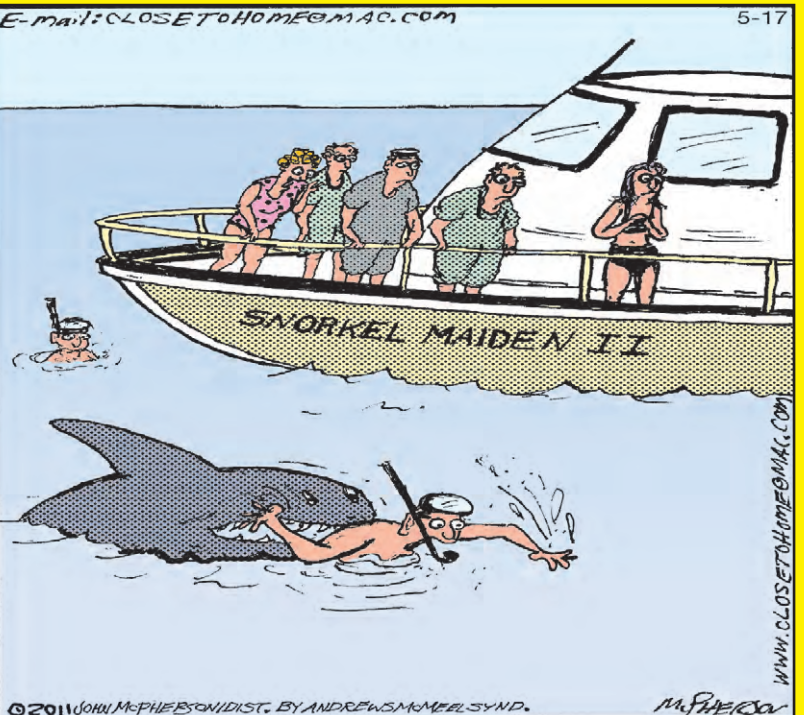


"I'M NOT TOO SURE, BUT I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I COME UP WITH A GOOD EXCUSE."

"A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH US BEING LOST."

Close To Home

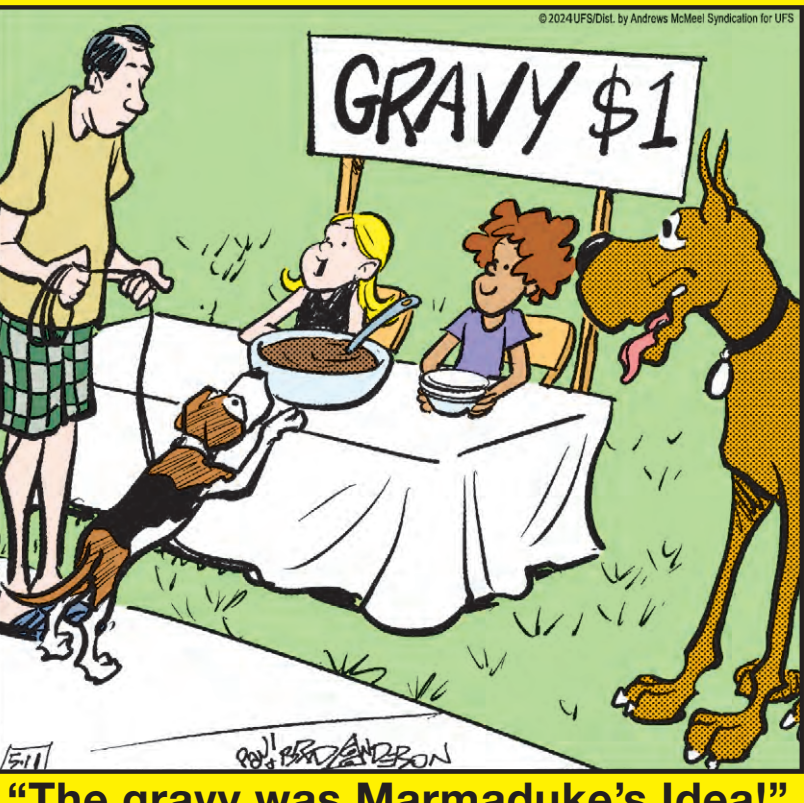
John McPherson



"Barry! Try to get some of his teeth! I saw some selling on eBay for \$25 each!"

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"The gravy was Marmaduke's Idea!"

Finish each poem to discover where each person likes to read.

Kid Scoop



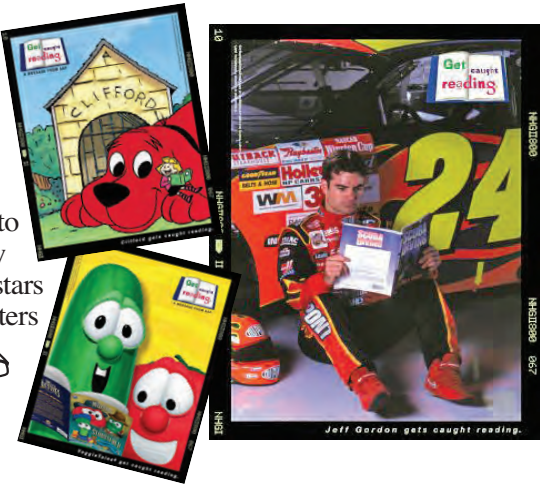
Get Caught Reading

Get Caught Reading is a campaign to promote the fun of reading books!

The *Get Caught Reading* organization provides posters to schools and libraries that show Olympic stars, entertainment stars and even popular book characters reading for fun.

Can you get caught reading this month?

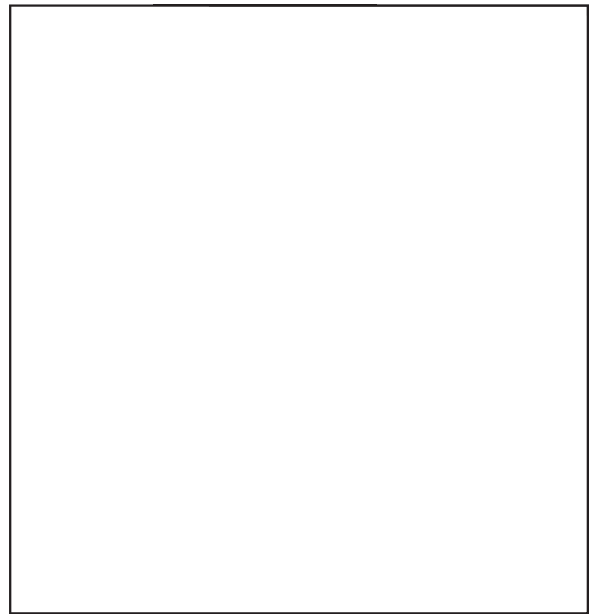
For information on how to get these posters go to getcaughtreading.org



Circle the places where you like to read.



Draw a picture of your favorite kind of book in your favorite place.



When I settle down to read,
I like something soft
To rest my head.
That's why my favorite place to read
Is in my cozy _____.

It's quiet where I read
And that makes me so merry!
The place I go to read
Is at my local _____.

Reading is fun.
It makes me feel free!
Especially at the park
In the shade of a _____.

Far from the shore,
I read wearing a coat
Because it gets chilly
Reading on our _____.

My favorite books are thrillers
And they can give me quite a scare.
That's why I keep a very bright light on
When reading in our easy _____.

I like to read adventure books.
They're really quite dynamic!
But I kick back to read them
While relaxing in a backyard _____.

When I read,
I try to sit up straight.
My mom says,
"Please don't slouch."
But it's hard to do that
because I read while sitting
on our fluffy _____.

Standards Link: Identify words from context clues.

Circle the kinds of books you like to read.

SPooky STORIES
ADVENTURE STORIES
MYSTERIES
SCIENCE FICTION
FUNNY STORIES
HIISTORY
ANIMAL TALES

Color these readers. Then draw what they might be reading about in the thought bubbles.



How many reading glasses can you find on this page?

Reading isn't just for reading books, it is also reading recipes, directions, games, letters and more.

Scrambled Book Titles

Unscramble the titles of these famous books. Have you read any of them? You can find them at your local library.

HAARS, NAPLI DAN LATL
by Patricia MacLachlan

S _ _ _ H
_ L _ _ _
_ N _ _ _
_ _ _ L

REWEH HET ADEWSILK SEND
by Shel Silverstein

_ H _ _ _
_ _ _ E _ _
_ I _ _ _ L
_ _ _ D _ _

MAJSE NDA HTE TAGIN CHEAP
by Roald Dahl

A _ _ M _ _
_ _ _ A _ H
_ _ _ A _ A

YARDI FO A PIWYM DKI
by Jeff Kinney

_ _ _ R _ _
_ F _ _ _
_ I _ _ _

Extra! Extra!

What's black and white and READ all over?

Look at one page of the newspaper. Circle every word you can read in red. Pretty soon your newspaper page will be black and white and red all over—just like the riddle!

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Silly Book Puns

A **pun** is a play on words. Read the book titles below and then draw a line from the book title to the author's name that makes a funny pun. For example: *The Arctic Ocean* by I.C. Waters.

WORLD'S BEST MAGIC TRICKS

HOW TO MAKE A BILLION DOLLARS

SCUBA DIVING FOR BEGINNERS

BACK DOWN THE ROAD

MY JOURNEY TO THE MOON

by Lotta Money

by A. Stronaut

by Abby Cadabera

by Duncan Under

by U. Turner

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

CHARACTERS
READING
RECIPES
LETTERS
CAUGHT
TITLES
BOOKS
WHITE
PLACE
MONTH
GAMES
PAGE
PUNS
WORD
GET

S	R	E	T	C	A	R	A	H	C
K	G	E	C	A	L	P	E	T	C
O	G	A	U	U	S	E	M	A	G
O	T	G	H	G	W	O	G	N	T
B	I	R	E	H	N	O	I	A	A
D	T	I	I	T	N	D	R	G	P
C	L	T	H	A	A	M	P	D	U
L	E	T	T	E	R	S	A	I	N
G	S	N	R	E	C	I	P	E	S

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: **CAMPAIGN**

The noun **campaign** means a series of activities and messages to reach a goal.

The fourth graders started a **campaign** to pick up all the litter at their school.

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

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Scrambled Stories

Select three articles in the newspaper and cut them out. Cut apart the article from the headlines. Then give to a friend or family member to read each article and find the matching headline.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.

What is a librarian's favorite thing to buy at a farmer's market?

ANSWER: Quiet peas.

Write On!

Best Book of the Summer

Summertime is also reading time. What book should other kids read this summer? Why?

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Sullivan, Smith shoot for US Open

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Patrick Sullivan and Coalter Smith, two former state golf champions from Grosse Pointe South's 2018 team, have reached the final qualifying round for this year's U.S. Open at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C., June 13 to 16.

alum, advanced out of the U.S. Open local qualifying Monday, May 6, at Muskegon Country Club in Muskegon.

The City of Grosse Pointe native shot a 2-under 70 to claim fourth place and secure one of the top four spots to advance him to the final qualifying round.

Grosse Pointe Farms native Smith, a 2019

Open local qualifying round Tuesday, May 7, at North Shore Country Club in Mequon, Wis.

He finished fourth at 3-under 69.

Both golfers will have a chance to continue their path to this year's U.S. Open at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club (Course No. 2), in a qualifying round Monday, June 3. Sullivan and Smith will learn where they will play their 36-hole final qualifying round at the end of May, from among 10 sites throughout the U.S.

After Sullivan and Smith won South's 2018 state championship, they each went on to complete accomplished collegiate careers on the links. Both golfers have played alongside each other since childhood.

In 2022, Smith told the Grosse Pointe News his game grew thanks in part to his talented pack of friends and fellow teammates, which includes Patrick Sullivan and his brother, Tommy Sullivan, a current men's golfer at Michigan State University.

Together, they grew up on the Country Club of Detroit golf course, became high school team-



COURTESY PHOTO

Cualter Smith



FILE PHOTO

Former Grosse Pointe South varsity golf state champions Patrick Sullivan, left, and Cualter Smith, middle, advanced to the final qualifying round for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in Pinehurst, N.C., June 13 to 16. Sullivan's younger brother, Tommy, a golfer at Michigan State University (far right), just missed the cut to advance to the final round.

Sullivan, a 2018 Grosse Pointe South graduate and University of Wisconsin alum, advanced out of the U.S.

South graduate and University of Wisconsin men's golf alum, advanced out of the U.S.



PHOTO BY JOHN HUNTER

Going yard!

Grosse Pointe Park Little League's William Hunter helped his team, the Tampa Bay Rays, win 3-2 last week by hitting his first career home run. His parents captured the post-game moment of William with his home run ball and submitted it to the Grosse Pointe News. This "framer" has been selected as winner of this week's Little League Photo of the Week contest. He will receive a \$25 gift card to Chocolate Bar Cafe.

It could be your Little Leaguer who wins next! Send your entries to media@grossepointenews.com.

—Meg Leonard

captured Big Ten All-Academic honors. He also qualified for the US Amateur Championship in 2022.

Smith said although he and Patrick Sullivan will not learn where they play until later this month, one option is in Columbus, Ohio. He said he is pull-

ing for a potential reunion with his friend.

"We are both hoping for Columbus," he said.

Other final qualifying rounds for the U.S. Open will take place across the pond in England and Japan Monday, May 20, and in Canada Monday, June 3.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

South's Peberdy looks to row way to national title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Just over two years ago, Grosse Pointe South senior Elizabeth Peberdy had never even tried rowing before. She was a soccer player on South's junior varsity team and only decided to give rowing a try just as a way to stay in shape during the winter before soccer season started.

"I wanted to do some extra conditioning and people told me that rowing was a good workout for that," she said. "When I started the winter season, everyone told me to just wait until we got back out on the water, but I wasn't planning on sticking around for that because I had South soccer in the spring.

"I got to go out one time before soccer practices started and I realized I loved being out on

the water so I made the switch over."

In the couple of years since, Peberdy has become one of the many



COURTESY PHOTO

South senior Elizabeth Peberdy will continue her rowing career at the University of Tennessee.

talented rowers from the Pointes representing Detroit Boat Club Crew in competitions around the country. In the most recent example of her success, Peberdy and teammate Carly Brown finished in first place in

the Women's Youth 2 grand final at the Dogwood Sprints Regatta in Tennessee on April 27.

She also made enough waves in the short time she has been rowing to earn herself a spot rowing at the Division I level in college next year at the University of Tennessee, once she graduates from South in early June.

She was originally interested in rowing at Southern Methodist University in Texas, however, when former SMU coach Kim Cupini accepted the position at Tennessee last year, Peberdy knew that she would want to one day follow her to Knoxville.

"Everything that I loved about the (SMU) program was being completely transferred into Tennessee," Peberdy said. "...Everything ended up working out really well. I went on an official visit back in September and I loved it and met so many incredible people

there. It was a really great time where I got to meet a bunch of girls on the team and see how practice works and got an idea of what life would look like there."

Feeling that chemistry with her future college teammates already is huge for Peberdy, as rowing is a sport where team chemistry is paramount. Each rower in the boat has to be in sync and completely on the same page, and that is one thing that has helped Peberdy fall in love with the sport so quickly.

"People call it the ultimate team sport," she said. "You have to have so much trust in everyone else in the boat. You can do everything that you possibly can in your power, but if everyone isn't doing the same thing together and trusting everybody else then it's not going to work."

Trust is something extremely important among rowing teammates, especially with the role that Peberdy often occupies in the boat. Peberdy is typically in what is called the "stroke"

position, a crucial role in making sure everyone in the boat is on time with each other.

Whether there are eight, four, or just two rowers in the boat, it's Peberdy's job to help make sure that each one is perfectly in sync, and knows the pace and speed that the team is trying to set.

"I'm the pacemaker," she said. "Everybody else is behind me and follow-

ing my timing. That can be kind of stressful sometimes because I have to have enough confidence in my rhythm and know that it's something everybody else can follow."


There is still plenty ahead for Peberdy in her high school career before she becomes a Volunteer in the fall. She will be with her fellow Grosse Pointe rowers when they head to the Midwest Championships in Bethel, Ohio beginning Friday, May 17.

The Midwest Championships are where Peberdy and her teammates will have the opportunity to qualify for the national champion-

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Peak Peberdy

- Won first place in Women's Youth 2 grand final at Dogwood Sprints on April 27
- Invited to 2024 USRowing Selection Development Camp
- Signed to row in college at the University of Tennessee



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Blue Devils outmatch Knights, North picks up wins

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The girls varsity tennis regular season wrapped up over the past week, with teams now preparing for regionals soon and eventually the state finals. To close the regular season, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School went head to head in a crosstown showdown, while Grosse Pointe North stacked up a couple of victories last week to build momentum going into the postseason.

South and Liggett faced off Monday, May 13, with the Knights playing host. Even on its home court, Liggett had

trouble going up against the Blue Devils as South would cruise to victory winning seven of the eight matches.

Nina Shanidze won No. 3 singles to give Liggett its only victory in the match. South's Olivia Kowal and Charlotte Kowal won No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively. The Blue Devils swept the doubles competition. The pairs of Maeve Hix and Mimi Mager, Grace Vollmer and Maddy Youngblood and the team of Grace Curtis and Andia



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett No. 1 singles player Audrey DiDio returns a shot in a match against Regina Wednesday, May 8.

Nazarko all won for South.

South's win came after a weekend tri-meet Saturday, May 11, where the Blue Devils split their matches. The team was victorious 8-0 over Southgate Anderson but lost to Troy.

The loss for Liggett marked the team's fifth consecutive defeat, and the second in the past week. Liggett hosted Orchard Lake St. Mary's last Wednesday, May 8, losing 5-2. Audrey DiDio won No. 1 singles for the Knights and the pair of Isabella Nihem and A very Slanec won No. 2 doubles.

While not playing any of its crosstown rivals last week, North found some success in its final regular season matches. The Norsemen took on Regina last Wednesday, May 8, winning 5-3.

Some notable victories in last Wednesday's match for North came from Laila Aslam in No. 1 singles and Kristine Bonnell in No. 2 singles. Maggie McSkimming and Aakansha Nagori took the win in No. 2 doubles and Gianna Roux and Paige Lefevre were victorious in No. 3 doubles.

North was back in action Monday, May 13, defeating Fraser 6-2. Aslam and Bonnell were

once again winners in their respective singles spots. McSkimming and Nagori and Roux and Lefevre all won again as well, while the pair of Katie Scott and Stephanie Karoutsos won No. 1 doubles.

North hosted the MHSAA Division 2 regionals Wednesday, May 15, after press time, with South participating in the same division. Liggett also hosted its Division 3 regional Wednesday, May 15, after press time.

State finals for girls tennis begin Friday, May 31. Division 2 takes place in Grand Rapids and Division 3 is in Kalamazoo.

South, North battle MAC; ULS falls in CHSL tourney

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As the midway mark of May is here, varsity baseball teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School only have a few more weeks of regular-season play left before the postseason begins. All three squads spent last week trying to improve their records in the build-up to the postseason, finding mixed results along the way.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils spent last week continuing to fight through MAC Red league play while also taking on some non-league competition over the weekend. MAC Red play early in the week was where South thrived, however, as the team finished off a three-game sweep of Eisenhower.

South won the first game 5-4 last Monday, May 6. The teams met again the next day, Tuesday, May 7, with the Blue Devils hosting. It was another close game, but South emerged victorious again thanks to a push in the final inning that led to a 6-5 walk-off win.

The teams went back

and forth last Tuesday, trading runs in the first few innings before the Eagles eventually built a 5-2 lead after four innings. South moved closer in the bottom of the fifth inning when an RBI single from Jack Lupo cut the deficit down to two runs.

Trailing 5-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, the Blue Devils began their rally to win. Joey Michelotti's RBI double started the rally and moved South to within one. James Michelotti brought his older brother home for the tying run after that with a single to right field.

The Blue Devils then had the bases loaded with two outs in a tie game. Adam Czarnik stepped up to the plate and was able to draw a walk, bringing the winning run in to score and sealing the comeback victory for South. The team traveled back to Eisenhower Thursday, May 9, for the final game of the series. South took the final game with a blowout 10-0 win on the back of some strong pitching.

Charlie Michelotti got the win on the mound, tossing five innings while only giving up three hits.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball swept a three-game MAC Red series against Eisenhower last week.

Everett Kielt pitched two innings of relief, continuing the shutout while not surrendering a single hit.

On the offensive side, Andrew DiLodovico had three RBI while Joey Michelotti and Dane Lezotte each brought in a pair of runs with their bats.

Of note for South's baseball program and the Michelotti family — Thursday's game is believed to be the first time in program history that three brothers have all started in the same game.

As the weekend rolled around, South moved into non-league play Saturday, May 11. The Blue Devils hosted two games last Saturday, which ended up both being losses.

The first was a matchup with Detroit Edison in the morning. Rallies for Edison in the fourth and fifth innings ended up propelling it to a 7-0 win over the Blue Devils in a

game where South only managed five hits.

The second game of the day was a high-scoring affair between South and Detroit Western. The game went to extra innings, and ultimately the Blue Devils fell short again as Western was victorious 11-9 after nine innings.

MAC Red play resumed for South Monday, May 13, with the Blue Devils hosting Stevenson. The team continued its hot streak within the league by picking up another win 6-4 over the Titans.

DiLodovico led the offense with two RBIs and three hits in the game. Griffin Szatkiewski earned the win on the mound, pitching six and 1/3 innings and giving up three earned runs.

South traveled to Stevenson after press time Tuesday, May 14. The Blue Devils and Titans finish up their three game series at

South at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen continued MAC White league competition last week in a series against Chippewa Valley. North struggled through the first two games of the series before finally picking up a win to avoid being swept.

North lost the opening game of the series against the Big Reds last Tuesday, May 7, at home by a score of 6-0. The team's offense struggled again in the next meeting Thursday, May 9, with the Norsemen falling 2-0.

Last Friday, May 10, North returned home to host the final game of the series and managed to come out with a close 3-2 win in extra innings. The Norsemen trailed 2-0 going into the seventh inning, but a two-RBI hit by Luke Shanley with two outs in the bottom of the seventh tied the game and forced extra innings.

The game would end up going to the ninth inning before North was able to win by walk-off. The winning run came when James Shefferly hit a single to left field that brought Brennan Hill across the plate for the win.

North switched to non-league play for the weekend, facing off against Detroit Western and Detroit Edison Saturday, May 11. The team's first game was against Western, and the Norsemen had hot bats in a 12-4 victory.

Bobby Rhodes led the way on offense in the big win. The senior finished the game with six RBI, including four on a grand slam in the fourth inning. Sophomore Caleb Butler also went yard, hitting a three-run shot in the third inning.

The Norsemen were unable to replicate that magic on offense in the second game of the day against Edison. North's bats went cold and only tallied five hits in a 9-0 loss.

North hosted Anchor Bay Tuesday, May 14, after press time. The team travels for a road game against the Tars at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, and hosts Anchor Bay for the final game of the series at 4 p.m. Friday, May 17.

University Liggett
The Knights had a relatively quiet week last week, playing in only one game. That game was part of the Catholic League playoffs, taking on Detroit Catholic Central in the Central Division quarterfinals last Wednesday, May 8.

Liggett could not get past the Shamrocks to advance in the league tournament, falling 3-2 in the quarterfinal matchup. The Knights scored both of their runs in the first inning, with Preston Barr hitting an RBI triple and then eventually coming in to score on a sacrifice fly hit by Andrew Stalker.

Catholic Central tied the game in the second inning and both sides went scoreless until the seventh. The Shamrocks, as the home team, had the chance to hit last and made the most of it with a walk-off win after a passed ball.

Liggett hosted Cranbrook Wednesday, May 15, after press time. The Knights hit the road for their next game at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, against Richmond.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2024-2025 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.

The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
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Municipal Court	\$ 384,450
General Government	1,941,140
Public Safety	8,226,760
Public Works	4,487,450
Parks & Recreation	1,908,710
Contingency	50,000
Transfer - Other Funds	3,046,880
Total	\$ 20,045,390
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 15,103,610
Licenses & Permits	565,910
Federal and State Grants	13,500
State-Shared Revenue	1,273,970
Charges for Service	2,118,700
Fines/Forfeitures	323,200
Interest Income	344,200
Other Revenue	102,300
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$ 20,045,390

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

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Blue Devils T&F teams score championships at Marysville

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

In what served to be an important dress rehearsal before the postseason begins this Thursday at the Division 1 regional meet, Grosse Pointe South's boys and girls varsity track and field teams showed opponents who's boss by winning two team championships at the nine-team Marysville Invitational Friday, May 10, at the Walt Braun Viking Stadium at Marysville High School.

The Blue Devils boys dominated the field last Friday, scoring 171.5 points to defend their 2023 title and trumping second-place Marine City by more than 70 points.

The boys medaled and scored in all 17 events, earning 21 personal records. The day was highlighted by senior Mmeli Honablu's personal-best performances in the 110 meter hurdles (15.53) and 300 meter hurdles (42.31).

According to South

boys head coach Mark Sonnenberg, Honablu's times were so fast, he earned additional qualifier marks in both of his events.

The Blue Devils championship was led by three relay team winners, including:

◆ The 4x100 relay, run by Noah Hart, Ben Braithwaite, Raymond DeBerry Jones and Onction Zape, in a personal-record time of 43.84,

◆ The 4x200 relay by Braithwaite, Jaden Spratt, Liam Raether and Zape, which ran it in a personal-record of 1:32.67, and

◆ The 4x400 relay's first-place finish in 3:35.89 by Tommy Caulfield, Eddie Shall, Jack Martin and Raether.

On the girls side last Friday at Marysville, the Blue Devils won their second invitational of the season and outraced all teams with 129.33 points.

The Blue Devils beat second-place Croswell-Lexington High School, which finished the day

with 112.33 points.

South pulled off the championship despite not taking first place in a single event. That accomplishment is testament to the team's remarkable depth this season, according to head coach Steve Zaranek.

"This is the kind of team that is truly a joy to coach," he said. "We have no superstars to depend upon, but we do have solid competitors across the board in all 17 events."

South took eight second-place finishes and scored points in all but one event.

Junior Adelina Parikh helped lead the way with career-best performances in the 100 meter and 300 meter hurdle races, taking fourth overall in both. She also punched in a career-best 400 meter dash to help bring Molly Reynolds, Evie Wodzisz and Morgan Duff to a second-place finish in the 1600 meter relay.

Hannah Przybylski also turned in a career-

best 100 meter hurdles time to place eighth for South. Distance runners Savannah Spangler, Chloe Caulfield, Calisse Budek and Morgan Deenik ran to a second-place finish in the 3200 relay, with Caulfield also medaling in the 1600 and 3200 runs.

Spangler, Rylee Piornak and Sarah Koval also placed in several distance races.

South's 800 meter sprint relay team ran to a season-best time to give South another second place. The team included Grace Campbell, Wodzisz, Jaimison Diamond and Duff.

Reynolds, Campbell, Anne Wayman and Diamond added yet another second place in the 400 meter sprint relay.

The Blue Devils also shined in field events last Friday, as Duff and Diamond contributed points in the long jump. Teammates Wodzisz, Wayman and Reynolds all placed in the pole vault. South throwers

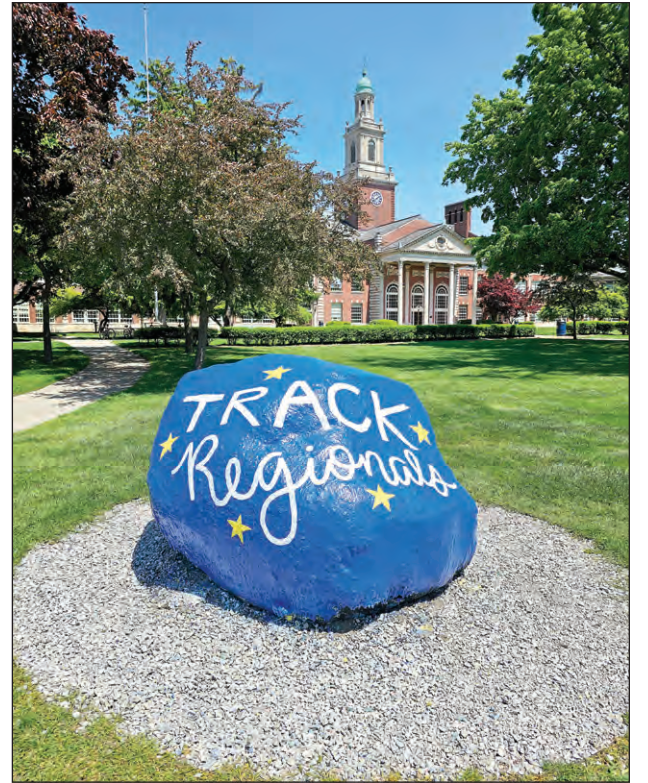


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The rock on Grosse Pointe South's front lawn promotes this Thursday's Division 1 regional meet for boys and girls track and field.

Olivia Barba and Malvina Lubanski contributed points in both the discus and shot put.

Both girls and boys teams begin their push

toward the state championship by hosting the MHSAA state Division 1 regional meet, beginning at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

Blue Devils best Knights, North nabs late-inning win

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe South varsity softball leaned on its season-long production at the plate to eke out an 8-7 win in a time-shortened game over University Liggett School when the teams clashed Saturday, May 11, on the Blue Devils home diamond.

The game finished out a week in which South went 4-1 and mounted two major comeback wins, another league win as well as a sweep of local rivals including Liggett and Grosse Pointe North.

South head coach Bill Fleming said his team, which sits at 25-5 on the season, has played well overall in recent games, and continues to hit the ball hard and play well defensively. Those assets helped South come back from large deficits in two games last week, underscoring the team's resiliency and talent at the plate.

"Boy, we are just hitting the ball really, really hard all over the field," Fleming said. "We had two games this week where we were behind by nine runs that we came back to win. I mean, to have one game like that is amazing. But to have two tells you just how hard we work. We're hitting the ball and we're seeing the ball really well."

In between losing earlier in the day Saturday 4-3 to L'Anse Creuse North and beating Liggett to end the weekend, the Blue Devils put together

one its two biggest comebacks of the season with a 11-10 walk-off win over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Down 10-9 in the bottom of the fifth inning, Mackenzie Simon doubled to score the two runs for the South win. But that was before the Titans cushioned their lead to 10-1 at the top of the fifth.

It was also before South found itself facing the 10-1 deficit with two outs in their final at-bats.

A lot of times when you have obstacles you've got to figure out how to get over and around them...as a team you have to be ready for that.'

PSAUNTIA ANDREWS,
HEAD COACH ULS SOFTBALL

"Our kids really believe in their hitting," Fleming said. "(Assistant coach) Lauren Sansya does all the work with them. They believe in her, and listen to her and just really believe in themselves."

That faith came through when it mattered most Saturday.

Simon singled with two outs to drive in a run to close the gap 10-2. Stevenson walked Avery Harris with the bases loaded to make it a 10-3 game.

Luna Agosta lined to left field to score Simon and Lucy Gabel, followed by Maddie Agnone who

drove in another run to close it to 10-6.

With runners on first and third, Vivi Ostrowski hit an inside the park homerun on a line drive to left field to make it a one-run game.

Alex Lupo hit a single, followed by a double by Addie Waller to get runners in scoring position. Avery Bellish was intentionally walked to load up the bases when Simon stepped up to the plate and won the game with a line drive double to center for an epic 11-10 walkoff win for the Blue Devils.

"Stevenson really shut us down for five innings until that last inning," Fleming said. "But then when we exploded, you know, hitting is contagious."

The Blue Devils rode that high into its matchup against Liggett to help seal the weekend's final win for South.

Tied 7-7 in the bottom of the fourth, South took advantage of a Knights' error to push the winning run over the plate.

Waller, Kate Dixon, Bella Dodson, Agnone and Harris each contributed hits. Ostrowski earned the win for South, surrendering eight hits, striking out four and walking one batter.

Liggett played the game short-handed. Several players were missing from the lineup Saturday, including ace pitcher Tori Nugent, who injured her ankle last week.

But the Knights' lineup stepped up, playing solid defense behind starting pitcher Isabelle Nihem.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett catcher Margaret Weiss lays the perfect tag on runner Maddie Agnone at home plate.

They also spread the offense with hits coming from Jasmine Maxwell and Louisa Dragovich, who each had two in the game, while Margaret Weiss, Sasha Deimel, Isabel Jenkins and Stella Smiatcz contributed one hit each.

Knights head coach Psauntia Andrews said she was proud of her team's moxy against South, but after going 0-3 last Saturday, she believes her team needs to dig deeper to reach its potential.

"I'm a brutally honest person, so I would definitely give us a D-minus on today as far as graduating because I know our potential and what we're capable of, and today we didn't display it at all," she said.

"A lot of times when you have obstacles you've got to figure out how to get over and around them...as a team you have to be ready for that."

"We didn't play to our full potential today, but I did appreciate how they stepped in this last game and challenged each

other and got back on track like we know how," she added.

Andrews said the team now needs to focus on building cohesiveness before making a run in the upcoming Catholic High School League and state playoffs. The team currently sits at 12-10 on the season.

She said she also wants her team to sharpen their softball IQ before its playoff push.

"We need to execute, when it's time to put the bunt down, when it's time to get the runners moving," she said. "I always try to tell them that softball is the game of strategy. Everything is not about hitting. It's different from baseball. So when you put things in place, you have to execute them. And so I think we need to get better at thinking about the game of softball."

Ultimately, Andrews said she believes in her 2024 squad.

"I think we will be fine going into the stretch," she said. "...Sometimes, it's not about making playing harder. It's about playing smarter."

Grosse Pointe North After a loss to rival South May 6, the Norsemen went 1-2 to close out the week.

Despite some action at the plate, the team lost 10-6 Wednesday, May 8, to the Utica Chieftains.

Natalie Babcock was 3-for-4 with in the loss, scoring two runs and knocking in one. Cara Kaslatas was 2-for-3, while Isabella Boedecker went 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

The Norsemen hosted Romeo Thursday, May 9, and the Romeo Bulldogs were not gracious guests, handing North an 8-5 loss.

North relinquished a 3-0 lead in the top of third, letting in five Romeo runs. The home team tied it up in the bottom of the third, where it stayed knotted up 5-5 into extra innings.

Romeo struck in the top of the eighth putting up three runs to seal the win.

Elliot Jarvi was 2-for-2 with two walks and an RBI. Babcock went 2-for-5 and an RBI and Addie Wakefield had two hits with a walk.

The week closed on a high note for the green and gold with a 10-9 home win over L'Anse Creuse North.

Wakefield stole home in the bottom of the sixth with what proved to be the winning run. North scored seven runs in the sixth to take the lead 10-9.

Wakefield was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Babcock had three hits and two RBIs, while Boedecker went 2-for-2 with a sacrifice and an RBI.

North played Anchor Bay after press time Wednesday. They host Dakota at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16.

Unbeaten

After a 14-4 home win against Port Huron Monday night, Grosse Pointe South's junior varsity softball team remains undefeated this season. The team also notched another tournament championship

Saturday, May 10, winning the Anchor Bay tournament in State Dream Team Blue Devils are 19-0, and have scored more than 300 runs over 19 games and have recorded seven shutouts.

The team is led by head coach Molly Clepton and her

assistant coach, former Blue Devil All-State catcher Kendall Volpe.

South softball's varsity head coach Bill Fleming praised the JV team's team chemistry last Saturday, and said their success is a reflection of the

overall strength of the program.

"Now it's funny, when the season started, I was joking with Coach Molly. I said, you know, I expect you to be undefeated this year.

And she's like, 'oh, don't put that pressure on me!'"

Grosse Pointe Little League Softball.

"It all goes back to Little League and travel," he said. "My first year as the varsity head coach was 2014. I think at that time we had three players in the whole program who played travel, noting how better players eventually advance to that level.

"And Little League has just been the catalyst for how good we've been able to get quickly, but also just increasing our level of play."

South's JV team has eight games remaining in its quest for a perfect season.

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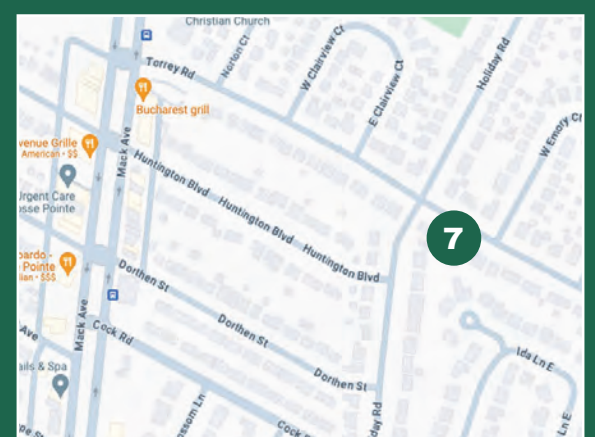
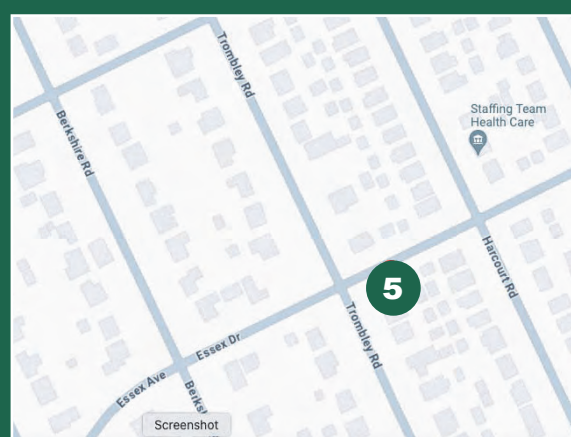
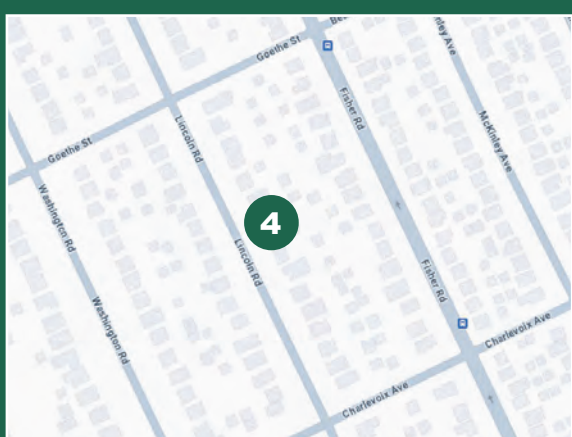
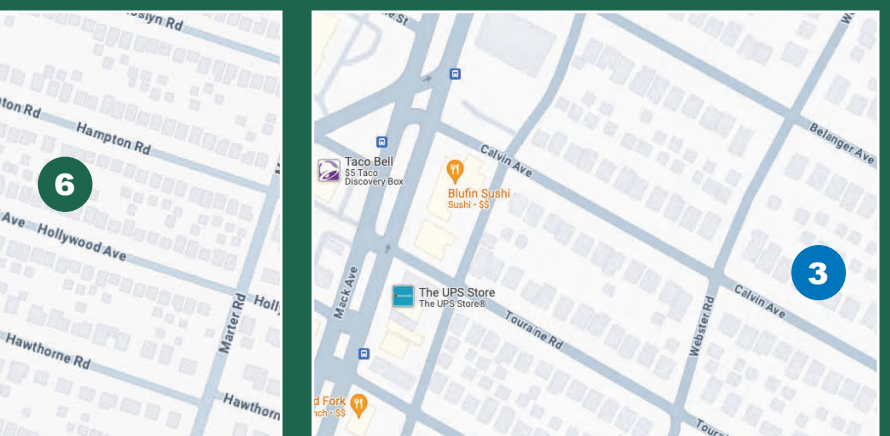
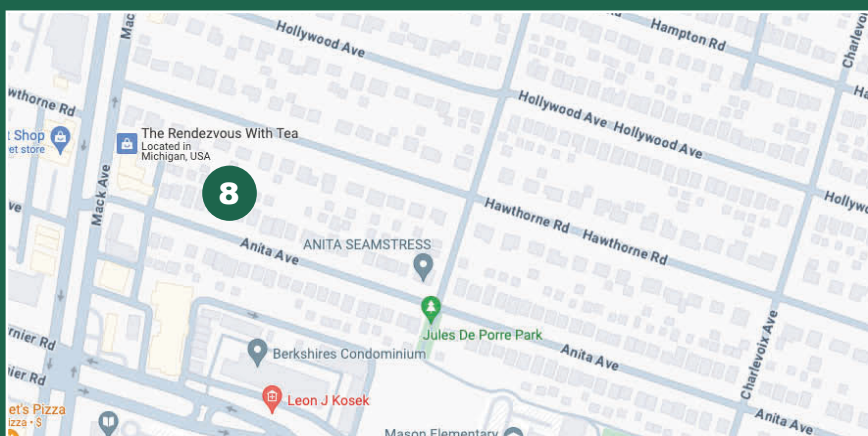
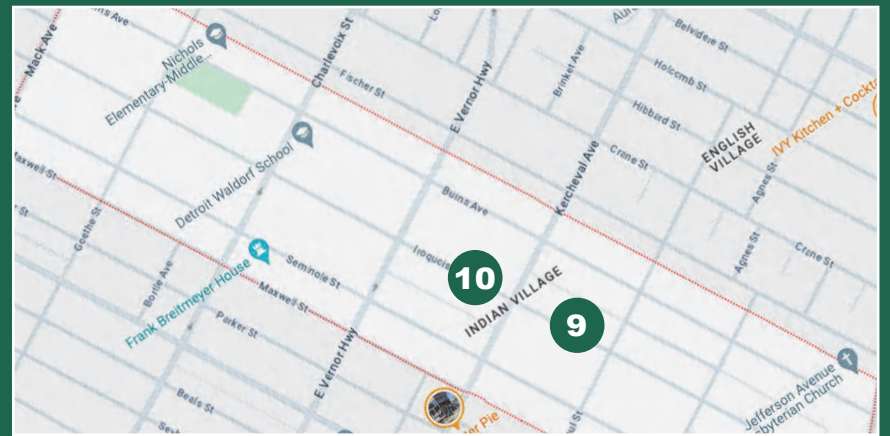
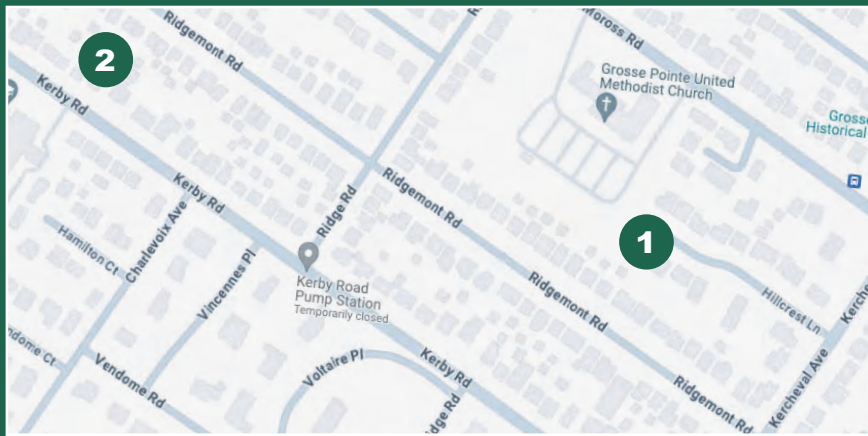
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- 3. 424 Calvin, GPF
- 4. 734 Lincoln Rd., GPF
- 5. 796 Trombley, GPP

- 6. 1398 Hollywood Ave., GPW
- 7. 1399 Torrey Rd., GPW
- 8. 1812 Anita, GPW
- 9. 1723 Iroquois, Det.
- 10. Indian Village, Det.

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6D | SPORTS

GPFCLL to host 12U tourney

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

This July, Little League teams from around Michigan will converge on the Pointes to decide a 12U state champion. The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League (GPFCLL) is set to host this year's 12U State Tournament, which will begin Thursday, July 18.

"We're really excited to host because Little League means so much to the community," GPFCLL president Matt Agnone said. "...I think it'll be an electric atmosphere at Kerby that will be really cool for the kids to come and experience."

The tournament will kick off on July 18, with an opening ceremony hosted at Grosse Pointe South High School's football field. Games begin the next day, Friday, July 19, and continue until the championship Wednesday, July 24.

All tournament games will be hosted at Kerby Field. The GPFCLL has

already been preparing the fields for the tournament games later this summer and is confident that everything will be in top-notch condition when the tournament rolls around.



"We're really proud of our facilities," Agnone said. "We wouldn't have them without the generous support of our sponsors and the great work of our volunteers. We've already spent a considerable amount of time on the fields this year starting in late February and early March planning and meeting with groups to develop a plan to make sure the fields are in great shape come July. So far, the fields look absolutely wonderful in the games we've

played over the last few weeks."

The biggest key to making sure things go smoothly during the tournament will be volunteers. Agnone says the league is still determining when and how to begin organizing volunteers for the tournament. Those interested in volunteering can keep an eye on the GPFCLL social media pages and the league's website, www.grossepointebaseball.com, to stay up to date on any information.

Agnone and the rest of GPFCLL are confident that when the time comes, they will get plenty of volunteers from around the community willing to help out and make the tournament a success, and that is because they know how much events like this mean to people of the Pointes.

"This is an incredible community that always rises to the occasion and we know we're going to get great support when it comes to volunteers," Agnone said.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Blue Devils come up short in MAC final

Grosse Pointe South varsity boys lacrosse fell to Port Huron 7-1 last Friday, May 10, in the MAC Red Division Tournament final.

ATHLETE:

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ships later this spring. Peberdy also has plans already lined up for the summer — being invited to attend the USRowing Selection Development Camp.

Peberdy is always surrounded by other

extremely talented rowers wherever she goes now, whether they are her teammates or the competition. Being among the best has been what has pushed Peberdy this far in her career and what she hopes will continue to drive her and help her become a better rower every day.

"We're working hard and giving all we have to be able to finish well at nationals this year and surrounding ourselves with that kind of competition, and just being in the mindset of working hard and seeing where it can take us is definitely something that we're really focusing on," she said.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan Notice of Public Hearing On the Proposed 2024-25 General Budget And Various Other Fund Budgets

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will be meeting on May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2024-25 General Fund Budget as well as the various other Fund Budgets of the said City.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 16.6649 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2024 to support the proposed General Fund, Public Relations, Solid Waste and Road Budgets. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$15,342,036 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for all funds, which is a \$738,220 or 5% increase compared to the 2023-2024 total collection of \$14,603,816. The winter millage levied for the Milk River Drainage tax will be 4.0677 mills.

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate	Revenue Generated
General Operating	12.7851	\$11,770,208
Road Bond Debt	1.3815	\$1,271,835
Act 359 – Public Relations	.0543	\$50,000
Act 298 – Solid Waste	2.4440	\$2,249,993
Total Special Acts Millage	2.5291	\$2,299,993

TOTAL GENERAL, PUBLIC RELATIONS SOLID WASTE & ROAD DEBT MILLAGE	16.6649	\$15,342,036
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Milk River Drain

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate	Revenue Generated
Milk River Drain Operations	2.6657	\$2,454,060
Milk River Drain Bonded Debt Administration	1.3982	\$1,287,214
	.0038	\$3,500

TOTAL MILK RIVER DRAIN LEVY	4.0677	\$3,744,774
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The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budgets 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.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods
2024-2025 Proposed Budget Summary

	2024-25 PROPOSED
GENERAL FUND	
General Government	\$4,125,458
Public Safety	\$7,855,623
Public Works	\$2,330,455
Management Info. Systems	\$544,515
Parks & Recreation	\$2,745,344
Total General Fund	\$17,601,395
SPECIAL REVENUE	
Major Street	\$1,709,381
Local Street	\$1,216,652
Act 302 Training	\$5,000
Parkway Beautification	\$115,715
Cable Fund	\$0
Solid Waste	\$2,079,936
CDBG	20,000
SOM MIDC Grant	\$55,975
911 Service Fund	\$131,574
Drug Forfeiture	\$750
Opioid Settlement	\$3,000
Total Special Revenue	\$5,337,983
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
Road Bond Debt	\$1,360,801
Capital Improvement Debt	\$215,238
Grosse Pointe Drain (Milk River)	\$3,751,055
Total Debt Funds	\$5,327,094
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
Municipal Improvement	\$815,000
Total Capital Projects Fund	\$815,000
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$1,065,811
Workmen's Compensation	\$161,130
Total Internal Service Funds	\$1,226,941
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
Parking	\$608,331
Water & Sewer	\$7,902,369
Boat Dock	\$410,015
Commodity Sales	\$250
Total Enterprise Funds	\$8,920,965
FIDUCIARY FUNDS	
Pension Trust Funds	\$4,044,426
Supplemental Annuity	\$305,676
Retiree Healthcare (OPEB)	\$20,950
Total Fiduciary Funds	\$4,371,052
Budget Total	\$43,600,430

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Administrator. Public comments, oral and/or written, will be welcome at the public hearing on the aforesaid proposed General Fund Budget and the various other Fund Budgets.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 6, 2024

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except for Councilperson Tom Jenny

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) to excuse Councilperson Tom Jenny from tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 15, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on April 24, 2024.
- 3) to open the Public Hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.
- 4) to close the Public Hearing.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 129823 through 130007 in the amount of \$1,209,395.78 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$32,358.66 for professional services during the month of April 2024 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, Pavement Striping, Concrete Repairs, Joint Crack Sealing, Eastland Center Redevelopment, Salter Park Community Center, Vernier Water Main, Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, Storm Sewer Repair, Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, DWRF Lead Service Replacement, Temporary Water Operator and MDOT Stormwater Pump Improvements. (3) approve payment to Wolverine Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$7,732.50 for the removal of main break spoils and ground fill supplies. (4) approve payment to K&S Ventures, Inc. in the amount of \$8,458.85 for the repairs made to the heating system at City Hall. (5) . approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of May 2024. (6) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$7,644.60 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of April 2024 and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of a video adapter. (7) . approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$38,577.50 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2023 audit. (8) . approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$36,000.98 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of 2024.
- 2) to confirm the appointment of Irma Hayes as the Economic and Community Development Deputy Director for the City of Harper Woods and further to approve the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Irma Hayes, and further to authorize the acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- 3) approve the Special Land Use request submitted by Kristi Kelly on behalf of Sozo Health LLC to develop a marijuana retail business at 20760 Harper Avenue.
- 4) approve the Special Land Use request submitted by Kirk Lytwyn on behalf of 759 E. Pinconning LLC, dba Essence Collective to develop a marijuana retail business at 19616 Kelly Road.
- 5) approve the Special Land Use request submitted by Nick Issak on behalf of Main Management Group LLC to develop a marijuana retail business at 20330 Harper Avenue.
- 6) to support the submission of a Safe Streets for All grant and further to authorize the expenditure of the required local match of \$43,000.00 if the grant is awarded.
- 7) to approve the agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Wayne County Special Response Team (SRT) and further to authorize the Director of Public Safety to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 8) to approve the estimate provided by Guardian Sewers in the amount of \$9,500.00 for the water main repair on Vernier Road, and further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 9) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$43,718.61 for the city's proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project, Phase II.
- 10) to accept the bid submitted by PK Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$58,856.45 for the 2024 Pavement Striping Project, #180-342.
- 11) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2024.
- 12) to adopt the amended fee schedule to incorporate the fee increases from the Department of Public Works.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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