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South gets new principal

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Cindy Parravano had the “interim” tag removed from her title and now officially is principal at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted 7-0 on the matter at its meeting Monday, April 14.

She was named interim principal in December when Moussa Hamka, who held the position since 2014, was named assistant superintendent for human resources.

“As a teacher, you’ve got a certain set of students you impact and build relationships with,” Parravano said. “As an administrator, you have a



Public Safety Director John Alcorn honors Officer Jacob Gentile, left, as the 2024 officer of the year Monday, April 21.

Gentile named City’s 2024 officer of the year

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — After just five years with the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department, Officer Jacob Gentile last week was named officer of the year for 2024.

“I wouldn’t be able to make it happen without having such a good team and good leadership,” he said, “and I’m proud that I can work hard for the city and keep its people safe.”

Gentile also earned the department’s annual Mothers Against Drunk Driving award for the most drunken driver arrests last year; received two unit citations for larceny from auto arrests; and participated in a six-day sting operation to arrest a thief targeting homes of the recently deceased, for which he gained a third unit citation.

The raid to arrest the suspect at his home at the conclusion of the case was Gentile’s first operation as a member of the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team.

The officer, who said it was his lifelong dream to be on a SWAT team, earned a difficult-to-obtain spot on the team last year.

“I used to tell my mom when I was younger, ‘I want to be the one to kick in the door,’” Gentile recalled. “I was like 5 years old and I made it happen. It’s the only thing I’ve ever wanted to do other than work in Grosse Pointe.”

Growing up in Grosse Pointe Woods, he attended Ferry Elementary School, Parcels Middle School and Grosse Pointe North High School.

“I feel a special connection to the area,” he noted. “It makes me happy. It’s just fun. It’s homey.”

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Park disputes district’s Trombly tally

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Most sit-ins are monomers. Most are sit outs.

They’re conducted by individuals sitting outside a building or somewhere. The goal is to stress a complaint against others having business within.

Park council members, however, staged a literal sit-in this week.

Upon concluding a specially scheduled meeting Monday, April 28 — during which they passed a resolution urging public school board members to allocate \$12.6 million of anticipated bond proceeds for the reopening of Trombly Elementary School as a learning center — they, the council members, sat in at a meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and promised to keep doing so until they get their way.

Members of the school board bond committee are considering putting the renewal request on the November ballot.

“(We) will have representation at all future meetings of the bond committee and the board of ed,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “We encourage the community to do the same.”

The council resolution urged the district to earmark roughly 10 percent of its \$120 million anticipated bond renewal for Trombly’s resurrection.

“Now is not the time to short-change Trombly,” Hodges said. “That was done before and it can’t happen again. Park residents need to see Trombly in that bond allocation in order for it (the Park) to strongly support (the renewal) from a voting standpoint in the fall.”

“I hope the school board looks at this and says, ‘We’ve got serious people in Grosse Pointe Park and they want it open,’” Councilman Marty McMillan said. “It is our money. We’re putting money into this, the taxpayers.”

Councilman Max Wiener indicated that bond allocation in order for it (the Park) to strongly support (the renewal) from a voting standpoint in the fall.

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Lisa Kyle, Brian Colter’s longtime partner and chair of the beautification committee, and Colter’s brother, Alan Colter, shovel dirt around the base of the tricolor beech tree planted in Colter’s memory as Wayne Nemeth with J&W Tree Artisans stands by.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Final goodbyes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — He wanted no funeral, no headstone, no formal burial nor grave.

In accord with his wishes, he’s fading without much fanfare, but won’t be allowed to completely slip away for a while.

The late Brian Colter, city forester since 1994, received as close as he’d want to eulogies during a tree-planting ceremony in his honor early Friday afternoon, April 25, Arbor Day, near the boardwalk at Patterson Park.

Around 100 representatives and residents of all five Grosse Pointes and more attended.

“I was so thankful for everyone and for the memories and words of admiration that were spoken,” said Lisa Kyle of the Park, Colter’s longtime partner. “It is incredibly comforting to see how many came to bid Brian farewell.”

Colter, a heart patient, died in his sleep last month at age 57.

He was city forester of the Park, City and Farms.

Colter spent most of his career in the Park.

In addition to tree care,

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he interacted with community groups and schools about the role of trees in the environment and their relative permanence.

As part of that, he set up a cross-section of an American elm tree trunk, called a tree cookie, in the lobby of city hall as a municipal timeline. Push pins in the tree’s annual growth rings mark events of historical importance, such as the tree germinating in 1912 at the corner of Jefferson and Lakepointe, and the tree succumbing to Dutch elm and being cut down in 2004.

“Part of what we’re going to do to honor Brian is to show his birthday on the ring,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Mayor Michelle Hodges said she was trying to think of something to say about Colter that hadn’t already been said when she looked to the sky and realized:

“There it is — Brian inspired us to look up and see the trees, the birds, the sunshine, the beautiful clouds, to look up even symbolically as to what we can achieve as individuals.”

Rain was forecast to



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Brian Colter’s family, from left, his brother-in-law, Allan Hascall; longtime partner, Lisa Kyle; sister, Nancy Hascall; cousin, Tom Vogtmann; brother, Alan Colter; and sister-in-law, Lisa Colter, with his 97-year-old uncle, Walt Vogtmann, seated in front.

fall during the ceremony, but held off until dusk. Still, gray clouds covered the sky. Waves from Lake St. Clair made shushing sounds breaking against the rocky shoreline.

A breeze that in a week or two would rustle spring leaves of trees that, if planted within the last three decades, grew from holes Colter had a hand in digging, passed silently through bare branches.

Colter’s older brother and sister, Allan Colter of Dearborn and Nancy Hascall of western Michigan, think he was inspired to become an urban forester by the loss of American elms in the Dearborn neighborhood

in which they grew up.

“This time of year is especially sad because of all the blooming, blossoming trees,” Allan Colter said. “I have questions about trees I’ll have to connect with him on the breeze about. I feel he’ll be living on. There was a fun side to Brian. I’ll miss that immensely.”

Pat Deck, a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, gave an example of Colter’s sense of humor.

“I remember the time I heard the sound of a

chicken clucking,” Deck said. “I said, ‘Brian, what is that?’”

It was the ringtone of Colter’s telephone.

“He went on to tell me that whenever his phone was clucking, it was a sign that the call came from someone he did not want to talk to,” Deck said. “His presence in all the Pointes will be left in the legacy of the many trees he planted that will outlive us all.”

“Brian helped contribute to a 38 percent tree canopy in Grosse Pointe Park,” Sizeland said. “In an urban-centered community, that is astronomical. That is truly because of Brian. Last year alone, we planted 340 trees.”

“Today is the perfect day to permanently remember him and the impact he’s had on our community,” Hodges said. “I hope this comforts us all and enables us to move forward and tighten our bonds as a community.”

Colter’s memorial tree, a tricolor beech, stands close to a pawpaw tree memorializing his mother near the park boardwalk.

Hascall said Colter’s cremated remains will be spread in a forest.



Left, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges welcomed guests and said a few words about Brian Colter. Above, Colter’s brother and sister, Alan Colter and Nancy Hascall, thanked attendees for coming and shared a few words about their brother.

Brownell student doing well after bike accident

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A Brownell Middle School student who rode his bike through a Touraine inter-section and into a moving vehicle around 8:50 a.m. Monday, April 28, is recovering well from the accident, according to an email sent to the Brownell community by Principal Rodger Hunwick later that morning.

“Earlier today, at approximately 8:50 a.m., on Touraine Road a biking accident involving a Brownell student and a vehicle occurred — no one is to blame, it was an accident,” the email reads. “The Grosse Pointe Farms Police and ambulance personnel provided medical attention to the student and parent(s) transported them to the hospital. The school has been in contact with the student’s parent(s) and they report their child is well and recovering from the accident.”

While the investigation was ongoing as of press time, employees of a landscaping company were traveling behind the vehicle — which reportedly was a city vehicle — on Charlevoix and provided officers with a witness statement.

“According to the witness, the cyclist was com-

ing from Touraine to Charlevoix and was crossing Charlevoix,” said Sgt. Tim Harris, who was at the scene. “He entered the intersection of Charlevoix and Touraine and hit the side of the pickup truck.”

Hunwick’s email stressed reminders to the community regarding the importance of wearing a helmet while biking; using proper intersections for street crossings; adhering to all signage; and putting away cell-phones while walking, running or operating any vehicles.

The Brownell student is not believed to have been wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

Harris, at the time, was unable to confirm whether the student was on his phone.

“When you’re coming off Touraine from Ridge to Charlevoix, it’s a real steep hill,” Harris said. “Your bike gets moving and it’s hard to stop, so it is hard to tell if he was on his phone or if his bike just didn’t have good enough breaks to stop when he was flying down Touraine. It’s just speculation as to whether or not he was on his phone or if that was an issue.”

No charges against the driver of the vehicle are being sought at this time.

— Laurel Kraus

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cated the tide is cresting on chances to direct

funds toward Trombly.

“The reason this is so pertinent and pressing now is this is really the last opportunity to get real capital funds into

Trombly,” Wiener said. “This is our last real opportunity to steer funds toward it from the school board. If this ship sails, to have that kind of major capital allocation is going to be very difficult. This is why I’m imploring people to be engaged. This is why this council’s trying to help influence or at least educate the decision making in that bond committee.”

School officials shuttered Trombly in 2019. Rationale given at the time, declining elementary-age population, is no

longer the case, according to Park officials.

They intend to prove it at a town hall meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, to which district officials are invited to be schooled. The location of the town hall hasn’t been set, but may be in the Grosse Pointe North High School library in Grosse Pointe Woods.

“We’re awaiting confirmation,” Hodges said. “The goal is to show unity throughout the district.”

Park officials intend to present a revised analysis of a Trombly district school-age population survey they say district consultants conducted

but got wrong.

“In all science, you have a sample and try to find a way to use your sample to represent the whole,” said Councilman Brent Dreaver, a data-driven program manager in his business life. “Where (the district’s) survey data fell short was using sample data to represent the whole. They said they were not going to make statements about the whole. But, that’s the whole point. That’s what we’re trying to do — make statements about the whole.”

“That’s part of what the town hall is intended for,” Hodges said. “There

will be a presentation on the data analysis. We’ve been able to find Grosse Pointe Park-based talent to help us do (the analysis) in an empirical and credentialed way.”

“What we found, preliminarily, is there are a lot of kids there,” Dreaver said. “There’s way more there than we thought. We’re starting to see a bit of a small surge from zero to 4-year-olds compared to 5- to 9-year-olds. In a couple years, our population within schools is going to grow.”

“The board of ed needs that information,” Hodges said. “That’s the purpose of the town hall.”



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Chase bank building contracted for personal office

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The plan to convert the old Chase Bank building at the corner of Rivard and Jefferson into a counter-service restaurant with a liquor license and focus on grab-and-go items, is over before it began.

The building has sat vacant since Chase Bank consolidated with its St. Clair location in December 2021. Grosse Pointers and restaurateurs Curt Catallo and Ann Stevenson won a bidding war for the property and announced intention to repurpose the building into a restaurant in early 2023 — though they ultimately never pursued the necessary city variances.

“As much as we were excited about the opportunity to bring a Union Joint to the neighborhood — which is our neighborhood, because we live nearby — as we were working on the building, we heard from the neighbors that they weren’t interested in having anything food related in the old Chase Bank,” Catallo said. “I think we just looked at it and said, ‘OK, do we have the energy to make this kind of investment of our passion and our money into this property if we’re going to encounter this kind of resistance? It just made better sense to see if



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The old Chase Bank building at 17449 Jefferson has been vacant since December 2021.

somebody else was interested in using it, because we were told by the neighbors that food was not an acceptable usage.”

They found the right buyer in a local entrepreneur and investor, who received approval from the city’s zoning board of appeals last week to use the building as a personal office space.

“When we say office, he’s not employing 20 people,” the applicant’s real estate agent, Patty Vasilos, noted. “(It’s) basically himself and maybe some administrators, so five to 10 employees tops.”

Though commercial

use of the pre-World War I building was grandfathered in when the property was zoned as part of a single-family residential district, the city’s zoning ordinance stipulates a nonconforming use cannot be reestablished once discontinued for six months or more.

Neighboring residents hoped to see the historic building preserved and residentially adapted as something akin to condos or apartments, but the majority who spoke during the public hearing were amenable to the low-impact office use proposed.

“By right, what would happen with that prop-

erty is, it’s zoned R-1, which is single-family residential,” Mayor Shelia Tomkowiak said, “so the only thing that someone could do without our permission is tear down that building and put in single-family homes based on the parameters of what the size of the lot should be and the setbacks from the property lines.

“If we don’t want that to happen and we want to preserve the fabric of the community, which the majority of our residents have said they wanted to do, then we have to make some kind of compromises.”

It has been more than 20 years, City Planner

John Jackson said, since the city last granted a similar use variance for a building that didn’t meet the standards for the typical use in its area.

“Granting these use variances are very rare,” he noted, though recommending the ZBA do so.

The ZBA’s vote — which passed 5-0 with members Maureen Juip and Chris Moyer absent — came with a handful of conditions to further minimize impact on the residential neighborhood.

Namely, the building only will be open to the public between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; there will be no overnight parking of commercial vehicles in its lot — which Vasilos stated was never the intention — and the approved use is tightly limited to gen-

eral office functions, specifically restricting medical or dental as a more intensive category of office uses.

“I look back at this and I go, ‘Wait, this was a bank,’” Councilman Chris Walsh noted. “They had traffic coming in and out all the time and that’s what everyone that has been there for any length of time was used to. You’re now talking about a 6,500-square-foot place with a family office. In my opinion, the neighbors should be ecstatic about this.”

To prepare the space for professional office use, construction prior to occupancy will run around nine months to a year, Vasilos estimated.

The interior of the building will be adapted, alongside updates to the

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Facilities Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Policy Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Joint Finance and City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods rescheduled Community Tree Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission Flower Sale, 10:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission Flower Sale, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Shred Day at Osius Park, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Woods Spring Fest Saturday

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — On the heels of the city’s Egg Stroll, albeit hopefully with better weather, Spring Fest runs noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Chene-Trombly Park.

“There’s no cost and

no registration,” according to Owen Gafa, parks and recreation director. “Just show up any time and have fun.”

The day will feature activities from The Friendship Factory, which recently opened

on Mack, presentations by the Detroit Institute of Arts, face painting, lawn games and the Treat Dreams ice cream truck.

The event is hosted by the Woods Citizens Recreation Commission. Spring Fest was created in 2022 after COVID restrictions forced the city to cancel Winter Fest in 2021.

Councilwoman Angela Coletti Brown, city council’s liaison to the recreation commission, said Chene-Trombly was picked as the location to highlight improvements that were being made there. It will continue to be held there, while Winter Fest will continue to be at Ghesquiere Park each January.

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Gentile, who considers himself a proactive officer, also recently became a field training officer, responsible for teaching the ropes to new recruits.

“In addition to his outstanding body of work in 2024, Jake works hard every shift and always keeps an infectious posi-

tive attitude, which is nice to be around,” Public Safety Director John Alcorn said. “He’s a team player. He watches out for his partners and always has an eye on officer safety. He’s good at both ends of the job — police and fire — and we’re truly lucky to have him. He’s well deserving of being named officer of the year for 2024.”

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The great communicator

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

For someone who never took a marketing class in college, Ted Coutilish has experienced a great deal of success in the field. That includes leadership positions in marketing communications at the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University, among others, with a few awards along the way. One such honor was being named Communicator of the Year in 2012 by the Detroit Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, which involved his development

at Eastern Michigan of the "TRUEMU" branding campaign, the longest such campaign currently in use among Michigan universities. He also was named an outstanding alumnus of Grosse Pointe North High School. "I've worked with some amazing teams over the years," he said. "It's nice when you have an interaction and there's a glimmer of an idea. You plant the seed, water it and it becomes something great." Growing up in Grosse Pointe Woods, Coutilish wanted to be a sports writer. He credits Richard Amberg, his school newspaper advisor, for helping

develop his love of writing. "He's the one who taught me how to use strong verbs and write compelling ledes," he said. After earning a bachelor's degree in journalism from Wayne State University, Coutilish did spend some time as a sports writer, but decided on a different path. "A lot of small papers were closing and we had the JOA (joint operating agreement) between The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press," he said. "I realized I could use the skills I learned from journalism in marketing communications."

He returned to school, earning a master's degree in liberal studies with a concentration in communications from University of Detroit-Mercy. "Although I never took a marketing class, I've taught them," Coutilish said. "It takes a lot of preparation, but the unintended consequence is that the students challenge you. It made me become a better professional." He met his wife, Mary Beth Langan, while at UDM, where she works in the registrar's office as co-director of transfer credit and degree audit. They married in 1996 and have a son, Andrew, 24. Andrew was born with Fragile X Syndrome, a genetic condition affecting the X chromosome and the most common cause of autism and intellectual disabilities in the world. "Of all my roles — hus-



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Ted Coutilish and son, Andrew, rooting for the Detroit Lions.



Ted Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan with their son, Andrew, taking in one of Andrew's favorite hobbies riding an escalator.

band, brother, son, employee — my favorite is father," Coutilish said. "He is my world. He's taught me patience, because I was not very patient growing up. When you have a child with special needs, that's fused into the relationship. There are challenges all the time, so there's no sense getting upset." After living 19 years in the City of Grosse Pointe, the family moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in 2019. "The house next door to my sister-in-law was for sale and she wanted my mother-in-law, who was living alone in Detroit, to be closer," Coutilish said. "My brother-in-law and nephew also are there. Even though my mother-in-law passed away not long after we moved in, it's been a wonderful support system." Being within walking distance to the Shores city hall means getting to indulge in one of Andrew's favorite pastimes — riding elevators and escalators. "Hours and hours," Coutilish laughed. "Sometimes we'll even go out to the Somerset Collection or the RenCen. That's the big time." Because of his marketing expertise, Coutilish often is asked to apply that to volunteer efforts. "I try to limit that because I don't want to shortchange my family or my employer," he said. Shortly after moving to the Shores, he was asked to get involved with the city's communications committee, which he now chairs. Results over three surveys since then have shown a marked improvement in satisfaction among residents in the city's communications efforts. In the most recent survey, late last year, 89 percent of respondents said they felt "informed," "very informed" or "extremely informed" about city information. That's up from 48 percent in 2020. "His leadership in communications has been outstanding," Shores City Manager Steve Poloni said. "He's done a fantastic job. From where it was to where it is now is night and day." He's also on the board of directors of the FRAXA Research Foundation, a member of the development committee for the Autism Alliance of Michigan and social media chair for Assumption Greek Orthodox Church's annual festival. Katie Clapp, president and co-founder of the FRAXA Research Foundation, said Coutilish is the definition of a team player. "All of us on the board are parents of children with Fragile X, so his heart is really in it," she said. "He works on everything, but communications is his main focus. He'll write articles when we fund research and make the science accessible to the reader. He brings the researchers alive as to what motivates them." Coutilish said Andrew also has taught him to be open to new opportunities. To that end, he recently started a new role as vice president of communications at Yellow Flag Productions, a branding, marketing and production company focused on college and high school athletics. "This is a good strategic leadership opportunity," he said. "My commitment to enhancing communications processes, refining strategies and introducing marketing firsts parallels Yellow Flag's ambition for growth and innovation in the communications field."



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exterior. "It needs attention," Vasilos said. "Everything has been neglected for a long time. He's not going to change the overall appearance of the building, but he is going to be making changes, getting it back to its prime."

The two-story, white building at 17449 Jefferson has a rich history, which has been charted in part by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Throughout the years, it's served Grosse Pointers as doctors' offices, a hardware store, Schettler's Drugstore from 1918 to 1947, a barber shop, a beauty shop, Board of Health offices and a string of banks: Grosse Pointe Savings Bank, Grosse Pointe Bank, National Bank of Detroit and, finally, Chase Bank. "This site was discussed at length as part of the master plan process," Jackson said, "and the feedback that we got during that process is that this is one of those unique physical characteristics in the city — an old traditional commercial building on a corner site in the city that has been part of the fabric of the city for decades. "... There was a lot of

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Rainy day

A 24-year-old Detroit woman was reported for being unconscious in the driver’s seat of a vehicle that had its windows down in the rain and was parked in a lot in the 18000 block of Mack at 8:43 a.m. Monday, April 21.

As officers spoke with her, it became apparent she was waking from a deep sleep rather than under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The woman received citations for driving with a suspended license, no vehicle insurance and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Extradition warrant

After being pulled over at Mack and Moross for a non-functioning brake light and badly cracked front windshield at 4:04 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, a 21-year-old Detroit man was found to have an extradition arrest warrant out of Kentucky for trafficking controlled substances.

Porch pirate

A package containing three pairs of children’s shoes was stolen from a porch in the 400 block of

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Moran at 2:25 p.m. Tuesday, April 22.

Double whammy

After driving through a red light at Mack and Kerby at 8:29 p.m. Saturday, April 26, a 30-year-old Warren woman was found to have her 6-year-old son in the backseat without a car seat.

She was cited for never acquiring a license, violation of the child restraint law and disobeying a traffic signal.

Good try

Only loose change was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of McKinley overnight into Sunday, April 27.

The owner believed he locked the vehicle with his key fob, but the battery had died so it was unsuccessful.

Halfway there

A store employee in the 18000 block of Mack managed to stop a woman from stealing a \$63 bottle of alcohol at 7:44 p.m. Sunday, April 27, by grabbing the bag

that contained it as it was carried out of the store.

It wasn’t discovered until later that the thief successfully got away with another \$119 bottle.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Thief attire

Three men wearing hoodies and backpacks were seen rummaging through an unlocked vehicle in the 800 block of Fisher at 2 a.m. Thursday, April 17.

Nothing appeared to be taken.

Bike stolen

An unlocked 21-speed mountain bike was stolen from in front of a business in the 17000 block of Mack around 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, while the owner was inside working.

Loan fraud

A Grosse Pointer’s

address was used to fraudulently apply for two loans Wednesday, April 23. Both were denied.

Prowler

A 19-year-old Detroit man was seen by several homeowners going through their yards on Notre Dame and Rivard at 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 25.

After a brief foot chase with Farms officers, he was arrested for trespassing and then turned over to the Farms on charges of resisting and obstructing officers.

Wheel locks

Wheel locks worth \$300 were stolen from inside an unlocked vehicle in the 1000 block of Lincoln overnight into Sunday, April 27.

Privileges revoked

A 67-year-old Detroit man was arrested for trespassing inside a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval, from which he previously was banned for stealing.

He then was turned over to the Macomb

County Sheriff’s Office on a warrant for narcotics possession.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen vehicle

Broken glass was all that remained of a 2020 Jeep Cherokee stolen overnight Tuesday, April 22, while parked with its doors locked in a church lot on Maryland between Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

Bike taken

A sign of spring appears in the police blotter in the form of a bike theft occurring between 8 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, on the campus of Pierce Middle School.

Taken was a red Giant Boulder mountain bike valued at \$600, left unlocked at a bike rack.

— Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other

crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O’Neil
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Be aware

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman and a motorcycle rider were taken to Henry Ford St. John Hospital after colliding around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, on Lakeshore.

The woman was attempting to turn north on Lakeshore from Crestwood. She went to change from the interior lane to the exterior one and hit the motorcycle, which was in her blind spot.

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

‘Dive in’ and tidbits

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — “Dive in” movies might be on the bill this summer at Windmill Pointe Park.

An outdoor movie screen would be positioned poolside for viewing by people in the water.

“We could allow inflatable tubes that night for them to float around in the pool and watch the movie,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

Roger Basse, a member

of the recreation commission, suggested scheduling “Jaws” or “Sharknado.”

“It would be nice to offer two or three events this summer as long as

staffing allows for it,” Craig said.

Youth pickleball

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe provides a free pickleball clinic for youth ages 8 to 16, 11 a.m. to 1

p.m. Saturday, May 3, at Patterson Park.

Bad weather shifts activities to the Golden Gymnasium at Windmill Pointe Park.

“This is their second time doing this for us,” Craig said. “They were

great the last time we ran it. We’ll provide lunch and instruction for the kids. They won’t have to pay anything.”

Pickleball is a popular sport for residents of all ages.

“We added a third ses-

sion of pickleball this spring,” Craig said recently. “All three sessions sold out.”

Gazebo

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By Sheri L. Testani, RN

Educating Patients: The Pivotal Role Nurses Play

Nurses play a pivotal role in educating patients about their diagnoses, treatments and medications. We serve as the primary point of contact for patients, often spending more time with them than any other healthcare professional. This unique position allows nurses to provide clear and concise information tailored to the patient’s level of understanding. We utilize teach-back methods to ensure comprehension, which involves asking patients to repeat information in their own words to confirm understanding.

Nurses explain medical terms, the purpose of medications, potential side effects and lifestyle modifications necessary for managing health conditions. For example, if a patient is diagnosed with diabetes, the nurse will educate them about blood sugar monitoring, dietary changes and the importance of regular exercise. This education is crucial in helping patients take charge of their health and make informed choices about their treatment options.

Additionally, nurses employ various teaching methods, including brochures, videos and one-on-one discussions to accommodate different learning styles. Visual aids can be particularly helpful for patients who may struggle with reading or understanding complex medical terminology. By leveraging these diverse educational tools, nurses can enhance patient understanding and retention of critical health information.

To enhance your involvement in healthcare, patients can take several proactive steps:

1. Ask Questions: Patients should feel empowered to ask their healthcare providers about their diagnoses, treatment options and any concerns they might have. Having support of family is also beneficial during these dialogues in most cases. Asking questions not only clarifies understanding but also fosters a collaborative relationship with healthcare providers.
2. Take Notes: Writing down key information during appointments can help patients remember important details about their health. This practice can also serve as a reference for future discussions with healthcare providers.
3. Use Available Resources: Patients should utilize educational materials provided by their healthcare team and seek reputable online resources for further information. Corewell Health provides an after-visit summary (AVS) that often includes patient education resources that are available to help reinforce what was discussed during your hospital visit.
4. Engage in Follow-Up: Actively participating in follow-up appointments and communicating changes in health status is essential for ongoing care. Patients should keep their healthcare teams informed about any new symptoms or concerns that arise.

Sheri L. Testani, RN is Chief Nursing Officer at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital and a board-certified nurse executive.

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OUR VIEW

Distracted learning?

Everyone is aware of the dangers of distracted driving. It can come in many forms, from shaving to applying makeup to hollering at kids in the backseat.

Of course, the most well-known form is cell phone use: texting, dialing, talking, etc. Unfortunately there are still selfish people who insist on using their phones behind the wheel — putting us and them in danger — despite the penalties involved.

But what about distracted learning? Two bills currently under consideration in the Michigan Legislature are attempting to tackle that issue.

The first, in the House, would prohibit students in kindergarten through fifth grade from having cell phones on school grounds and ban students in sixth through eighth grade from using cell phones during instructional time, lunch and recess. High school students would be prohibited from using their phones during instructional time.

A less restrictive bill has been introduced in the Senate that would require school districts to develop their own policies “that seek to limit student cell phone use during school hours.”

The House bill was introduced by Rep. Mark Tisdell, R-Rochester Hills. The Senate bill was introduced by Sen. Dayna Polehanki, D-Taylor. Both are in response to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s February State of the State address, where she called for “bipartisan legislation to limit the use of phones in class.”

“We’ve seen encouraging data about how common-sense restrictions on phone use during class led to more learning and less bullying,” she said at the time. “Kids listen, raise their hands and make more friends.”

But there is an R and a D involved, so naturally the first inclination is to criticize each other’s proposal.

Sen. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, the majority vice chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, said Tisdell’s bill would limit the ability for students to contact their parents during an emergency, such as a school shooting. She told The Detroit News she once received a text from one of her children during a school lockdown that said, “If I don’t make it, I love you and dad.”

Tisell, however, told The Detroit News it would be disruptive for hundreds of parents to flood a school and interfere with the efforts of first responders in the event of an actual emergency, nor would he want students distracted by their phones in an emergency.

“They have to be focused on the trained adults at the head of the room,” he said.

First off, conventional school districts, public charter schools and private schools already have the ability to craft their own policies on the matter, so we are not really sure what the Democratic bill accomplishes. On the other hand, we have reservations about the Republican measure as it relates to local control. Voters elect school board members for their own reasons, chief among them to set policy.

And the Grosse Pointe Public School System already does have a policy addressing the issue.

Policy 4.21 states: “Except as authorized by a teacher, administrator or IEP team, by regulations issued by the superintendent, or pursuant to the district’s Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative, students are prohibited from using personal communication devices during instructional time, including while off-campus on a field trip, to capture, record and/or transmit words or sounds (i.e., audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person. Students may utilize personal communication devices before and after



COURTESY PHOTO

Pure GP

Following a recent fire, which destroyed the hoop house at Detroit Abloom, Grosse Pointe Garden Center Co-Presidents Sandra Fischer and Marsha Goan presented Detroit Abloom owners Tom and Nancy Milan, a check for \$1,000 to help rebuild the structure. Originally developed for vegetable farming, hoop houses are used to protect crops like tomatoes and cucumbers in the summer and extend the season into the fall.

instructional time, during the student’s scheduled lunch time or as directed by a teacher or other staff member for educational purposes. Students may possess personal communication devices on their person during times when their use is not permitted, but the devices must be stored out of sight during such times.”

According to our reader poll (right), only 13 percent of you agree with the current policy. A plurality of our readers, 35 percent, favor an outright ban. Another 29 percent say they should only be used in an emergency, while 23 percent of you want students to always have access to their cell phones.

In this day and age of school violence, it is understandable why parents would want to maintain immediate access to their students. Plus, with everyone so accustomed to instant communication, parents may just want to remind their student of something as simple as an upcoming appointment or wish them good luck on that third period math test.

As for local control, Anchor Bay School District is implementing a new policy for the 2025-26 school year called “away for the day.” Students will not be able to use cell phones, or any electronic device — such as smartwatches or laptops — at all, including during non-instructional time.

The district in a social media post said the policy will improve academic performance by removing distractions and it will enhance social skills, reduce cyberbullying and limit classroom disruptions.

A new book by psychologist Jonathan Haidt has been getting a lot of attention regarding the effects of smartphones on youth. “The Anxious Generation” posits that such devices are causing a “rewiring of childhood” and causing an “epidemic of mental illness.”

Haidt suggests children should not be given smartphones before reaching high school, not be allowed on social media until age 16 and not have phones in schools.

Parents instead should prioritize what he calls “real-world play” and teach independence.

Haidt has called smartphones “experience blockers” and that they consume any spare time a youngster has, leading to a loss of childhood.

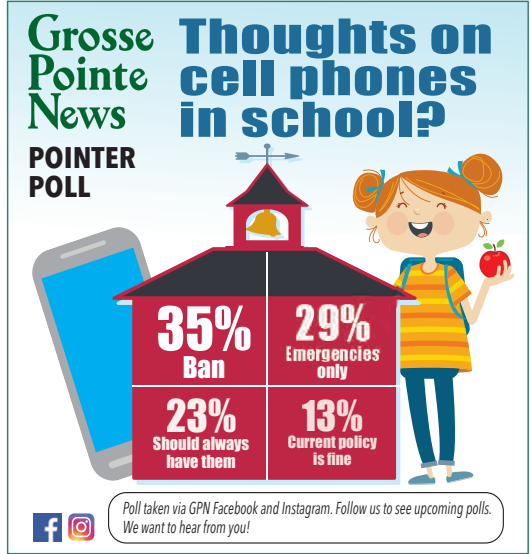
Mental health professionals have long been urging people to take breaks from online activities to unwind and de-stress. You probably have heard the term “doomscrolling,” meaning excessive amounts of time spent on content that is overwhelmingly negative and can lead to anxiety, stress and even depression.

It reminds us of the cartoon with a wife asking her husband when he will come to bed as he sits at a computer. “Someone is wrong on the internet!” he replies.

The counter term would be “go touch grass,” meaning put the phone down and get outside. It may have started as a dismissive way to

insult someone’s opinion, but it also is good advice.

So with warmer weather upon us and our wonderful parks, we suggest everyone get out and touch some green, or a paddleball court, or pool water, or ... you get the picture.



LETTERS

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Many thanks

To the Editor:

Our community came together to raise awareness and show support for those who have lost someone to suicide and to learn about mental health resources in our area at the ninth annual Suicide Prevention Walk & Mental Health Fair on April 26, at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Thank you to the staff and students from Grosse Pointe North’s Peer 2 Peer Club, Grosse Pointe South’s Wellness Club, Harper Woods High School and Pierce Middle School, and to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Kevin’s Song and the 23 mental health professionals and organizations who participated in the fair. For more information on local support, visit familycenterhelps.org and kevinsong.org.

If you or someone you know needs help, the 988 (call or text) Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

MARYJO HARRIS
Director of Programs & Administration
The Family Center

Thank you to the chalk artist

To the Editor:

I am a senior citizen who enjoys daily walks around my neighborhood. Early on Monday, I left on my usual route. I headed toward North High School, east on

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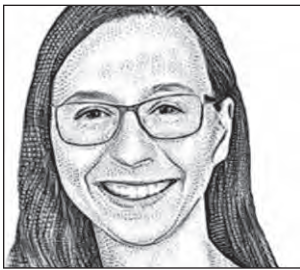
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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



Easter with a dash of humor

My best buddy — technically known as my nephew, Theodore — turned 3 years old over the weekend and the things that come out his mouth these days are the greatest source of entertainment for our family.

Easter Sunday afternoon, my sister was quietly putting the little man down for his daily nap when he turned to her, peered up through the dark and said, “Pontius Pilate.”

No context. Nothing further to say.

Later in the day, when he heard her recounting his mic-drop moment, he — unprompted — launched into a retelling of the Easter story through the eyes of a child.

It was as accurate as it was adorable.

Highlights include when Jesus, having been laid to rest in the tomb, “woke up and got out of

his bed.” Later, according to Theodore, “he played with his friends.”

Even the Gospel authors had their own ways of relaying Jesus’ resurrection to the world.

Luke’s message serves to share the truths of Jesus which exemplify how entirely human He was, while John’s testimony focuses on how He also was entirely God.

John’s Gospel also includes some additional details not revealed by the other three, which lay the groundwork for some pretty hilarious Christian jokes — not intended to take away from the holiness of the resurrection, on which the entire Christian faith rests.

Namely, the running gag that John the Apostle kept calling out Simon Peter.

It’s most apparent when Judas betrays Jesus and the chief priests and soldiers come to arrest Him in the garden at Gethsemane.

The other three Gospel writers note that “one of them” who was with Jesus, and in defense of

Him, draws a sword and cuts off the ear of the high priest’s servant, which Jesus heals.

Then along comes John’s account, in which he more or less writes, “It was Peter. Peter was the one who did it.”

(Of course, I’m very much paraphrasing John 18:10).

Because the Gospel of John is believed to have been the last to be written, speculation exists that he chose to name Peter because the other apostle would have been dead by that time, meaning no consequences could come against him for being cited as the one to attack the servant of the high priest.

However, the same argument can’t exactly be applied to when John also made it a point to note that he was faster than Peter when they ran to Jesus’ empty tomb.

“So they ran together: and the other disciple (John) did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre,” John 20:4.

The imagined rivalry is all in good jest, of course.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1950

75 years ago this week

POINTES FACE BIG DRAIN EXPENSE: As forecast in the NEWS several weeks ago, the Park, the City of Grosse Pointe and the Farms are going to be faced with the necessity of treating their storm water sewage overflow at Fox Creek. When Detroit abandoned its effort to compel the three Grosse Pointe communities to share with it the expense of by-passing this vent and carrying the storm water overflow down to Conner Creek, it was done with the understanding imposed by the Water Resources Commission that it would provide sewage treatment facilities at the Conner Creek outlet to handle its own sewage from that part of Detroit which impinges on Grosse Pointe.

1975

50 years ago this week

MACK PARKING UNDER FIRE: The controversial parking restriction imposed early in 1969, on Mack Avenue between Harvard and Cadieux, again came under fire at the Park Council meeting April 28. No action was taken because of a tie vote — one councilman was

absent — and the matter was tabled until the next regular session. At a council session April 14, the solons received a petition signed by the business people, including two new tenants, asking for the lifting of the “No Parking — 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.” ban which has been in effect for the past six years, because it is hurting their businesses.

2000

25 years ago this week

LOW LAKE LEVEL HAS SAILBOATERS WORRIED: If lake levels drop below six feet, no amount of dredging will help deep-draft sailboats, warn marina officials throughout the Pointes. “The lake’s water level is extremely low,” said City of Grosse Pointe manager Tom Kressbach. “Some of the deep-draft sailboats could have difficulties as they approach the shore because their keels are six feet and there’s only five feet of water.”

SHORES RESIDENT NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: Betty Hayden of Grosse Pointe Shores was named Volunteer of the Month at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Hayden has volunteered at the hospital for 23 years, counting more than 4,000 hours of service. For the last 10 years, she has also been legally blind.

2015

10 years ago this week

CITY HALL WILL BE MEETING PLACE: A councilman is taking Craigslist up on a deal to protect traders from fraud and attack. Robert Gessell, of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council, recommended this month the public safety department allow web-based Craigslist transactions in the municipal parking lot or lobby of city hall. Both locations are under video surveillance.

SUPER FIELD NARROWED TO TWO: The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education selected Gary Niehaus and Steven Matthews as the finalists for the position of superintendent. The two candidates faced day-long interviews with selected members of the community, teachers, union representatives and students, as well as final interviews with the board of education.

SCHOLARSHIP IN THE NAME OF ULS LEGEND: University Liggett School has created a scholarship to honor alumnus Bob Wood, who spent more than 50 years on Liggett’s campus as a student, teacher, coach and athletic director. Established by his son Doug and daughter-in-law Beth, the Robert G. Wood Endowed Scholarship recognizes Wood’s many athletic achievements.

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Vernier and south on Lakeshore. There are gorgeous spring blooms and lake views to enjoy along the way.

Much to my surprise, there appeared affirmations on the sidewalk. A chalk sidewalk artist had written many slogans along the route. WOW! What a lovely

start to the week. (On Tuesday) I repeated the same pathway with pencil and paper in hand, as I’m sure the rain later today will erase most of the messages. I tried to take a few photos, but most were getting faint. Here are a few of the 22 I saw: “Trust you can and you will.” “You’re unstoppable.” “Enjoy the small things in life.” “Your story matters.” “You’re capable.” “Stay

positive.” “You’re loved.” “You got this.” “You’re perfect the way you are.” “It’s okay to ask for help.” “Thank you.” “Be there for you.” “The sun will shine again.”

Thank you so much to the younger soul who can easily get down to the sidewalk to etch his or her sayings for all to enjoy!

BARBARA BURNHAM
Grosse Pointe Shores

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Building on tradition

Eastside Heating & Cooling acquires Detroit Gas Burner

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Through its recent acquisition of Cadieux-based Detroit Gas Burner, Eastside Heating and Cooling ensured a company with rich local history wouldn't be swallowed by private equity groups with no connection to the community.

"A lot of our local competitors in the past five years have been bought by out-of-state private equity groups," said Andrew Casazza, partner with Eastside Heating and Cooling. "When the private equity groups bought them and merged a lot of them together, essentially prices went up, customer service and quality went down, and those guys who were staples in our community, the community approach to their business just was dead on arrival as soon as

private equity took over." The genesis of Eastside Heating and Cooling was founder Dan Stubleski's bid to retain residential mechanical companies rooted in personal relationships, craftsmanship and commitment to the community rather than corporate profits.

When Detroit Gas Burner owner Rick Slavik announced intention to retire and sell the 86-year-old business rooted in reliability, expertise and tradition, the acquisition became a natural progression based on shared company values.

"It's all about keeping the hyper-local, customer-forward, good-quality product company values that we've liked and we've seen go away in a lot of our local competitors," Casazza said.

Somewhat of a local legend in the HVAC industry, Slavik purchased Detroit Gas

Burner in 1987 from its original owner and, since 2003, ran a one-man operation banking more than 2,000 clients.

"People really like Rick, so we have really big shoes to fill, because he's been at the front of Detroit Gas Burner for the past 40 years," Casazza noted.

To honor and preserve its legacy, Detroit Gas Burner will retain its name and keep the spirit of personalized, high-quality service alive, while offering customers the expanded capabilities and modern technology Eastside Heating and Cooling is able to provide.

"Our goal isn't to change what made Detroit Gas Burner great," Stubleski said. "It's to carry it forward. Together, we're stronger, more responsive and better equipped to serve the next generation of fami-



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Detroit Gas Burner employees in the 1940s.

lies and businesses in Grosse Pointe and beyond."

With Slavik remaining to help with the transition, customers should expect a seamless blend

of nearly a century of tradition with Eastside's neighborhood-first approach to heating and cooling.

Of its 10 employees, seven are born and raised

Grosse Pointers.

"It's about as local as you get," Casazza said.

Services may be found online at eastsidehvac.com or by calling (313) 980-8586.

PARK:

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scheduled to the gazebo at Patterson Park.

Removal of vines from the structure's roof revealed rotted lattice-work.

"The lattice structure will be coming down soon," Craig said. "I don't have a date locked in yet. We also will be replacing that. Once the parks and recreation master plan is in place, we will dive into the gazebo more."

Concessions

The concessionaire at Windmill is welcome to return for another season.

"We're working on finalizing having him

back this season," Craig said.

The stand may open a couple of weeks prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

"Probably a couple weeks early with limited hours," Craig said. "That would allow his staff to get a feel for everything. After a complete season last year, they know what they're in for this season. We had a nice run with them last year. I think they'll do an even better job this year."

KA6

Attendance at the Kercheval After 6 street fairs this summer is expected to be as much, if not more, than usual.

But they'll be less crowded due to the venue's expanded size.

"New for this year, we are extending the footprint to go from Nottingham down to Wayburn," Craig said.

The street parties, scheduled 6 to 10 p.m. June 28, July 26 and Aug. 23 — all Saturdays — will cover four blocks, not three, in the Kercheval commercial zone.

"This will involve another block of businesses," Craig said. "It's nice to extend it to an area that doesn't see many special events. It will be nice to see how it goes. If anything, it will space items out, give more room and not be as crowded. Plus, there's some new businesses on that end of Kercheval that I think would gain from special events."

Pendy's files for bankruptcy, will stay open

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Although Pendy's Grosse Pointe filed for bankruptcy in late March, owner Susan Pendy said that doesn't mean the restaurant is closing.

"We're in the process of reorganizing," she said. "We're also trying to get things straightened out with the banquet room."

Oddly, a different landlord owns the part of the building where the banquet room and one-third of the kitchen is located compared to the landlord who owns the rest of the building.

"We can still do banquets in the main dining room," Pendy noted.

On top of that, the building is for sale. "We can't come to an agreement on a lease," she added. "Our hands are tied."

According to the IRS, Chapter 11 bankruptcy is designed to help businesses that are struggling financially but have the potential to be viable again. It allows them to negotiate with creditors, propose a plan to repay debts and continue operating while working through the process.

It differs from Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which includes liquidating assets to pay off as much debt as possible.

Pendy said the issue primarily is slow weeknights.

"We heard the community wanted a restaurant that was open Monday nights, but there's no traffic," she said. "We do great Fridays and Saturdays, but it's

slow Monday through Thursday."

To that end, the restaurant recently posted a new deal on social media that is good on those nights. The dinner for two for \$65 comes with a choice of beer-battered cod, chicken St. Lucy, osso buco ravioli or broiled whitefish with a bottle of red or white Evolution wine.

"We have a varied menu that hits all price points," Pendy said. "We're not a destination place. You can have prime rib or just come in for a burger and a beer. And I think we have the best bar in town."

Pendy and her late husband, David, opened the restaurant at 20930 Mack in June 2023. They owned The Hill Seafood and Chop House from 2000 to 2003, which was named metro Detroit restaurant of the year by the Detroit Free Press and Hour Magazine in 2001. The couple then spent two decades running country clubs in Michigan, Missouri and Maryland.

"We've been in the hospitality business our entire careers," David Pendy said in 2023. "We're aiming to have a country club-like atmosphere because that's what people are attracted to."

Pendy's is open 5 to 9 p.m. weeknights, 5 to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, closed Sundays.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 21, 2025

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 7, 2025 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on March 3, 2025.
- 2) to Remove Items 1 and 2 from the Agenda.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 132382 through 132460 in the amount of \$398,045.47 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 WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,384.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of May 2025. (3) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$14,800.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (4) accept the quote provided by Oscar W. Larson Co. in the amount of \$10,782.00 for the repair/replacement of the cathodic protection system for the underground fuel storage tanks and further, waive the competitive bid policy as authorized by the City Charter. (5) appoint Andrew Cyburt to the Library Board for a 5-year term ending January 2030, Addarius Bryant to the Recreation Advisory Board for a 3-year term ending January 2028, and Wendy Cody to the Beautification Commission for a 4-year term ending January 2029.
- 2) to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the acceptance of payments by a financial transaction device, in compliance with MCL Section 129.223. (Attachment #1)
- 3) to adopt the attached policy to Provide Accommodations to Disabled Persons at City Council meetings. (Attachment #2)
- 4) to approve the Contract Modification in an amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 with L. Anthony Construction for the 2025 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-363.
- 5) to approve the following contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Sidewalk Modernization project consisting of concrete sidewalk reconstruction along various streets citywide. The total project cost is estimated at \$219,000.00 and provides for federal funds of \$170,100.00 and a local match of \$42,900.00; MDOT Contract No. 25-5216; Control Section TAU 82000; Job Number 221328CON and Project Number 25A0497, and further to authorize the Mayor and the acting City Manager to sign the contract.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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North lands four Evans Scholars

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Four students from Grosse Pointe North High School have been named recipients of the Evans Scholarship, a four-year full housing and tuition scholarship for golf caddies that's regarded as the nation's largest privately funded scholarship program.

They are Chris O'Connell, Carter Cole, Caleb Kosel and Jack Ryan. Kosel, O'Connell and Ryan all caddie at Lochmor Club, while Cole does so at the Country Club of Detroit. All of them started in either eighth or ninth grade.

Ironically, none of them play golf.

"I took lessons in elementary school, but it didn't take," O'Connell laughed. "But being a caddie is great exercise and helps build social skills."

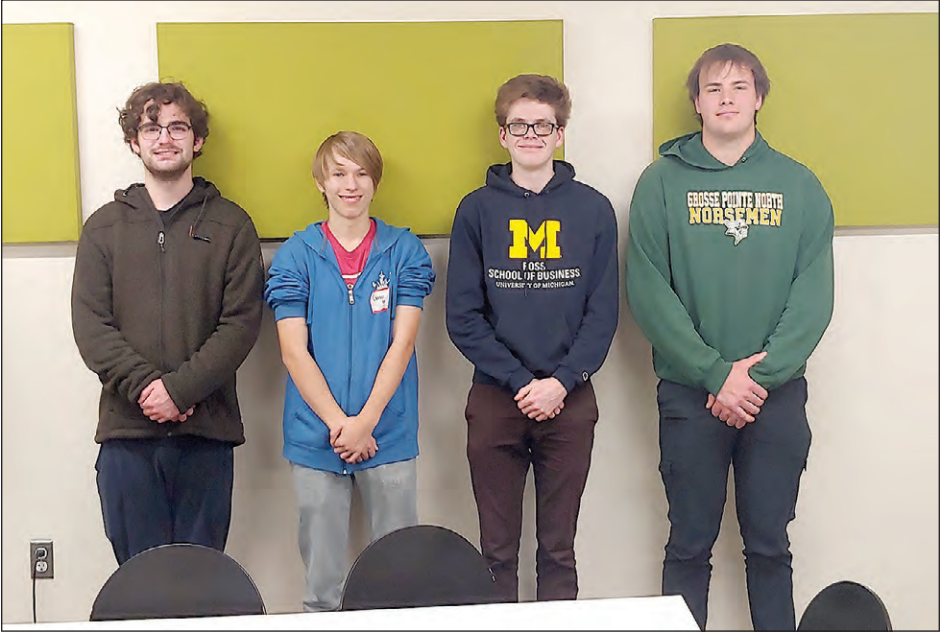


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From left, Grosse Pointe North High School seniors and golf caddies Chris O'Connell, Carter Cole, Caleb Kosel and Jack Ryan have been named Evans Scholars, earning four-year, full tuition and housing scholarships through the Western Golf Association.

Kosel agreed. "It's been an amazing experience and really helped me grow out of my shell post-COVID," he said.

Cole said he knew

nothing about the game when he started.

"I had to really cram during that first two-week orientation," he noted.

Ryan said he doesn't

have time for golf, due to extracurricular activities, but will go to the driving range on occasion. He plays viola in the school orchestra and throws the discus and

shot put for the track and field team.

All four have other interests. O'Connell is part of the school's Model U.N., Cole is part of the Gearheads robotics team and Kosel is on the cross-country and track teams in addition to being in the National Honor Society.

Their university selections and intended majors are:

◆ O'Connell: Michigan State University, astrophysics,

◆ Cole: Michigan State University, film studies and psychology,

◆ Kosel: University of Michigan, business and

◆ Ryan: Michigan State University, statistics.

They all agreed with what Cole said is the main role of caddies.

"You keep up, clean up and shut up," he joked. "But over time you do develop a relationship with the golfers."

O'Connell said he's

had interesting conversations with golfers and Kosel said he received advice from some on how to get into the Ross School of Business at U of M.

"The golfers expect you to know the course," Ryan said, "but once you prove yourself, you're welcomed in."

The scholarship awards are based on four selection criteria: experience as a caddy, academic excellence, financial need and outstanding character. The program, founded in 1930, is overseen by the Western Golf Association, headquartered in Glenview, Ill.

According to the WGA, 1,190 caddies currently are receiving the scholarship at 24 universities across the country. That includes 87 students at MSU and 58 at U of M.

Around 360 Evans Scholars are named nationwide each year. North and Notre Dame Prep each had four winners this year out of 36 awarded across Michigan.

GPFPE's annual Spring Benefit is May 15

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education recently announced it will host its annual Spring Benefit at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

As the GPFPE's largest fundraiser, Spring Benefit proceeds support the organization's mission of funding extraordinary educational opportunities within the

Grosse Pointe Public School System. Since 2006, the GPFPE has donated close to \$4.5 million to GPPSS in grants that enhance learning and support students in and outside of the classroom, thanks to the generosity of its donors.

"The Spring Benefit is not only an opportunity for the GPFPE to celebrate and support our students with our amazing donor community,

but it is also one of the most critical pieces of our fundraising," GPFPE President Cynthia Sohn said. "We are looking forward to a beautiful evening at The War Memorial and we are grateful to the sponsors and volunteers who are helping make this event possible."

This year's benefit will include lakefront cocktails, a sit-down dinner and a live auction.

Auction items include a one-of-a-kind oil painting, a private pickleball party, season tickets to the inaugural season of Grosse Pointe Theatre at the Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and a Batch comfort bicycle. There also will be a wine pull and a paddle raise.

"The Spring Benefit committee has been hard at work to create a lovely and meaningful evening for our guests," Spring

Benefit Chairwoman Maria Quint said. "Over the years, this event has become a must-attend date on the spring social calendar and this year will be no exception. The War Memorial sets a beautiful stage for a memorable night with our wonderful community of public school supporters."

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10A | CAMPS

Great summer camps fill up fast! Be sure to check these out and make your reservations

CAMPS FOR KIDS

There was so much interest in our first Camps for Kids page that we decided to expand it with a part two – and include even more great opportunities for summer fun and learning for Grosse Pointe kids! Everyone feels the summer excitement building and are eager to set their plans in motion. There are so many amazing options these days, we've done a little more research to bring you even more

choices to help you select the ideal summer camp for your child. Wherever your little ones go this summer, they'll be creating lasting memories while fostering a sense of adventure and camaraderie that will last a lifetime. Check out these wonderful camps and choose the best fit for your kids. You can't go wrong with these amazing offerings. Happy summer camping, everyone!

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new, effective memorization techniques — so Number Ninjas is for everyone. All camp sessions are capped at 10 students so that each child achieves maximum impact. This is your chance to make your child a true Number Ninja! Call (313) 473-0540 for info. REGINA HIGH SCHOOL Come see what "play like a girl" really means at Regina Summer Sports Camps. Regina High School's teams are amongst the most competitive in Macomb County, the Catholic High School League, and the Michigan High School Athletic Association. All grade-school girls are invited to join in this summer to gain confidence in their skillset, have fun, compete, and develop a love for one of the following sports: Basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball, tennis, dance, volleyball, lacrosse, cheer, cross country, and ice hockey. Camps are led by current Regina student-athletes, coaches, and alumnae. Some of Regina's most talented athletes started out at these very same camps! Visit www.reginahs.com/sportscamps to register today.

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For generations, ULS Summer Programs have been the gold standard of summer fun, and this year promises to be no different. Whether they're perfecting their athletic skills with experienced University Liggett School coaches or exploring their creative side in one of the enrichment camps, every child will find something they love. ULS sports camps focus on skill development, teamwork and strategy, allowing young athletes to improve through fun drills, games, and friendly competitions. For those interested in hands-on learning, ULS enrichment camps offer opportunities for aspiring scientists, engineers, musicians and gamers to dive deep into their passions. Kids can experiment in the Mad Scientists at Work Camp, explore the digital world in Minecraft Camp, or refine their musical talents at Strings Camp. Specialized sports camps are available too — like the DeKeyser Training Institute Hockey Camp and Detroit Tigers Baseball Camp, where young players can learn from the pros. This summer, give your child the gift of discovery, friendship, and fun at ULS Summer Programs — where unforgettable memories are made. Register today at uls.org/summerprograms.

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

U of D Jesuit High School and Academy is offering a number of youth camp and enrichment opportunities for middle school students this summer, ranging from football, basketball, chess, Quiz Bowl, soccer, and lacrosse. The campus summer programming is designed to keep boys from grades 6-12 active and engaged in a safe, productive environment. From academic enrichment to youth and high school athletic camps in a variety of sports — there's something for everyone. Whether your son is practicing a sport, preparing for the next school year, or just trying something new, our programs make it easy to create a summer plan that works for your family.

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Many adults have great memories of days at summer camp. In households with two working parents it's wise to find an interesting camp to accommodate youngsters so they can be engaged and entertained over summer vacation. Though today there are many exciting summer camp options, it's still a challenge to find the right one for your child.

No two children are the same and kids change quite a bit as they grow up. So a camp that worked before may not make the perfect fit this summer. With that in mind, parents can consider these tips to find the right summer camp for their children.

- **Ask around.** Even if no two campers are the same, it can still benefit parents to ask friends and colleagues for advice on camps. Summer camp spots are limited and it's not uncommon for competition for available spaces to develop, which can make it more difficult to gather information. However, ask neighbors whose children have outgrown summer camp if there's one they might recommend and why.
- **Pursue a package deal.** Though package deals might not result in lower rates, approaching a camp with the parents of your child's friend or friends may work in your favor. Kids undoubtedly will be more excited about camp if their friends will be there as well. Camp officials may see these quasi-package deals as beneficial and a quick and easy way to fill spots.
- **Ask kids how they want to spend summer.** Specialized camps run the gamut from sports camps to general outdoor recreation camps or arts. The general camps offer a wide range of activities throughout the summer — which might appeal to children who are less interested in a specialty. It's a precious summer of your child's childhood, so find out what is important to them — what will bring them joy as well as benefits like learning and confidence. Get their input before making a final decision. Involve kids in the search by showing them websites of prospective camps and asking them what they think of each one. If attending an in-person consultation, bring kids along so they can form their own impression.
- **Make sure the camp suits your schedule.** Kids' preferences are important but are not the only opinions to consider. In households with two working parents, moms and dads must find a camp that aligns with their work schedules too. Many camps offer half-day sessions and/or full-day sessions, but some offer just one or the other. If parents need full-day sessions, they might need to begin their search early to ensure they can secure a spot before they fill up.



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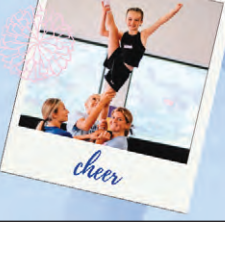
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SOUTH:

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much broader impact.”

Parravano, who has been at South since the 2017-18 school year, obtained a bachelor’s degree in education from Eastern Michigan University and taught for a while in Redford Union Schools.

A vacation to visit cousins in Arizona convinced her to move there.

“I loved the heat,” she said. “It’s tough here in the winter not being able to play golf.”

She eventually earned a master’s degree in sports administration from the University of Northern Colorado and one in educational leadership and administration from the University of Phoenix.

“I had thought about working as an athletic director for a college,” she said, “something to do with Title IX and compliance.”



Cindy Parravano

After serving in a variety of roles, including dean of students, assistant principal, athletic director and principal at various school districts in Arizona, Parravano returned to Michigan to be closer to family.

As principal now, Parravano said she doesn’t have to act as such a disciplinarian.

“The assistant principals are the ones who go through the daily grind with students, keeping them in their lane to graduate, sort of like bumpers that cover up the gutters

in bowling,” she said. “The principal is responsible for making sure that the overall conditions are right for teaching and learning.”

She also has received support from the staff at South.

“I speak for many of us who know and deeply respect Cindy,” Beth Bornoty, a math teacher at South, said during the public comment portion of the board meeting. “She has the skill and heart and supports our school community by listening, learning and leading.”

Board President Colleen Worden called Parravano a “terrific” choice.

“We are lucky to have her and she is well-liked by her students,” she said. “She is exactly what we need at Grosse Pointe South.”

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said it “speaks highly” of the district that it can hire people who can grow into other roles.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Keaton Hamilton of Grosse Pointe Park has been named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2024 semester at Michigan State University. He is studying mechanical engineering.



Keaton Hamilton



Kerith Short

University Liggett School senior **Kerith Short** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Most recently, ULS alumna Hannah Homsy Palladino, Class of 2016, attended West Point.

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Miles Wujek of Grosse Pointe Farms was one of 230 Hofstra University students who participated in the annual Pride

and Plant event, which connects students with local homeowners who need help with yard work and planting.
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Dan and Jill Connell’s home at 30 Preston Place in Grosse Pointe Farms will be the site of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s summer gala.

Grosse Pointe goes ‘Glamorous’ for June 13 gala

Proceeds benefit Grosse Pointe Historical Society

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Dan and Jill Connell were not in the market to move when they first laid eyes on 30 Preston Place in Grosse Pointe Farms. But once they took it all in — its exquisite woodwork, intricate plaster and detailed dentil moulding — they were smitten.

“Dan walked in and started drooling,” Jill Connell said. “He’s a builder. Once he looked at the stairway, the dentil work, he said, ‘We’re buying this house.’”

After extensive renovation and restoration, the Connells are inviting the community into their home, as hosts of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s 2025 gala,

“Glamorous Night,” which takes place Friday, June 13.

“Dan was so happy that nobody ruined this house,” Connell said. “Nobody did anything to it, but nobody ruined it. They didn’t modernize it. We tried to restore it more than anything, but at the same time tried to provide updates for today.”

The work

The Connells purchased the house late 2017, and moved in by March 2018. They first renovated a wing for their children, three of whom were seniors in high school at the time. While putting their children first, “Dan and I had no kitchen, no bedroom,” Connell said. “It was a



Appliances are hidden behind cabinetry at 30 Preston Place, giving the kitchen a utilitarian feel.

chaotic mess.”

It took three years to complete renovations, all while paying close attention to the home’s history and character.

“My stepson’s bedroom was part of our

bedroom, so we rearranged it so the old bedroom is now my closet,” Connell said. “We took the closet, which had such beautiful woodwork, and made it a bathroom. We switched things around. The guest quarters, there were four rooms. We turned them into two en suites.

“Dan literally would take the jamb off the door, rebuild the room and put the old door jamb and old hardware back on,” she added. “He literally polished thousands of pieces of brass, that were black, and reinstalled them.”

The kitchen was gutted and updated, but “we made it to look old,” Connell said. “You don’t see the fridge or any appliances. It all looks like cabinets. There was an incinerator in there ... and I turned it into a fire-

place. There’s subway tile on the wall. I wanted it to have the feel of the back of the house, how kitchens used to be — utilitarian, not like they are today. The best part about it is nobody hangs out in the kitchen.”

Floors throughout the house have been refinished and walls repainted. Bathrooms featuring Pewabic tiles also were refurbished.

“All the plumbing is brass, not copper,” Connell said. “This house was really well built; it’s so solid. And we put in all new landscaping.”

An area at the side of the house was turned into an all-season sunroom and a 54-foot-long awning was added to the back of the house, so the family can enjoy shaded time outdoors.

Several other touches have been made to the

house, of which the Connells are the third owners.

The history

The house originally was built as a springtime residence for Louise Webber Jackson of the Hudson’s department store family. It stood on 10 wooded and landscaped acres, spanning Kercheval to Lakeshore. Designed by New York architect Duncan Candler and built by Detroit contractor Bryant and Detwiler, it was completed in 1932.

Webber Jackson’s first husband, Hugh Jackson, was president of Hudson Motor Car Co. After he died in 1934, she married John “Cap” O’Brien.

In 1961, the home was purchased by Edward Frohlich and his wife, Jessie. Eventually, the estate was turned into the Preston Place subdivision. Still, the home was the scene of many social and musical events.

“He was really into music,” Connell said of Frohlich. “He loved the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. When he passed, he left the home to them in a trust for 10 years. The head conductor lived there for years. Yo-Yo Ma stayed in our home at one time.”

Known as the DSO House, the property eventually become available for sale.

“The home was unoccupied; it hadn’t been a home in 25 years,”



The library at 30 Preston Place.

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Let's celebrate Mother's Day



10 ways to show senior Moms your appreciation

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Mother's Day is near and it's the perfect time to let senior moms know how much you value them. From Day One, Mom has been your best supporter — and you'll never really know all the private sacrifices she has made over the years for your happiness and well being.

Surely you have shown her your love in myriad ways on Mother's Days past. As mom ages, her needs and wants change, so it's always good to check in to see how your mom would like to be honored on her special day. Here are a handful of loving ideas to let her know you see her, appreciate her and want to make her special day a happy one.



1. Help with chores

Everyone has a to-do list! Seniors often need help with some of the simpler things they may no longer be able to do. Even changing lightbulbs that require a ladder, unscrewing jars or cleaning underneath furniture can be a welcome lifesaver for seniors with certain health challenges.

Lending a hand with little chores around the house that may have grown difficult is an ideal way to show Mom you care. This can also include mowing the lawn, weeding garden beds, shoveling snow, raking leaves, or even taking the garbage pails in and out on collection days.

Helping someone who is struggling with the little things in life is a love language that is appreciated in a big way.

2. Visit regularly

Frequent visits are one of the most basic ways to show senior moms you love them. Whether she lives in a private home or managed care facility, visitors brighten days in important ways, especially if mom rarely gets out and about as frequently as she once did.

Spending time together and sharing a lifetime of personal stories can bring smiles and offer mental and physical benefits. Seniors need to feel connected, and knowing they are not forgotten in a busy world does wonders for their well being, offering happiness, hope for the future and something to look forward to in between visits.



3. Plan activities thoughtfully

When organizing special events for Mom, consider the needs of seniors, whether for Mom herself — or for others on the guest list. This applies not only for Mother's Day — but for celebratory events year round.

If you're taking your mother or grandmother out to dinner at a restaurant, pay attention to accessibility in seating and parking. Even those who don't use a cane or wheelchair need consideration if they have pain or mobility issues. Many seniors keep earlier hours, so plan

events that don't go too late into the night if you know your mom or dad are early risers.

At larger hall parties, honor seniors by adding music from their era to playlists or DJ requests. Cater to mom's tastes or food sensitivities when planning menus. Seat senior guests with mobility issues near exits and restrooms if necessary.

Lastly, make sure to arrange for photos of Mom with the group or with individual family members to help keep family history alive. Mom will be tickled, too! Note: Don't leave out more sedentary guests. They will feel special that even though they aren't as active and visible at the party, they are not forgotten.

4. Thank Mom

Any reason to thank a senior mom is appropriate. From small personal gestures only the two of you know about, to grand milestone moments, Mom will be thrilled at your gratitude.

Include thanks for aspects of your mother's life aside from being a mom. It shows you see her as a person in her own right, beyond motherhood. Perhaps she served in the military, made pottery, taught school children or volunteered her time with animals. Celebrate accomplishments big and small with a simple "thank you." If the world is a better place because of your mom, tell her so, with your appreciation. A cute plaque or card to acknowledge her accomplishments is a nice keepsake for her to cherish, a reminder that she is recognized for her lifetime achievements.



5. Prepare a great meal

Honoring Mom with her favorite home-cooked meal with the family is a great way to give thanks for all the meals she's prepared for you. Make it a regular occurrence on the calendar. If she cannot get out easily, bring a nice hot meal over to her place instead.

Senior meals sometimes get downsized over the years, especially for widows who are cooking for one. Often it's a sandwich or frozen meal — because cooking has become difficult. A full hot meal, made with love, will be a welcome change and a special treat.

If she is out of state, surprising Mom with a DoorDash or other delivered meal from her favorite restaurant will brighten her day and let her know how much you care across the miles.

6. Bring something sweet

Whip up some delicious baked goods just for Mom. If she happens to be the family baker, surprise her this year with some ready-made homemade baked goods that she has always loved but no longer gets to bake herself. Those whose baking skills leave a little to be desired can get some freshly baked treats that Mom can enjoy all week from a local bakery.

Or a morning of baking together is a fun way to start Mother's Day! Let her supervise while you and the kids do the heavy lifting. It will give her the chance to treat you all to learning a cherished family recipe you'll enjoy forever, not to mention the baking memories. The aroma of freshly baked goodies around the house will set a homey tone for the rest of Mom's big day.

7. Take to the road

Another way to make Mother's Day extra special is to turn the celebration into a weekend affair. A two-day getaway can be a welcome breath of fresh air for mothers and serve as a great opportunity for the family to unwind and celebrate Mom away from everything that reminds her of the hustle and bustle or sameness of everyday life.

Pack up the generations and head to a bed and breakfast, grand luxury hotel or lakeside cabin. Keep Mom's preferences in mind when choosing a location and activities so she'll know the weekend is all about her. Nothing will make her happier than being surrounded by everyone she loves in a stress-free, work-free environment. Make sure everyone treats her like the queen she is by catering to her all weekend!



8. Book a unique experience

Experiential gifts have been wildly popular in recent years, so why not incorporate this trend into Mother's Day celebrations? Book a tour of a local vineyard or winery, take Mom to a live theater performance, leisurely day at the museum or take her out for a day on the water, complete with brunch and a champagne toast.

Reserve a spa day for her or for the two of you or treat her to a hair and makeup makeover. Go shopping together and buy her a complete outfit, including shoes and a purse. Such memorable experiences won't soon be forgotten and can provide an exciting alternative to previous Mother's Day celebrations.

9. Capture your love with art

Treat Mom to a beautiful work of art to commemorate motherhood. Local galleries and art fairs have unique original works that will show Mom that she is one of a kind. Choose a theme that your mother has always loved, from flowers to waterscapes — or even something abstract. Mother and child paintings would be a great choice too. Or commission a portrait of Mom herself that will become a family heirloom. No matter what you choose, the beauty on her wall will be a daily reminder of your affection.



10. Spoil her!

Whatever you do, ensure that Mom doesn't lift a finger. Give her a truly special Mother's Day by letting grandkids in on the fun of taking care of her every need. The only rule is she can't do anything for anyone else! She can't get drinks, cook or wash dishes after the Mother's Day meal. It's her job to receive on this day.

While everyone else pitches in, let her relax any way she sees fit, whether that's curling up with a good book, taking a nap or just putting her feet up while others bustle. Mom will undoubtedly appreciate a full day of pampering, which might just make for the best gift of all.



Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Favorite words

I am a logophile. I love words. I majored in English. Taught English. I have no affection whatsoever for numbers. I learned to add, subtract, multiply and divide way before New Math was invented. I have favorite words — the delicious ones that roll off our tongues like syrup because they sound good — words like

kerfuffle and subliminal and Galapagos and snuggle, rambunctious, hissy fit, cattywompus, she-nanigans, schnozz and flummoxed. The person who introduced me to the phrase “hissy fit” actually demonstrated its meaning. She threw one, just for the fun of it. I particularly like words that sound like what they mean, a phenomenon called onomatopoeia. Buzz; pitter patter; sizzle; pop; thwack; flibbertigibbet; flip flop; squeegie; blabber. Thwack sounds like a folded-up newspaper landing on a front porch. I love alliteration — words in close proximity that have the same sounds. Tongue twisters are alliterative: Give papa a cup of proper coffee in a copper coffee cup. Thirty-three thirsty,

thundering thoroughbreds thumped Mr. Thurber on Thursday. My favorite literary example of well-crafted alliteration is a single line from “The Raven,” a poem by Edgar Allan Poe: “The silken sad uncertain rustling of each purple curtain.” Silken, sad, uncertain and rustling repeat the “S” sound. To seal the deal, uncertain rhymes with curtain. Thank you, Edgar. I also like words that make no sense if the prefix or suffix is lopped off

— disheveled; disgruntled; bemused. Then, I like to use the un-prefixed or unsuffixed naked root word: shoveled; grunted; mused. A word I dislike? Belly. With the exception of the word bellybutton when associated with cute babies or small, adorable children, I can’t think of a nice way to use the word belly. Belly up? Pot belly? Belly flop? Pork belly? Beer belly? My favorite phrase is “run amok.” Maybe because of “amok,” a word for which there is no other use than in this phrase. I avoid most swear words, but they pop out occasionally when something has gone awry and I’m disgruntled. Which reminds me ... when my oldest grandson was about 4 years old, I was

walking beside him while he tried out his new two-wheeled bike with training wheels. We were chatting. As usual, he was full of questions. I tried to answer each as best I could, but this day he came up with one that had me flummoxed. “Gramma, will you tell me all the swear words if I promise not to say any of them?” I don’t remember how I wheedled out of that one. I’m quite sure I DID NOT recite a list of all the swear words I knew. He’s now in his 20s. He doesn’t remember the bike-riding incident, but these days he can probably identify more swear words than I can. I should ask him what some of them mean. Somebody is inventing new ones and I haven’t been able to keep up.

The Helm workshop explains the ins and outs of Medicare

Some things can’t be avoided. Turning 65 and signing up for Medicare is one such milestone. To help explain the required steps, as well as various drug and supplemental plan options, The Helm offers its free New to Medicare program 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Medicare counselors will be at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, to provide a comprehensive overview of Medicare, including coverage, costs, pros and cons of different optional plans, and how to sign up. The ideal time to take the class is three to six months before turning 65. The class is free, but space is limited,

so call (313) 649-2110 or email taltovilla@helmlife.org to make a reservation. The Helm offers the New to Medicare class about three times each year. Preference is given to residents of Harper Woods and the five Grosse Pointes. The Helm also offers free, individual appointments throughout the year with Medicare counselors to help people understand their options, choose the best plans and answer any specific questions. Contact Tony Altovilla at taltovilla@helmlife.org or (313) 649-2110 to schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Medicare counselor.



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Participants review gun safety and the rules of the competition before heading out to the field.

Pull! Fore! Registration open for two outings benefitting The Helm

As spring extends its warm embrace, inviting winter-weary Pointers to enjoy the great outdoors, the community is invited to enjoy a day or two outside during a pair of fundraisers in support of The Helm. First up is the second annual Sporting Clays Classic, which takes place 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at The Huntsman Hunt Club in Dryden. Guests may arrive at

the club between 11 and 11:45 a.m. to prepare for the 11:45 a.m. competition. Teams of four will compete to see who hits the most clay pigeons. While the winning team earns bragging rights and a nominal prize, the event is simply a day of sporting fun in support of The Helm. The two-hour competition is followed by a strolling lunch and beverages. Sponsorships for four-person teams are

\$4,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500. Sponsorships include ammunition, snacks and lunch, cock-tails, beer, wine and soft drinks. Non-competition sponsorships are available, as is a lunch/beverage-only option. The second event is the seventh annual Fore The Helm Golf Outing, which takes place Monday, June 23, at Lochmoor. See OUTINGS, page 5B

Buttoning Up History

Unearthing a button from a drawer is like discovering a tiny archaeological artifact, each one whispering stories of rallies, restaurants, and societal shifts. From iconic slogans like “I Like Ike” to local gems like “Grosse Pointe’s Greatest Garage Sale,” these wearable words and images capture the sentiments of bygone days. Grosse Pointe Historical Society is home to fascinating examples of these miniature manifestos, once proudly displayed on someone’s lapel.

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Inside/Out in Grosse Pointe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce applied and was selected to partner with the Detroit Institute of Arts for its Inside/Out program, which brings replicas of artwork housed at the DIA into the community. Reproductions are scheduled to be installed by Thursday, May 8.

“We’re going to have 14 installations throughout all of Grosse Pointe,” Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher said. “It starts in May and goes through October.

“This will offer, not just the community, but surrounding communities as well, the chance to come and see all the art,” she added.

Representatives from the DIA and the chamber hit the town months ago to find sites that would best fit the project.

“All the businesses are

thrilled to be a part of this,” Boettcher said, adding that maps will be available, “so everybody has the opportunity to see the artwork.”

“There will be a mix of paintings on walls or on stakes in the ground,” added Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and event coordinator. “We’ll be doing some small events to encourage people to see the paintings and support the businesses that are hosting them. It will help drive traffic to various businesses.”

One such event includes Grosse Pointes’ social districts.

“With all the cities that have social districts, we’re going to pick evenings where we can do walking tours,” Turnbull said. “People can get a drink, a bite to eat and, with their social district beverage, walk around and enjoy the paintings in their respective areas.”

The chamber also plans

to partner with the Grosse Pointe News to offer children’s art contests, similar to the newspaper’s recent Easter-themed coloring contest, “but featuring paintings that are part of Inside/Out,” Turnbull said. “Children will get a chance to create their interpretations of them.”

One example Turnbull mentioned was centered on Vincent Van Gogh’s “Self-Portrait,” which will be posted at Pere Gabriel Richard Park, 41 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“They’ll draw their own self-portrait,” Turnbull said. “And of course we’ll have prizes for different ages.”

This contest will occur in July on dates to be determined.

“It’s something fun in the summer to break up those long, hot months,” Turnbull added.

Now in its 16th year, the Inside/Out initiative aims to make it easier for residents to engage with

art in their everyday lives, fostering a deeper connection between the museum and its audiences in southeastern Michigan.

Other areas of Wayne County that will feature reproductions include Schoolcraft College, River Rouge, Grosse Ile, University of Detroit Mercy, Van Buren Township and all of Wayne County Community College District’s campuses.

Art lovers can enhance their Inside/Out experience online with interactive webpages at dia.org. Featuring detailed maps for every participating community, the digital tool makes it easy to trace artworks back to the DIA.

“And don’t forget, if you live in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties, you can go to the DIA for free,” Turnbull added. “So many, but still so few,

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Assumption hosts Spring Fling May 1

Assumption Cultural Center hosts its ladies’ night event, The Spring Fling, 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at Assumption, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Attendees will be treated to appetizers and refreshments while shopping for merchandise and gifts from more than

30 vendors. A cash bar also is available.

Cost is \$35 per person. All proceeds benefit the philanthropic outreach of Assumption’s Ladies Philoptochos Society.

For more information, contact Olivia at assumptionspringfling@gmail.com or call (586) 779-6111.

Sue Abbott Lecture is May 5 at War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center presents its Sue Abbott Lecture, featuring keynote speaker Amber Velvet Kirkland, at 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The lecture, which

honors floral arranger, lover of flowers and gardens Sue Abbott, features a floral arranging demonstration and talk.

Kirkland, a Detroit floral designer and events stylist, will show off her unique flair for design

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OUTINGS:

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Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. Henry Ford Health is the lead sponsor of this event.

Event registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. for this four-person scramble-style event. All golfers receive a boxed lunch, use of a cart for two, entry into contests, heavy hors d’oeuvres following the event and four drink tickets to use throughout the afternoon-long event.

Prizes will be awarded for low score for men’s, women’s and mixed teams, as well as men’s and women’s closest to the pin. A separate putting contest is available as well.



Golfers tee off during last year’s Fore The Helm event.

Cost per golfer is \$300 or \$1,200 per foursome. Sponsorships still are available. In addition to signage recognition, sponsorships include entry for a four-person team.

Not a golfer? Purchase a \$50 ticket to the afterglow for hors d’oeuvres, cocktails and mingling.

“While activities at The Helm are geared toward senior adults, anyone of any age can participate in

these events,” said Krista Siddall, The Helm executive director. “It’s a great way to enjoy some fresh air, camaraderie and fun competition.”

Participation is limited, so registration is encouraged as soon as possible. For more information about sponsorships and to register for either event, contact Sara Roberts at sroberts@helmlife.org or (313) 649-2100.



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Caroline Gray

Caroline (nee Robertson) Gray, 92, died Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston after a brief illness. She was a resident of Westwood, Mass., and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

Carol was born Nov. 4, 1932, in Springfield, Ohio, the youngest of four children of Merlin Gladstone and Elenore Glover (nee Wachs) Robertson. She graduated from Kingswood School (now Cranbrook Schools) in Bloomfield Hills with the class of 1950. She earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1954, from Connecticut College in New London, Conn., and received a master's degree in art history in 1974, from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Carol was an avid weaver who owned looms and enjoyed quilting and other fabric arts. She studied ceramics at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts and taught art history at Wayne State University. She also was a voracious reader who possessed an unusually keen intellect for and was especially well versed in art architecture and history. Fluent in French, Carol and her late husband, Cliff, maintained an apartment in Lyon, France, which they used as a base for travels around the world for more than 25 years. Carol was very devoted to her dogs and had a strong fondness for German Shepherds.

Carol was the wife of the late Cliff Fell Gray Jr.; and the former wife of Leet Edward Denton II. She is survived by five children, Caroline "Carrie" Crowley Davis of Patchogue, N.Y., Leet "Trip" Edward Denton III of Philadelphia, Dana Denton Edelman of Philadelphia, Hillary Denton Kohler (David) of Westwood, Mass., and Cameron Brown Denton (Meara Quinn) of Baltimore. She was predeceased by her daughter, Heidi Joan Denton (Scott Kauffman) of Sparks, Md.; and son, Kelsey Reed Denton.

Carol was the stepmother of Martha Lane Gray (Julius Pereli) of Arlington, Mass., Elizabeth Gray Balaguer (Eugene) of Austin, Caroline Gray Guenette (Francis) of Chicago, Cliff Fell Gray III of Chicago and the late Rebecca Levick Gray. She was the sister of Reed Robertson (Marion), the late David Bruce Robertson and the late Joan Wissinger Duddingston. Carol also is survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the College for Creative Studies, 201 E. Kirby, Detroit, MI 48202.

Joann Tsangalias

Joann Tsangalias, 85, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, peacefully in her sleep at home.

Joann was born April 7, 1940, in Detroit, to George and Mary Georgeades. She grew up in Grosse Pointe on Fisher Road and often told her family stories about living just feet away from her schools, Richard Elementary School and Grosse Pointe High School, as well as the Punch and Judy Theater and other well-known Grosse Pointe landmarks.

She was very involved in her church youth group and met the love of her life, Stelios Tsangalias, after he arrived in Detroit to do his surgical residency. He was looking for a Greek church to attend and Assumption Greek Orthodox Church was suggested. Joann's parents kindly invited the newcomer to dinner. Stelios quickly caught Joann's eye and it wasn't long before they were married in March 1964. Within several years, they were blessed with three daughters.

Joann led a vibrant and joyful life and was well-known for her hearty, contagious laugh. A consummate host, Joann loved to entertain friends

and family, cooking delicious Greek delicacies and getting everyone on the dance floor at weddings. She loved her family above all else. Her generosity toward them was boundless — not just materially, but more importantly with her time, energy, attention and love. Of her many roles in life, her favorite might have been Grandma. And she excelled at this role, showering endless love and attention on her grandkids, getting to know each one and celebrating them all.

Joann was a natural caretaker in her professional and personal life. Following graduation from Grosse Pointe High School, she became a dental hygienist at age 20 and, many years later, went back to school and earned her credentials and license as a registered nurse. As an RN, her compassionate nature led her toward caring for hospice patients and nursing home residents.

She befriended people wherever she went, maintaining beautiful lifelong friendships that she valued. She connected deeply and made sure each friend knew how special they were to her. She traveled the world with Stelios and visited her daughters and their families often because family was everything. She loved gardening, yoga, cooking and baking and even owned and ran a bakery for a while. In her typical generous spirit, she often gave away more baked treats than she sold. She truly enjoyed spending time by the Gulf of Mexico on Longboat Key Island at her beloved vacation home, Delphinia.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Stelios "Steve" Tsangalias; sister, Sylvia Stuart; daughters, Cindi Portwood (Richard), Penelope Tsangalias Mulch (Theodore) and Stacy Jurgiel (Robert); and grandchildren, Max Portwood, Olivia Jurgiel, Ally Portwood, Joanna Jurgiel, George Jurgiel, Cooper Mulch, Chloe Mulch and Ruby Jurgiel. Visitation takes place



Caroline Gray

10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. A funeral service begins at 11 a.m.

Joann was a huge advocate for positive mental health. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Michigan, 401 S. Washington, Ste. 104, Lansing, MI 48933; Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080; or any organization that supports mental health.

Paul Arthur Kvale

Paul Arthur Kvale, 86, passed away Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Paul was born April 19, 1939, in Brooklyn, N.Y., and raised in Falls Church, Va. Paul lived a life of service, love and dedication to his family, profession and faith.

He was predeceased by his beloved parents, Arthur and Frances Kvale; and sister, Susannah Armstrong. He is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Susan (nee Gehrlich); and their children, Valerie Long (John), Craig (Laura Keck) and Heidi Tigges (Todd). He was a proud grandfather to nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, each of whom brought him immense joy.

Paul attended Capital University before earning a medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. To support himself and his young family through his studies, he worked overseeing a local pool — an early example of the dedication that defined his life.

He served his country with honor in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1969, stationed in both the Philippines and San Diego.

A gifted and compassionate physician, Paul devoted more than 50 years to the field of pulmonary medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, where he also served as department chair. He was deeply committed to patient care, earning the admiration of those he treated with his warm bedside manner. Equally passionate about education, he mentored generations of medical students and residents. His research for lung cancer and AIDS was groundbreaking, and he lectured on these subjects around the world. He also served as president of the American College of Chest Physicians.

A man of deep faith, he was a dedicated member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he served as president of the congregation, sang in the choir and joyfully created sets for the children's Christmas programs. Church was a vital part



Joann Tsangalias



Joseph Paul Simon Jr.

of his life and he rarely missed a service.

Outside of medicine and ministry, Paul was a man of many interests. He loved spending time with his family, sailing, golfing and traveling the world with his wife, Susan. His grandchildren especially cherished the cakes he lovingly baked and decorated — each decorated with their favorite characters.

He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the students he mentored and the family he loved so dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 8, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation with the family will be held at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. A celebration of life reception will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, stpaulgp.org/give, or the Parkinson's Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Ste. 1509, New York, N.Y. 10018, parkinson.org/?form=19983.

Joseph "JP" Paul Simon Jr.

Joseph "JP" Paul Simon Jr., 43, of Glenview, Ill., passed away Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

JP attended St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2000. He obtained a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2004. He earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Chicago's John Marshall Law School (now University of Illinois Chicago School of Law) and supplemented his post-degree coursework in corporate finance and financial accounting at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He also studied international law in Nice, France.

JP served the Optio Law family of companies as its founder, chairman and CIO. He was the founding partner of Americus Capital in 2009, which led him to his current ownership of the software company, BookedOut. He was private counsel to many pri-



Paul Arthur Kvale



Peter Brankovic

vate and public companies during his career.

His passion for hockey started at age 6 and continued throughout his life. He loved hockey and played for the University of Wisconsin. His second passion was fly fishing from every shore he could all over the U.S., as well as overseas. He loved to travel with his golf clubs and fly fishing rod. His special trips included flying to Jackson Hole, Wyo., Montana and Belize in remote areas to fish. While in Florida during the winter, he would drop the golf clubs and fish all the ponds. Anywhere he went, the fly fishing rod went.

He was a very loving father to his beautiful daughters and gave them his full attention. He enjoyed playing the guitar and harmonica with his girls. They adored him. He was compassionate, funny, generous, thoughtful and very intelligent.

JP was predeceased by his best friend, Uncle Jeff Simon. JP is survived by his two loving daughters, Colette "Coco," 8, and Casey, 6; his loving parents, Joseph and Karen; as well as the mother of his children, Blair Simon. He also is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services were held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass took place at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

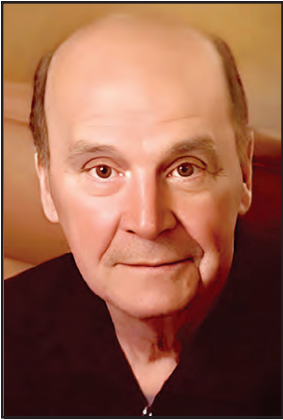
Peter Brankovic

Peter Brankovic, 82, died Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Peter is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Shirley Brankovic; and his loving children, Melissa Verlinden (Jay), Janice Potter (Patrick), Peter Brankovic Jr. (Rosa) and Amanda Marko. Peter was the cherished grandfather of Brendan Kelso, Jacob Kelso, Samantha Potter, Zachary Potter, Mia Marko, Ellie Marko and Lily Mae DeCrane; and the dearest great-grandfather of Charlie Kelso, Bennett Kelso and Amelia Kelso. He also is survived by his brother, Michael Birach (Diane).

Visitation takes place 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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In Loving Memory of Edward "Tom" Pavlock

of the national Professional Picture Framers Association, a testament to his leadership and contributions to the industry.

Through its 54 years, The Framing Gallery became more than a business—it became a cornerstone of artistry and meticulous craftsmanship within the community. His work has preserved countless memories and masterpieces, creating frames that didn't just encase artwork but honored the stories within them. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of excellence and

dedication to his craft. Beloved husband to his wife Della for 67 wonderful years. Loving father of Robert A. (Margaret) Pavlock, Michael (Denise) Pavlock, and Sandra Jewell. Proud grandfather of Scott (Lyndsey) Pavlock, Nicole Pavlock, and Lauren Jewell. His impact extended beyond the walls of his galleries, touching the lives of family, friends, and co-workers alike. Tom's influence will live on in the works he helped preserve, the people he inspired, and the community he enriched.

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Jack Frakes

Jack Frakes, 90, passed away Friday, April 18, 2025.

Jack lived his life with unassuming passion and insatiable curiosity that left impressions on everyone who knew him. A modest man with outsized talents, Jack was never one to advertise himself, though he became an admired and influential figure in Detroit advertising history.

Born Oct. 28, 1934, in Wayne, to George and Evelyn Frakes, Jack spent idyllic summers with his cousin, Mickey, at his Grandpa Lewis Mott’s cabin on Brevort Lake in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. His initial ticket to success was his uncanny ability to draw just about anything, a skill that served him well throughout life. Jack graduated with a degree in fine arts from Michigan State University, where he made lifelong friends as a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Weeks before graduation, he met his future wife of 66 years, Kathy Arnold, of Battle Creek, at MSU.

Jack began his career in San Francisco but soon moved with Kathy to the Detroit area, where their four children were born. They settled in Grosse Pointe Park in 1971. Jack rose steadily to the top of the advertising community, becoming the head of the creative team at McCann Erickson in Troy, then later, Ross Roy. His position was rare among top executives, as he wrote and directed many of the agency’s television commercials. Respect, integrity and hard work were his stock and trade and people noticed. Celebrated photographer and close friend, Rob Gage, who worked on campaigns around the country and overseas with Jack, said Jack was extremely humble, something he said was rare in the advertising world.

Jack’s interests were multiple and wide-ranging. He was an avid runner who finished the Detroit Marathon six times. He loved playing broomball, touch football and softball, and cheered for Spartan football and basketball. He had a great appreciation for literature, music and visual art. He marveled at his good fortune and never took it for granted. He traveled the world for business, working with celebrities and luminaries in the film industry, but always attributed his real success in life to the bedrock of a family founded in his love for Kathy and their home in Grosse Pointe.

Ever an aesthete, Jack created and appreciated art throughout his life. Hundreds of friends and family members awaited his hand-silk-screened Christmas cards each December, which he created for 64 years. Homes across the country have framed collections of these cards adorning their walls. For many years, he enjoyed demonstrating silkscreen printing to students at Trombly Elementary School who visited his backyard studio.

Jack coached youth hockey for years. Every



Jack Frakes

season, he did an individual drawing depicting each player in action on the ice. These drawings are prized possessions of former hockey players to this day.

Jack was fascinated with animals and created dozens of sculptures of porcupines, cows, rhinos, moose, turtles, beetles, birds and more, made of clay and salvaged metal materials — a spirited menagerie of creatures graced with his indelible sensibility. These sculptures remain to be enjoyed by generations to come, as well as the large, spirited mosaic panels he created for both public and private spaces.

Following retirement from Ross Roy in 1993, Jack was a valued and enthusiastic volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, working on numerous builds in Detroit and across the country. He was the project leader responsible for converting a dilapidated bowling alley into the headquarters for the Detroit branch of Habitat for Humanity. On two occasions, he built houses elbow-to-elbow with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter.

Forever inspired by Jack and all he represented are his wife of 66 years, Kathy; sister, Joanne Gentry; his children, Drew (Janell), Eric (Karen), Evan (Gina) and Elyse (David); grandchildren, Cortney (Tré), Whitney (Steve), Jack (Grace), Celeste, Paige, Brady and Ben; and granddaughter, Eleanor. All of them carry the memory of an unforgettable role model and an abiding love for a remote island in Ontario, Canada, just north of the Minnesota border. Jack and Kathy bought this property with their dear friends, John “Spike” and Phyllis Osler. This was Jack’s heaven. He spent untold happy hours there, teaching his children and grandchildren to fish and appreciate the beauty of nature, making masterful pen-and-ink drawings of ancient pines, moss and lichen and sharing stories on the screened-in porch with Kathy, Spike and Phyllis as the sun sank below the horizon.

A celebration of life and art will take place Monday, June 16, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 1:30 p.m., with the program starting at 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, gpcong.org/donate/, or Habitat for Humanity, 14325 Jane, Detroit, MI 48205, habitatdetroit.org/donation/.

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In Memoriam



Circumnavigating Chief Executive
Charles E. Exley, Jr.
12/14/29 – 4/17/25

Timing is apparently not everything: Despite being born in 1929 as the Great Depression brought the country to its knees, Charles E. Exley, Jr. went on to live a life full of accomplishment, friendship and love.

Mr. Exley grew up in Grosse Pointe, MI, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in the Class of 1947. He took a somewhat circuitous path to college, both beginning and ending his undergraduate studies at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. While at Wesleyan, Mr. Exley frequented New York City—much to the detriment of his GPA—where he had the great fortune of meeting his first wife, Sara Elizabeth Yates, who was attending Sarah Lawrence College. She would become both the mother of his children and the love of his life until her untimely death in 1999.

Mr. Exley graduated from Wesleyan in 1952, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He would later serve as a member of its board of trustees. Mr. Exley was a life-long supporter of Wesleyan, and his many contributions include the endowment of the Exley Science Center. His honors from Wesleyan include the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1978 and a Doctor of Laws degree in 1992. Mr. Exley received an MBA from Columbia Business School in 1954 and subsequently served on its board of overseers. His support of Columbia is attested to by both his generous donation of time and his endowment of the Charles E. Exley Chair of Management Science—a field Mr. Exley claimed to be so obtuse and difficult to comprehend that he was never quite sure what it was entirely about.

Mr. Exley began his working career with Burroughs Corporation in Detroit, MI, in 1954, where he served in a variety of operating and management capacities. He was a key member of the senior management team that took Burroughs from less than \$200 million in revenues in 1965 to over \$1 billion in 1975, establishing it as a major international player in information technology at the dawn of the computer age. Mr. Exley left Burroughs as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and board member in 1976 to join NCR Corporation.

Mr. Exley served as President, Chairman, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Executive Officer of NCR during his 17-year career, overseeing its transition into a major international player in the computer industry. Under Mr. Exley’s leadership, NCR’s management team and employees drove over an eightfold increase in its market capitalization and established leadership positions in ATMs, point of sale, transaction processing, and general business systems. This success was the impetus behind AT&T’s hostile takeover of NCR in 1991, which captured headlines in business journals around the world. Mr. Exley led the defense of NCR, negotiating terms favorable to all of NCR’s stakeholders. An ardent supporter of stakeholder-based management, Mr. Exley believed that a firm should be run not solely for the benefit of its shareholders, but with a goal to balance the interests of a firm’s key stakeholders, including customers, employees, bondholders, shareholders, suppliers, distributors, and the communities in which the firm operates. He credited the practice of this management philosophy with driving the great success achieved by NCR during his tenure.

Mr. Exley served on the board of directors of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Merck, BancOne, Owens Corning, and was an active supporter of a variety of local, regional, and national charities. A firm believer in the value of education, Mr. Exley concentrated his philanthropy on educational organizations. His love of fellowship is attested to by the many clubs of which he enjoyed being a member, including: The Grosse Pointe Club, The Country Club of Detroit, The Detroit Athletic Club, The New York Yacht Club, The Circumnavigator’s Club, The Moraine Country Club, The Buz Fuz Club, The Yondotega Club, The Brook Club, The Genesee Valley Club, The Rochester Yacht Club, The Circle Club, The Business Round Table, The Question Club, The Columbia Club of New York, and many others.

Mr. Exley married Sara Elizabeth Yates of Fort Worth, Texas, in 1952. Their 47 years of marriage were blessed with three children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Among their countless adventures together, the two circumnavigated the globe aboard their 68’ ketch, S/V Asteroid, crewed by family and friends on a journey that lasted some six years. Following the death of Sara Y. Exley in 1999, Mr. Exley married long-time friend Carol R. Van Osdol of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, in 2006. They enjoyed many happy years of boating and travel, finally making their home in Sarasota, FL.

Mr. Exley served many roles in life but none more important than his roles as Son to his late parents Charles E. Exley and Helen G. Exley of Grosse Pointe, MI; Husband to his late wife Sara Y. Exley of Dayton, OH, and Carol Exley of Sarasota, FL; Father to Sarah Helen Walker of Naples, FL, Evelyn E. Guernsey of Bedford, NY, and T. Yates Exley of Wakefield, RI; Grandfather to Brian C. Walker of Chicago, IL, Michael Y. Walker of Winnetka, IL, Sara E. Guernsey of New York, NY, Barbara E. Exley of Los Angeles, CA, Charles E. Exley, III of Scotts Valley, CA, and Virginia D. Exley of Brooklyn, NY; and Great-Grandfather to Helen K. Walker, Lillian G. Walker, Evelyn J. Walker of Chicago, IL, and Jackson A. Walker of Winnetka, IL.

Loved, respected, and admired by those who knew him best, Mr. Exley served as a model of what can be achieved through unselfish, consistent effort. In short, his was a life well spent: May fair winds and following seas take him home.

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Maynard F. Rupp Jr.

Maynard F. Rupp Jr., 84, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Maynard was born Jan. 10, 1941, and lived life full throttle. As a world-champion drag racer turned award-winning sailboat skipper, Maynard conquered land, sea and air with equal fervor. His journey from model airplanes to the professional pilot’s seat not only fueled his competitive spirit but became his livelihood and led him to his wife, Jane. Together, Maynard and Jane built a family as dynamic as Maynard’s pursuits. He leaves behind a wake of thrilling stories and broken records and a legacy that proves life’s greatest adventure is living it.

Maynard is survived by his wife, Jane; sons, Chris (Debbie) and Steve (Vivian); grandchildren, Bridgette and Christopher; his loving caregiver, Sandra; the Martin nephews and their families; and a legacy of excellence that will inspire his family for generations.

A private family service will be held.

Thomas Nihem

Thomas Nihem, 87, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Saturday, April 26, 2025, at home in the loving presence of his family.

Tom was born Christmas Day 1937, to Mary and Jack Nihem. Tom grew up in Detroit where he spent his early years working at his family’s grocery store near the historic Fox Theater on Park Avenue in Detroit. At the young age of 17 he met the love of his life, Bernadette Bertoncello. Together, they built a beautiful life and celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Tom was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He and Bernadette raised three children: Thomas J. Nihem (Julie), Darryl Nihem (Nancy) and Christina Tompson (Jim). He was the proud grandfather of Mackenzie Burchi (Michael), Natalie Boettcher (Luke), Hannah Nihem, Ashley Nihem and Jennifer Nihem; and the adoring great-grandfather of three great-granddaugh-



Maynard F. Rupp Jr.

ters, Emma Burchi, Blair Boettcher and Alice Burchi. Alice was born April 26, 2025, with her guardian angel watching over her.

Professionally, Tom had a long and successful career as a stockbroker with First of Michigan, where he was senior vice president. His love for the stock market was deep, but was always surpassed by his unwavering love for his wife, family and the simple joys of life — especially sharing a good cigar with his sons and laughter with all his girls. To his beloved granddaughters he was affectionately known as “Jido,” and to his great-granddaughters, “Papa Jid.”

Tom had a passion for sports, which included coaching Little League baseball and a special devotion to Duke University basketball. A true movie buff, he enjoyed classic films as much as he loved good conversations about them. In his free time, he was a talented woodworker, crafting beautiful pieces with patience and care. His curiosity and knowledge were unmatched and he loved testing his trivia skills while watching “Jeopardy!” — often impressing everyone with how much he knew about so many topics.

An adventurous spirit, Tom and Bernie traveled the world, visiting 17 countries throughout his life. Still, some of his favorite memories were made closer to home, traveling north of the Mackinac Bridge with his family and enjoying the beauty of Michigan’s upper peninsula.

Above all, Tom’s life was defined by love — for Bernie, his No. 1 girl, and for the family they created together. His warmth, humor and devotion leave a legacy that will be cherished by all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207, Saturday, May 3, at 11 a.m. He will lie in state from 10 to 11 a.m., with the funeral at 11 a.m.



Thomas Nihem

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Salvation Army.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Margaret Ann McLaughlin

Margaret Ann (nee Crowther) McLaughlin, 82, died Friday, April 25, 2025.

Margaret was the beloved wife of 55 years of Paul McLaughlin; loving mother of Michael and Julie McLaughlin; and grandmother of Jake, Lauren, David and Allyson McLaughlin.

Margaret was born Sept. 13, 1942, in Detroit, to Mary Louise and Robert Crowther as the third oldest of 10 children. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated in 1960 from St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms. She attended Detroit Business College and worked as an operations manager in Detroit for 13 years for Blyth Eastman Dillon, a New York Stock Exchange brokerage firm.

After her children were in school, Margaret worked for the Grosse Pointe Public School System as a receptionist at Grosse Pointe North High School. She retired in 2006 after 11 years of work. She loved her job and met many wonderful people at North.

After retiring, Margaret volunteered with Eastside Tutoring at Monteith Library in Detroit until it closed. She then volunteered with the Detroit Public School System at Marquette Elementary-Middle School. While tutoring, she also was a longtime volunteer with the Holley Ear Institute at Ascension St. John Hospital (now Henry Ford St. John Hospital) testing the hearing of newborn babies. It was her favorite volunteering job. She always loved children, so it was a perfect fit.

Margaret is survived by her brothers, Robert Crowther (Lyn), John



Margaret A. McLaughlin

Crowther (Barbara) and Kevin Crowther; sisters, Mary Louise Leichter, Elizabeth Bojalad (George), Julie Kerr (James) and Clare Crowther; and many loving nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Thomas Crowther; sister, Catherine Crowther; and parents, Robert and Mary Louise Crowther.

Margaret loved traveling with her daughter and longtime grade school friends, and enjoyed many ladies’ weeks on Harsens Island. She also enjoyed playing pinochle and mahjong. She always was grateful for the wonderful family and many friends she had.

A memorial Mass takes place Saturday, May 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Her family will receive guests from 9:30 a.m. until Mass at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/monetary_gifts_or_Make-A-Wish_America_bit.ly/3REDVHB.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Grunyons, Noteworthy unite for 1st spring concert

With 10 years of successful joint performances through their Christmas on Lakeshore concert, The Grunyons and Noteworthy are pairing up for their first spring concert together.

“Spring Sing: An evening of a capella” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at Crosspointe Christian Church, 21336 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The concert will include a mix of music styles from Motown to Broadway to Bruno Mars and more.

Performances by these a capella outfits tend to sell out and a limited number of tickets are

available.

Cost is \$17 in advance, \$25 at the door, cash only. For tickets, visit eventbrite.com or scan the QR code.

For more information about Noteworthy, visit noteworthyings.com.

For more information about the Grunyons, visit thegrunyons.com.



Noteworthy



The Grunyons

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and creativity, merging her engineering background with her creative sense of style. Her focus is on details, mixing various textures and colors in unconventional ways, resulting in one-of-a-kind floral arrangements.

Born and raised in Detroit, Kirkland is the founder and owner of The Velvet Touch Events. An engineer by trade, but a florist by choice, she is a self-proclaimed “fleur-engineer.”

“Engineering feeds my mind, but styling floral and events feeds my heart and soul,” Kirkland said. “I love to merge my techie/nerdy side with my artsy/creative side when I style events.”

Tickets for the lecture



COURTESY PHOTOS

Amber Velvet Kirkland will speak at The War Memorial Monday, May 5.

are free for members of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and \$10 for non-members.

Now celebrating its 75th anniversary, the Grosse Pointe Garden Center is a gardening

resource for Grosse Pointe and neighboring communities. The non-profit offers public lectures by noted speakers; provides Master Gardener and college horticultural scholarships; manages the Trial, Garden, Test and Arbor Perennial gardens at The War Memorial; offers annual garden tours and workshops, among other gardening activities.

Programming is funded through donations, memberships and fundraisers.

To become a member or for more information, visit gpgardencenter.org or call (313) 889-1647.

To purchase tickets to the Sue Abbott Lecture, visit bit.ly/gpgcsue_abbott2025 or scan the QR code.



An example of Kirkland’s work.

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GPCC spring concert is May 4

INSIDE:

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its “Spring Concert of Peace and Reflection” at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

The concert will feature all seven movements of John Rutter’s “Requiem” and introduce European works, including Gabriel Fauré’s “Cantique de Jean Racine” sung in French and Johannes Brahms’ “Sehnsucht” sung in German. Also included are American standards chosen for their messages of hope, grace and peace. Tickets are \$20 for



adults, \$5 for children, and may be purchased at the door. The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus starts its fall season in September. The chorus rehearses 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays at Grosse Pointe North High School. For more information, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org or scan the QR code.



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take advantage of that.” Locally, those interested may look for artwork in the following Grosse Pointe locations:

- ◆ Pere Gabriel Richard Park, 41 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms — Vincent Van Gogh, “Self Portrait”
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms — Henri Matisse, “The Window”
- ◆ Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms — Antonello da Messina, “Saint Jerome in His Study”
- ◆ The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms — Henri Gervex, “Cafe Scene in Paris”
- ◆ Atwater in the Park, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park — Jose Clemente Orozco, “Mexican Pueblo”
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- ◆ Fisher Pointe Dental, 383 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe — Mary Cassatt, “In the Garden”

GALA:

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Grosse Pointe Historical Society President Stuart Grigg said. “It wasn’t in horrible shape, but it was ready to be re-envisioned. So we had the pop-up there (in 2016) because people like to see what’s going on. We had a lot of traffic that day.”

Enter the Connells. “We bought it to fix it up and sell it,” Connell said. “Then COVID happened. It was so nice having all this space. With five kids between the two of us, who are always coming and going — and if we have grandkids — we’re going to need the space.”

Wanting to share with others how an older home can be restored, the Connells contacted the society about the gala.

“We appreciate old homes,” she said. “We just always thought it would be so cool once we fixed it up if we could show people what you can do with an old house. You don’t have to gut it or tear it down. We want to show people what we can do to an old house to preserve its character, charm and history.”

“When we got to see it — it’s been eight years since the pop-up — when it was all done, we were gobsmacked,” Grigg added. “Jill is a Realtor and designer and Dan is in construction. ... They’ve done some seamless and thoughtful renovations.

“So now the historical society is doing what it’s

supposed to do — drawing attention to the amazing houses that we have in Grosse Pointe. ... This is another treasure tucked away that most of Grosse Pointe doesn’t know about, but will get to see.”

“Although it’s really large — 9,000 square feet — it doesn’t live large,” Connell noted. “It’s surprisingly really cozy. It’s not a ton of little rooms, but a lot of large rooms. It feels really cozy and at the same time it’s great for entertaining.”

Connell said she’s looking forward to sharing the space with gala guests.

“Normally the people who come to these events appreciate the home,” she said. “It will be fun to show it to people who appreciate this kind of thing like we do.”

The party

A sponsor preview party begins at 6 p.m. and features a pianist and hors d’oeuvres.

Doors open to the public at 7 p.m.

“There will be no tent this year; the homeowners are welcoming guests into their house,” Grigg said. “There will be food in the house and the yard. The Kruegers last year were gracious enough to do the same — opened their house and yard — and we noticed it’s what people prefer.”

A speakeasy-themed afterglow will take place 10 to 11 p.m. downstairs.

“The house was designed in the Prohibition era, so the lower level had a hidden bar,” Grigg said. “Dan’s done a wonderful job of



Above, the expansive front hall will provide a welcoming entrance to gala guests. Left, the dining room provides an elegant space for family meals.

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The rear yard features a 54-foot awning, allowing the homeowners to relax outdoors and stay comfortable in the summer sun.

sprucing it up. Tickets are limited to 50 or 60, and there will be entertainment and special cocktails.”

The gala also includes valet parking, open bars, music, classic “Hudson” cars on display and a strolling supper catered by 405 Hospitality Group, which is co-owned by Connell’s son, Jay Cooper.

“He graduated from Liggett and went to culinary school; he’s a chef,” Connell said. “He created this company,” with Matthew Monsour, Vincent Pucillo and Spencer Lukas. “They’re all super talented.”

Lifelong Grosse Pointe friends, Cooper and Monsour moved into an apartment in East Lansing in 2020. Their apartment became known by friends as the premier place to gather to enjoy the Cooper’s cooking and Monsour’s hospitality. The 405 Hospitality Group was named after the apartment unit where it all began.

“We’re excited to be bringing 20-something chefs to entertain in a house one of the partners

knows because it’s his home,” Grigg said. “It’s pretty exciting to put a 21st century spin on it.”

The purpose

Proceeds from the gala benefit the general operations of the historical society, which protects historic artifacts, shares Grosse Pointe history on its campus and website, and brings history to life through research, programs, lectures, exhibits and activities.

The society currently is in the midst of strategic planning.

“Thirty or 40 years ago

we renovated the Provencal-Weir House, which ultimately led to the construction of the history center for our archives,” Grigg said. “Now we’re looking at what the P-W House needs structurally and for programming. Having funds to operate and support our staff is critical to doing our job in Grosse Pointe. That’s why we need folks to sponsor and attend events like this.”

The historical society doesn’t receive major grants nor does it have an endowment and relies

largely on members, its annual appeal and the gala to operate.

“We look forward to entertaining guests from the community,” Grigg said. “We have amazing gratitude to the Connells, (gala chairs) Michael and Mary Farley, the sponsors and potential ticket buyers for their support. It’s going to be a heck of a good party.”

General admission tickets are \$200 each. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available online at gphistorical.org or by calling (313) 884-7010.

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Popular breeds enjoy the limelight

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

People choose pets for various reasons, including the size or appearance of an animal or even a natural affinity for a certain type or breed. Cats and dogs are wildly popular pets, and many households even have both.

When it comes to selecting a breed of kitty or pup, certain options seem to be more popular than others. Across the globe, these breeds of canine and feline have recently been listed as top breeds, courtesy of The Cat Fancier's Association and Highland K-9 Training.

Dogs
Bulldog

Most popular in the United Kingdom and growing in the United States, this muscular, medium-sized dog once was bred for fighting. Selective breeding has transformed adorable bulldogs into calm, loveable companion animals.

Labrador Retriever

Whether they're chocolate, black or yellow, labs have been loved for decades. Originally called the St. John's Water Dog, Labs originated in Newfoundland, but have since loved their ways into homes across the globe.

German Shepherd

The German Shepherd's popularity shows no signs of waning. It's the third-most registered breed in the United States and its high trainability, speed, agility, and other traits make it a popular family pet.

Cats
Ragdoll

This longhaired cat with a soft, plush coat has gained popularity in recent years. It was recognized as an official breed in 1998, and its mellow disposition and bright blue eyes have made it a favorite among cat lovers.



Top breeds: Bulldogs – such as the French Bulldog, far left, and the Ragdoll cat, left, are just two breeds that bring trendy companionship to people and families.

Maine Coon

This is the largest of all pedigree cat breeds, and is considered the “gentle giant” of the feline world. Shaggy-coated and attractive, these cats are quite popular around the world.

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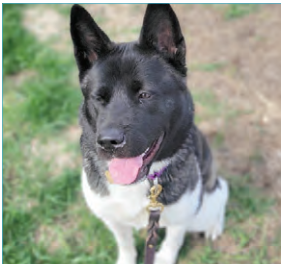
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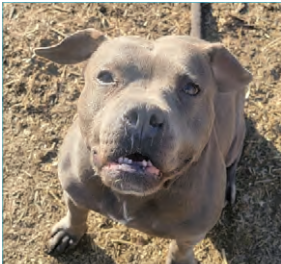
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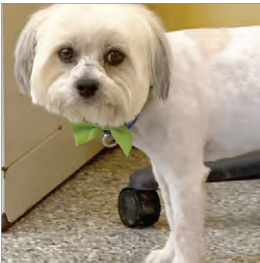
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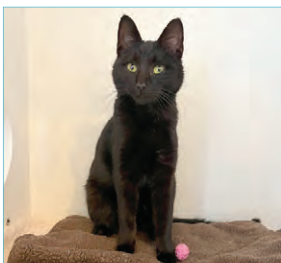
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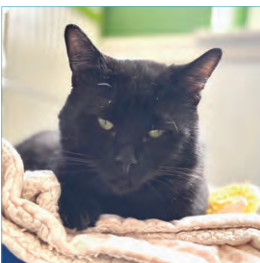
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Paddle raise proceeds benefit AI initiative

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Academy hosts its 57th Action Auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, and with it provides attendees the chance to support a groundbreaking initiative for students at the storied school.

Proceeds from the Paddle Raise will support an AI innovation center at The Academy, which will bring cutting-edge equipment and software; development of a comprehensive AI curriculum focused on AI literacy, machine learning, data analysis and ethics; and faculty training and development.

A former educator and engineer, Katie O’Keefe has a particular interest in AI. She also was raised in the footsteps of her father, Jim Anderson, a pioneer in the AI industry. Anderson and his wife, Patti, are honorary chairs of the auction.

“We’re going to plan a well-thought, well-done, professional AI program for kids to come out after middle school ready to use AI to get through high school, college and beyond,” said O’Keefe, who is co-chairing the auction with her husband, Billy O’Keefe, and Celia and Steve Wade. “Funds will be used to purchase software and hardware, as well as for curriculum and professional development — including e t h i c s — because above all, we want them to use AI to solve problems that have never been solved,



A beachfront getaway to Seven Mile Beach in the Cayman Islands is among the big-ticket auction items this year.

but still remain strong ethically. All of those are very important to us.”

Added Director of Development Emily Scupholm, “Our hope would be to give them the education and guidance to use it properly and ethically, which is a benefit of starting when they’re young.” O’Keefe noted the goal of the initiative is for students to “stay ahead of the curve,” in the rapidly growing world of AI. The school hopes to implement part of the initiative this fall.

“We can’t just jump in headfirst,” she said. “We need to do it purposefully, meaningfully, thoughtfully. We’re not throwing everything at the wall to see what sticks.”

To bring this goal to fruition, The Academy hopes to raise \$300,000 through its Paddle Raise, which is just a portion of the evening’s

highlights. True to tradition, the live auction touts an array of notable items.

Among the trips up for auction are a beachfront getaway to Seven Mile Beach in the Cayman Islands; a Caribbean getaway to St. Thomas, including lodging at The Ritz-Carlton Club; and a seven-day luxury adventure through Northern Italy and the Swiss Alps.

Experiences up for grabs include admission to the Country Music Awards in Nashville and a 20-person suite at Comerica Park, for which the winning bidder gets to choose between a Detroit Tigers game or a concert by The Lumineers.

An additional highlight of the night is a Super Silent Auction. The winning bidder will be among the first to experience the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts before it opens to the public. The package provides four guests a private, behind-the-scenes hard-hat tour of the new building, followed by VIP access to the grand opening gala.

“This is priceless,” O’Keefe said. “You can’t get an invitation for that. Plus Dr. Paul Schaap is giving the tour himself.”

The evening’s raffle also is a can’t-miss opportunity.

“We’re offering some absolutely stunning diamond hoop earrings that were donated to us fully by AHEE Jewelers,” Celia Wade said. “They are absolutely gorgeous.”

The 18k white gold earrings feature 86 round, brilliant-cut diamonds weighing more than five carats and are valued at \$10,000. Raffle tickets are \$100 each and only 200 are available.

A variety of more personal items will be auctioned as well.

“After getting advice from previous chairs from 1987’s auction, we brought back the old tradition of having



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These diamond earrings are the featured raffle prize at the Action Auction.

every student paint their own tile — a Pewabic-style tile — for sale, for each family to get the opportunity to purchase something,” O’Keefe said. “It’s a 30-plus-year-old tradition where everyone can take home a piece of their children’s history.”

In line with the Paddle Raise, this year’s auction theme also focuses on the future.

“Visually, you’ll see a lot of butterflies around,” Wade said.



The highest bidder on this auction item will receive two nights at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel and two tickets to the Country Music Awards.

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path and become unique butterflies of their own.”

The Academy relies on fundraisers like its Action Auction to fill funding gaps, as the independent school does not receive state or local funding.

The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at The Grosse Pointe Academy Tracy Fieldhouse.

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If a specific situation arises — like discipline differences at a family event — a simple, “Let’s just do what works for our own kids” keeps it neutral.

And if things get tense,

distraction is key. Suggest a fun activity for the kids so the adults can relax!!

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Seeking peace with sisters

DEAR ANNIE: After living in separate cities for most of our adult lives, my older sister moved just a couple of miles away from me a few years ago. One unexpected benefit of her being nearby is that we are often invited to join mutual friends and extended family for dinners out. Since I am financially able, I usually pick up the tab and do most of the driving, and I have been happy to do so.

Here is the issue: Every time we enter a restaurant, my sister rushes to grab the seat with the better view — usually the one facing the room or window — leaving me stuck staring at a wall. Every single time.

After months of this, I asked if we could alternate seats or at least take turns. She did not really respond, and despite

asking more than once, nothing has changed. At this point, I am beginning to dread going out with her because this one-sided dynamic makes me feel invisible and taken for granted. The resentment is growing, and it is starting to damage our relationship.

Am I overreacting? Should I let it go and accept this as one of her quirks, or is it time to stop putting myself in a situation that makes me feel small? — The Queen’s Jester

DEAR QUEEN’S JESTER: You are not overreacting. You’ve been generous with your time, your gas tank and your wallet. The least your sister can do is offer you a seat that doesn’t face the wallpaper.

This isn’t about who gets the “scenic” view; it’s about consideration.

You’ve asked nicely, more than once, and she’s chosen to ignore you. That says a lot. Now it’s your turn to choose. Maybe let her treat you to dinner for once; she can sit wherever she likes while you admire the menu.

If someone insists on always having the royal seat, they shouldn’t expect you to keep playing the court jester.

DEAR ANNIE: It’s been five years since I last spoke to my younger sister. We were never the picture-perfect siblings, but there was a time when we were close -- inside jokes, late-night talks, supporting each other through breakups and heartbreaks. But as adults, something shifted. She became sharp-tongued, dismissive and increasingly hurtful. I often felt like I

was walking on eggshells around her, trying to avoid the next jab or judgment.

The final straw came during a holiday gathering when she made a cutting comment about my marriage in front of the whole family. I was stunned and humiliated. When I tried to talk to her privately afterward, she laughed it off like I was being dramatic.

That was the moment I realized I couldn’t keep putting myself in situations where I felt disrespected and unloved. I cut contact, blocked her number and stepped away from the relationship entirely.

At first, I felt relief. There was no more dread before family events or knots in my stomach after our conversations. I finally had peace. But over time, that peace has turned into something more complicated. I miss her — who she used to be, or maybe who I



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

hoped she’d become. When I see sisters laughing together or posting birthday tributes online, I feel that old ache.

Now, mutual relatives are nudging me to reconnect. “Life’s too short,” they say. “Family is family.” But they didn’t see the way she tore me down. I’ve worked hard to heal, and I’m afraid that reopening this door could undo all of that.

How do I know if it’s time to try again — or if I’ve already made the right choice by walking away? — Still Hurting, Still Hoping

DEAR STILL HURTING: You made a hard but necessary choice to protect your peace. That takes courage. Estrangement is painful, but so is staying in a relationship that consistently hurts you.

People say, “Life is short,” but it’s also too short to keep putting yourself in the path of someone who doesn’t treat you with respect. If your sister has truly changed, rebuilding would require accountability and sincere effort — not just a smile at the next holiday dinner.

As for forgiveness, it’s not the same as reconciliation. Forgiveness is something you do for your own heart, to let go of the anger and pain. It doesn’t mean you have to reopen the relationship.

If you ever choose to reach out, do it because you’re ready — not because others think you should. You’ve worked hard to find peace. Don’t trade it away unless it’s truly worth it.

DEAR ANNIE: I am a 26-year-old woman deeply in love with someone my parents can’t stand. He’s not what they envisioned for me; he’s rough around the edges, has tattoos, rides a motorcycle and works with his hands for a living. My parents like clean-cut, college-educated types in suits, and he’s the complete opposite.

Yes, he has a bit of a “bad boy” past. He’s made some mistakes in his younger years — got into trouble, partied too hard, even had a brush with the law. But that

was years ago. Since then, he’s turned his life around. He’s steady, loyal, hardworking, and treats me with more respect and care than anyone I’ve ever dated.

Despite all that, my parents won’t give him a chance. They’re polite when he’s around, but I can tell they’re just waiting for me to wake up and realize he’s “not good enough.” They constantly drop hints about finding someone “more suitable” or “more stable,” and it’s starting to wear me down. I feel caught in the middle — between a man I love and parents I don’t want to disappoint.

I’m not blind to his flaws, but I believe in the man he is now. How do I move forward when the people I’ve always looked to for support can’t accept the person I’ve chosen? Am I being naive for thinking love is enough, or are my parents judging him unfairly? — Torn Between Love and Loyalty

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DEAR ANNIE: It is hard to be in love with someone your parents do not approve of, especially when you have always valued their support. Your heart is clearly in this relationship, and you are trying to balance love with family expectations.

You have acknowledged your boyfriend’s past and seem proud of the man he is today. That matters. People grow and change. If he is now kind, respectful and steady, that speaks volumes. Your parents may still be seeing who he was, not who he is.

Have an open, honest conversation with them. Share what you see in him, not to convince them, but to help them understand. If he continues to show up with maturity, they may come around.

At the end of the day, this is your life. Love does not always come in the package parents expect, but that does not make it any less real. Trust yourself and take things one step at a time.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



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The flavor? It's supposed to be a strawberry, "sweet greens" flavor. I would say it tastes a little odd at first, because it's not the grocery

store fruit snack many of us are used to. My kids were split on whether they loved the taste, but all were amenable to eating them without issue.

The best part? These gummies are a total game-changer for my family. Getting my teenagers to take vitamins used to feel like convincing them to fold laundry: impossible. But now? They're actually asking for them in the morning. It's the easiest way to fill in the gaps on those not-so-perfect eating days (hello, pizza for breakfast?) and it's become a no-brainer daily habit we all look forward to.

Each individually wrapped snack pack con-

tains eight gummy bears, so no more juggling bottles or chasing pills with orange juice. Just grab a pouch and go. There are 28 packs per box, so you're set for the month. We actually ended up subscribing for regular deliveries.

Bonus points for being vegan, gluten-free, dairy-free and nut-free, with low-sugar and sugar-free options, too. There's no artificial junk, just clean, science-backed nutrition with the receipts to prove it — 35,000 research publications, to be exact.

Our final rating is 5 out of 5 alligators. Your gut, brain and immune system will high-five you — and

your taste buds won't complain either. The price is higher for these, around \$1.63 a day for a four-week supply for two people. You can find them online at Amazon or on their own website, gruns.co.

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

5 Out Of 5



The great marinade debate

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My family has been getting very reliant on having grilled chicken breast, sliced up and ready to grab, on hand at all times. It's so useful for quick lunches, healthy snacking and last minute dinners.

The great debate is how to most effectively marinate the meat. I tend to jump between dry rubs, wet rubs and brining depending on how much time I can let the meat sit. And what flavors most successfully penetrate the meat without turning the texture too soft.

Here is what I know. Too much citrus juice and vinegar or "over marinating" will break down the proteins and turn the meat to mush. Not enough will leave you with a dried-out, tough result.

Salt is absolutely essential for flavoring. It draws out the moisture from the meat so the meat can then reabsorb the flavors of the marinade. My frustra-

tion comes when I think I've done everything right with flavor, salt and acidity levels, marinated the chicken breast overnight only to end up with a flavorless outcome.

This week, I'm sharing a great success. I'm not a food scientist to tell you why this marinade worked so well but it did. It had salt, heat, sweet, acid and is based on several recipes for Peruvian grilled chicken with green sauce that I came across.

This is a wet paste that is rubbed onto chicken thighs then set aside for just an hour. Aji amarillo pepper paste is traditionally used and is fruity and spicy. Since I couldn't find it, I substituted chipotles in adobo sauce. This addition added such a great smokey and vinegary taste.

Soy sauce adds the needed salty, umami flavor. Honey mellows out the heat and smoke from the chipotle and

lime juice brightens it all up. Maybe it was the wet paste method or maybe it was the extra fat on the chicken thighs that the breast doesn't have, but this worked really well and produced tender, juicy and flavorful chicken.

The green sauce is a vivacious, flavor explosion. It's an ideal complement to the smoky chicken. Fresh jalapeno, cilantro and parsley are blended together with lime juice and creamy greek yogurt and mayonnaise to give you a creamy, spicy and tangy sauce.

I found myself dipping everything in this sauce.

I served this over a bed of white rice, grilled lemon halves and grilled pita. It was a huge hit with my family and made for even better leftovers. Add some serious flavors to your next dinner with this easy recipe. The blender did most of the work!

Cheers, Mombeau

- Semi-Peruvian Marinated Grilled Chicken with Green Sauce**
- 2 heaping tbsp chipotle in adobo sauce
 - 1 tbsp cumin
 - 1 tbsp oregano
 - Juice of 2 limes
 - 2 tbsp soy sauce
 - 1 tbsp honey
 - 4 garlic cloves
 - ¼ cup vegetable oil
 - 2 tsp salt
 - 1 tsp pepper

10 boneless, skinless chicken thighs

Place all marinade ingredients into a blender and blend until a smooth paste forms. Pour over the chicken thighs and let sit for at least an hour.

Grill on high heat for about 10 to 12 minutes per side or until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

- Green Sauce**
- 1 jalapeno, seeded
 - 3 green onions
 - 2 garlic cloves, smashed and peeled
 - 1 cup cilantro
 - 1 cup parsley
 - ¼ cup mayo
 - ¼ cup greek yogurt
 - Juice and zest of a lime
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - ½ tsp each salt and pepper
- Blend all ingredients until smooth.
- Refrigerate until ready to use.



Quady's dessert wines

From the end of Prohibition (1933) until Robert Mondavi founded his Napa Valley winery (1966), the wines that most Americans consumed had roughly 18 percent alcohol and had brandy added to them.

Dry table wines almost did not exist in this country.

The damage that Prohibition did in the United States to the dry wine industry has been with us for more than a century, most notably in our understanding of wine with food. For the most part, post-Prohibition Americans understood very little about wines that go with food.

So much of the wine we drank after Prohibition was sweet because technology did not exist to the degree it does today. Most wines were fortified. We had port, tokay, madeira and lots of other odd, generic

sweet wines.

By 1970, dry wine was making a major impact in our culture, and the quality of those wines improved dramatically. In the last 50 years, our domestic dry wines have become superb. But sweet, fortified dessert wines are now an afterthought.

Which is, frankly, too bad. It is definitely a category of wine that needs to be explored, because properly made sweet wines can be an absolute joy. I simply adore finishing a wonderful meal with a sip of a carefully made dessert wine.

About 50 years ago, Andy Quady got a similar notion and began making sweet dessert wines in the San Joaquin Valley. It all started when Sacramento wine merchant Darrell Corti told Quady, a UC Davis graduate, that he ought to make a port from zinfandel.

Quady did, Corti stocked it and savvy consumers found that the wine was exceptional. This launched Quady into an investigation of all kinds of dessert wines. Today, he celebrates 50 years in the business as one of the few dessert-wine specialists in this country.

Making dessert wine is far more complicated than most people realize. The producer must adhere to sound winemaking techniques, in which an obvious pitfall is spoilage.

Quady's wines are always precise and delightfully flavored. I have never tasted a Quady dessert wine that was not exemplary and much better than I ever anticipated.

His secret, among others, is that the wines are always impeccably balanced with great acidity, so the sugars are never out of balance.

What is fascinating about this project is that Andy seems to have an unending curiosity about how to push the envelope and develop remarkable products, most of which have no particular counterpart in the old world.

Take, for example, a

wine called Electra — four of them, actually. Electra Moscato is slightly sparkling with flavors of fresh peach and lime; a red version has more aromatics of berries; and Electra Black has more dark fruits. All of the Electra wines are \$15.99.

Orange muscat is a unique grape that Andy uses to make a fascinating spiced white wine called Essensia (\$23.99). Perhaps the most alluring of all of his exotic dessert wines is Elysium, which has the aroma of boysenberry and black cherry.

Andy, who just turned 80, also makes two sensational vermouths, world-class port-style wines and a dozen other exciting dessert wines. With production now up to more than 150,000 cases per year, Quady wines may be found throughout the United States.

Recently, he was honored with a lifetime achievement award from the California State Fair Commercial Wine Competition.

Wine of the Week: Vya Whisper Dry Vermouth (\$23.99) — Vya is Andy Quady's brand that he uses for

unique vermouths that feature a proprietary blend of botanicals along with a very delicate base wine that features such appealing flavors that the wine can be sipped all by itself. Some people use it in making traditional martinis, and others simply

pour it over ice cubes for a fascinating aperitif.

To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

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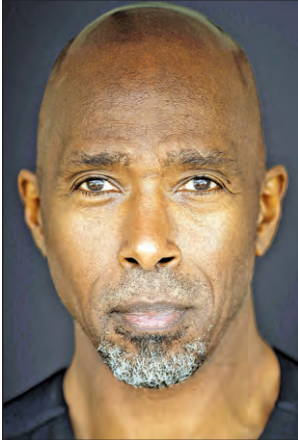
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PHOTOS COURTESY OF PARK PICTURES, GOOD GRAVY FILMS AND LUCKY 13 PRODUCTIONS
Left, Zainab Jah as Esther and Jayme Lawson as Sylvia share a moment from the movie “Farewell Amor,” written and directed by Ekwa Msangi.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Farewell Amor”
2020 - Not Rated
1 hr 35 min
★★★★☆

There have been a number of films over the last decade or so, dealing with the topic of immigration. But they’ve largely been focused on illegal immigrants. Rare is the movie that deals with legal immigrants, and the challenges they face trying to assimilate into our country and



Walter played by Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine.

culture. My grandparents emigrated at the beginning of the last century from Poland, and I can’t imagine just how difficult it must have been for them to give up their lives and homeland to come here — especially knowing they’d probably never return to their birthplaces. “Farewell Amor” is the debut film for writer/director Ekwa Msangi and it certainly portends great things to come. It’s a very polished piece of filmmaking that I found totally engaging. The movie is loosely based on stories from her family and is presented in an imaginative way. It doesn’t hurt that she has three solid leads in her film.

Additionally, the fine camerawork by Bruce Francis Cole helps deliver a film I feel deserves wider recognition. The film is the story of three people, separated as a result of the war in Angola. Walter (Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine) left the country and emigrated to the United States where he found a new life as a cabbie in Brooklyn, New York. His wife Esther (Zainab Jah) and daughter Sylvia (Jayme Lawson) fled to Tanzania, where they’ve lived for the past seventeen years. After the long separation, they’re finally reunited at the beginning of the film in a quiet, silhouetted scene at the airport.



Walter & Sylvia.



Esther (Zainab Jah) singing praise.



Sylvia (Lawson) & Devin (Marcus Scribner).



The first look at the new digs.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”

Msangi tells their tales in three separate but overlapping sections — a veritable triptych of a saga. Early on we learn that Walter had carried on an affair with Linda (Nana Mensah) and the couple actually lived together until recently in his small apartment. When Esther discovers mail with Linda’s name on it, Walter explains that it was probably delivered to the wrong address. But her suspicion still remains. The first section of the film is from Walter’s point of view. He’s a quiet, considerate man and you can sense his awkwardness in the way he tries to reconnect with his wife and daughter. He makes a living driving a taxi, but he’s just barely making ends meet. On the first night the family is reunited, he prepares an elaborate meal for them. When Esther wonders who taught him how to cook, he explains that people who have the will to learn can teach themselves anything. Sylvia is the focus of the second part of the movie. She a smart, shy girl who misses her friends back home. She spends a lot of her free time communicating with them via text messages. We learn that she loves to dance and when an opportunity to compete in a dance competition opens up, she’s all over it. She’s encouraged to compete by a young suitor Devin “DJ” Jamison (Marcus Scribner). When her mother walks in on the couple at their apart-

ment, she’s outraged and scolds her daughter about the relationship and the fact that she wants to dance, which she considers sinful. In the last section, devoted to Esther, we get an explanation about her actions and personality. To help her get through her isolation during her years in Tanzania, Esther became a devout Christian. She embraced religion as a form of refuge. When the family sits down to dine, Esther breaks into prayer and we can feel the awkwardness both Walter and Sylvia feel. Walter has embraced his new life in America and is definitely a modern man. The film takes a close look at how a family, long separated by distance, time and cultures tries to heal after being reunited. After the initial hugging at the airport, they have to confront how they’ve changed and what they can do to move forward. In each section of the film, we see some of the same scenes through each person’s perspective. We also see different interactions, which add to the rich fabric of the story. But the most meaningful time the family spends, is in the somewhat claustrofobic confines of their small, one bedroom apartment. There, they share with us a feeling of optimism. About the only negative thing about the movie is there are a couple times Walter and Esther speak in Portuguese without any

subtitles. Other than that minor nit, I thoroughly enjoyed this quiet, nuanced movie. Streaming on Kanopy (free with your library card) and AMC and to rent on Apple TV, Amazon, Fandango, and other services.

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!

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

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Sharing tight quarters.

Correction

Unfortunately the wrong answer box for last week’s Universal Crossword puzzle was used and caused a bit of confusion among our readers. Here is the correct box for the 04-24-25 issue, with apologies for any inconvenience this has caused for all of our consistent and dedicated puzzle fans.

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Walking Tall by Guilherme Gilioli											
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Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

9	4	8	3	2	5	7	6	1
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4/24 Solution

Contract Bridge

A SOPHISTICATED DEFENSE

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 6
♥ J 10 8 3
♦ A Q J 10 7
♣ K 5

WEST

♠ Q 10 3
♥ 5
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ 10 9 8 6 2

EAST

♠ 9 8 7 4
♥ A 6 4 2
♦ 6
♣ A Q 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 5 2
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ K 5 3
♣ J 7

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Assume you're East, defending against four hearts, and your partner leads a club. You cash the Q-A, South playing the jack on the second round. What would you do next?

It's not easy to find the right play even if you see all four hands. However, there is no doubt about the correct move at this point if you consider the matter carefully. You should play another club at trick three!

This might seem to be a dreadful

play, since it has been drummed into every player that a defender should never present declarer with a ruff-and-discard, and every thoughtful player sooner or later learns that in bridge, words like "never" and "always" don't mean exactly what the dictionary says they mean.

In the present case, it should be fairly obvious — from looking at dummy and taking South's bidding into account — that there is no real chance of defeating the contract unless declarer has only four trumps.

You should therefore shape your defense to fit that circumstance. If you "play safe" by returning a spade, a heart or a diamond, declarer will force you to win the first, second or third trump lead and will easily score the rest of the tricks.

But if you return a club at trick three, intentionally giving declarer a ruff-and-discard, he cannot make the contract whatever he does. He can ruff in either hand and lead two rounds of trump — both of which you'd refuse to win — but he would then have no effective continuation. If he led a third trump, you would win and force him to ruff a club, establishing your last trump as the setting trick. And if he stopped playing trumps, you'd eventually ruff a diamond to beat the contract.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert:After 3:45 a.m. EDT today (12:45 a.m. PDT) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in CANCER.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 1, 2025:

You're observant, intuitive and nurturing. You rely on your instincts. You are also a realist. This is a year of service for you, perhaps service to family. Therefore, take good care of yourself because you are a resource. This could be a good time for a makeover.



ARIES

(March 21-April 19)

Be aware that conversations with family members today, especially female relatives, might be confusing or subject to misinterpretation. Someone might need a sympathetic ear to talk to. Whatever happens, make sure you clarify what others want from you. Tonight: Home and family.



TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)

Today you might be in a dreamy state of mind full of fanciful illusions, which seem more important than reality. Don't worry if you spend time daydreaming or lost in a fantasy world. However, be aware that this is a poor day to make important decisions or embark on an important project. Tonight: Discussions.



GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)

It's important to know that today the Moon is in your Money House, but it is challenged, which means your financial decisions might be unwise or based on hopes rather than reality. You can deal with this by simply postponing financial decisions and delaying major purchases. Be smart. Tonight: Check your money.



CANCER

(June 21-July 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with several planets, which means you might feel more emotional than usual. And at the same time, you also might feel confused, especially in your dealings with parents, bosses and authority figures. Therefore, postpone important decisions. Tread carefully. Tonight: You win!



LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Cut yourself some slack today. Don't worry if you feel self-doubt or you find yourself second-guessing your decisions. It's just what's happening. In fact, many others feel this way as well. Knowing this, you realize it's a poor day for important decisions, especially about travel and legal matters. Tonight: Solitude.



VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You might feel close to a friend today. Or perhaps you'll admire someone in a club or an organization. Whatever the case, despite this warm fuzzy feeling, be careful about agreeing to anything, especially if it involves raising funds or sharing something or deciding about an inheritance. Tonight: Friendships.



LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Beware of the fact that you are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. In fact, there's a strong likelihood that some people will know personal details about your private life, for whatever reason. Tonight: You're strong.



SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you want to run away and join the circus. You want to break free from routine, duties and responsibilities. If you can do something different, great. However, because an element of confusion is present, postpone important decisions. Tonight: Explore and learn.



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might find yourself dealing with taxes, debt, shared property, insurance issues or inheritances — stuff like that. If this is the case, be careful, because an element of confusion is present. You might not have all the facts. Someone might even give you the wrong information. (Innocently or otherwise.) Tonight: Check your finances.



CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a tricky day because in one way, you are best served by going more than halfway when dealing with others. You need to cooperate. However, the tricky part is that communications are confused, especially with family members or home repairs. Be aware of this. Tonight: Cooperate.



AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today you might be interested in learning more about mystical information or supernatural phenomena. The unusual will intrigue you (which is actually not surprising). You'll notice that your sensitivity to your immediate environment and your daily surroundings is finely tuned. Tonight: Get organized.



PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)

Be careful, because although you might have some imaginative ideas today, especially about how to make money or find a new job, this is a very shaky day for financial decisions. Write down your clever ideas and review them tomorrow. Don't go overboard shopping! Tonight: Socialize!

BORN TODAY

Singer, actor Tim McGraw (1967), filmmaker Wes Anderson (1969), actor Jamie Dornan (1982).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Stainberg May 1, 2025

ACROSS

- 1 "Wait a ____!"
- 4 "Dancing Queen"
- 8 Grab with force
- 13 Goat's bleat
- 14 Authentic
- 15 Computer whizzes, of a sort
- 16 Latte shot (Note this answer's last two letters + ...)
- 18 Thick coin (... this answer's first three)
- 19 Ancient stringed instrument
- 20 Score that induces overtime
- 21 Questlove's 'do
- 22 '50s auto feature inspired by jets (Last two letters + ...)
- 24 Sign prohibiting 180s (... first four)
- 28 Pub libation
- 29 Complain (about)
- 30 Name that's an anagram of 54-Down
- 31 Guitar, in slang
- 32 Slugger's stat
- 33 Breath freshener
- 34 Bacon and eggs, e.g. ... or a theme hint
- 38 Picked up the tab

- 39 Stately tree
- 40 Coffee dispenser
- 41 Beast of burden
- 42 Sob
- 43 Sis's counterpart
- 44 Catholic Church head (Last four letters + ...)
- 46 "Aye, captain": ship :: ____ : kitchen (... first three)
- 50 French pal
- 51 Have a snack
- 52 Where to enjoy a crepe
- 53 She is considered China's first supermodel (Last three letters + ...)
- 56 Opposite of paradise (... first three)
- 58 Type of Thai curry
- 59 Love, in Spanish
- 60 "Thx" counterpart
- 61 Bad moods
- 62 What a waiter takes away
- 63 Until now

DOWN

- 1 Refine, as ore
- 2 Class requiring minimal studying
- 3 Cropped pants style
- 4 "We ____ so-o-o busted"
- 5 Close friend, slangily

- 6 Where to wash up
- 7 ____ vera
- 8 Provoke, as trouble
- 9 Disney World park
- 10 Annoy
- 11 Actress Kravitz
- 12 Adult ed. subject
- 15 About to be scolded
- 17 Spent a day at the spa, perhaps
- 23 Lab coat concern?
- 24 Catches, as a crook
- 25 AFL-CIO, e.g.
- 26 Orange scrap
- 27 D.C. ballplayer
- 29 Sudden muscle tightness
- 31 Come to be
- 33 Casablanca's land
- 34 Huge party
- 35 Not giving away
- 36 Escape hastily
- 37 Trappers' goods
- 38 Encouraging touch
- 42 ____ Suffrage
- 43 Movement
- 43 Backs, as the underdog
- 45 Try to hit, cat-style
- 46 "I'm awesome!"
- 47 Joyful
- 48 Submit
- 49 returns online
- 49 Elaborate meal
- 51 Dutch cheese
- 53 Vinyl records, for short
- 54 Name hidden in "macadamia nut"
- 55 Prefix with "brow"
- 57 ____ TV

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Split a Meal by Drew Schmenner

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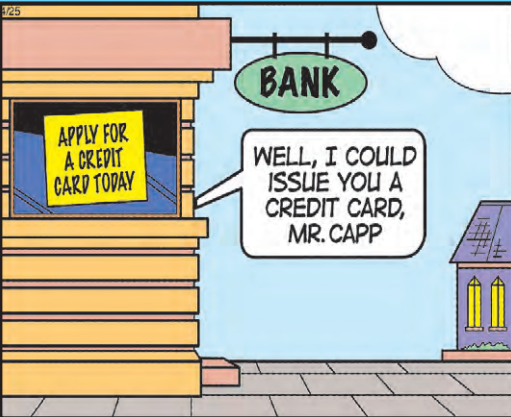
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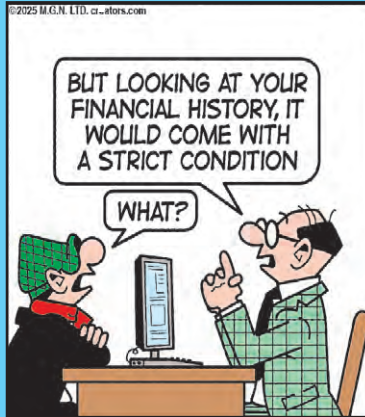
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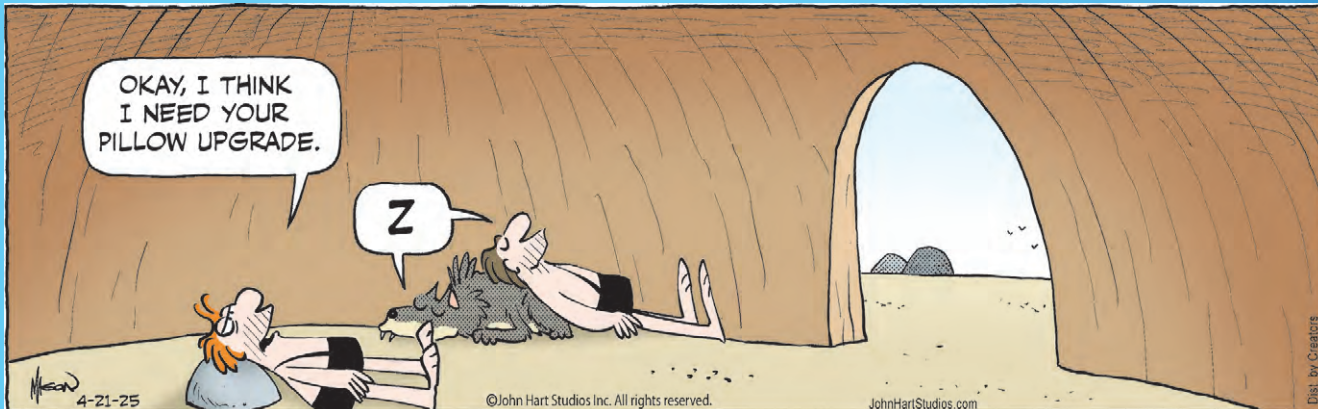
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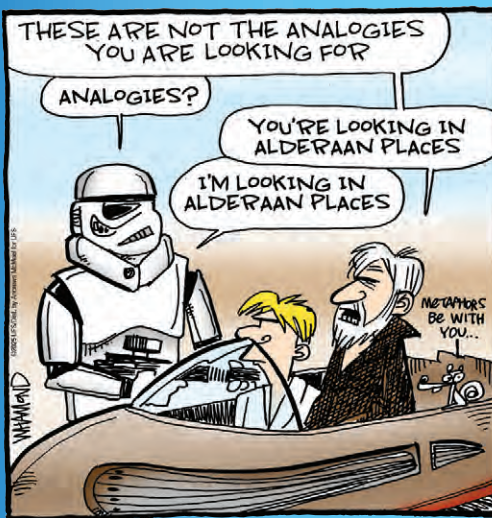
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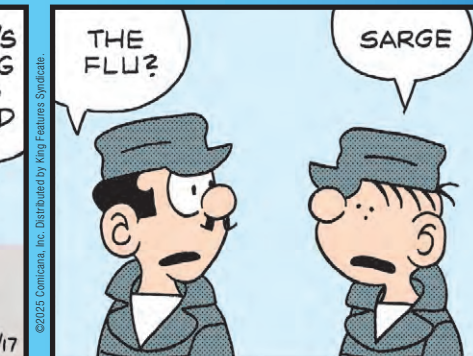
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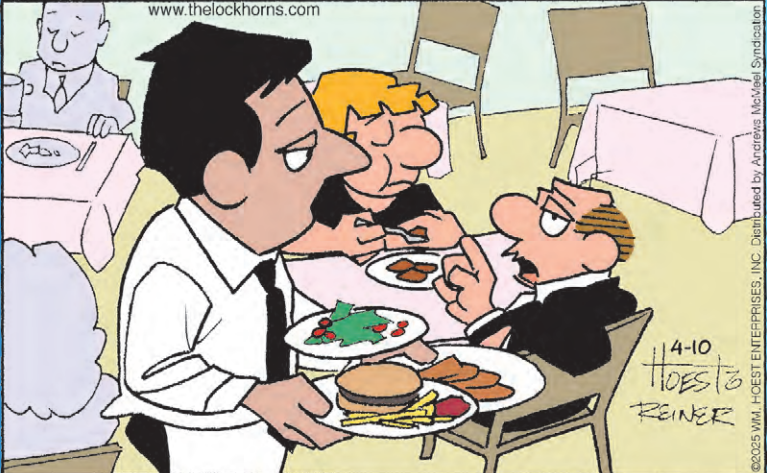
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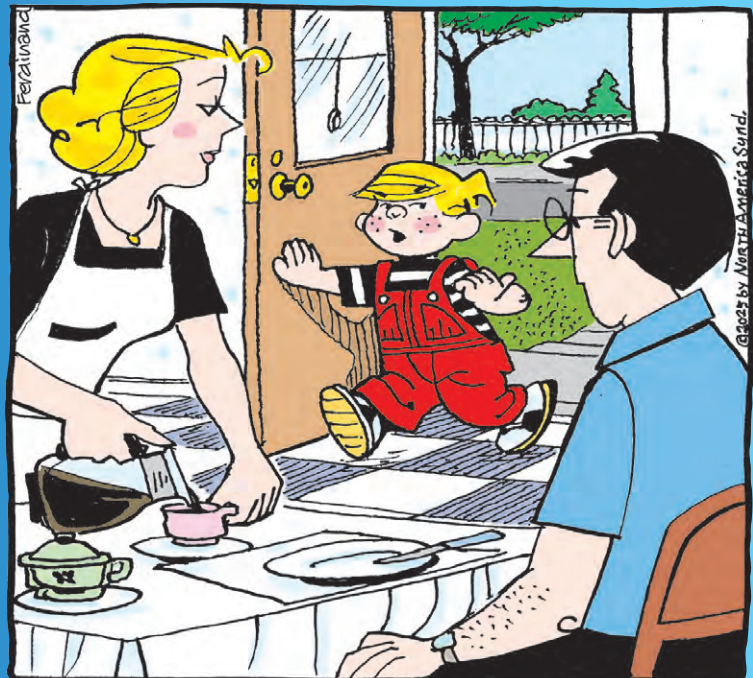


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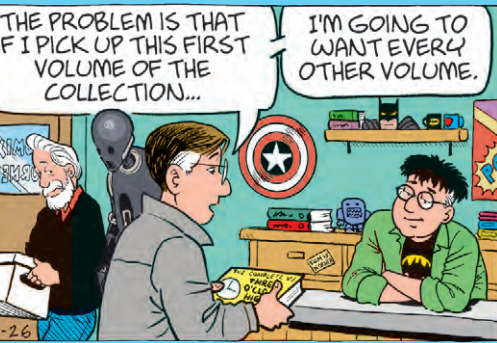


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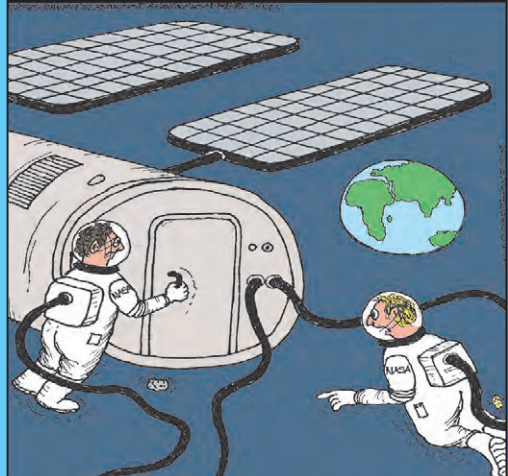


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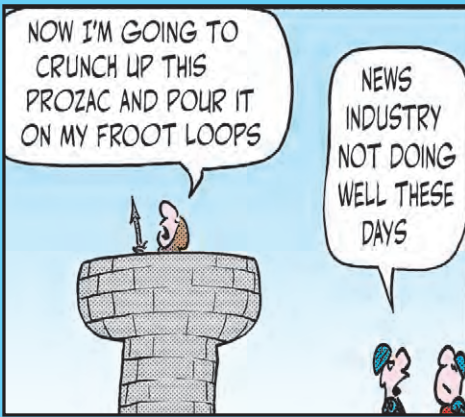
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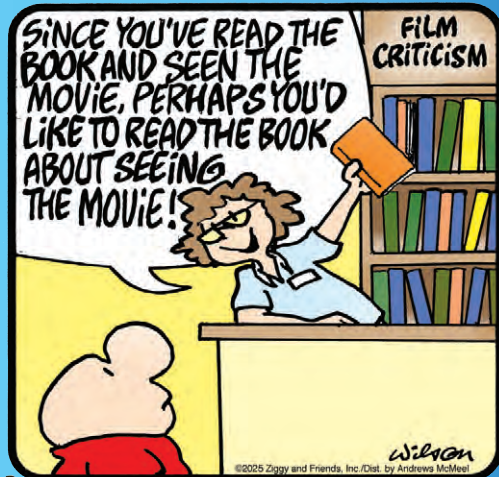
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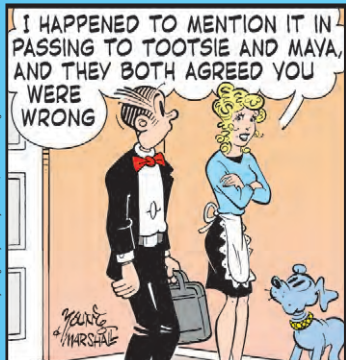
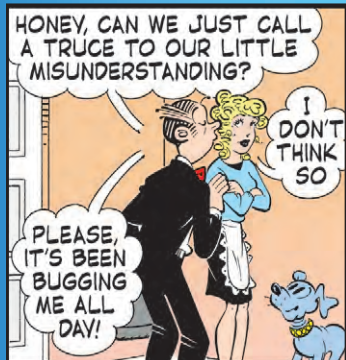
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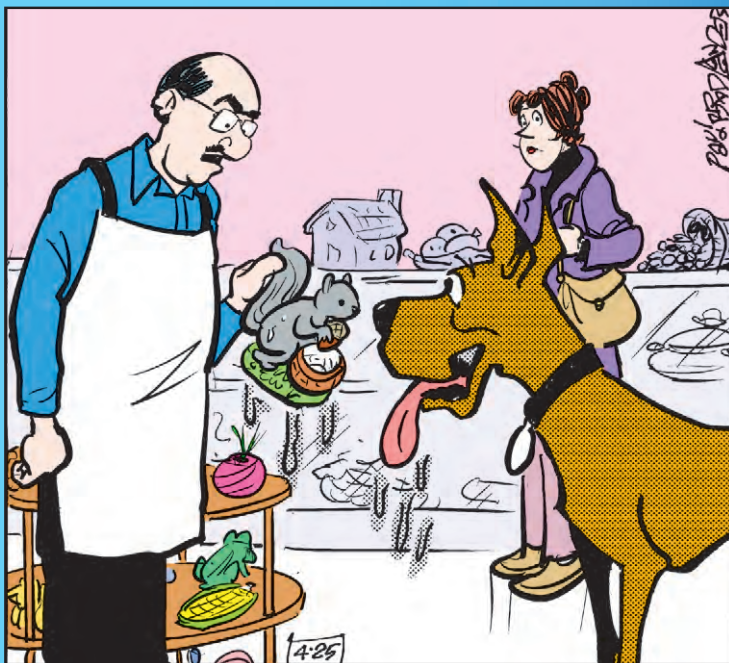


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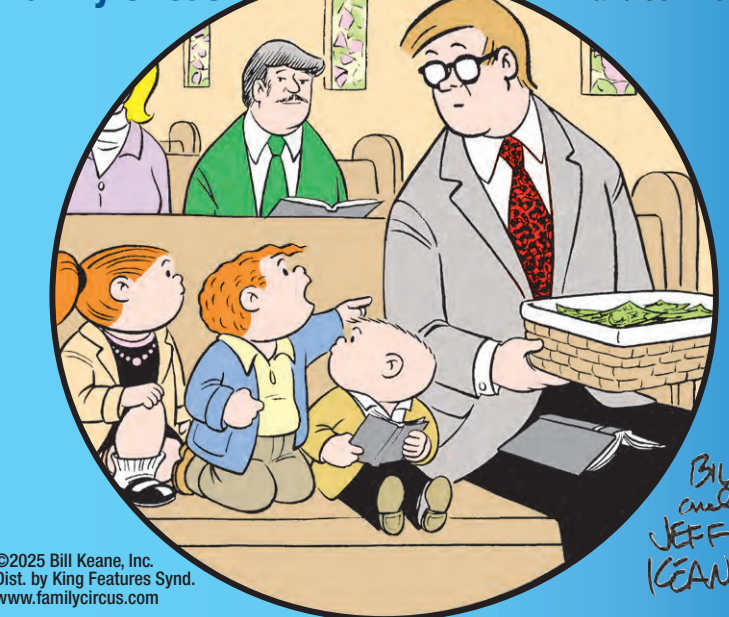
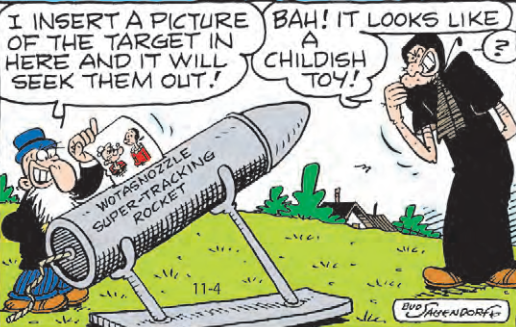
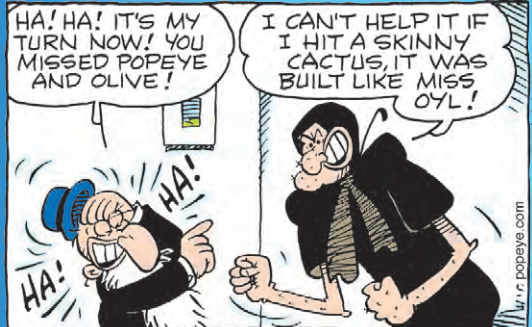
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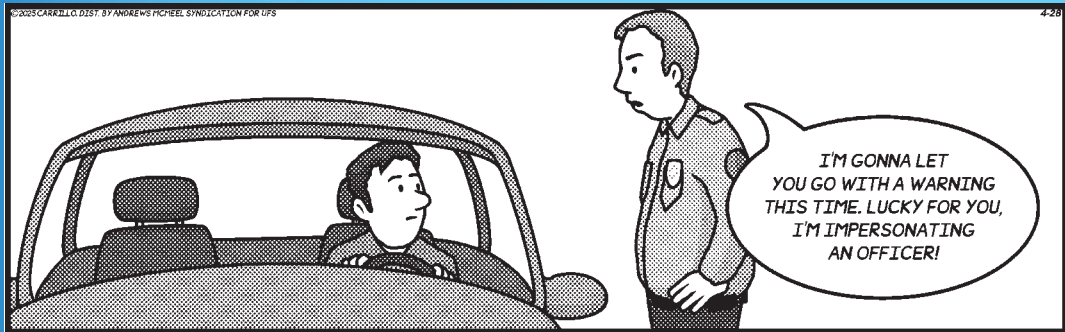
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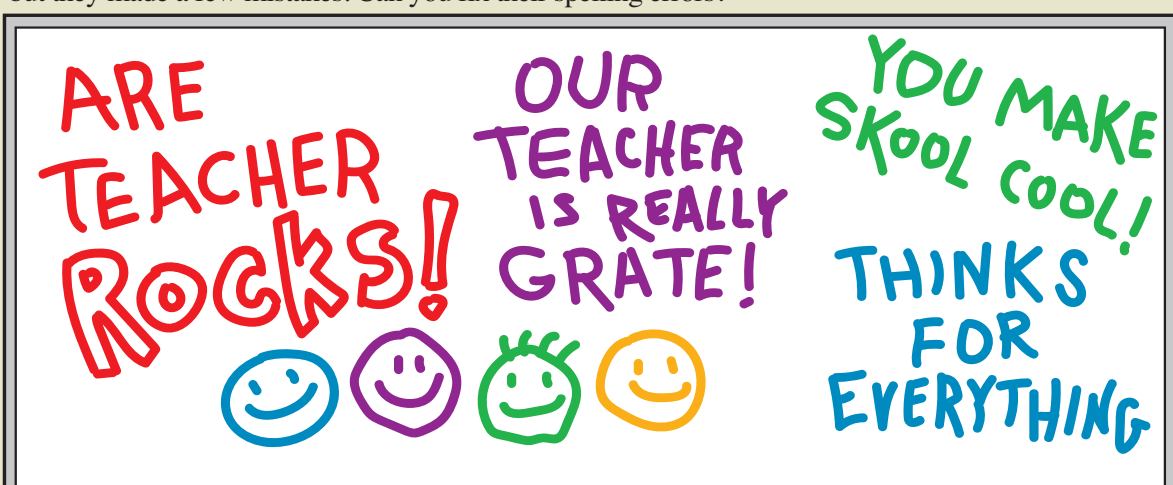
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Former Blue Devil Johnson picked by Arizona in second round of NFL Draft

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Friday, April 25, former Grosse Pointe South Blue Devil and University of Michigan cornerback Will Johnson realized a life-long dream when the Arizona Cardinals selected him with the 47th overall pick in the second round of the 2025 NFL Draft.

“We were really excited to pick Will

there,” Arizona Cardinals general manager Monti Ossenfort said during a post-draft press conference. “He’s a guy we did a lot of work on and had been watching him for a couple of years. He played in a great conference in the Big Ten and went up against some really good receivers.” Throughout much of the pre-draft process, Johnson was widely considered to be one of

the top defensive backs in the entire draft and an expected first-round pick. However, injuries during his college career at Michigan and reports in the days before the draft about a potential knee injury could have been contributing factors in Johnson not being selected until the second round. “We did the same process we do with all the prospects, and it’s an extensive process, and

(we) ended up good with Will,” Ossenfort said about Johnson’s health. “... I know we’re going to get a very motivated Will to come in here ready to compete and earn a spot.” Johnson was a two-time All-American during his time with the Wolverines, being first team All-American in 2023 and second team in 2024. He was also a two-time All-Big Ten selection. Johnson received the honor of being the Defensive MVP of the 2023 College Football Playoff National Championship Game, helping Michigan defeat the Washington Huskies to win the school’s first national championship in over two decades.

He had nine career interceptions in 32 games for Michigan and had three interceptions returned for touchdowns, setting a school record. Two of those interceptions returned for touchdowns came in the 2024 season, one against Fresno State and the other against Southern California. Johnson only played in six games for the Wolverines in 2024, tal-



COURTESY PHOTO

Johnson, center, attends the 2025 NFL Draft with father Deon Johnson, left, and mother Kafi Kumasi.

lying three pass break-ups and 14 total tackles. While at Grosse Pointe South, Johnson was widely regarded as the top recruit in the state of Michigan for the class of 2022. He was named All-State by several organizations, including the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. “Elite coverage

instincts,” Cardinals head coach Jonathan Gannon said about Johnson’s abilities. “(I) really like his ability to play the ball. He’s long and a bigger guy. Very smart and very instinctive. ... He played in multiple systems, and both of those were NFL-made systems. ... This guy is as smart as they come.”



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Grosse Pointe South alumni and former University of Michigan cornerback Will Johnson was selected 47th overall by the Arizona Cardinals in the 2025 NFL Draft last Friday, April 25.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Valice provides toughness, consistency in net for South lacrosse

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

People might say being a goalie in lacrosse is perhaps one of the least desirable positions to play in all of sports. However, those who are brave enough to take on the position show their toughness and pride in the goal crease, just like Lucas Valice from Grosse Pointe South varsity boys lacrosse.

The senior goaltender for the Blue Devils has grown over the years into one of the best goalies in the state, proven by his third team All-State selection by the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association in 2024. Valice’s journey to becoming a great goalie, however, started mostly by chance.

“Every kid I was friends with started playing, so it was just sort of natural wanting to join my friends,” he said. “I

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Lucas Valice

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started playing attack for the first few years. My friend broke his leg and he was the goalie, so I sort of just filled in for a second and ended up starting over him when

in the playoffs. He is showing no signs of slowing down, saving 65 percent of shots he has faced and allowing only 6.1 goals per game. Valice’s performance

he came back.”

Valice is trying to continue last year’s success this season with hopes of having his name on the All-State list again and helping South make a deep run

often speaks for itself, but he knows everything is still about the team. The biggest thing that has stood out to him this season is the quality of communication among the defense, combining to create a difficult back line for South’s opponents to break through.

“Everyone this year has been incredible at talking and communicating,” Valice said. “... We’ve had a great, cohesive group of defense men. ... Everyone’s a lot more connected and it’s working out great.”

Communication is key in most sports and for Valice to have solid communication with his defense from back in the goal crease is something that can give South a major advantage. It can help Valice not have to face as many shots to begin with, but when he does, he remembers how comfortable he has become in net by facing



COURTESY PHOTO

Lucas Valice has been a solid presence in net this season for South boys lacrosse, saving 65-percent of shots that he has faced.

shot after shot over the years. “My 313 Lacrosse head coach was a goalie, so he

took me through the basics,” Valice said. See *ATHLETE*, page 2D

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Liggett boys lacrosse piling up wins as season continues

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School varsity boys lacrosse team probably could not have asked for a better first month of the season than it had through much of April. The Knights have started with a 6-1 record through their first seven games and have found themselves able to win games in a vari-



Freshman Mac Costanzo has stepped into a major role with Liggett boys lacrosse right away, scoring 10 goals so far this season.

ety of ways. Some of those wins have been in high-scoring games where the Knights seemed to have little trouble finding the back of the net, with the biggest example being their 21-0 win over Detroit Cass Tech Tuesday, April 22. The shutout win is even more of a testament to how balanced the Knights have been so far. Offensive firepower was one thing Liggett

knew it would have before the season began, but the team was not expecting to be so solid defensively as well. “In the pre-season, I thought that we would be very strong offensively and on defense we would have to play catch-up,” Liggett boys lacrosse coach Mike Costanzo said. “But it’s been the other way around. Our defense has been really solid. ... I’ve been happy and surprised with the defensive effort so far.” The Knights followed up the shutout win over Cass Tech with a 13-5 victory over Grosse Ile Wednesday, April 23. The Knights then proved to be solid defensively once more in a crosstown rivalry matchup against Grosse Pointe North Saturday, April 26, which Liggett won 11-1.

While the defensive effort has been led by some strong play on the back line, especially from goalie Ryan Cordaro, the Knights’ strength on the attack also has had plenty of strong contributors. Mac Costanzo, who has scored ten goals, has shown impressive performance as a freshman, and veteran Luke Slanec has tallied 11 goals so far this season. Perhaps the biggest standout on the offensive side has been leading scorer Nick Gould, who has found the back



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Junior Luke Slanec, pictured during a game against Royal Oak, has been one of the Knights’ leading scorers this season with 11 goals.

of the net 32 times. “He’s kind of shown the way for the rest of the team and is sort of pacing us offensively,” Costanzo said about Gould. “... He’s just been a real strong player and the funny thing is that I think he can do a lot more. A lot is expected of him and he’s delivered and I think there’s even another level he could reach.” While there has seemed to be plenty

going right for the Knights as they navigate the season, there still are plenty of things the team knows it can work on. The offense has been clicking in most games, but the Knights want to see the contributions coming from more than just the attack. “We’ve got to score, especially from the midfield,” Costanzo said. “We need more production from our top midfielders. ... Also,

basic stuff like catching and throwing and fundamental stuff that I think has hurt us, even though we’ve won games, we might have won by more if we just had our fundamentals dialed in a bit more.” The Knights hosted Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard after press time Tuesday, April 29. They take the field again Thursday, May 1, going on the road to face Bishop Foley.

ATHLETE:

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“Everything else is just getting reps over years and years of shots. You figure out your own way of doing it and your own stance. It’s really just whatever works for you that’s kind of the best. Over time, you just hone it by seeing a crazy amount of shots.” Returning to the basics is never a bad thing and is something Valice tries often to work on. He would not describe himself as the perfect fundamental goalie, but perhaps that is part of what makes him the goalie he is. Valice puts in plenty of work through-

out the season wanting to be at the top of his game, with his main focus this season on consistency and knowing where he needs to be at all times.

‘I really like the idea of affecting every part of the game’

LUCAS VALICE, SENIOR, GP SOUTH VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE

“I’m trying to get more consistent with my movements and be more efficient,” he said. “I don’t play a very technical style, so I’m just working on getting better at the basic fundamentals and

clearing (the ball) too.” Perhaps what makes Valice a valuable asset for South lacrosse and a strong teammate is the pure enthusiasm he has for playing as a goalie. He might have been put in the position by chance many years ago, but he has fully embraced the importance of the role and knowing in every game the Blue Devils win, he will play a big part. “I really like the idea of affecting every part of the game,” Valice said. “You’re not scoring goals, but you could theoretically carry your team to a win no matter what. It doesn’t always happen, but it’s a neat idea. Every save is so exhilarating.”



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Valice was named Third Team All-State as a goalie by the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association in 2024.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council adopted the following zoning ordinance amendment at its meeting held on Monday, April 28, 2025. The zoning ordinance amendment was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and will become effective May 8, 2025, and is hereby published by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 50 – ZONING; PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

The ordinance is available for public inspection or purchase from the Office of the City Clerk, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or www.gpwmi.us.

Paul Antolin
City Clerk

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Baseball teams hit their stride, fight for wins in heart of spring

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The first month of the high school varsity baseball season has ended and teams are reaching the heart of their regular-season schedules. As the games and action continue for Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe North, all three teams are looking to build momentum as the calendar flips to May.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils continued to prove they are one of the hottest teams in the state. South completed another MAC White Division series sweep last week, taking all three games against St. Clair.

Wednesday, April 23, South shut out the Saints 6-0 thanks to a complete-game performance from Charlie Michelotti on the mound. The sophomore threw all seven innings and allowed only four hits while tallying seven strikeouts. South finished the three-game sweep Thursday, April 24, with an 11-1 win that included three RBIs each from Dane Lezotte and Alex Dilodovico, along with two by Henry Domzalski.

South hosted a couple of non-league opponents Saturday, April 26. The first game of the day was another shutout win for the Blue Devils, taking down Detroit Edison 7-0. The Blue Devils were led by a shut-down performance on the mound, this time by senior Griffin Szatkiewski, who went all seven innings and surrendered just one hit.

South's second game Saturday was a matchup with Detroit Western International. The Blue Devils won 8-3, with

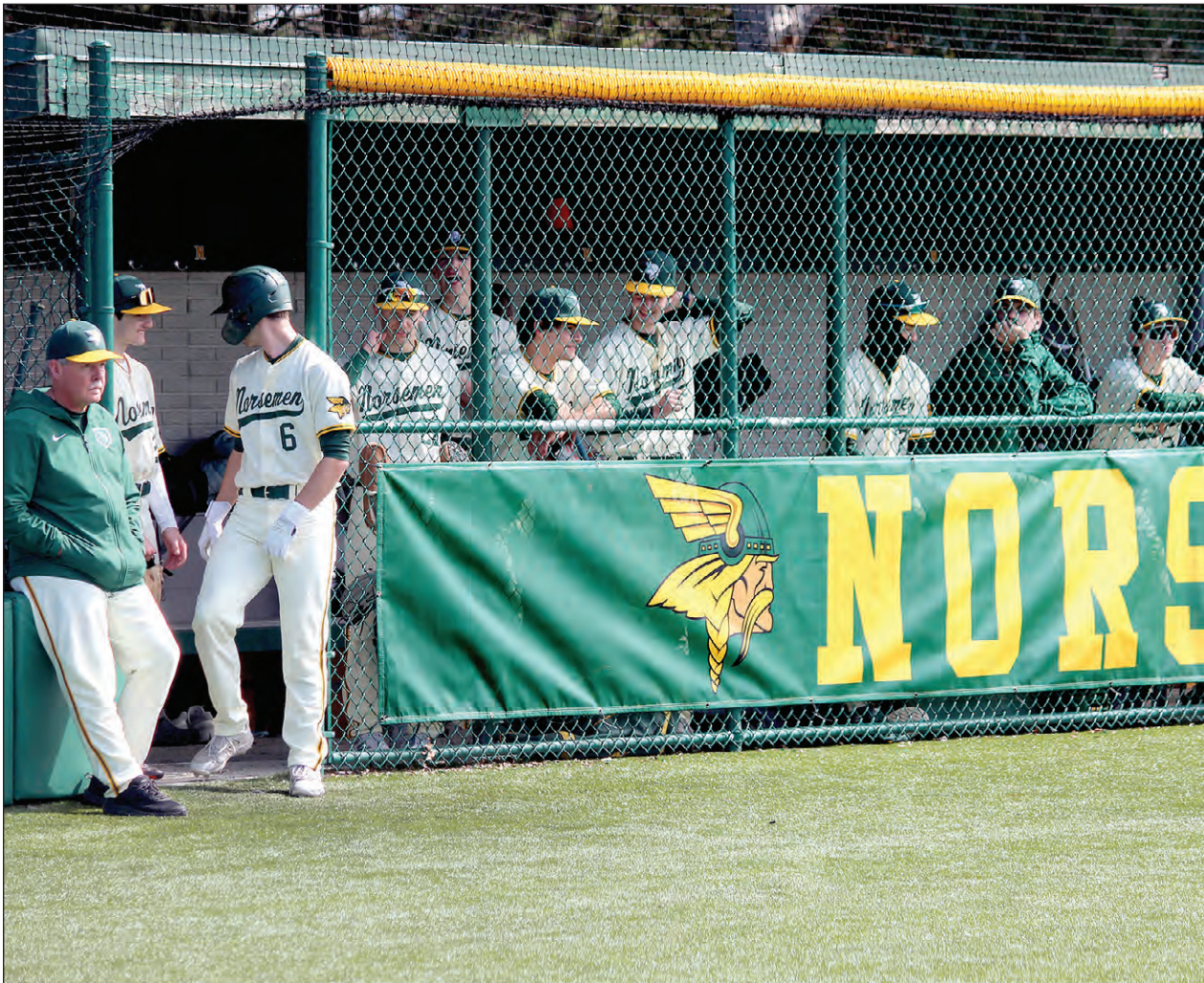


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After being swept in a three-game MAC White Division series against Utica last week, Grosse Pointe North baseball earned a division win with a 3-1 victory over L'Anse Creuse North Monday, April 28.

Adam Czarnik bringing in a pair of runs with his bat. Drew Hess got the win as South got another complete-game performance from its pitching. The sophomore threw seven innings with seven hits and three earned runs.

South's winning streak came to an end Monday, April 28, in the first game of a three-game MAC White series against Anchor Bay. The Blue Devils fought hard on the road and lost by the slimmest of margins 1-0 in extra innings.

Anchor Bay's game-winning lone run came in the eighth inning on a sacrifice fly. Despite the loss, it was still a strong

day on the mound for junior Jack Danielewicz, who pitched over seven innings and had 11 strikeouts.

The Blue Devils hosted Anchor Bay after press time Wednesday, April 30. The two teams finish their three-game series at Anchor Bay Thursday, May 1.

University Liggett
The Knights started last week on a positive note by picking up a 4-1 win over Cranbrook-Kingswood at home Wednesday, April 23. Andrew Johnson helped lead the way for Liggett in the win with a pair of RBIs, while Kanaan Taylor got the win on the

mound by pitching five innings and allowing just one run on two hits with seven strikeouts.

Liggett then moved on to a weekend doubleheader at home against University of Detroit Jesuit Saturday, April 26. The Knights and Cubs split the doubleheader, with U of D Jesuit taking the first game in a shut-out 4-0.

The Knights bounced back in Game Two last Saturday, taking down the Cubs 4-3. The game came down to the wire and, with Liggett trailing by one in the bottom of the seventh inning, Ben Wehrmann was the hero with a two-RBI single to bring in the tying and

game-winning runs for the Knights.

The momentum from the walk-off win to end Saturday's doubleheader seemed to carry over into Liggett's next game when it hosted Merritt Academy Monday, April 28. The Knights were dominant, earning a 16-1 win in just three innings. Johnson again was one of the sparks on offense for Liggett, bringing in five RBIs with two home runs in the game. Javion Gray also had a banner game with three RBIs.

Liggett visited crosstown foe Grosse Pointe North for a doubleheader after press time Tuesday, April 29. The Knights take the major league field Friday, May 2, against crosstown opponent Grosse Pointe South at Comerica Park, with first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen seem to be trying to find their footing as the first month of the season draws to an end. There were more tallies added to the loss column for North last week, but the team was able to find one victory in its most recent matchup.

North was swept by Utica in a MAC White Division series last week. The team lost the first game Monday, April 21, 5-1. In the second game of the series Wednesday, April 23, the Norsemen suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 loss in a game that ended on a walk-off for the Chieftains. Even in the loss, Brandon Keyes still had a strong game on the mound with nine strikeouts over six innings.

The Norsemen dropped the final game of the series Thursday, April 24, losing 13-4. They then played a pair of games over the weekend Saturday, April 26, the first being an 11-7 loss against Detroit Western International. Senior captain Trevor Lipscomb had three RBIs and Charlie Rocho had two for North in the loss.

North also lost its second game last Saturday when it faced Detroit Edison. The Norsemen fell 8-2, with Deshawn Edwards bringing in both of North's runs with a two-run home run in the third inning.

North got back in the win column Monday, April 28, in the first game of a three-game MAC series against L'Anse Creuse North. The Norsemen won 3-1, with Edwards getting the win on the bump and tallying 10 strikeouts through six innings.

The Norsemen hosted a doubleheader against University Liggett after press time Tuesday, April 29. The team finishes its series against L'Anse Creuse North on the road Thursday, May 1.

South girls lacrosse wins big over North



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls lacrosse earned a dominant rivalry win 21-5 over Grosse Pointe North last Thursday, April 24. Junior Lyla Hampton, above, scored 10 goals for South in the win.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed 2025-2026 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025 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	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$ 438,040
General Government	1,835,210
Public Safety	8,425,730
Public Works	4,387,850
Parks & Recreation	1,835,060
Contingency	50,000
Transfer - Other Funds	3,592,590
Total	\$ 20,564,480
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 15,776,800
Licenses & Permits	525,410
Federal and State Grants	35,000
State-Shared Revenue	1,193,870
Charges for Service	2,062,700
Fines/Forfeitures	312,000
Interest Income	362,900
Other Revenue	95,800
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$ 20,564,480

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing on the proposed City Budget.

G.P.N.: 05/01/2025
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Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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I SAY—SPORTS EDITION By Mike Adzima

Football, cheese and cheeseheads: Adventures in Wisconsin for the NFL Draft



Last week, the Grosse Pointe News and the NFL allowed me the privilege of traveling to Green Bay, Wis., to report on the 2025 NFL Draft, as there were strong connections between this year's draft and the Grosse Pointe area, namely with former Grosse Pointe South football player Willie Johnson being among the field of prospects. It was my first time reporting on an NFL Draft (I attended the draft last year in Detroit, but just as a fan) and only my second time in the state of Wisconsin. It only felt appropriate to share some of my experiences from the draft and my time in America's Dairyland.

Most football fans know Green Bay is the smallest city to be the home of an NFL team. The population is just over 100,000 and, from being there, it seems pretty clear that whether it's the draft or the Green Bay Packers, football is the main attraction of the city. Everything you've heard about

Lambeau Field basically being located in the middle of a suburban neighborhood is true, as you pretty much drive through streets of houses until you suddenly end up at an NFL stadium.

This made for a unique draft experience. Some of you might have seen from viral videos online that Green Bay locals were selling parking spots in their driveways or on their lawns for fans to park for the draft, with some even offering patrons access to their houses to use the bathroom. This certainly was true as almost every house within a mile or more of Lambeau Field and the draft had a parking sign outside.

It was a sign of Midwestern hospitality that one would only expect from a place like Wisconsin and I have to say pretty much every local person I met around the draft was very welcoming. However, since they are Packers fans and I'm a Lions fan, it doesn't mean I have to like them.

I could say the same about most of the other media members I met throughout my two nights in the packed media area inside the convention center, right next to the draft stage. I had a great time getting to know other media members from different markets around the country and talking

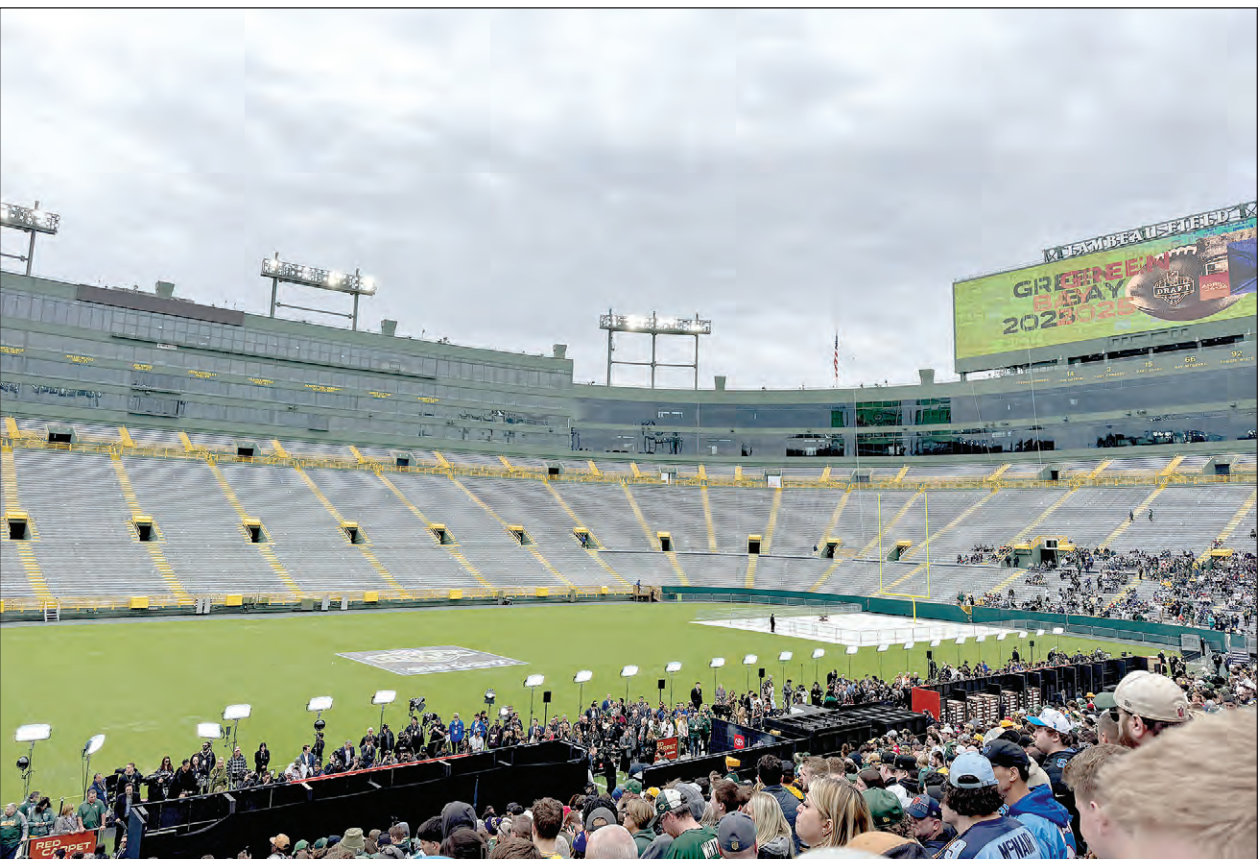


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Green Bay's Lambeau Field set up for the 2025 NFL Draft Red Carpet last Thursday, April 24.

about football with them.

While the draft stage and most of the fanfare were centered around Lambeau Field and the stadium parking lot, it's safe to say the NFL did the best it could with what it had. It was not like Detroit or other big cities that have hosted the draft, where there is a big downtown area to explore around the festivities, but being in the shadow of Lambeau Field gave me more of the feeling that everything about this draft was purely centered

around football.

Of course, one of the things I was most excited about when it came to spending the better part of a week in Wisconsin was the food. I was staying in Appleton, about 30 minutes south of Green Bay, so most of my meals were eaten there. While there might not be much to do in a small city like Appleton, if you somehow find yourself there, just know you will never go hungry.

My first night there, I had a delicious burger from Tanner's Grill and

Bar and washed it down with a pint of Spotted Cow, a famous Wisconsin beer, which turned out to be nothing too special. When you go to Wisconsin, you have to get cheese curds and the ones I had during lunch at Stone Arch Brewhpub in Appleton were probably the best I'll ever have. Unfortunately, the Culver's here in Michigan I go to whenever I have a craving for cheese curds will never be able to compare.

I had a lot of questions

about whether Green Bay was the right place to host such a big event like the NFL Draft and have to admit I was slightly disappointed going into it that my first time covering something like this had to be there. While there may not be much appeal to the area for most people outside of football fans, nobody does an event like this like the NFL. The league was able to make it a spectacle even in its smallest city and I would not trade my experience last week for anything.

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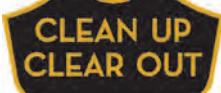
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HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, high school spring sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the varsity action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:

TRACK & FIELD

Grosse Pointe South's boys and girls varsity track and field teams continued their success in dual meets this season, as both stayed undefeated with victories over Grosse Pointe North last Tuesday, April 21. South's boys team defeated the Norsemen 105-32, winning 16 of 17 events on the day, while the Blue Devils' girls team won 95-42 over North.

Additionally, South's girls team earned a major feat last Saturday, April 26, when the team finished in first place at the Steve Johnson Relays hosted by Warren Mott. Highlights included Amy Ezop, Sarah Koval, Chloe Caulfield, and Morgan Costello winning the 4x3200 relay and South's sprint medley team of Jaimison Diamond, Sabine Stackhouse, Evie Baer and Morgan Duff earning a come from behind victory.



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IRON MAN

Grosse Pointe South alumni Dougie Cowan finished seventh place in the male age 18 to 24 age group at an Ironman competition in Texas last week. The finish was high enough to help Cowan qualify for Worlds.

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BACK ON THE DIAMOND

Players from the Cubs and Dodgers in the majors division of the Grosse Pointe Farms City Little League shake hands as the sun sets on Kerby Field last Thursday, April 24, as the teams played in one of the first games of the new Little League season.



BOYS GOLF

Grosse Pointe South varsity boys golf hosted the Blue Devil Invitational at Country Club of Detroit Monday, April 28. All three teams from the Pointes were in action, with South finishing third, University Liggett in sixth and Grosse Pointe North in ninth. Two Pointes golfers did end up finishing under par for the day, with South's Marty Wayman shooting a two-under par 70 and Steve McMahon from Liggett going one-under par at 71.



GIRLS SOCCER

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls soccer earned a win on the road Monday, April 28, taking down Utica 4-1 in a MAC White Division matchup. Brooke Hepner found the back of the net twice while Savannah Spangler and Lila Brundage added the other pair of goals for South in the win.

The Blue Devils went on the road to face Stevenson after press time Wednesday, April 30. They return home Friday, May 2, to host Chippewa Valley at 7 p.m.

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- Removal and replacement of the existing exterior windows
- Installation of associated wood blocking, wood trim, etc.
- Installation of perimeter joint sealants
- Installation of finishes on the interior portions of the windows

Specifications and Bid Forms will be available to Prime Contractors beginning **Thursday, May 8, 2025** by contacting the office of the Architect, Ehresman Architects, via email at architects@ehresmanarchitects.com. The Architect will issue the requesting company(s) electronic (.pdf) files of the Contract Documents including drawings and specifications. The cost of document reproduction will be the responsibility of the requesting party.

Bid documents will also be available for examination (no purchase) at the following locations:

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A **NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid** meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 8 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. (local time)** at Trombly Elementary School; 820 Beaconsfield Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Participants should check in at the Receiving Room at which time the meeting will move to a designated room. It is the contractor's responsibility to review and become familiar with the job site, conditions, etc. prior to submitting its bid to the district. Contact the Director of Facilities, Mr. Ben Matteson at (810) 824-1218 to arrange any subsequent site visits to review the project conditions.

Sealed bids will be due **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (local time)** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Contractor to note that the Central Administration offices are located within Grosse Pointe North High School (South end) but has its own address and entrance.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (located at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the following purpose: Consider rezoning of 20160 Mack Avenue from RO-1 Restricted Office to C Commercial.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's Office (cityclerk@gpwmi.us), up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313-343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmi.us. For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at 313-343-2426 or e-mail building@gpwmi.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 5, 2025

To Qualified Electors of Grosse Pointe Farms City-Wayne County

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Primary Election scheduled for August 5, 2025 is **CANCELLED** due to an insufficient number of candidates.

Derrick Kozicki, City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input on the distribution of the special assessment levy.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's office prior to the hearing date.

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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