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Woods honors top officers

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Helping solve two of the more high profile cases in the area, Detective Miles Adams and Lt. Detective Bureau Commander Keith Waszak recently were honored as Officer of the Year and Supervisor of the Year by the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, respectively.

Both also received department commendations for their work on what Public Safety Director John Kosanke termed the “obit bandit.”

That involved a Detroit

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Farms Sgt. Thom Dionne hands family cat, Bear, to relieved homeowner **Nina Wood**, while she listens to **City Officer Jarod Jones**, in back, remark how the cat’s AirTag was the key to helping locate Bear in the basement. Right, is **Gia Wood**, who is so happy to see her cat is safe.

Lincoln kitchen fire extinguished quickly

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The first officer to arrive on scene to a house fire in the 500 block of Lincoln at 5:27 p.m. Thursday, May 1, opened the front door to plumes of smoke billowing into the yard.

“According to dispatch, the homeowner came

home and found the heavy smoke conditions inside the house when she opened the door,” said Lt. Chris Saunders, incident commander on the scene.

The kitchen fire ignited near the stove and microwave, though no one was at home or cooking at the time. An investigation into the cause was ongoing as of press time.

“We believe a pet could have accidentally bumped the stove, but we’re not 100 percent (certain),” Saunders said. “We’re still investigating everything that occurred.”

Officers were able to extinguish the fire in about 15 minutes, containing the damage to the kitchen, dining room and living room areas.

“It’s an unfortunate situation,” Saunders said. “The only fortunate thing is we had defensive tactics training that day, so we had nine people inside our station. We responded with nine of our own guys on top of our mutual aid, so we were able to get things done pretty quickly.”

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GPFPE presents spring grants

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education awarded more than \$95,000 in grants for its spring cycle during the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, April 28.

“We believe that supporting our students and schools helps build this community,” GPFPE President Cynthia Sohn told the board.

The largest single grant was \$20,000 to ensure all fifth-grade students will be able to attend fifth-grade camp.

Other grants were:

- ◆ First Tee School Program, all elementary schools, \$3,250 (funded by the Lois J. Warden Fund)
- ◆ Chromebooks, Kerby Elementary School, \$7,000
- ◆ Technology for

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1906 portion of 389 St. Clair historic apartments complete

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “Here we are two years later,” developer Brian Giles said, from when the former Cadieux School at 389 St. Clair was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in spring 2023.

The building housed functioning schools until the 1950s and then served as administrative offices for the Grosse Pointe Public School System until 2021. Today, it stands repurposed into a luxury apartment complex known as the Historic Residences at St. Clair. “One of the Grosse Pointe Public School admins, (the kitchen and living space in one of the

second-floor units) used to be her office and she came through last week,” said Jimmy Saros, president and CEO of Saros Real Estate Services. “... She actually worked here for 10 years or something like that, so it was pretty cool to see her reaction to the space now.”

Last Wednesday, an open house was hosted in the section of the building constructed in 1906, celebrating its completion and announcing the units now are leasing. The first tenants are set to move in June 1. “That part of the building is self-contained,” Giles said. “In other words, it is separated by a firewall from the other 12 units that are on the 1918 side. It lays out like a six-flat, which is pretty

common in Chicago. You come in to a center stairwell with units on the left and right on all three floors, hence six units.”

The six units within the 1906 section have similar layouts and are two-bedroom, two-bath — with the exception of the two first-floor units, which are two-bedroom, one-bath.

The features within the center stair common area are historic, as required by the building’s designation. If one looks up when entering the building, a vintage school fire alarm can be found along the left side of the stairwell.

The doors to each unit also are original to the building.

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All doors in the commons areas leading into each unit are original to the building. Frosted glass panels will be installed prior to the June 1 move-in date.

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MedStar wants to pace itself

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — As race car teams gear up for this month’s Indianapolis 500 and the Detroit Grand Prix to follow, they’ll align with a

strategy so old that no one can peg its source: In order to finish first, first you must finish.
It does no good to zip around a racetrack at breakneck speed if by doing so the car breaks down or the driver wrecks

and never crosses the finish line.
The same with operating an ambulance, where the race is for medical treatment and the finish line is a hospital.
“If you wreck an ambulance on the way to a call,

you have an ambulance out of service, a crew injured and still have to send an ambulance to the call,” said Kolby Miller, CEO of MedStar Michigan.
MedStar is contracted to handle ambulance service in Grosse Pointe Park, City, Farms and Woods.

Data being compiled nationwide shows ambulance response time isn’t as vital as common sense presumed it to be, according to Miller.
“A national data set (shows) no — I mean none — (connection) between response time and clinical outcomes,” Miller said. “We’re learning that we’re crashing vehicles; injuring the public, crews and patients trying to meet a standard that doesn’t affect the outcome of the patient.”
What matters is clinical care.
“What matters is the treatment on scene, the communication with the hospital, the right equipment, the right notification — not the time the vehicle shows up in somebody’s driveway,” Miller said. “The real discussion

we should have in this community — and we’re going to facilitate that discussion soon — is do we want to be a community that looks at the national standards or do we want to be a community that continues to focus on response time performance?”
Racing to and fro also is problematic because most emergency medical calls don’t end up requiring critical care.
“We’re responding to 64 percent of our patients (with) lights and siren, and we’re finding that 7 percent of them need emergency care and transport,” Miller said about the Park during 2024. “That’s fairly consistent from what we see. Seventy percent of emergency transport lines up perfectly with national data across the country.”
Part of MedStar’s contract renewal discussions is deemphasizing response time.
“We’re not dangerously racing across town to meet a standard that doesn’t affect outcome,” Miller said.
It’s an industry trend, he said.

“We’ve adopted this race model, racing to the scene and there’s no benefit on the outcome side,” Miller said. “Nobody likes laying on the front porch with a broken ankle. When you’re sick, you want help on the way. But you want that help safely, safe transport to the hospital.”
MedStar is contracted in the Park to respond to calls in an average 6 minutes, 15 seconds.
“The majority of 911 EMS responses do not require a response time under 10 minutes,” according to an April 9, 2024, Joint Position Statement on EMS Performance Measures posted at the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, naemt.org. “Reliance solely on response time performance increases the cost of EMS and the risk of EMS vehicle crashes.”
MedStar is among signers of the position paper.
“The joint position paper from industry associations shows that we probably ought to be looking at other metrics that respond in our EMS decisions,” Miller told members of the Park council April 14. “MedStar

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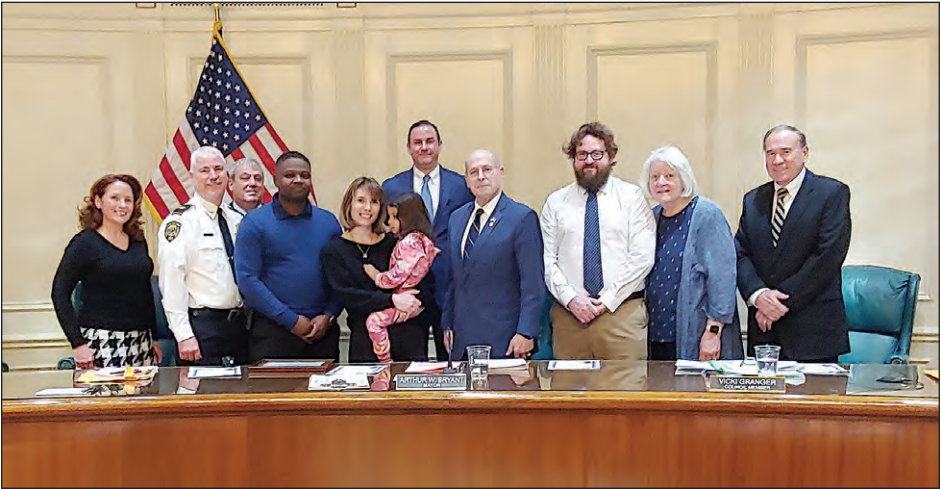


PHOTO BY TED O’NEIL

Detective Miles Adams stands with his wife and daughter, Public Safety Director John Kosanke and city council after being named Officer of the Year in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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man using obituary and estate sale notices to break into homes of the deceased while their funerals were being held.
“When it first happened, I met with the detectives and they were infuriated that someone would do that while those family members were grieving,” Kosanke said. “They put together a plan to catch the guy and they did within three weeks.”
The man eventually confessed to 12 home invasions in metro Detroit, including in the

Woods, Farms and City.
“They worked tirelessly around the clock for six straight days,” Kosanke added.
Detectives from the Woods, City, Farms and Shores worked together on the case and the suspect was arrested by the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team at his home in Detroit.
“He’s now serving time in prison,” Kosanke said. Adams also was involved, along with the FBI, in arresting a Harper Woods resident believed to have sold drugs laced with fentanyl that killed three people in the Woods — including two

sisters — in June 2023.
“I saw right from the beginning his (Adams) drive and conviction,” Kosanke said. “That was another great case brought to justice.”
Adams has been with the department more than seven years, the last three as a detective.
“It’s a relief being able to come to a conclusion and clear cases,” he said. “But it was really a group effort. Everybody had their role.”
Waszak has been with the department just over 25 years.
“I have a desire to serve others and I was looking for something that wasn’t the same thing day in and day out,” he said of his decision to go into law enforcement.
He also had high praise for Adams.
“Miles is a great officer and is always there for others,” he said. “I couldn’t do what I do without the dedication of him and every officer.”

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The historic 1906 Cadieux School reimagined into flats.

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“That’s why it’s not too common to have glass on a (unit entry) door,” said Saros, as is the case at 389 St. Clair, “but they’re going to be all frosted and I think that really plays into the school history of the building here, which is so attractive.”

Unit prices range from \$2,650 to \$3,450 per month. One already is leased, as are an additional three units in the 1918 portion of the building.
“Where we’re getting a lot of the interest is your young professionals before they’re ready to buy in Grosse Pointe, doctors from the hospitals and ... Grosse

Pointers downsizing who have a place down in Florida and whatnot,” Saros said. “And they’re like, ‘Hey, I just need a place here that I can close the door and forget about it and go down to Florida for the winter and come back here and it’s an easy thing to manage.’”
Construction of the 12 units in the 1918 portion of the building is anticipated to be completed near the end of the year.

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‘Touch a Truck’ event open to all Pointers

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Families and children can experience their favorite trucks up close and personal during the Pointes’ first “Touch a Truck” event 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 18, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore. “We are going to have a bunch of big, fun trucks that are all the little children’s favorite things in this community,” said Nora Ezop, board member of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, which is sponsoring the free event in partnership with the city and Pier Park.

Kids are invited to climb aboard the Farms fire truck, police cars, a garbage truck, street sweeper and Pier Park maintenance trucks. K-9 Officer Rocco likely will be included in the festivities, as will an ice cream truck since the park’s concession stand has yet to open for the season.

Though taking place at Pier Park, the “Touch a Truck” event is open to all Grosse Pointe families. “It’s not just for Farms

residents, because I haven’t seen anything like this in this area,” Ezop said, noting the idea was born a few years ago when another parent mentioned a desire to have the event in the community. “I used to take my son and we would have to drive out to Troy, so we wanted to make sure everybody could benefit from this.”

If all goes well, Ezop hopes to make the event an annual summer staple in the community.

“I would love it if this was an every-year fun event,” she said. “So if people have any suggestions, we’re going to have a booth and we’ll be there enjoying the day. People can come up to us, meet us and get more information about the Farms Foundation.”

The foundation, which in recent years supported the new Pier Park playground and pickleball courts, currently is fundraising for a large-scale overhaul of the Pier Park pool complex.

Learn more about the foundation, its ongoing projects and how to get involved at grossepointefarmsfoundation.org.

Right, Farms Officer Mark Laquere breaks a second-floor window to release smoke. Below, an officer checks the fire hose going into the house as plumes of smoke escape the front door.

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RENEE LANDUYT



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As the scene was secured, the family cat, Bear, remained unaccounted for, much to the concern of two young girls residing at the home.

Farms Sgt. Thom Dionne volunteered to re-enter the home alongside City Officer Jarod Jones. The two used the homeowner’s phone to track Bear’s Apple AirTag to where he was

hiding in the basement laundry room.

The family’s two dogs also were removed from the home prior to officers’ arrival and though one ran back in, he promptly was rescued and not in any danger.

“I want to thank Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park for their quick response for mutual aid,” Saunders said. “We were able to get the fire extinguished very quickly and, fortunately, there were no injuries from it.”

WM to host Evening of Red, White & Blue

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Following its 75th anniversary celebration in 2024, The War Memorial this year is zeroing in on the intricate details of its ongoing historic preservation efforts, as it looks toward continuing as a community institution another 75 years.

To contribute toward this vision, community members are invited to An Evening of Red, White & Blue, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, featuring live music by Florella Strings and a four-course dinner by Executive Chef Joe Paxton.

“It’s a wonderful time to gather and really celebrate what this institution has done for this community and how we continue to be a powerhouse in the region,” said Meredith Hanoian, director of fundraising and development. “Growing that influence and continuity in people’s lives is really important to us, so we hope lots of people come to support us.”

The evening begins with a strolling cocktail hour throughout the historic Alger House, followed by dinner and a live auction in the ballroom.

The live auction features eight curated experiences:

- ◆ Private gourmet dinner for 12 in the historic Alger House, provided by Paxton;

◆ Exclusive dinner for six, followed by cocktails and desserts, while sailing Lake St. Clair at sunset;

◆ Private, chauffeured ride to Andiamo’s for a dinner and live show for 10, following a pre-glow reception at The War Memorial;

◆ Four-night, all-inclusive escape for two at a five-star resort in Mexico;

◆ Six-night stay for four in the historic hilltop town of Cortona, Italy, which includes a private in-house chef experience;

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◆ Year-long package of Detroit-area team tickets and memorabilia, including Lions, Tigers, Red Wings, University of Michigan football and more;

◆ and a pair of diamond earrings, courtesy of edmund t. AHEE Jewelers.

Guests also will be treated to a wine pull, as well as a game, for those interested, to locate specific historic elements throughout the home.

A Coast to Coast Raffle offers the winner’s choice of six travel experiences.

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Communities United in Diversity meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- ◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens’ Ice Cream Social, 1 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods rescheduled Senior Citizens’ Commission meeting, 4 p.m.

HW Library to host youth department open house

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Youth Librarian Nicole Norton came to work at the Harper Woods Public Library Monday morning, June 28, 2021, to the sound of water dripping.

Because the library is closed on weekends in the summer, staff was unaware it too fell victim to the historic flooding and pump station failure that backed up into innumerable Grosse Pointe basements overnight into Saturday morning.

Four to six inches of water filled the downstairs children’s area and sat for two days, and receded by the time it was found. Drywall, carpeting and some bottom shelf materials were lost, while the entire children’s collection was placed in storage to make way for extensive repairs that kept the downstairs area closed from June 2021 to May 2024.

The children’s collection already had suffered periods of closure previously thanks to a smaller flood pre-COVID, followed by the pandemic itself, during which the library wasn’t keen to have kids sharing toys and puppets.

Though it reopened in its entirety a year ago

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After several years in storage, the children’s collection is again available to library patrons.



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Unlocking the subconscious

How Bailey Linderman is changing lives through hypnosis

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Grosse Pointe Park resident Bailey Linderman is helping people reconnect with something powerful, yet often overlooked — their own minds. As a certified hypnotherapist and founder of Bloom Hypnosis, Linderman’s work blends science, intuition

and deep empathy, guiding clients toward healing, self-awareness and lasting transformation. Born and raised in Brighton, Linderman’s fascination with the unseen layers of reality began early. “I’ve always been fascinated by the deeper layers of existence,” she said. “Philosophy, science, religion, psychology and metaphysics all

led me to wonder how we truly understand the world — and ourselves. Hypnosis felt like a natural extension of that.” That curiosity became a career. After earning a degree in psychology from Eastern Michigan University, Linderman immersed herself in the study of hypnosis. She sought not only formal training — eventually receiving certification from the Mandel Hypnosis Academy — but also real-world mentorship and community insight. “I attended conferences, spoke to experienced hypnotherapists and spent countless hours learning independently,” she said. “I wanted to understand not just the techniques, but how to apply them with emotional intelligence and empathy.” Today, Linderman helps people work through issues ranging from addiction and anxiety to sports psychology, eating disorders, chronic pain, confidence and even spiritual healing. But her approach is far from formulaic. “Every person is different, so every session is unique,” she said. “I’ve had clients come in without any ‘problems.’ They’re just looking to elevate their life. It’s all about meeting them exactly where they are.” She even provides personalized audio record-

ings of each session, allowing clients to revisit the work and reinforce their transformation on their own time. When asked about her most meaningful success story, Linderman shared the journey of a client she’s worked with for more than a year. “Most people see results quickly, but with him, we were able to go even deeper,” she said. “He has demonstrated significant healing in afflictions such as insomnia, chronic stress, physical maladies like IBS, and he has made powerful progress in many other areas of his life. To watch him evolve into the person he always wanted to be, and knowing I played a part in that, has truly been special.” Despite common misconceptions, Linderman insists hypnosis isn’t necessarily like it’s portrayed on television. “In fact, watching TV is a kind of hypnosis,” she added. “The real experience is similar to guided meditation — you’re calm, relaxed, focused. I’m not taking over your mind; I’m helping you access the part of you that already knows what you need.” When she’s not guiding others through deep inner work, Linderman recharges through creative and spiritual expression. She enjoys abstract painting, meditating and long walks in nature. Her artistic sensibilities come honestly — her father is a professional artist — and she channels that same cre-



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Bailey Linderman is a certified hypnotherapist and founder of Bloom Hypnosis.



Linderman visited Hocking Hills with her family when she came across a waterfall. “I found this little waterfall and honestly couldn’t help myself; I had to stand under it,” she said. “It felt so refreshing and fun. ... It was such a cool, energizing moment, like nature’s way of giving me a fresh start.”



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riences spanning a stay for six in Orlando; Hilton Head seaside adventure; visit to wine country in Napa, Calif.; New York City Broadway experience; golfing in Indianapolis for four; and whiskey tasting in Nashville. “(The) six different trips span sea to shining sea across America, a little nod to our patriotic roots,” Hanoian said.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

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An orange bicycle was found on a Chalfonte sidewalk at 2:18 p.m. Wednesday, April 30.

Stopped in tracks

A 29-year-old Detroit man halted an attempted theft of his vehicle in progress at 11:41 a.m. Wednesday, April 30.

While working at a home on Lakeshore as a landscaping company employee, the man returned to his vehicle parked on the street to find a stranger in the front seat searching through the center console.

The suspect said he was sent there to search for something and then fled in a 2009 Ford Focus.

Debt collection

A debt collector reached out to a 31-year-old Farms man Thursday, May 1, regarding \$8,736.12 worth of Verizon Wireless charges fraudulently in his name and address.

Life insurance

More than \$8,000 fraudulently has been transferred from a 59-year-old Farms man's savings account to an alleged life insurance company since February 2023.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Window smashed

Police logged the smashed window of a pickup truck parked in the 1300 block of Bedford as malicious destruction of property.

An officer patrolling the block noticed the damage at 3:50 a.m. Monday, April 28.

"The driver-side rear window was broken out," the officer reported.

There is no known suspect.

Truck taken

A 2021 Dodge Durango was stolen while parked curbside overnight Wednesday, April 30, in the 1200 block of Maryland.

"Broken glass (was) observed where (the) vehicle was parked," according to police.

Larceny from garage

On Saturday, May 3, an

unknown thief or thieves stole a red Craftsman weed whip and black Boardwalk Cruiser women's bicycle, combined value \$250, from an unlocked garage in the 1300 block of Maryland.

Aid to City

Park firefighters helped City of Grosse Pointe counterparts put out a kitchen fire in the 500 block of Lincoln late afternoon Thursday, May 1.

Park forces dispatched a tower truck and pumper to the scene at 5:30 p.m.

"Flames and smoke were coming from the house upon arrival," according to a Park officer. "Two dogs and a cat were rescued."

See full story, page 1A.

Aid to Farms

Police will use means other than a high-speed car chase to track down the would-be thief of landscaping equipment in the Farms on Wednesday, April 30.

Members of a commercial lawn crew reported seeing the suspect trying to enter their truck, then speed away in a black 2009 Ford Focus.

A Park sergeant

attempted to stop the Focus at the intersection of St. Paul and Maryland. Pursuit extended to the area of Mack Avenue and Connor in Detroit, where the Park officer called it off.

Park police think the suspect, whom they didn't describe, is the registered owner of the getaway car.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Liquor theft x 2

A 68-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested last week on two counts of felony fraud for stealing liquor from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval on two separate occasions in December 2024.

Jury duty scam

A Grosse Pointe woman received several calls Friday, May 2, from a scammer claiming to be a Wayne County sheriff's deputy. The suspect claimed the woman

missed jury duty and needed to pay \$5,500 to avoid being arrested.

The woman recognized it was a scam and did not comply.

Dine & dash

A man and woman walked out of a restaurant in the 16000 block of Kercheval without paying their \$26 tab, after their card was declined at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No insurance

A 35-year-old Detroit woman was ticketed for no insurance after being pulled over on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore around 2:15 a.m. Saturday, May 3.

She initially was stopped for speeding and told officers she didn't have vehicle insurance because it is too expensive.

Her 2009 Dodge Charger was impounded.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Fail

Several marks were left on a vehicle sitting in a driveway in the 2000 block of Brys sometime before 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 28.

The report said it appeared someone was trying to break the driver's side rear window to either steal the vehicle or its contents.

Scam

After calling what she thought was Venmo customer support the afternoon of Wednesday, April 30, to contest an \$83 charge to her account she didn't authorize, a Roslyn resident gave scammers remote control of her phone as \$1,495 in transactions occurred.

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

MEDSTAR:

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in Michigan is leading the effort. It is something that, as we talk about protecting our public safety providers, is an important discussion. When that conference is scheduled for southeast Michigan, you'll certainly be invited."

"It's worth investigating," Park Manager Nick Sizeland said.

He and other city officials based their consideration, in part, on residents' satisfaction with MedStar's performance since taking over the city's ambulance runs 1 1/2 years ago.

"There were no service or clinical complaints received in 2024," Miller said. "We use an independent patient satisfaction survey."

Results last year were 98.1 percent positive, he said.

"I've heard about this kind of change to the (performance) standard," said John Alcorn, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director. "It makes sense because whenever you're driving with lights and siren in emergency fashion, it can be dangerous. You never know how other drivers are going to react and it's catastrophic if you have an ambulance accident that completely takes them out of service."

Alcorn also looks at the question from the patient's perspective.

"If you've ever needed an emergency medical response and are in pain, a minute feels like an hour," he said. "It matters. I agree with the model that puts appropriate resources in the right place at the right time as quickly as we can."

Farms Manager Shane Reeside said he and Miller have discussed different response models.

"Intuitively it seems to make sense," Reeside

said. "You don't necessarily want an ambulance screaming to a scene, lights and siren on, going through red lights for somebody who is down with an ankle sprain. But with critical incidents, they respond in the quickest fashion. A different model requires education not only from ambulance crews, but also dispatchers about how to identify responses and public education as well. It's something we'll be discussing further in the near future."

In Grosse Pointe Woods, MedStar is about one year into its latest three-year contract.

"I have had no complaints about MedStar service," said Frank Schulte, city manager. "They've done a very good job for us."

He said reducing the risk of ambulance wrecks makes sense.

"It sounds like a good idea to slow down and not get into an accident and hurt somebody on the way to the hospital," Schulte said. "It depends on the priorities of the patient. Police don't chase people for stolen cars anymore. It's the same theory."

Accurate ambulance crash data is sort of hit or miss.

"There is currently no national process or requirement for reporting ambulance crashes," according to "Development of a Comprehensive National Ambulance Crash Data Collection Platform to Better Understand Current Crashes and Guide Future Preventive Strategies," by the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council posted at ems.gov. "It is unclear whether ambulance crashes are consistently identified as a separate entity within the myriad of current systems used to collect crash data."

Nevertheless:

◆ The National Safety Council reported 5.5 out of 100,000 wrecks of ambulances when operating with lights and sirens, while seven out of 100,000 crashes happened without lights and sirens.

◆ Some 47.5 percent of fatal crashes happen during emergency use, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

◆ From 2012 to 2018, there were an average 28.4 fatal ambulance crashes per year and 92.6

percent of all ambulance crashes were caused by operator-driver error, according to "Analysis of Ground Ambulance Crash Data From 2012 to 2018," by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Expert reviewers noted that lights and sirens were often used in situations that were not recommended according to best-practice guidelines," according to the study.

◆ Other organizations report ambulances being involved in 6,500 acci-

dents causing 2,600 injuries and 33 deaths per year.



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OUR VIEW

Trombly redeaux

We are a bit perplexed as to why the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will be taking a second vote on the future of currently vacant Trombly Elementary School (see story, page 9A).

We thought the matter was clearly settled when the board voted unanimously at its first meeting in April to get the building up to code as quickly as possible for future use by the district in some capacity.

Trustee Clint Derringer made the motion after a presentation about a recent survey aimed at determining how many children birth to age 9 live in the Trombly catchment area.

Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said estimates show it will take about \$6 million to accomplish the motion's task. The money is intended to come from the \$120 million bond renewal if it passes on the Nov. 4 ballot.

"We can't open it for the 2025-26 school year, even if the bond passes," she said at the time. "But if it's going to remain in our inventory, we need to maintain it. If it's not brought up to speed now, it may not happen."

Before Mr. Derringer made his motion, the board discussed if there was a need for a more formal resolution.

"It's clear, cut and dried," Mr. Derringer said at the time. "We can do it tonight."

So no need for the resolution, right? Wrong. For some reason board President Colleen Worden introduced a resolution for a first reading at the board's meeting Monday, April 28. It is scheduled for a vote May 13.

Ms. Worden said at the time she formalized the resolution because she did not think the survey results warranted re-opening Trombly as an elementary school at this time.

The survey, conducted by Lansing-based Epic/MRA, found 396 students in 227 houses in the catchment area age 9 or younger.

The survey had some interesting results:

◆ Among children ages 5 to 9 in the Trombly catchment area, 20 percent attend either a private or parochial school or are homeschooled,

◆ 70 percent of those parents said they would choose Trombly if it reopened as an elementary school and

◆ 71 percent of parents in the catchment area with children attending Defer Elementary said they would switch to Trombly if it reopened.

We found it very interesting that if Trombly were to reopen as a preschool, 86 percent of parents with children too young for kindergarten said they would send their children there.

That meshes exactly with what Mr. Derringer said after making his motion: "We're at a time when there's a great need for pre-K classrooms. Demand is up and our capacity is down. We have a tremendous opportunity to make that building as efficient as possible."

Trustees Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, and Ginny Jeup raised concerns about some of the wording in the resolution. In particular, this section: "The board recognizes the importance of maintaining the facility in a condition that would allow for its return to elementary school use should significant enrollment increases warrant such a transition in the future."

Mr. Cotton questioned if that meant a significant enrollment increase districtwide or just for Trombly. Our hope is that the resolution is not intended to solicit "no" votes from the two trustees who have shown the most support for reopening the school.

We also find it interesting that the Grosse Pointe



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OUR VIEW

Happy Mother's Day!

There's an old joke about a husband approaching his wife at the kitchen sink as she does dishes after a celebratory Mother's Day meal. "You should not have to do that on Mother's Day," he says, hugging her. The wife smiles, thinking he was going to take over, then hears him say, "Leave that for tomorrow."

We hope husbands and fathers and children old enough to wash dishes will not be so insensitive come Sunday, or even expect Mom to prepare the meal in the first place. That is where a backyard barbecue comes into play or brunch at one of the many fine restaurants we enjoy all over the Pointes.

Unless, of course, there is a particular dish Mom enjoys so much that she just knows no one else can make it like her. Sort of like one of those recipes that is passed down through the generations but never written down.

As for the history of Mother's Day, it has quite a varied past.

Ann Reeves Jarvis in the mid-1800s organized Mothers' Day Work Clubs in West Virginia to combat unsanitary living conditions and teach younger mothers about child care. Not exactly the relaxing, dote-on-Mom kind of day we have come to know.

Jarvis after the Civil War then proposed a Mothers' Friendship Day to promote peace among former Union and Confederate families.

Julia Ward Howe in 1870 called for a Mother's Day for Peace, dedicated to celebrating peace and the eradication of war. Kind of ironic given she penned the words to the Civil War anthem, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Park City Council passed its own resolution calling on GPPSS to spend \$12.6 million to refurbish Trombly. We appreciate their unwavering dedication to do what they think is best for their constituents, but we will leave the monetary decision up to the district, which best knows its facilities and finances.

As for that survey, Park officials and the good people from Trombly United are convinced it fell short of the real number of youngsters in the Trombly area. They planned to reveal their data at a town hall meeting that was scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Grosse Pointe North High School, which was after press time.

Unfortunately, they would not share even a ballpark figure with us, even though we promised it would be embargoed until after the meeting.

Stay tuned.

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POINTER POLL

What's your Mother's Day gifting plan?

Time together 46%

Brunch or Dinner 24%

Flowers 17%

Jewelry 13%

Anna M. Jarvis picked up where her mother left off after she died in 1905 and took things a step forward by calling for a national holiday to honor mothers. Now that sounds more like what we are used to.

"I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother's day commemorating her for the matchless service she renders to humanity in every field of life," she once said, according to almanac.com. "She is entitled to it."

We could not agree more.

The idea spread in popularity with various states passing their own laws and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

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LETTERS

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Beyond the GP norms

To the Editor:

In Grosse Pointe, we value thoughtful leadership and respect for the democratic process. That is why many longtime residents are rightly concerned about the direction of our school board under its current majority.

President Colleen Worden built her platform by criticizing prior boards. For two years, she and Trustee Valarie St. John cast themselves as champions of transparency and open debate. But now that they hold the gavel, their approach has changed.

The new "board norms" being pushed are not about improving behavior. They are about controlling speech and silencing dissent. These policies would restrict trustees from sharing their views with the public, limit when and how questions can be asked, and direct all communication through

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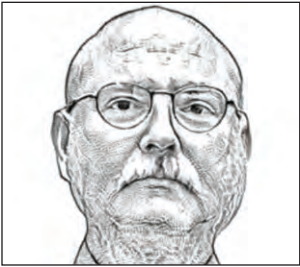
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I SAY By Ted O’Neil



Staying connected

I am part of a group of four buddies who have known each other since first grade. Actually, I’ve known one of them since kindergarten. So basically a little more than 50 years. We have our 40th high school reunion coming up this summer. Go Lakeview Huskies! We don’t get together as often as we’d like due to schedules and whatnot, but we do keep in touch via a group text chat. The contents of said chat might possibly make your eyes burn if you ever read some of it, but that’s what guys

do: We rip on each other. Guys who have known each other a long time who don’t bring up each other’s faults aren’t really friends, they’re just acquaintances. We were finally able to coordinate schedules and get together for dinner a few weeks ago. It was a great time, but we had no idea we’d be seeing each other again so soon. The next week the bad news arrived by text, one of the guys lost his father. We knew it was coming, as he’d kept us informed of failing health both of his parents were facing, but it still hit hard. We may have spent as much time at each other’s houses growing up as we did our own. But while we’re tough on each other, we’re also there for each other: visita-tion/funeral/graveside/lun-

cheon. It of course also reminded me of the deaths of my parents. Dad died when I was in seventh grade and mom passed on while I was in college. I was jealous for a number of years at friends whose parents were still alive. So many life achievements my folks weren’t around for, especially the births of my two children. But as the years have gone on, I’ve also felt bad for those who face so many difficulties with aging parents and the myriad problems they deal with. Before heading off to Lakeview, the four of us went to St. Germaine Catholic School, which now is sadly closed and the parish is Our Lady of Hope after combining with

the former St. Gertrude Catholic Church. Also in our little, close-knit neighborhood was the family of none other than the Rev. Jim Bilot, pastor at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He celebrated the funeral Mass at the former St. Germaine’s and gave a very touching homily. I especially smiled when he talked about how all the kids in the neighborhood were well behaved because this was back in the day when if someone else’s parents said something about behavior, it was just like your parents saying it. I recall the summer after freshman year of college when I bought my first car, a used Honda Civic wagon. I went over to my buddy’s house and his late dad, a



COURTESY PHOTOS

Above, the four amigos enjoying dinner last month at The Bricks Pizzeria. Below, three of us in our younger, rebel-without-a-clue days.



he also was cool enough to let us sneak a beer or two from the downstairs fridge once in a while. I hope all of you have lifelong friends who recall that stupid thing you did in junior high or the time the same girl turned you down for the homecoming dance — two years in a row. If you had friends like that and have lost touch, I recommend reconnecting. The smiles and the laughter truly is like medicine.

MOTHER’S:

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Jarvis, however, became dismayed to see how commercialized it went on to become, fighting for its removal until her death in 1948.

Commercialized? Now that really sounds like what we are used to. Speaking of which, how do you plan to celebrate Mom this year? According to our reader poll (see opposite page), almost half of you, 46 percent, will do so spend-

ing time together. A brunch or dinner came in at 24 percent (remember, NO dishes for Mom!), while flowers and jewelry notched 17 percent and 13 percent, respectively. Nationally, spending will be around \$34 billion, with the average

gift(s) coming in around \$250. Flowers and cards remain the most popular gifts, at about 74 percent according to recent surveys from the National Retail Federation. That is followed by special outings, perhaps brunch or

even a spa day, at around 60 percent. Some moms might not even want gifts. Some say they prefer some quiet time to recharge their batteries, be that a relaxing bath, a quiet walk, reading a book or catching up on their

favorite podcast. So whatever you do, even if it means just spending quality time together, make sure you let the moms in your life know how much you love them. And keep it up the other 364 days of the year.

LETTERS:

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tightly managed channels. Trustee Ginny Jeup was recently blocked from asking questions about legal counsel. Committee appointments are now handled privately and important votes are rushed with little to no discussion. This is not unity. It is consolidation of power. The people of Grosse Pointe are not interested in political games. They expect honest, independent leadership that respects public input. They want trustees who think for themselves and are not afraid to speak up when something feels wrong. Thankfully, we still have voices like Ginny Jeup and Sean Cotton, who stand for transparency and accountability. They understand that disagreement is not disorder — it is democracy. On May 13, the school board will vote on these norms. It will be a defining moment. The public deserves to see who supports free speech and who votes to silence it. Let’s make sure Grosse Pointe remains a place where open dialogue is respected and democratic values still matter. KATE HOPPER Grosse Pointe Farms

A critical concern
To the Editor:
Did you know there is a proven way to shrink dependence on social services; require less spe-

cial education, remediation and being held back in our schools; boost family stability; and improve health outcomes? All of these are documented outcomes of investments in high-quality early childhood education. On April 16, a Washington Post article revealed that the White House’s budget proposal would eliminate funding for Head Start. Head Start is a federal-to-local program that serves families living in poverty. It provides high-quality education and care for children birth to age 5, and connects families to the support and resources they need to overcome poverty for good. If Head Start was defunded, over 750,000 of our nation’s most at-risk children would lose access to early learning and enter kindergarten unprepared. They would also lose nutritious meals, vision, hearing and developmental screenings and dental care.

Without a reliable federal commitment to Head Start, hundreds of thousands of parents and caregivers wouldn’t be able to go to work, especially in rural communities where Head Start is often the only access to child care. In other words, defunding Head Start would cut a vital lifeline for our nation’s children and families by eliminating a bridge to stability and self-sufficiency. For these children and families, the American dream would become unattainable. This is not a partisan issue. We all know that quality care and education for our youngest learners is critical. Head Start strengthens families and boosts local economies. Contact your representatives in Congress and urge them to invest in children, families and Head Start. RACHEL HUTCHISON City of Grosse Pointe

Why the rush?
To the Editor:
As a longtime watcher of the Grosse Pointe

school board and its committees, the collapse of the policy process under Valarie St. John, chair of the policy committee, is disgraceful. It is also no surprise. The most recent example is the forced passage of a new advertising policy at the last board meeting. Trustees Ginny Jeup and Sean Cotton raised serious objections, not to the idea of advertising, but to how it was handled. The policy was pushed forward without proper review, without providing all the information necessary for discussion and without any interest in building consensus. Valarie and the four trustees who vote with her ignored all of it and rammed the policy through anyway. Why the rush? Why ignore standard board procedures? Why completely dismiss two trustees elected by this community? This is not leadership.

It is not democracy. It is political control at any cost. Valarie St. John ran on promises of transparency and fair process. Now she shuts down debate and buries disagreement. The policy committee, once a place for thoughtful input, now feels like a staging ground to push predetermined outcomes. Decisions appear to be made before the meeting even starts. Public input does not matter. Minority trustees do not matter. This is not the Grosse Pointe way. It is an insult to every resident who

believes our schools should be governed with honesty, balance and respect. Trustees Ginny Jeup and Sean Cotton are standing up and speaking out and for that they are being shut down. That is the reality. It is time for this community to open its eyes. Ask who is benefiting from this abuse of power and who is being silenced. Because if this is how fellow trustees are treated, what will they do when you disagree? CHERYL DENMAN Grosse Pointe Park

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Officers awarded for going above and beyond

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A host of officers were recognized with a unit citation last month, for an around-the-clock sting operation that culminated in the arrest of a 44-year-old Detroit man who broke into homes of the recently deceased across metro Detroit by scoping out obituaries.

The 24-hour undercover surveillance operation, labeled Operation Reaper, went on for six days and included officers from the City, Woods, Shores and Farms. The suspect was arrested at his home in March 2024.

“This man is now in prison for two years and nine months, minimum,” Public Safety Director John Alcorn reported. “There’s other charges pending. He preyed on a lot of innocent people at a very difficult

time, targeting homes after people lost a loved one.”

City officers receiving a unit commendation for taking part in Operation Reaper are Detective Sgt. Joe Adams, Lt. Alan Gwyn, Lt. Tom Martindale, Detective Mike Narduzzi, Sgt. Justin Strohmeyer, Sgt. Chris Saunders and officers Joshua Ina, Jarod Jones, Jacob Gentile, Austin Giarmo, Mark Dombrowski, Andrew Prueter, Jacob Carpenter, Andre Jones and Steven Mukavec.

Alcorn presented the 2024 public safety awards before city council Monday, April 21, including another unit citation for the arrest of four suspects who had just committed at least four thefts from vehicles one early morning in December 2024.

“As the story was told to me,” Alcorn said, “Officer Gentile was reporting for work

at 1 a.m. for an overtime shift and I was told he said, ‘Don’t worry, guys. I’m going to get them.’ And a few minutes later, he did just that.”

Gentile spotted the suspects’ vehicle while on patrol and though they fled, the suspects ultimately crashed and ran on foot.

“Officers from Grosse Pointe City, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods caught them all, including the two that started going door to door, knocking on doors because they were freezing,” Alcorn said. “So, that’s another great arrest.”

Honored for the arrests are Gentile, Andre Jones, Dombrowski, Giarmo, Adams and Sgt. Michael Herrgott.

The third and final unit citation for 2024 was awarded to Saunders, Mukavec and Gentile for using the depart-

ment’s drone to assist Grosse Pointe Park officers in tracking down another crew committing thefts from vehicles.

Herrgott also received an individual citation for assisting Eastpointe police who were chasing a stolen car down Mack. Herrgott deployed stop sticks to end the car chase and all three occupants of the vehicle were taken into custody.

The department’s annual MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) award was given to Gentile for making the most drunken driving arrests in 2024.

“I say this every year and I mean it,” Alcorn said. “These arrests are life-saving work. Every time a drunk driver is arrested, it’s possible that the officer stopped him from killing himself or killing somebody else.”

Adams also received an individual commendation for work

through his role as part of the United States Secret Service Cyber Forensics Task Force. Using the tools and skills from the joint arraignment, he contributed to an organized crime stolen car case where 30 suspects were identified and 18 were arrested, one of whom was the man charged with the murder of Oakland County Deputy Bradley Reckling on June 22. Reckling was investigating three suspects in the stolen car ring when he was killed.

“The agencies that worked together on the case, they put this challenge coin together and the proceeds of the sales of this went to Deputy Reckling’s family,” Alcorn said. “It was an honor they included Grosse Pointe City on (the coin) for Detective Adams’ work. So, we’re really proud of the part that he played.”

Woods considers raising water, sewer rates

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council is considering raising water and sewer rates for the first time in eight years.

The move comes after the Great Lakes Water Authority and the Southeast Michigan Sanitary District announced price hikes of 4.7 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively.

“This is a little different

due to a big event with GLWA,” said Kyle Seidel of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the city’s engineering consultants. “When GLWA took over Detroit’s water, they agreed not to increase rates more than 4 percent per year. That ended and now they can.”

Seidel presented two options to council at its meeting Monday, April 28.

“The first is no increase, which would result in a \$1.8 million deficit in the water and sewer fund,” he said. “That would probably mean a large increase next year that would likely exceed 11 percent.”

The second option would be an increase of 8.7 percent. Even with the increase, a projected 2.3 percent drop in water sales would still mean a \$1.1 mil-

lion deficit.

“Although that would still have an impact on cash reserves, future increases would be estimated at less than 3 percent a year,” Seidel said.

The average residential customer, using 4,000 gallons of water per month, would see an increase of about \$12 per two-month billing period.

During the past eight

years, while the city has not raised rates, GLWA has passed on a cumulative 20.5 percent increase for water and 11.8 percent for sanitary to its customers.

“We estimated the cost out to fiscal year 2032 and we have to assume at least a 4 percent increase from GLWA annually,” Seidel said. “The city also is looking at a 20-year trend

downward of water purchases.”

One benefit for the city is its water tower.

“GLWA charges based on max day and peak hour,” Seidel added. “You fill your tower at night when the rates are cheaper.”

Council, sitting as committee of the whole, voted 6-0 to refer the matter to the full council, with Councilwoman Vicki Granger excused.

— Ted O’Neil

LIBRARY:

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this month, the library has struggled to regain its clientele.

“There’s already this pattern of people not attending libraries as much and that just contributed to it,” Youth Librarian Kelly Guyman said, “because once you get out of the habit of going, it’s really hard to recapture that audience. We lost a lot of regular patrons due to that.”

Guyman finds that many Harper Woods residents are unaware the library’s children’s services are back up and running — a concern which served as the catalyst for a youth department open house planned 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May

17, at the Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper Avenue.

Celebrating the department’s first year back open, the event will feature the live painting of a mural created by local teens in collaboration with a local muralist, as well as scavenger hunts, an obstacle course and treats.

“It’s going to be a celebration that we’re back, because a lot of people just don’t know that we’re open when you’re closed for so long and so intermittently,” Guyman said.

The mural, led by Harper Woods muralist Katie Hammond, will be painted above bookshelves in the library’s teen section — an area which currently features dated posters promoting Twilight, Harry Potter

and Emma Watson.

The vision is to split the mural into sections displaying various genres, such as sci-fi and fantasy, while incorporating a running theme of trees and forestry to represent Harper Woods.

“We have seven teenagers who signed up to help,” Guyman said. “(Katie’s) putting together a design now based on input from the teens, who are all local. She’ll be projecting it, tracing it out and then they’ll paint it together.”

Among the free services in the children’s department, the library offers Thursday storytime from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., regularly scheduled arts and crafts afternoons, a summer reading program and a collection of VOX books,



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Youth Librarian Kelly Guyman holds a copy of “Suffragette: The Battle for Equality” by David Roberts.

which include audio so children can hear the words as they read along.

The Harper Woods Library also is accessible to residents of Grosse Pointe, Detroit, St. Clair Shores and more. It recently joined the MyLibrary program, which means anyone in participating communities and in good standing with their home library are welcome to peruse and check out print materials in Harper Woods.

“What we still have in the works is our heritage room, which is downstairs,” Guyman noted. “It’s basically like our archive and it has all of the archival photography and maps and artifacts. We got the children’s area up and running, but that’s something else to look forward to.”



Five-year-old Sonshine Fletcher reads “Maya’s Blanket” by Monica Brown in the new cubbies located on both sides of the stairs going down to the children’s area.

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Brownell students to perform in ‘Mary Poppins JR.’

Brownell Middle School will present “Mary Poppins JR.” at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 8, and Friday, May 9. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$1 for former Brownell students. They can be purchased at gpbrownell.seatyourself.biz/ or at the door. From left are Bentley Karcher as Michael Banks, Lillian Stine as Jane Banks, Ben Walls as Bert, Olivia Gibb as Mary Poppins, Gavin Bethell as George Banks and Charlie Cursi as Winifred Banks. The 70-minute show features a cast of 85.



COURTESY PHOTO

GPA, ULS enjoy History Day success

THE GROSSE POINTES — Several students from The Grosse Pointe Academy and University Liggett School took top awards in the Michigan History Day state finals last month.

The theme was “rights and responsibilities in history.”

ULS sophomore Ava Noecker was selected to compete in the National History Day competition in Maryland next month for her performance of “Solitaire,” a one-person play she wrote from the standpoint of a prisoner in solitary confinement that explores prison reform.

Natalie Greene, also a sophomore at Liggett, earned national alternate honors for her website, “Classrooms Through Time: How Rights and Responsibilities for Students in Education Have Changed,” which explores the evolution of access to education for groups such as women, minorities and students with disabilities.

Greene will be able to attend the national competition if another finalist in her category is unable to compete.

Elliot Hemler, a ULS fifth grader, took first place for best entry in the use of family history for his documentary on Akin Holloway, his great-great-great-great-grandfather who fought for the Union during the Civil War. It also garnered second place in the youth individ-



Audrey Darke



Natalie Greene



Elliot Hemler



Ava Noecker

ual documentary category.

“Every year, I am astonished by where students take these projects,” said Chris Hemler, Cynthia N. Ford Chair of History and the Social Studies at Liggett. “Our students are capable of incredible research, analysis and communication when given the structure and space to explore.”

Hemler was named teacher of the year by the Michigan Historical Society.

Two teams of fifth graders from GPA took the top two spots in the youth group exhibit category.

Finishing first for their

project on the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel were Alexandra Provenzano, Jake Reizen and Madeline Wolney.

In second for their project about the Detroit Institute of Arts were Laina Abud and Julius Wiener.

Also from GPA, seventh grader Audrey Darke qualified for the national competition in The Great History Challenge, being held in Orlando over Memorial Day weekend. That began with online competitions in January and February, followed by regional in-person competitions from February through April.



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Construction underway for Full Circles’s resale shop

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Participants in Full Circle Foundation’s TEAM 26 program recently donned hard-hats and safety glasses to kick off construction at 15415 E. Jefferson, the future home of the Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop.

Armed with sledgehammers, they knocked holes in walls to officially start demolition, though Full Circle founder Mary Fodell took the first swing.

“It was a fun event,” said Stephanie DiVirgil, Full Circle director of operations. “It made it more special that our group was involved.”

TEAM 26 is just one facet of Full Circle, which supports activities that foster self-worth and independence in people with disabilities by providing opportunities to contribute and participate productively in the community.

In December, Full Circle announced the news it had received a \$4 million grant from the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation to purchase two new buildings in Grosse Pointe Park. Construction on the first building started last month.

Preparing for Demo Day involved bringing architect Rob Wood & Associates to the facility, which, it was discovered, had layer upon layer of ceiling tiles.

“There were five layers of ceiling,” DiVirgil said. “You would remove a few tiles and look up and



see another layer of tiles. ... Kellett Builders removed most of the layers, but for the actual full building demo, we went with Connell Building Co.”

First steps

Following an April 30 visit to the site, DiVirgil provided a progress report.

“They are moving fast,” she said, noting construction on the store is expected to take five or six months. “We hope to have a grand opening in the fall, probably September or early October. As the building continues to get finished, we’ll likely have fun VIP events before it opens to the public.”

The building that will

house the resale store measures 5,600 square feet, which is approximately the same size as Full Circle’s current location, which houses every aspect of the nonprofit — the store plus administrative offices, two community classrooms, a handful of micro-enterprises, a small kitchen, meeting room and limited storage space.

“This 5,600 square feet is going to be the store only,” DiVirgil said. “With the extra room we’ll be able to offer kids’ clothes. ... We’re excited to enter that market. We’ll also have small furniture and household goods. Overall we’ll have more merchandise on a daily basis.”

Currently, the bulk of the shop’s inventory is stored in the gymnasium at the former Trombly Elementary School.

“We have 80 full racks of clothes there,” DiVirgil said. “We’ve run out of racks and so there are also piles and piles of clothes that have been sorted and are sellable.”

“The beautiful part about this new building is a full basement with another 5,600 square feet, so we can store more onsite, with an elevator,” she added. “This will streamline everything for us.”

Plans also include knocking out a window to make a door in the rear of the building, “so people can drive up and we’ll receive their donations right into the sorting room.”

“Most importantly, the extra space is going to offer many more job training opportunities



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Left, Stephanie DiVirgil, left, and Mary Fodell were among participants during Demo Day April 17. Above, members of Full Circle’s TEAM 26 program grabbed sledgehammers and put holes in walls as part of Demo Day.

for our guys,” DiVirgil said. “Now, unfortunately, our space is so limited we really can’t have more than two people working on something. With the new building, we can have two adults and one job coach sorting, three adults and one job coach in the store, more in the basement selling clothing on Poshmark and eBay. The extra space gives us so much more opportunity to have more adults participate.”

There also will be additional space for parking.

“Overall, the whole campus has over 85 parking spots,” DiVirgil said. “Currently, on Mack, parking is a problem. There’s Full Circle staff, Community Campus teachers and aides and customers all fighting for same 10 parking spots. Plus Lunchbox Deli is down the street. Customers are going to be really excited about that too.”

Up next

Around the time the store is completed, construction will start on the second building of the Full Circle Foundation—A. A. Van Elslander Campus. While Henry Ford Ophthalmology still operates at 15401 E. Jefferson, they are expected to vacate in September, allowing Full Circle to start renovations on the Full Circle Foundation Innovation Center.

“That building is going to house foundation offices and our programs,” DiVirgil said. “We’ll have a TEAM 26 lounge and a multipurpose area with tables for crafts and other projects. There’s a beautiful conference room already there that we’ll use.”

“The entire back end of the building will be the Grosse Pointe Public School System



Sam Wilk is all smiles as he participates in Demo Day.

Community Campus classrooms,” she continued. “We’re thrilled that our partnership with the school system will continue. They’re involved, working with the architect to create a space that’s ideally what they want to see. Now we have two classrooms; we’d like to have four.”

The new building also will house a teachers’ lounge, sensory space and state-of-the-art learning kitchen.

“This building is 14,500 square feet,” DiVirgil noted. “This is a total dream. What’s even cooler is there’s a full basement so there’s another 14,500 square feet underground. It was recently redone and is in beautiful shape.”

The basement includes a large area DiVirgil described as a built-in gymnasium.

“We’re going to be putting in gym-grade flooring and we hope to invest in workout machines at some point. We’ll put a stage down there, too, with curtains and the

right acoustics.”

The stage, she noted, would serve the Full Circle Choir, but she also hopes to partner with other community groups, potentially even renting space to other nonprofits.

“The opportunities are endless with this building and location,” she said, noting the projected opening of the innovation center is the start of the 2026-27 school year.

How to help

While the buildings were secured through the \$4 million A.A. Van Elslander Foundation grant, funds currently are being raised to support construction.

“If we can raise \$3 million on our own for renovations, the foundation will give us another \$1 million,” DiVirgil said. “We have been ferociously fundraising to get that \$3 million. We are forever grateful to the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation for their

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Gary and Stephen Van Elslander participate in the demolition of the future store. Gary Van Elslander is on the Full Circle Board of Directors.



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St. John Guild Dinner is May 20

Proceeds benefit Henry Ford St. John Hospital

The St. John Guild, the fundraising arm of Henry Ford St. John Hospital, presents its 63rd annual dinner at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event includes a strolling dinner, live music and libations, as well as the presentation of four awards.

The Physician of the Year Award will be presented to Steve Minnick, M.D.; the Sister Verence McQuade Award will be presented to Linda Calisi; the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Marc Cullen, M.D.; and the Philanthropic Services Award will be presented to Greg DeMars and posthumously to his late wife, Phyllis DeMars.

The evening, chaired by Jack Roma and David Tindall, also includes the awarding of door prizes, including a

grand door prize.

The grand door prize is a TAG Heuer Carrera Chronograph watch donated by Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers. Additional door prizes include a \$1,000 gift card to Detroit's London Chop House donated by Alicia and Martin Krall and a bourbon package donated by Woods Wholesale Wine & Liquor.

Proceeds from the dinner benefit the DeMars Family Endowment Against Human Trafficking.

Since 1948, the non-profit St. John Guild has raised more than \$15 million in support of the hospital, through the purchase of medical equipment, technology and other services.

Individual dinner tickets are \$300 and sponsorships are available.

Contact Stephanie Beaupre at sbeaupr1@hfhs.org or (313) 817-9756.



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The Ford Trimotor in flight.

Ford aviation centennial program at Ford House May 21

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and Grosse Pointe Historical Society will co-sponsor a lecture marking the centennial of Ford aviation.

The presentation takes

place in the Ford House Visitors Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Henry and Edsel Ford's influence in the automotive industry is well known, but few know of their many contributions

to the development and mass production of airplanes, as well as their impact on commercial and military aviation. This presentation will cover Ford aviation-related activities over the past century, beginning

with the first all-metal airplane, the Ford Trimotor, in 1925.

This presentation is free and open to the public, but advanced registration is appreciated.

Visit fordhouse.org to register.

From left, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Gary Van Elslander and Janet Van Elslander.



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gifts and for their belief in us."

Full Circle got closer

to its fundraising goal by hosting an invitation-only legacy event May 4, at its future administration building.

"It was such a fun night — better than any

of us could have expected," DiVirgil said of the event, which included room-naming opportunities, performances by members of the Full Circle Choir and



From left, Stephanie DiVirgil, Patti Anderson, Jim Anderson and Full Circle founder Mary Fodell.

Full Circle Choir co-director Warren Liverance leads choir members as they entertain the crowd with a few songs.



tours of both buildings.

"We had a great turnout — around 50 guests. Our signature drink was Jane's Cucumber Smash, after Jane Manoogian. Props to the Roostertail, and Michael and Ava Schoenith, for putting on an absolutely amazing charcuterie table, hand-passed hors d'oeuvres and wine and champagne bars. It went flawlessly."

DiVirgil also thanked Henry Ford Ophthalmology for opening its doors for the event.

ing on the financial stability the endowment will provide us. The \$3 million endowment will give us confidence in the ability to invest long-term, making sure Full Circle can operate these new buildings for 100 years."

Excluding the May 4 fundraiser, nearly \$350,000 has been raised toward the renovation goal and more than \$330,000 has been raised for the endowment.

"Sharing this journey with everybody is so

important because we're going to need everybody's support for the long run," DiVirgil noted. "We are confident we'll be able to reach our goals."

Those who wish to donate to either endeavor may visit full-circlefdn.org to make a donation. Checks may be mailed to its current location, 17006 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park; or credit card donations may be made by calling (313) 469-6660.

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Pre-fundraiser, donors had claimed seven rooms. Five more were sold during the event, which brought in \$56,500. Several rooms still are available to be named after donors.

"The whole process is fluid," DiVirgil said. "We'll be constantly updating the list of available spaces as we get further into the process."

"Once the building is done, we'll have a permanent donor wall in the grand atrium," she added. "Any donation of \$1,000 or more will be represented on the permanent donor wall."

Full Circle also is raising funds for an endowment.

"This will be a much bigger space," DiVirgil said. "Our utilities, maintenance, everything will be going up. We're going to be rely-



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Joe and Beth Moran will have a classroom in the new Full Circle building named for them, thanks to their donation.

Market days coming to Christ Church

Kitchen space available for burgeoning entrepreneurs

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Rev. Maureen Martin had social enterprise and economic justice in mind when she proposed to the head of Christ Church Grosse Pointe ideas about efficiently using the church’s space. What she had in mind, namely, was its commercial kitchen.

“Soon after I got here, I met with Father Andrew (Van Culin) to discuss how to make best use out of all the space in the building,” she said, adding she’d hoped to create “something like a social enterprise that would benefit the community and benefit programs such as outreach.”

The associate for parish life and community engagement underwent training through Eastern Market and became certi-

fied to run the church’s commercial kitchen. She then began seeking out people on the Eastside — in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and Detroit — who were looking to start a business or in the early stages of entrepreneurship.

She found a handful — a pickle purveyor whose business began during the pandemic; a butcher and sausage maker who works on a regenerative farm in Hillsdale; a food truck operator who offers diner-style dishes; and several others: bakers, charcuterie makers, a coffee roaster and a nutritionist offering meal prep.

“They’re all people with dreams,” Martin said. “... I wanted to create a space to share what they create with the Grosse Pointe community.”

Their wares will be

shared when Christ Church hosts its first Sunday Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 18.

“There aren’t a lot of Sunday markets,” she said. “We’re not trying to compete with other markets, but, on another day of the week, we want people to come together on the front lawn of the church and support businesses and purchase food that your family can enjoy for the week to come.

“... We’re also still open for people to apply to be vendors at the market,” she added. “It’s not limited to people working out of our kitchen. Competition is important for people starting a business. They need the opportunity to compete.”

Christ Church will offer the market once a month, May to September, to start.

“Assuming all goes well, I hope to have it more than once a month,” Martin added.

Among those market vendors will be several “makers,” who make use of the church’s kitchen.

“There is a range of creative people succeeding with something they’ve dreamed of all their life,” Martin said. “Our goal is for them to finally get a brick and mortar. ... Across the board, sustainability is a value our makers all share. There’s an emphasis on local and hand-crafted. They look for tools that are more environmentally conscious. They bring an ethic to the project that’s harmonious with the care of creation.”

Some of the makers are signing second-year contracts with the church,



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Nicholas Ponte and Melanie McElroy, co-owners and operators of Melway and Mel’s Farmstand, are among the makers renting the commercial kitchen at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

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Shred Day at Osius is May 10

The Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Committee hosts Shred Day from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at Osius Park.

The event is open to all residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

Shred Corps from

Madison Heights will come with two men and a large truck, while students from local high schools and middle schools will unload boxes or bags of documents and take them via carts to be shredded.

Acceptable items should be paper items

only, including mail, letters, canceled checks, bank statements and confidential information.

Plastic items such as CDs, credit cards and floppy discs will not be accepted, nor will cardboard, tissue paper or paper towels.

Cost per banker box or

grocery bag is \$5.

Last year, for the first time, the shred truck filled up early and cars were turned away.

Beautification Committee members encourage people to come well ahead before 11:30 a.m. to get their documents shredded.

Earth Day outing

On Tuesday, April 22, members of La Societe des Jardinieres, a Grosse Pointe garden club, were invited to attend an Earth Day sequoia-planting event at Arboretum Detroit.

During the event, Arboretum Detroit and Archangel Ancient Tree Archive planted an old-growth giant sequoia forest, the first of its kind in an urban setting.

Archangel Ancient Tree Archive founder David Milarch addressed the large group of volunteers, which included fourth graders from the

James and Grace Lee Boggs School. The sequoias that were planted are descendants of Stagg and Waterfall trees, two of the world’s largest giant sequoias that feature 30-foot diameter trunks and lifespans measured in the millennia.

The mission is to propagate the world’s most important old-growth trees before they are gone, archive the genetics of ancient trees in living libraries around the world for the future and reforest the planet with the offspring of these trees.



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La Societe des Jardinieres members Sandy Magreta and Kathie Smith stand with Archangel Ancient Tree Archive founder David Milarch and a 9-year-old sequoia in Treetroit 2, a project of Arboretum Detroit located at Elmwood and Theodore streets in the Poletown area of Detroit.

Mackinac director to address Michigan economic growth at Eastside GOP Forum

Attorney Cami Pendell, Mackinac Center for Public Policy’s senior director of strategy, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, to the Eastside Republican Club at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tuesday’s presentation will address Michigan’s economic stagnation and legislative steps necessary to get the state growing again. For this month only, the ERC Forum at The War Memorial is moved to the second Tuesday.

“We look forward to learning what sensible approaches can be taken to reverse the harmful, anti-growth measures Lansing Democrats have enacted,” said ERC Treasurer David A. DeWitt of Grosse Pointe Woods in advance of the meeting. “Michigan voters are ready to see our state reverse its economic decline, move forward with fresh solutions and attack its failing roadway infrastructure.”

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for

coffee and networking in advance of the 7:30 meeting. The public is invited to the forum, which concludes with a Q&A session.

Pendell has more than two decades of experience in legislative and state government affairs. She worked in legislative leadership offices in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives, serving in a legislative capacity for two Senate majority leaders and as chief of staff to a House majority floor leader.

In addition, Pendell served as general counsel for the Michigan Supreme Court, as well as worked with the executive and legislative branches of government as the court’s legislative liaison.

Prior to her senior director role, she was the center’s director of legislative affairs.

A native of Fowler, Pendell has a bachelor’s degree from Central Michigan University and juris doctorate from Michigan State University College of Law and is a licensed attorney in the state of



Cami Pendell

Michigan.

In her spare time, Pendell enjoys running. She’s participated in “a handful” of marathons around the country, including a 50-mile ultramarathon.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum takes place monthly, September to May, and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at EastsideRepublican.Club and “follow” the ERC on Facebook and X.

Assumption hosts Giant Garage Sale

Spring cleaning has brought a variety of treasures to Assumption Cultural Center, which hosts its 15th annual Giant Garage Sale Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

Gently used merchandise for sale includes children’s clothing and toys, adult clothing and accessories, sports equipment, home décor, furniture, gardening

tools, bicycles, books and other items.

Food and baked goods will be available for purchase.

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

Assumption is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call (586) 779-6111.

Planting day for Edible Garden May 18

The Full Circle Foundation plans to get this year’s crops in the ground with help from volunteers as it hosts its Edible Garden Planting Day from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 18.

Volunteers are asked to wear work clothing and bring garden gloves and tools to the site, 18300 E. Warren, Detroit.

Those not able to attend Planting Day are invited to show their support of the garden and Full Circle through sponsorships. Bed sponsorships are \$100 each; intern sponsorships are

\$500 each. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information, email Stephanie DiVirgil at sdvirgil@fullcirclefdn.org.



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Marie Lucille Harkenrider

Marie Lucille Harkenrider, 85, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 27, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished grandmother and compassionate friend.

Marie was born Oct. 31, 1939, in Detroit, and lived a life full of purpose and kindness. She shared 58 wonderful years of marriage with her beloved husband, Delmar, creating a home filled with love and faith. Together they raised five children, James, Tim (Sally), Andrew (Carmen), Stacey (Keith) and Glenn (Patricia), instilling in them values of compassion, integrity and resilience. Her family continued to grow and she was a proud grandmother to eight grandchildren, Allison, Grace, Luke, Nicholas, Ethan, Maxwell, Brendan and Gia, each of whom brought her immense joy.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Virginia, Margaret, Elizabeth, Joseph and Agnes. She is survived by her brother, Backus (Phyllis).

Marie was a devout Catholic, whose unwavering faith served as a cornerstone of her life. She found joy and fulfillment in caring for her children and grandchildren, always putting her family’s needs above her own. Her warmth and selflessness left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

As an Eastpointe high school teacher, Marie dedicated herself to nurturing the minds and spirits of young adults. She was passionate about education and took pride in guiding her students as they discovered their potential. Her gentle encouragement and wise counsel left a lasting impact on count-



Marie L. Harkenrider

less lives.

Beyond her roles as a wife, mother, grandmother and teacher, Marie was known for her culinary talents. She delighted in cooking, especially grape leaves and “million-dollar spaghetti,” dishes that brought her family together around the dinner table, creating cherished memories. Marie’s legacy of love, generosity and faith will forever live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Services were held previously.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Marilyn Ann Nutter

Marilyn Ann (née Shields) Nutter, 98, passed away Wednesday, April 30, 2025, in Durango, Colo.

She was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Princeton, Ind. She attended St. Ambrose Catholic School, Grosse Pointe High School and Michigan State University.

Marilyn wrote for her high school newspaper and the Grosse Pointe News. She also took much joy in writing funny, thoughtful poems for all of her loved ones on their birthdays.

She was a dedicated homemaker and mother.

Marilyn was an avid skier and spent many happy days and nights at the family vacation home at Walloon Hills, in northern Michigan.

She also was an entre-



Marilyn Ann Nutter

preneur. She and her husband, Russ Nutter, opened a very successful Wicks and Sticks franchise in El Cajon, Calif., and later, The Oasis at Greenway Plaza, in Sun City, Ariz.

Marilyn always was the life of the party, constantly entertaining and looking for the next excuse to plan a dinner or cocktail party. She was a dancer as well. From early childhood, entertaining at the nearby veterans’ home, until her last “prom” at 98 years old — during which she also was crowned queen — she always wanted to be on the dance floor.

She brightened every room she was in and was a dedicated friend to many.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, Vivian and Jessie Shields; sister, Alice Taylor; husbands, Russel Nutter and John Bracken; and stepson, Russel Nutter Jr. She is survived by her children, Judy Bolen (Jim), Daniel Bracken and Nancy Stilwell (Dan); stepchildren, Francis Nutter Rine, Robert Nutter (Kathy) and Carol Nutter Jantz (Bob); daughter-in-law, Jane Nutter; and 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her family expresses tremendous gratitude to the staff of Cottonwood Healthcare Center for their excellent care and support of Marilyn during the past three years.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening offers a screening event Friday, May 9, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests can learn their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions. Package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants can create packages that work best for individuals. Advanced registration is required. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit lifelinescreening.com.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit warmemorial.org

◆ Mother’s Day Modern Calligraphy for Beginners, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 9. Tickets are \$75.

◆ Fretboard Focus: Group Guitar, Bass & Ukulele Class, 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, May 12 to July 14, for ages 8 and older. Cost is \$229.

◆ Silent Book Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 13.

The Helm

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

◆ Social Media for Mature Learners, 4 to 5 p.m. Fridays, through May

9, with instructor Janisse Green.

◆ The first four episodes of “Man on the Inside” will be shown at noon Friday, May 9. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

◆ Premier World Discovery presents “Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and Santa Fe” and “Christmas Season in Victoria and Vancouver,” from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. Learn about these upcoming trips, planned in October and December, respectively.

◆ The Helm Cultural Exploration Series: Growing Up and Working in China, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, with presenters Yudan Zhao and James Creighton.

◆ The movie “Bank of Dave” will be shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

◆ New to Medicare, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15.

Library

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

◆ Craft to Go, Monday, May 12, at all branches.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ High School Exam Study Night, 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ The History of Grosse Pointe Theatre, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Afternoon @ the Library, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Reader Dog, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Readers’ Choice Book Discussion Group, noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts its first Community Impact Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, during which volunteers will complete projects throughout the community to improve community health, team cohesion and civic engagement. For information, visit grossepointechamber.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, May 16, Henry Ford St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

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verifying the success of the program, which is no small feat.

“It’s an intense amount of work to operate within the walls of the church an outreach like this,” Martin said. “I had to learn to work with the health department. I had to get certified as a food manager, take classes and take a test. Regardless of what food you’re making, it falls under one jurisdiction or another. I’m learning how to navigate that with the makers. There are also insurances needed to operate in our space.”

Martin said the space offers learning opportunities for the makers as well, including learning through experience whether or not they’re suited for a brick-and-mortar business of their own.

“It’s helping people learn if they’re ready,” she said. “Michigan has Cottage Law, which is great, but Cottage Law has limits. Expanding beyond Cottage Law, to be a freestanding business, you still need guidance. This is a ministry of Christ Church, not just a means of revenue. Are they ready? Is the product viable? Can they earn enough profit to step into their own commercial kitchen? We don’t want to dampen their hopes and dreams, but we want them to succeed.”

Martin said in addition to addressing family life and spiritual life, she speaks to makers about economic life, “with the goal of economic justice, which should be a goal of the church,” she said.

“We don’t all begin life

in the same place,” she added. “Economic justice is about leveling the playing field, making it possible. A lot of people struggle to get a lease or a loan. Not everyone is able to get one. We’re creating a space where they can rent a commercial kitchen by the hour and eliminate the need for them to go into debt. We put them a step forward. We close that gap for them. At the same time, they do all the work. We do what we can to create economic justice for our neighbors. We each have the capacity to see beyond our own household and help those we’ve never met before, to make a stranger into a friend.”

The kitchen currently rents space to four makers, though it has the capacity for up to eight.

One maker who operates two businesses out of the kitchen is Nicholas Ponte, who co-owns and operates Melway and Mel’s Farmstand, with Melanie McElroy.

“Being a maker at CCGP has allowed our business to firstly become a fully licensed food vendor across the state of Michigan,” Ponte said. “It has also allowed us to scale our business with the benefit of on-site cold storage and dry storage.”

“We are very satisfied with working with the church,” he added. “They have a lot of open kitchen time for us to reserve. We have worked with them to allow reserving

the kitchen even on same day. As a pop-up business model, we need a lot of flexibility to be able to ‘pop up’ on the fly. Whether it’s a beautiful weekend and a place of business requests us last second to pop up, we need to be able to jump on opportunities as they come.”

Through renting the kitchen, as well as a fee charged to market vendors, profits the church receives go into its outreach ministries, including providing literacy support to Carstens Elementary School and food for Crossroads of Michigan.

“We’re making 4,000 breakfasts this summer for kids in Detroit,” Martin said. “We fund it; Crossroads is just a location for distribution.”

Those interested in becoming a vendor at the Christ Church market should email Martin at mmartin@christchurchgp.org

“It’s important for Christians to see how creative God asks us to be,” Martin said. “We’re invited into creative relationship with the community.”

“... The word ‘parish’ used to mean a geographic region,” she added. “The parish of Christ Church extends beyond the building and lawn. We’re called to be caring and loving of our neighbors and to see that our neighbor has the same capacity as us to participate in God’s dreaming for the world.”

For more information about market, visit christchurchgp.org/sunday-market.

For more information about Melway, visit [@melway.burgers](https://www.instagram.com/melway.burgers) on Instagram.

For more information about Mel’s Farmstand, visit [@mels.farmstand](https://www.instagram.com/mels.farmstand) on Instagram.

St. Michael’s Lunch, Laugh and Learn takes dramatic turn

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn program Thursday, May 15. The 45-minute play, “Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light,” will be performed by its author, Anna Kamryn Marck.

The play is an uplifting mix of music, laughter and drama that tells the stories of four female lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes. As Marck steps into these women’s shoes, she discovers the tragedy of the hardships they faced and the beauty of their spirits. Her performance was commissioned by the Lorenzo

Cultural Center in Clinton Township and directed by D.B. Schroeder.

The program is free and open to the public; good-will donations are received at the door. To reserve a seat, call the church office at (313) 884-4820. The deadline to register is Tuesday, May 13.

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A taste for excellence Restaurant group under new leadership

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After more than 30 years mostly living in Alaska — and making a name for herself in culinary circles — Laura Cole is coming home.

The Michigan native recently was hired to direct the kitchens at Red Crown, Le Rouge Boulangerie, Brine Oyster House and The Bricks Pizzeria. Changes are in store for each of the establishments, owned by members of the Cotton family.

“It’s crazy wonderful,” Cole said. “The bones are all good; I see nothing but potential. I’m fortunate I can come in, nurture and nourish the synergy between the properties.”

Cole, who earned undergraduate degrees in mental health and social work from the University of Michigan, first was introduced to kitchens after she “followed a boy to Alaska” in 1993.

She pursued advanced placement culinary programs at the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont and the Escoffier Institute in Paris. She has since worked in kitchens around the globe, includ-

ing serving as lead chef at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station in Antarctica before circling back to Alaska.

In 2003, she broke ground on her first restaurant, 229 Parks Restaurant and Tavern at the entrance to Denali National Park, which opened in 2005.

“It took lots of hearts and hands to make that happen,” she said.

Cole eventually sold her restaurant to Alaska Geographic and turned to volunteer work — teaching cooking classes, working on a cookbook and visiting Ukraine four times with World Central Kitchen — before making her way back to Michigan to be closer to family.

When she heard about the job opening in Grosse Pointe Park, she threw her hat in the ring.

“People and restaurants are my passion,” she said. “What I lend to the table is I owned and operated all of my own businesses. I work at things from all aspects. I cultivate and create, but I’m aware of cost and impact. And I’m learning from the community and helping teach the community about choices and the environment. I always say, vote with your fork.”

Cole, who also will direct what Fox Hollow Farm in Metamora grows for the restaurants, is looking forward to the challenges ahead.

“I feel the reward in that I have something to contribute and a lot to learn,” she said. “But they need a cohesive direction. I want the farm to be better highlighted. I want to introduce products and what’s happening there.”

Cole’s years of dedication to the industry lend to her expertise.

“I know marketing, the efficiency of running small businesses,” she said. “My passion and my heart is always the kitchen. I can jump in on the line anywhere and help out, assess, deliver, help motivate and direct.

“The biggest gift you can leave in any career is leaving it better than when you walked into it,” she added. “We’re just vessels. We do the best job we can to lead to a tradition of excellence and leave it so somebody else can continue to run it.

“... I go through things very grassroots. I want to earn the trust of everyone who works for the company and of the community that supports this company.”

Cole said she’s developing short- and long-term goals for the organization and is meeting one-on-

one with each employee to learn their personal goals.

“This is where they find home and are happy,” she said of her staffs. “I want to make it easy, rewarding, happy. ... Every day I come in here, I’m gob-smacked. It’s very special.”

For herself, Cole has set lofty goals.

“That means responsibility, sustainability, environmental impact, social impact, visual appeal, soul nourishing,” she said. “And a tradition of excellence.”

Cole said she has plenty to look forward to as she gets her bearings, including, “getting my head around this matrix; seeing smiles on faces — the faces of the workers and the patrons; feeling connected to creating a footprint that’s going to have growth and lasting imagery beyond me. I’m looking forward to harvesting the energy I have and seeing it in the faces of everybody working. I want to elevate everyone’s experience.”

She said changes initially will occur at Red Crown and Brine, with enhancements planned at Le Rouge as well.

“I’m going to lean in hard to have that community connection through food and facilities,” she said. “And the facilities are great. I see nothing but potential here in all aspects.”

The Bloomfield resident



COURTESY PHOTO

Laura Cole was hired to direct the kitchens of Red Crown, Le Rouge Boulangerie, Brine Oyster House and The Bricks Pizzeria.

will commute to the Pointes, which is a stone’s throw compared to driving 200 miles to a grocery store or 35 miles to a high school in Alaska.

“I appreciate that downtime to recenter and focus,” she said, noting it feels “crazy good to be home.

“I haven’t experienced a Michigan summer in over 30 years,” she said. “This was such a great childhood for me, a great family town. It feels a lot like coming home, but with reason and responsibility.”

Regardless of her accolades and accreditations

— including being nominated for Best Chef Northwest with the James Beard Foundation and appearing on “Top Chef” — Cole said she will continue to put her best foot forward and do the best job she can.

“I don’t know how we got looped together, but I’m glad we did,” she said. “I hope to do everybody proud.”

To the community, Cole said she hopes to serve them well.

“Feedback is welcome,” she added. “That’s the way we grow.

“Stay tuned. It’s going to be a wild ride.”

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW

Reminder: You are not your college acceptance letter

Right now, countless students across the country are refreshing inboxes, bracing for college decisions and holding their breath for the “yes” that feels like everything — or the “no” that feels like failure. This stress of being good enough is reflected in the social media trend of posting exuberant college acceptance videos — and, perhaps in response, college rejection cakes.

This process is hard enough without the added stress of observing peers’ acceptance or rejection on social media and it’s easy to lose sight of the truth that this moment, this frenzy, is not everything. Students should not be defined by a test score, a ranking or a rejection. The idea that most 18-year-olds have their life plan figured out — or that their entire future hinges on one application cycle — is unrealistic. Our young people need to know this season is not the final verdict on their performance or worth.

Disappointment is understandable. But parents, educators and well-meaning adults can help reinforce that these setbacks don’t define who they are. That their path is still unfolding and sometimes the unexpected detour or the “safety” school becomes exactly the place where you thrive. There are many good fits for college-bound students.

Cultivating a healthy definition of achievement, through the college application process and beyond, include:

- ◆ Reframe rejection: Rejection is not ruin. Healthy risk-taking, resilience and personal growth often emerges from setbacks. Growth isn’t linear and how one responds to disappointment can be a powerful opportunity. A growth mindset reinforces potential — competence is built through seeking out new experiences and challenges.

- ◆ Redefine success: Success doesn’t have to be limited to socially prescribed standards. Help your student reflect on the values and experiences that shape their version of success. Encourage



them to think beyond performance outcomes. A broader view includes qualities like work ethic, persistence, curiosity, optimism, emotional resilience, engagement and passion. Help them honor what feels inherently meaningful — what reflects their values and purpose.

- ◆ Celebrate individuality: Emphasize the value of each student’s unique path. A “one-size-fits-all” approach to education can come at a cost. Every student brings something distinct to the table — that difference is a strength.

- ◆ Focus on fit over prestige: The college search should be about finding the “right fit,” not chasing rankings or reputations. A well-matched environment leads to greater satisfaction, retention and long-term success.

The college admission process looks different for every student. But all of our college-bound students can benefit from hearing, “You are not behind. You are not less-than. You are just getting started.”

The best is still ahead — and there are many meaningful paths to success, however you define it.

Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW, is a licensed social worker with more than 25 years of experience providing individual, group and family therapy in the private and public sectors. Check out her blog at marybethgarveytherapy.org/.

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Navigating youth sports with multiple kids on different teams

Dear Gabby: Spring sports are in full swing and I feel like we’re running in 10 directions at once. With multiple kids playing different sports, it’s getting overwhelming. How do other families keep their sanity this time of year?— Stretched Thin in the Shores

Dear Stretched Thin: Welcome to the spring sports survival club — membership includes nearly every parent in Grosse Pointe. When the snow finally melts and the fields open up, it feels like every kid is suddenly committed to practices, games and team dinners

five nights a week. It’s a joyful season, yes — but also a logistical nightmare. Start with the basics: Get yourself a family calendar. Digital apps like Cozi or Google Calendar work wonders when shared between parents and even older kids. Color-code each child’s schedule and block out drive times so you’re not double-booking yourself with unrealistic expectations. Pro tip: If you’re still trying to wing it without a calendar, that’s likely half the battle. Next, don’t underestimate the power of the carpool. If you’re new to

a team, introduce yourself to other parents and ask around. Most families are thrilled to split driving duty. You don’t need to do every drop-off and pick-up yourself. Same goes for snacks and team gear — delegate what you can, even if it means letting your middle schooler actually pack their own bag (gasp!). And here’s your permission slip to cut corners at home. Dinners don’t have to be homemade every night. If your family is eating in shifts between 4:30 and 9 p.m., embrace the beauty of crockpots, frozen pizza or even just cereal for

dinner once in a while. It’s not failure; it’s resourcefulness. Most importantly, be kind to yourself. This season isn’t about doing it all perfectly; it’s about showing up (sometimes with mismatched socks and cold coffee) and being part of something your kids love. The chaos is temporary, the memories are lasting — and if all else fails, June will be here before you know it. *We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointe-news.com.*



Lifelong friend’s drinking is driving me away

DEAR ANNIE: My best friend and I, both 54-year-old females, met two weeks before kindergarten. Except for a couple of years, we have stayed friends throughout our lives. We see each other every few months when I’m in town for a doctor’s appointment. Since last year, we’ve been going to concerts and a couple of comedy shows, and we attended our 35-year high school reunion. She’s always been a drinker, but it’s gotten extreme to where I don’t like being around her because she gets belligerent. And her drinking has only gotten worse since

her mom passed away. I honestly don’t know how she even remembers the events we attend. She has paid for both of our tickets to each show, which I’m grateful for, but I honestly don’t know how many more I can attend with her. With her mom’s passing, she did inherit a sizable amount of money. But the last concert was when things got weird. She kept talking about how she could change my life financially and I could work for her. To be totally honest, it really got under my skin and I felt very uncomfortable with the conversation, so I went to bed. I got up and left the

next day before she woke up because I didn’t want to see her. Being best friends for 50 years is pretty amazing, and I love her, but I’m not going to be her employee. I honestly do not know how to even approach her about everything. But I also do not want this to end our friendship. — Feeling Confused in Kansas **DEAR CONFUSED:** Fifty years of friendship is incredibly special, you’re right. That said, even a bond that deep doesn’t mean you have to tolerate behavior that makes you

uncomfortable. It sounds like the heart of the issue stems from her drinking, so that’s where I’d start. When she’s sober, let her know you’ve noticed she’s been drinking more since her mother passed and that you’re worried about how it’s affecting her. This conversation could make all the difference or none at all, but either way, you’ll know you’ve said what you needed to. From there, you can set better boundaries and stick to them. Instead of concerts and long nights out where drinking can spiral out of control, try shifting your



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

time together to things like coffee or lunch -- daytime outings that don’t revolve around alcohol. As for her comment about changing your life financially, it sounds like the alcohol was really the one talking that night. She probably meant that to be generous and supportive, but it came across differently to you. If it’s still weighing on you, bring it up now so you can clear the air of any resentment. A friendship like this should be strong enough to handle the hard conversations, though she might have to become completely sober before your relationship can get back to where it was. *Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.* **COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM.**

Orlandos’ market: butcher, grocer and deli all in one

Mack Avenue holds a lot of history in the Grosse Pointes. Grosse Pointe Woods officially became

established as a city in 1950, after originally being named the Village of Lockmoor in 1927, then

renamed the Village of Grosse Pointe Woods in 1939. Along historical Mack Avenue, we only have a handful of original businesses that still remain in their original form. One of these gems is located at 19337 Mack and opened in 1952, two years after the Woods became a city. Merle Polen, Herman Alexander and Ludwig Bruckheimer were the original three men behind Alexander & Polen Meat Market. After a fire took a toll on the building in the early 1960s, the Orlandos, an Italian family of Grosse Pointe, bought the building and the business and, I guess we can say the rest is Grosse Pointe Woods history. Owned and operated by Frank Orlando Sr., and his two sons, Frank Jr. and Joseph, this neighborhood market, butcher, grocer and deli has consistently served the community for decades. It remains family-owned and operated to this day, with the addition of Frank Sr.’s fourth-generation Orlando granddaughters, Elliana, Isabella and Amalea now becoming familiar faces behind the counter. Alexander & Polen specializes in a variety of fresh meats, including every kind of steak you can think of, from a New York strip, porterhouse and T-bones, to filets and flank steaks. It also carries pork chops, loins, roasts and ribs, as well as ground meats like chuck, sirloin and round

that are ground in house. For poultry, A&P offers whole chickens, boneless skinless chicken breast and chicken thighs, as well as fresh turkeys, capons, ducks, quail and geese. Who knew? They all are delivered weekly from Wolverine Meat Packing Co. Craving corned beef? They have that too, straight from Wrigley’s. When I inquired about the butchering process, the Orlando crew told me, “We cut all of our steaks and pork chops to our customers’ liking according to their thickness. We also cut whole chickens to the customers’ liking as well. And, all of our ground meat is ground in house.” This family prides itself on customer service. You will always be treated like family here. It’s the Italian way. Of their meats, I asked what was the most popular. Ribeye steaks and ground round, seasoned and unseasoned, seem to be the winners. Its burger blend can be enjoyed locally at



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

SideStreet Diner in The Village and at Irish Coffee Bar & Grill. No wonder they’ve been voted “Best Burger in Town.” The Irish Coffee Kennedy family just celebrated 45 years on Mack Avenue this month. They’re certainly in good company. Congrats, friends, that’s amazing. Toward the back of the market, you will find A&P’s extensive deli, which includes all of the obvious options from Boar’s Head, such as salami, ham, turkey, (glazed, low sodium, smoked) pastrami and, last, but not least my favorite, mortadella and prosciutto. Also, the roast beef is made in house. The Kowalski products consist of olive loaf, garlic and non-garlic bologna, football loaf and kielbasa (Polish, holiday and smoked). The Hoffman’s products consist of hotdogs, with or without skin, and sausage options such as knockwurst, weisswurst, bratwurst and Irish bangers. Land O’ Lakes supplies all of its American cheeses and Boar’s Head supplies Vermont cheddar, Swiss and pepper jack. With a deli this size, you can’t not have a good sub sandwich. A&P always has been known for its amazing Italian subs. How could they not when they’re two for \$8? Loaded with Genoa salami, ham, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, peppers and the best creamy Italian dressing, these subs have become the neighborhood go-to for boating season, the ball fields and any

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Frank Orlando Jr. stands in front of the store.



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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I keep seeing these stylish, moody, cordless lamps at restaurants and wondered how much they cost, how long they last and if I wanted to try one. One search and suddenly my social media feeds were flooded with every possible cordless lamp that’s ever been invented. Although the most popular design seems to be the very skinny lamp with a little top hat of a shade, I went for a more chunky style with a lucite-like middle.

I ordered from Amazon, which meant it arrived in one day. Perfect timing, as I ended up hosting Easter last minute and was in need of some additional table

decor. I chose the matte gold color, which is actually really nice and looks expensive.



Upon unboxing the lamps, I really liked the weight of them — not too heavy, but also not some-

thing that is going to blow away or get knocked over. They are about 7 inches tall — just big enough to be substantial, but not clunky big or so big that they take over your table or shelf decor/design.

The lamps also came fully charged, so I plopped them right on my dining table and turned them on. At the time, I didn’t realize that in addition to three different modes (warm white, bright white and natural) you also can press on them to make each color dimmable. The dimming feature is important because I initially thought the bright white and natural were both way too bright for my

taste. Either way, the warm white is my favorite. It’s almost like an amber color. Bright white is a no for me, but the natural is sort of interesting — it’s got a pinkish hue to it.

I really like these lamps. They are a great little light source for outdoor dining and especially those built-in shelf areas that don’t have a plug. And if you don’t want to light candles on your table, they are a great little source of drama.

As far as timing, the lamps actually last a long time on a charge, at least as long as any event you are hosting — around 12 hours, from what I have seen. They do take a fair

amount of time — four to five hours — to fully charge.

You can get one for about \$28. They’re cute, useful and work great. I have to give them 5 alligators. Find them online here: <https://a.co/d/7bpUMHVo>.

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Five-ingredient success

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

The month of April was non-stop in our house and May is shaping up to be just as busy. The spring sports and activities schedules are no joke. So my dinner meal routine has had to adapt as I am never quite sure who is going to be home and when. I need to have quick and easy meals to prepare on hand that can either sit on the stove or are simple to reheat.

They also need to taste good and be exciting enough for the kids to take a break, sit down and eat.

One of the best tricks that I’ve learned is finding high quality, store-bought ingredients that bring in lots of flavor without all the work. I’m talking about things like pesto, curry paste, flavored broths and even specialty cream cheeses. These are the ingredients that technically count as one but already include so many. I can add them to noodles, soups or as

the base of a marinade and cut my ingredient list in half because all of the flavor is already there.

Trader Joe’s has so many of these kinds of ingredients. The rest of this article is going to sound like one big advertisement but this store truly makes my life easier. They just seem to get it. They understand that I don’t want to sacrifice the flavor or integrity of my meals just because I don’t have time to make everything from scratch. They also understand what my grocery budget is.

This is a dumpling soup made with their pork gyozas and miso ginger broth. There is so much depth of flavor happening here from work done behind the scenes. The broth has a rich, slow-cooked miso taste with just a hint of ginger. It already has soy sauce in the broth so no need to add more. The pork gyozas are silky and meaty and just thrown into the

broth to steam.

I added spinach to round out the meal but kale or bok choy would make it more hearty. I love ginger so I added extra along with garlic. The recipe below is just a guideline for how to start the soup. Add cubed tofu for extra protein and bean sprouts for crunch if that’s what you like. For some freshness, serve with lime wedges, cilantro and sliced scallions.

And for heat, have Trader’s Joe’s crunchy chili paste on hand that anyone can spoon in at their own risk. This soup has a low-and-slow taste and can be ready in about 15 minutes. I always double the recipe because there are always seconds to be had.

A healthy and flavorful five-ingredient dinner is easily attainable. I urge any busy mom to add this one to her repertoire!

Cheers, Mombeau

- Miso and Ginger Dumpling Soup**
(Serves 3-4)
- 1 bag Trader Joe’s pork gyoza potstickers
 - 1 32 oz Trader Joe’s miso and ginger broth
 - 1 tbsp minced garlic
 - 1 tbsp minced ginger
 - 2 cups tightly packed baby spinach
- Optional garnishes (sliced scallions, chili oil, cilantro, cubed tofu, lime wedges)

In a soup pot, pour in the miso and ginger broth and then add the minced garlic and ginger. Bring to a low boil. Add in the potstickers and stir so that they aren’t sticking together. Bring back to a boil then down to a simmer, cover and let cook for about seven to ten minutes. Add in the spinach just before serving. Stir to combine and ladle into bowls. Serve with the optional garnishes.



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Rosé

Those who are old enough might remember when rosé was awful.

Back in the 1960s and 1970s, most rosé wines came from the central San Joaquin Valley in California and from Portugal, often in ceramic bottles. And they were generally made from mediocre grapes using methods that today would be considered antediluvian.

Their key feature was sugar. Many were so sweet that I almost gagged on them. Some were being promoted as a

perfect all-purpose wine because they would go with either fish or meat.

It was a lie. The pink wines back then were frequently not even pink; orange was their usual pigmentation due to frequent oxidization.

All of that has changed. Today, most rosé wines are made with infinitely more care, using superior grapes, such as pinot noir and grenache. The biggest difference is that most of the wines are dry or off-dry.

This has led to people recalling the old adage about the wine being paired with both meat and fish.

Most of today’s

finer pink wines are interesting in that they don’t require much chilling. The best bottles can be absolutely delightful when served just cool.

That’s because they usually contain sufficient acidity, so too much chilling might harm their delicate fragrances and food compatibility.

Here are a few pointers on purchasing:

Buy varietal rosés: Pinot noir from cooler areas can produce gorgeous fragrances, attractive, midpalate flavors and a crispness just perfect for either sipping by itself or pairing with lighter foods. I’m also a huge fan of grenache roses. Generic rosé wines are usually variable.

Watch the alcohols: The best rosés tend to be about 11 percent alcohol. Once the alcohol level rises above 12 percent, I get a little concerned about the weight of the wine. Lighter-weight rosé wines tend to be better balanced. Any rosé above 13.5 percent alcohol is probably not going to be well balanced.

Chill to taste: Like any recipe that suggests adding salt “to taste,” a fine rosé might not need much chilling. I prefer them cooler rather than intensely iced. When the

wine reaches the right temperature for you, take it out of the ice bucket and return it only when it warms up.

Watch the region: California produces excellent rosés from cooler regions such as the Russian River Valley, Monterey County and the Sonoma Coast. One of the more reliable regions in France is Provence, where cinsault and grenache often combine to make stellar floral rosés. However, even warmer regions make excellent rosé wines if the wine-making is precise.

Wine of the Week:
V2023 Domaine de Triennes Rosé, Provence (\$17) — This wine is almost always one of the most reliable French versions of rosé. Even the prior vintage (2022) still tastes great. The wine-maker’s notes for this wine: “A compelling bouquet of strawberries and white flowers with a touch of vanilla. Expressive and elegant, the palate offers mouth-watering freshness. An embodiment of the Mediterranean. Cinsault with Grenache, Syrah, and Merlot.” Often discounted to about \$15.

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While many popular rosés, particularly those from regions like Provence, are dry, others, like white zinfandel, can be quite sweet.

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THE BLUEPRINT

by Suzanne Blanchard



Part 1:

The environment was harsh for practicing medicine. I KNEW my mother thought my father’s life was far too difficult.

When my father arrived home, after the delivery of a baby born to a female with mental challenges, who had never been exposed to prenatal care, he had tears in his eyes. “I can’t practice medicine under these circumstances!” My father was the town’s only doctor.

Life was getting complicated. My mother was managing three young children and helping my father with the home deliveries. House calls in the country dominated a doctor’s evening hours. Harsh winters made life for a rural doctor, challenging.

He spoke of moving to Detroit where his services could be supported by a hospital. But, as my father pondered the idea, he came to realize his conscience could not allow it.

He had been instrumental in the consolidation of local schools and served as mayor of the town, as well as president of the school board. He had a keen interest in the community and its inhabit-

ants.

When my mother perceived his final word as being “I can’t abandon them,” she created a plan for a small hospital. At 39 years of age, she’d solidified her plans for the building. Her husband was seven years her senior and adverse to risk. But, my mother was more comfortable with risk taking and not afraid of failure.

The architect, Charlie Valentine, had built several public school buildings in the area. He produced a large rendering of a 12-bed hospital with a delivery room, operating room, labor room, X-ray room, bookkeeping area, lobby and nurse’s station. There was a laundry room in the basement, along with a kitchen and dumb waiter.

It is difficult to talk about one parent and not the other because their lives were so intertwined. The raising of the money for the equipment was my mother’s responsibility. My father referred to the planning of the hospital as “her project.” His responsibility was to provide the money for physical building. The debt my father carried from the bank loan from financing the building was a weight he was not

comfortable with.

The architectural rendering was the first physical evidence that she had a plan. She used it during her presentations to the fundraising sales people. She produced a map of the various townships that our father served, listing the names of her sales people and indicating their territories. The sales people came to our house to hear her presentations on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for weeks. Each sales person was given a list of his neighbors to whom he would make the presentation in an attempt to obtain a pledge of money. The money was earmarked for the purchase of equipment. The stationery used for securing pledges had the architectural rendering embossed on it.

My father carefully selected the sales people. They were successful farmers who paid their bills on time. My mother had the ability to rise to most occasions. I never heard any arguments during the planning stage or the fundraising period. It appeared the areas of responsibility were well defined.

When my father examined the blueprints closely, I saw a

glimmer in his eyes. He was not ordinarily an effusive person.

We were met with one stumbling block. The contractor, Mr. Webb, failed to show up at the building site for a week. My father was committed to the chosen contractor. My father and I decided to pay a visit to the contractor’s home where he found him butchering cattle, preparing for the approaching winter. We too, were concerned about the impending winter and the hospital building was not yet enclosed.

The fallen leaves were rustling on the ground, being pushed by the wind and light rainfall of the morning. I could see Mr. Webb’s head bobbing up and down appearing to be in agreement with whatever words my father expressed.

“Do you think our building could be securely enclosed soon?” my father asked, using his authoritative voice. When my father spoke, people listened, including his children.

“Oh doc, I didn’t realize that you had ordered equipment early with the idea of storing it inside. Ordering it early before the price increase was a good idea. I’ll get

back to the site tomorrow and fulfill your plan.” A crisis had been avoided.

Being aware of the interest money for the bank loan and seeing no progress with the building, he told the contractor our situation; due to price increase in some of the equipment, early orders were placed with a thought the equipment could be stored inside, once the building was securely enclosed. With a new understanding, the contractor returned to the site to finish enclosing the building in preparation for receiving equipment.

The largest sum given to the hospital came from an anonymous donor, outside our community. The donor lived in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. He had heard about my parents’ efforts and paid them a visit before the hospital was open. The donor called to make an appointment to meet my mother, arriving in a chauffeur-driven automobile.

Upon completion of his tour, he wrote a check. He asked that his name and amount given remain anonymous. I remember the conversation at the

dining room table that evening after his visit. Can I say contentment? My parents had received an unexpected endorsement; they wondered how the donor had heard of their project.

I participated in unpacking supplies for the hospital. My friend, the owner of the dime store, on Main Street, was known for her wit and friendliness. As she helped me pack stainless steel vessels, she held one up to the window, which emitted sunlight, exclaiming, “Look how glistening these vases are!” Even I knew, at age 16, they were urinals.

To be continued next week.

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FOOD

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gathering you may have, seeing as they also sell three-foot party subs and

party trays. These are great for all of your catering needs with local school events, sports teams and office lunches. Be sure to call ahead to pre-order.

“We can customize any

sub with any deli meats and cheeses that we have,” the family said. “This also includes our meatball subs and chicken parmesan subs.”

You can’t have a good

sub without good bread. Cantoro’s Bakery sub buns and Italian bread guarantee the perfect subs and sandwiches.

Down the middle of the market you will find specialty grocery items. They sell essentials for the kitchen such as dressings, oils, vinegars, pastas, sauces, mustard and relishes. Canned vegetables, such as tomatoes and beans, spices and crackers are sold as well. Seriously, this is a one-stop market.

Let’s not forget this market originally started off German-owned, hence the name that never changed due to its established recognition in the neighborhood. It also carries a variety of imported German items, like German pickles, sauerkraut, Maggie German spaetzle (small, egg-rich, German-style dumplings or noodles), Bahlsen German cookies and a line of

canned fish from Rügen Fisch. Stuffed cabbage and pierogi, straight from Hamtramck, also can be purchased.

Prepared items made in house by the Orlando family include homemade pasta sauces and soups, such as the most popular, Italian wedding. All the Italian sausage is hand-mixed and cased by Frank Sr. himself, including chicken, turkey and pork.

I recently was informed, thanks to Grosse Pointe Eats & Treats on Facebook, that as far as your sweet tooth goes, Alexander & Polen hand-fills some of the best cannolis in the area. Um, yes, please! You can buy them individually, or order them by the tray. A variety of cookies is baked fresh daily, too. If you’re like me and make your lasagna from scratch at home, this is the place to get your ricotta.

The busiest times of the year are obvious: Thanksgiving and Christmas. A&P offers homemade stuffing and gravy, with fresh Amish turkeys, Christmas roasts, prime rib, tenderloins, rack of lamb—you name it, they have you covered for all major holidays, including spiral hams for Easter too.

All special orders may be made by calling the market at (313) 881-3000.

To the Orlando family, thank you for everything you’ve done for this community over the decades. We are so very fortunate to call you our own!

Fun Fact: The famous Alexander & Polen hot dog cart will be in front of the market this summer with Frank Sr.’s granddaughters selling their hard-to-pass-up hotdogs. Make sure to show them some love.

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.



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A sub platter and three-foot party sub for catering.



Movie poster.



Left, Katherine Kupferer as Daisy, Tara Mallen as Sharon and Keith Kupferer as Dan in the 2024 movie “Ghostlight,” written by Kelly O’Sullivan and directed by Kelly O’Sullivan and Alex Thompson.



Sharon (Mallen) and Daisy (Mallen Kupferer) in the principal’s office.



Dan played by Keith Kupferer.



The crew rehearsing.



MOVIE REVIEW
“Ghostlight”
2024 - Rated R
1 hr 55 min
★★★★★

A few weeks back, I reviewed “Sing Sing,” a powerful movie centered around a theater program inside a prison. This is another “play within a movie” offering in a totally different setting that took me by surprise. It’s one of those rare films you accidentally stumble upon and makes you wonder why it isn’t better known. What a powerful piece of filmmaking. I can’t recommend “Ghostlight” strongly enough.

It’s a very moving story that’s a bit slow in the beginning, but soon has its talons hooked into you — with an engaging story and fine cast. The movie is co-directed by the Chicago-based team of Kerry O’Sullivan and Alex Thompson and was written by O’Sullivan. The actors play off each other perfectly, which is no surprise since they’re an actual family in real life. Keith Kupferer and Tara Mallen are married and Katherine Mallen Kupferer is their daughter. You’ve probably seen the parents in other films, although they’ve mainly been in supporting roles.

Dan (Kupferer) is a construction worker, usually manning a jackhammer. He’s one of those tough, silent types, who seem to have something bubbling under the surface. One day while at work, Rita (Dolly de Leon) comes out of a nearby building and castigates him for making so much noise. A bit later when he’s almost struck by a passing car, he loses his cool and gets into a confrontation with the driver and is nearly suspended from his job. The same woman witnesses the outburst and subsequently invites him to come inside and see what she’s up to.

As luck would have it, she’s part of an amateur

theater group that’s rehearsing Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet.” And surprise, they just happen to need someone to sit in on a table reading. Dan is totally out of his element, but he agrees to help out. He finds the whole acting thing very intriguing and it isn’t long before he gets the acting bug. He doesn’t want his family to know what he’s up to, so he lies and tells them he’s out drinking with his work buddies.

Meanwhile, his daughter Daisy (Mallen Kupferer), is in trouble at school. She’s been accused of hitting a teacher and when the family meets with the principal, we get a taste of Daisy’s angst. She’s a high-strung 16-year old who is ready to lash out at any minute. Daisy can barely get through a sentence without a barrage of expletives shooting out of her trap. She ends up avoiding getting expelled by agreeing to see a therapist.

There are hints at some dark secret behind the family’s troubles. We learn early on that there’s an upcoming lawsuit against another family at the school, which they’re preparing for with their attorney. And the mom Sharon (Mallen), is the one holding the three of them together, just barely. The tension is palpable, especially at dinnertime. It’s like a powder keg just waiting to explode, with Daisy on edge and cussing like a sailor.

As the film progresses, much of the focus is on Dan and his involvement with the theatre troop. A young actor playing Romeo complains that Rita is too old to play Juliet and storms out in a rage and quits. Against his better judgment, Dan is coerced into filling in as Romeo. At first he’s totally out of his element, but slowly steps up to the part. As he immerses himself in the role we see how acting begins to heal him. It helps



him deal with the emotions he’s hidden deep in his heart. One scene I found especially amusing is when Dan passionately argues that they should rewrite the ending of the play to make it a happy one.

This is one of those movies that really knocked me for a loop. I’m not a huge Shakespeare buff, but I can’t think of any other play that would work better in a film like this. It’s a rare movie that I kept thinking about days after seeing it. Just writing about it now makes me want to watch it again, even though I know how it turns out. It’s also one of those movies you’ll insist all your friends see!

In case you’re wondering about where the title comes from, here’s a brief explanation. A ghost light is a single light placed on stage after hours in order to keep the theater’s ghosts happy. It’s one of those theater superstitions like saying, “break a leg” instead of “good luck” to a performer. Or referring to “Macbeth” as the “Scottish play.”

Currently streaming on Hulu and to rent on Amazon, Apple TV, and other streaming 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.



Rita (Dolly de Leon).

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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	2	3	9	6			7	

5/8

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	6	5	3	7	2	4	1	8
1	3	8	4	9	6	2	5	7
4	7	2	5	8	1	9	6	3
7	5	3	2	1	4	6	8	9
2	8	1	7	6	9	3	4	5
6	9	4	8	3	5	7	2	1
5	2	9	1	4	3	8	7	6
3	4	7	6	5	8	1	9	2
8	1	6	9	2	7	5	3	4

5/1 Solution

Contract Bridge

THE BIDDING TELLS THE TALE

East dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠	10 8 6 2	♠	Q 9 3
♥	8 5 3	♥	A K 7 6 2
♦	A Q 8 4	♦	5 2
♣	Q 5	♣	8 7 4
WEST		SOUTH	
♠	K J 4	♠	A 7 5
♥	Q J 10 9 4	♥	—
♦	9	♦	K J 10 7 6 3
♣	K 10 9 3	♣	A J 6 2

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♦	1♥	2♦
4♥	5♦		

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Whatever value you place on your 13 cards when you first see them, that value seldom remains the same as bids are made — or not made — by the other three players.

Thus, South's hand is a minimum opening bid in terms of its high-card strength, but it rises greatly in value when his partner bids two diamonds. It then grows still more in value when both opponents bid hearts.

This is because East-West are likely to have considerable honor-card

strength in hearts, which in turn means that North's high cards are apt to be in the other three suits — exactly where South would like them to be. South's five-diamond bid is based in large part on these factors.

West led the heart queen, ruffed by South. Declarer then cashed the K-A of trump and led dummy's queen of clubs, losing the finesse to West's king. South later lost two spade tricks to finish down one.

However, declarer should have made the contract. West's opening lead had marked him with the Q-J of the suit, and his partner with the A-K. It followed — since West had made a vulnerable overcall in a suit headed by the Q-J — that West was highly likely to have most of the missing honor cards in spades and clubs — and in particular, the club king.

South should therefore have initiated the club suit by leading the club deuce toward dummy. Had he done that, South would have gotten home safely. If West took the king, declarer would later discard two spades from dummy on the A-J of clubs and thus lose only one club and one spade to make the contract.

And if West did not take the king of clubs, the outcome would be the same. South's only losers in that case would be two spade tricks.

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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 3:30 a.m. EDT today (12:30 a.m. PDT) there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in LIBRA.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 8, 2025:

You are tenacious with firm convictions. You also have a strong sense of justice. This year is about creating solid foundations in your life — both externally and internally. Take charge of your health. Simplicity is the key to things this year. Stay grounded. Work for what you want.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This is a tricky day because the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to be cooperative. You have to go more than halfway when dealing with someone. However, in addition, the Moon also opposes fuzzy Neptune in your sign, which can create confusion, delusion and deceit. Tonight: Lively discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Be smart and double-check work related to your job today. Also double-check information related to your health or a pet, because confusion combined with wishful thinking might create problems. If you trust your information, this can be a productive day. Can you trust what you hear? Tonight: Improvements to your health and job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Romance might disappoint you today. If so, ask yourself if your expectations were realistic. For that matter, did you express your expectations? Meanwhile, parents should be vigilant with young children to avoid accidents related to poison or harmful liquids. Tonight: Socialize!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Conversations with family members, especially parents, might be confused today. Each party doesn't really understand what the other one is saying. Misunderstandings are rampant. Furthermore, deceit is also likely. Therefore, be careful! Strive for clarity in your communications with. Tonight: Entertain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

This is the classic day for miscommunications and misunderstandings in conversations with siblings, relatives and daily contacts. Most likely, this confusion is innocent. But it's possible that deceit is in the picture. So, if you think something fishy is going on, it is! Tonight: Vibrant discussions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Be cautious about financial negotiations today. Likewise, be careful about shopping as well. Keep your receipts. This is because an element of confusion or dishonesty could be present in your financial transactions. Tonight: Check your belongings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

It's a tricky day! Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you an advantage over the other signs. However, the Moon in your sign is also opposing fuzzy Neptune, which can create misunderstandings. You might feel someone unfairly criticizes you or has hurt you. Tonight: You're strong!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today you might feel discouraged, inferior or guilty for no reason! This is because today's astrological influences can stir up subconscious fears and moods. You might feel mistrustful. Note: Because there is confusion going on, it's wise not to take things at face value. Tonight: Seek solitude..

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Confusion and misunderstandings are likely today when dealing with friends, as well as romantic partners and your kids. Even social arrangements are subject to mixed-up communications. Don't take things personally. Your disappointment could be caused by other things. Tonight: Friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a poor day to put your cards on the table and make important decisions with bosses, parents and authority figures. Don't do it; you might not have the right information. Others might have misled you either by accident or with intent. Things are not as they appear. Take it easy. Be careful. Tonight: You're admired.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Avoid arguments about politics, religion or racial issues today. Too much confusion is in the air. People are misinformed. People might believe things that aren't true. This is because false assumptions, confusion and even deceit are everywhere. Tread carefully. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a poor day to act on important information about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt or anything that you own jointly with someone else. You might not have all the facts. Or perhaps some of the facts that you have are wrong. Assume nothing. Postpone these decisions for another day. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY
Natural historian David Attenborough (1926), actress Melissa Gilbert (1964), actor Stephen Amell (1981).

Universal Crossword

Edited by Taylor Johnson May 8, 2025

ACROSS

- 1 Legendary people
- 6 Political TV channel
- 11 "True Life" network
- 14 Clean, as a spill
- 15 "Carmen" or "Tosca"
- 16 Wrath
- 17 "Director of "Barbie" and "Lady Bird" (In this clue's answer, note letters 5-7)
- 19 _____ burglar
- 20 Chaney of classic horror
- 21 Messenger molecule
- 22 Tokyo beer brand
- 24 Iron deficiency
- 27 "Hot and cheesy fish sandwich (... letters 3-6)
- 30 Had the nerve
- 32 Oscar winner Portman
- 33 Little fellow, to a Scot
- 35 Quaint hotel
- 36 "Russian" or "Italian" condiment (... letters 4-10)
- 41 "Armageddon" actress Tyler
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- 43 Title for a retired professor
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- 51 *Energizer rival (... letters 3-6)
- 53 Prius maker
- 54 Rubber glove material
- 55 Possible answer to "Who's hungry?"
- 57 Tour group transport
- 58 U.K. sports car, informally
- 59 Buildings with a lot of servers ... or what the starred clues' answers have?
- 63 Chowed down
- 64 _____ squash
- 65 Stunning
- 66 Unionize?
- 67 Largest member of the deer family
- 68 "Ain't true!"
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- 2 Mexican beer brand
- 3 Act before the headliner
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- 5 Facial venue
- 6 "The Big Lebowski" director Joel
- 7 Jack who ate no fat, in a nursery rhyme
- 8 Church bench
- 9 "Wicked" star
- 10 Constantly badgers

- 11 Type of star awarded to a restaurant
- 12 Lagging
- 13 Lab specialist?
- 18 Like cheese used on pizza, typically
- 23 Reddit Q&A session
- 25 Kitten sound
- 26 Product of a brainstorm
- 28 Like zombies or vampires
- 29 Point value of Q in Scrabble
- 31 Longtime buddy
- 34 "Where the Wild Things "
- 36 Create a virtual replica of
- 37 Found the mean of
- 38 Weightlifter's request for help
- 39 Singer's time to shine
- 40 In an unfocused manner
- 41 Ran
- 44 Subway rodent
- 45 Winter roof blockage
- 46 Chevron subsidiary
- 48 "Fine by me"
- 49 Highway one-eighties
- 50 Earn \$200 in Monopoly
- 52 Fib tellers
- 56 Clearasil target
- 58 Skull part
- 60 Also
- 61 Granny, to a Brit
- 62 Only even prime number

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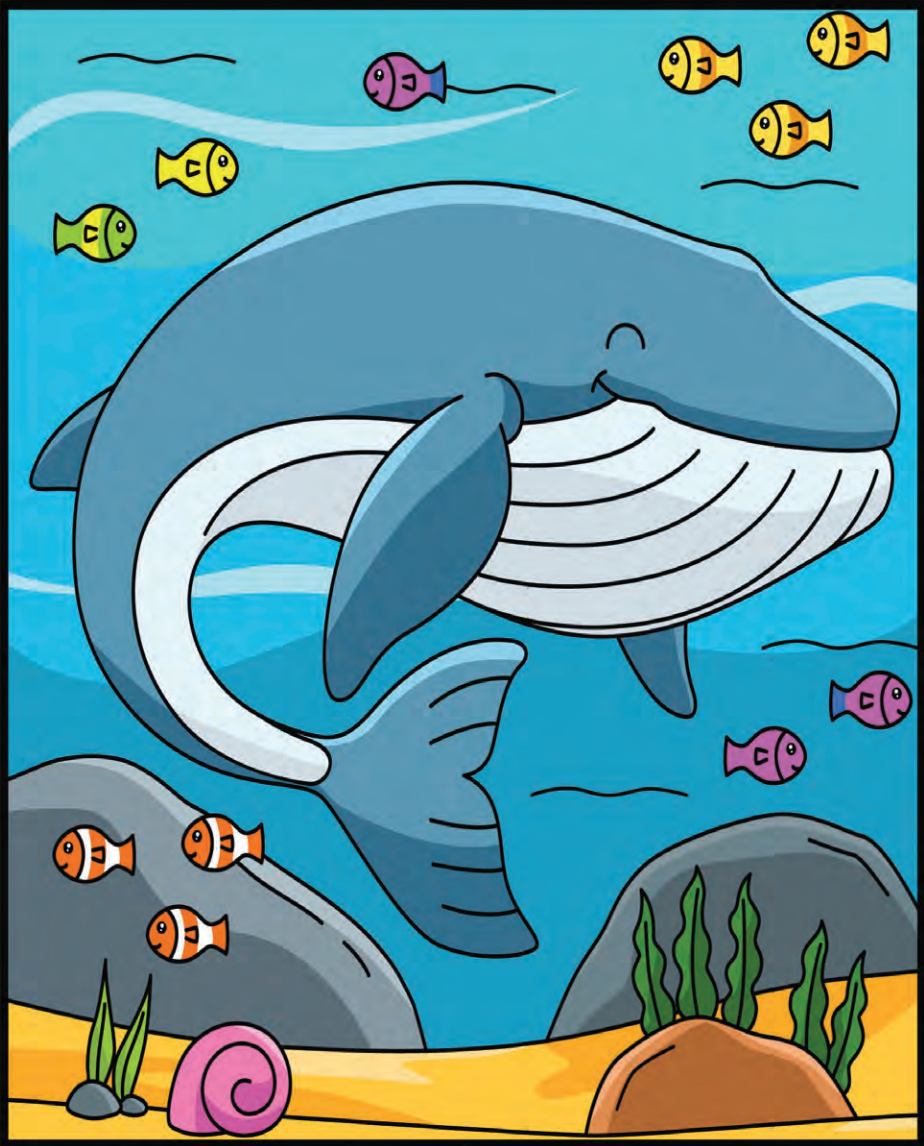
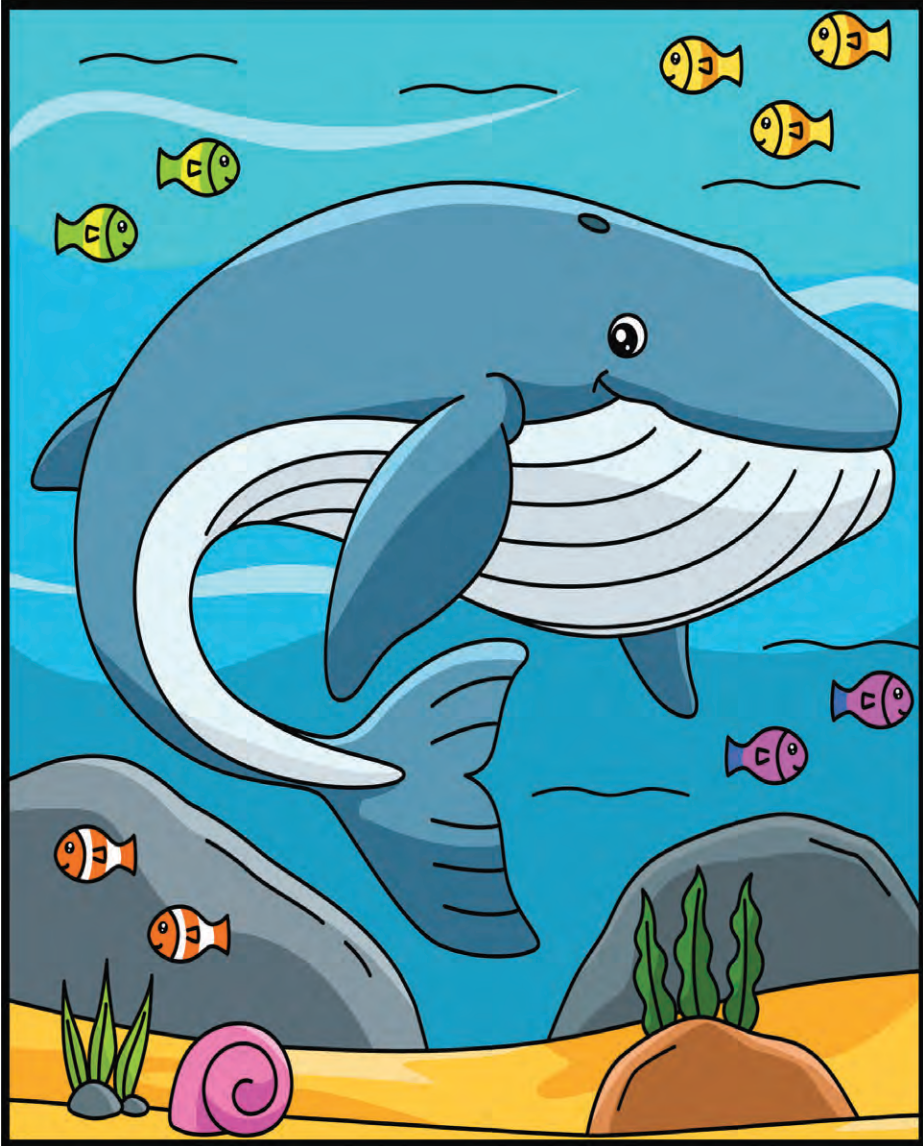
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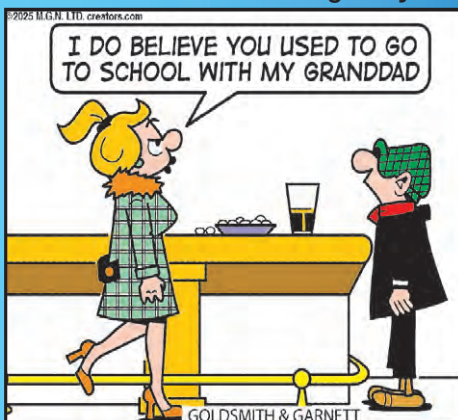
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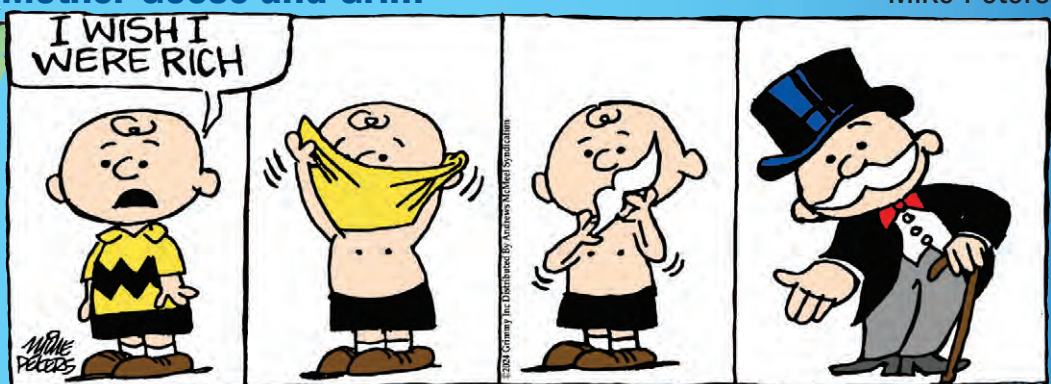
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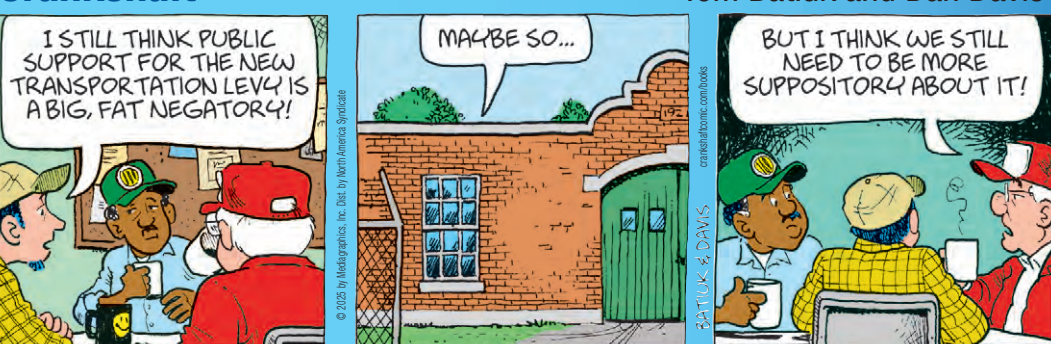
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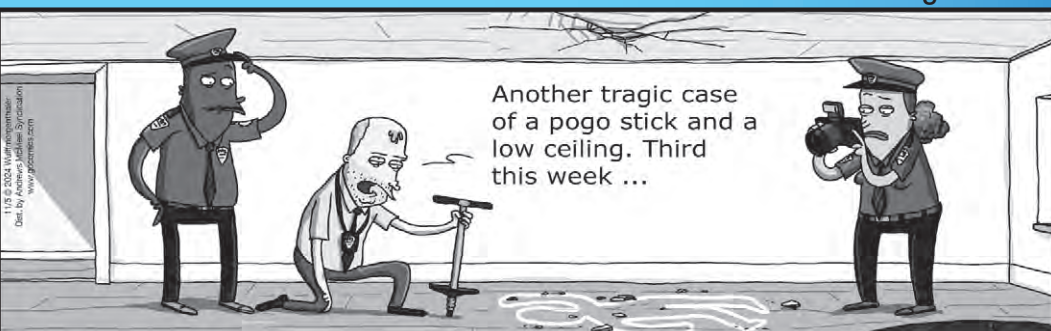
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"WELL, MAYBE I NEED A BIGGER GLASS!
EVER THOUGHT ABOUT THAT?"

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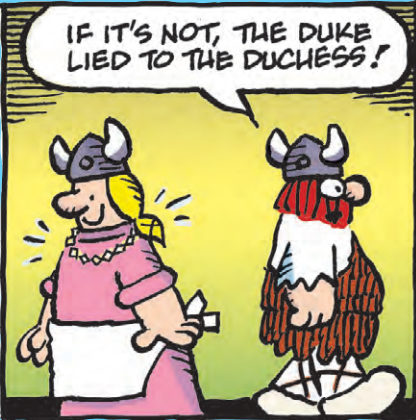


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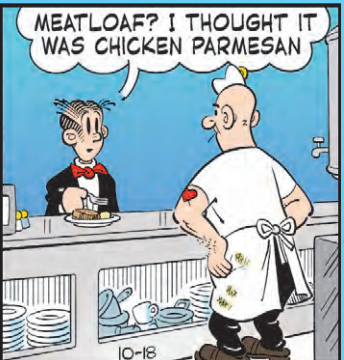
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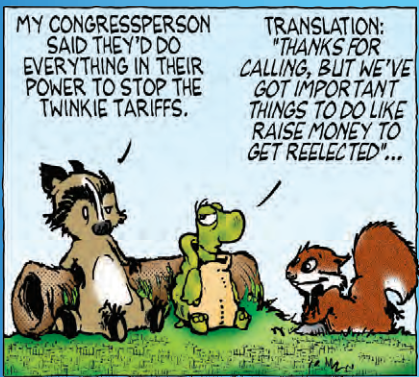
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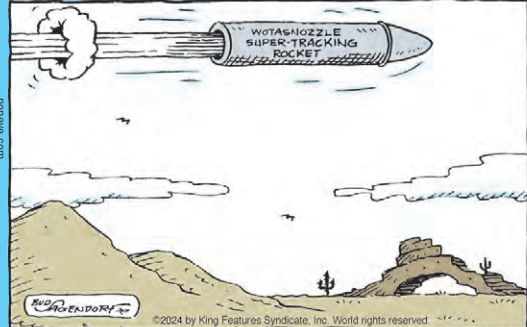
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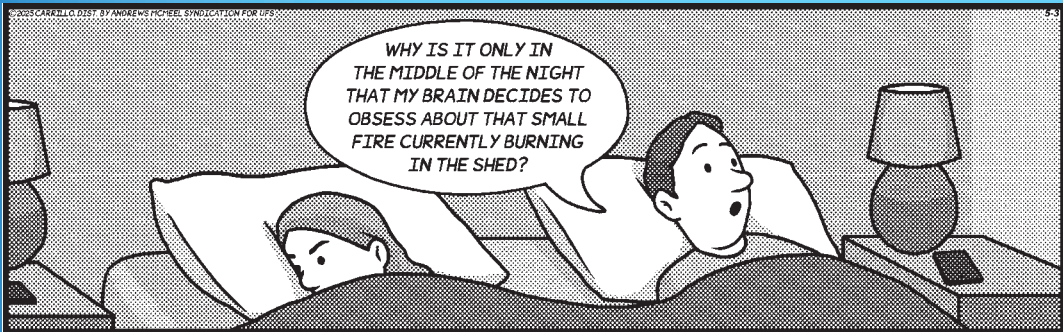
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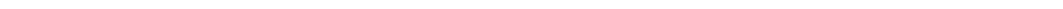
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VENUS FLYTRAP

THE JAWS OF DOOM

Quick! Help this fly escape the Venus flytrap's grip!

START

FINISH

Beautiful but Hungry

The Venus flytrap is a meat-eating, or **carnivorous**, plant. It is also quite lovely. That is why its name includes Venus. That is the name of the Roman goddess of love and beauty.

But don't worry – a Venus flytrap won't eat you. Mostly they eat bugs. They especially love mosquitoes and flies.

Jaws of Doom True or False Quiz

Make a guess about which of these statements are true and which are false. Then read the scientist's notes about the Venus flytrap to check your answers.

1. Venus flytraps have teeth.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

2. Venus flytraps only need bugs to survive.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

3. Venus flytraps eat anything that falls into their mouth-like leaves.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

4. Venus flytraps help keep bugs out of your house.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE

5. Its "mouth" shuts in under one second.
☐ TRUE ☐ FALSE



Kid Scoop Together:

Cause and Effect

When something happens, there is usually something that caused it to happen. The **cause** comes first, the **effect** second. Here are some examples:

When the hairs on the inside of a Venus flytrap's leaves are touched, the plant snaps shut.

Cause: touch the hairs
Effect: plant snaps leaves closed

If a little rock is put inside the mouth-like leaves of a Venus flytrap, the leaves will snap shut. After about 12 hours, the leaves will open so the rock can drop out because it is something the plant can't eat.

Which part of the above is the "cause?"

Which part is the "effect?"

Look through the newspaper for an article that interests you. Can you find one effect and what caused it?

Cause:

Effect:



Venus flytraps have little spikes around the leaves. But they are not teeth. They don't chew. The plant uses digestive juices, much like those in your stomach, to eat insects.



Venus flytraps get much of their nutrition from the bugs they eat, but they also need water, sun and soil to survive.



Digestion of real food takes five to 12 days, after which the trap reopens. The insect's exoskeleton blows away in the wind or is washed away by rain.



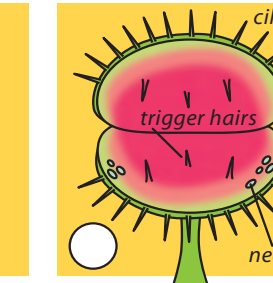
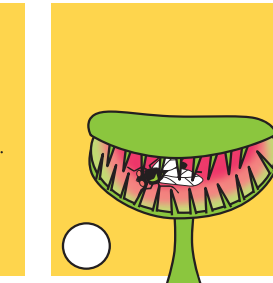
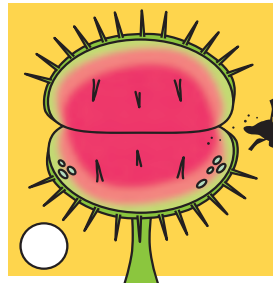
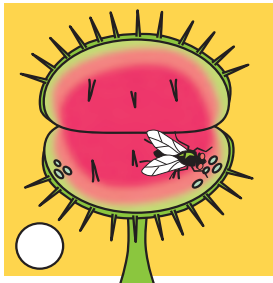
If something not edible falls into a Venus flytrap, it will close up and try to digest it. But after about 12 hours, it will open its leaves and let the fake food fall out.

How many flies can you find on this page?

Snapping Up a Meal

Number the pictures in order.

Sweet nectar around the edges of the Venus flytrap's open leaves attract insects. As a bug moves across the surface drinking up this treat, it touches small, sensitive bristles on the Venus flytrap. These trigger hairs tell the plant when a possible meal has arrived. Then the plant's "jaws" close very quickly, trapping the insect inside. The long *cilia*, hairs along the leaf edges, act like prison bars, preventing the insect from escaping. Several days later, after the insect has been digested, the leaves open and what's left of the insect body blows away.



Extra! Extra!

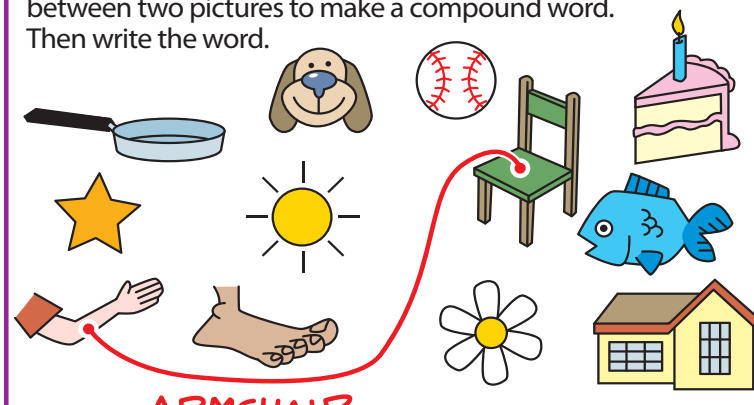
Before & After

Look at a photograph in the newspaper. What do you think happened before the photo was taken? What do you think happened afterwards?

Standards Link: Research: Students predict likely outcomes.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Flytrap is a **compound word**, made by combining two smaller words: **fly** and **trap**. Look at the pictures below. Draw a line between two pictures to make a compound word. Then write the word.



ARMCHAIR

Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

FLYTRAP
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STOMACH
SURVIVE
BEAUTY
SPIKES
EDIBLE
DIGEST
JUICES
VENUS
LOVE
BOGS
FEAR
WILD

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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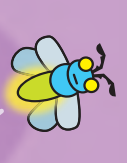
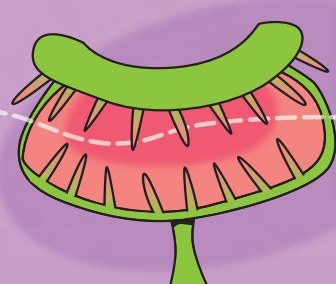
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Newsy Timeline

Select an article that interests you in the newspaper. Read the article and then make a timeline to show the events in the order they happened. Share your timeline with a parent or other family member.

Standards Link: Reading: Extract information from text.



Do Venus flytraps ever eat fireflies?

ANSWER: Only when they want a light snack.

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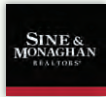
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Liggett girls lacrosse remains unbeaten as stellar season continues

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is hard to ask for more as a team than having a perfect record through the first month of the season. The University Liggett School varsity girls lacrosse team has managed to stay perfect so far this season as the postseason starts to creep onto the horizon. The Knights hope their success to this point is a sign of bigger things to come.

The Knights are 9-0 this season and earned a couple of big wins last week to help them improve to that mark. Wednesday, April 30, Liggett earned a hard-fought comeback win 9-8 over Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard to keep its season perfect.

Ally Orlick completed the comeback with the game-winning goal for the Knights with less than two minutes remaining in the game. Fiona Sierens, Aliya Abraham and Avery Welsh each had two goals, while Olivia Marcero and Madeline Hexter both found the back of the net once.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Olivia Marcero, Liggett girls lacrosse's leading scorer this season, tries to make a move around a defender in a game against Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard last Wednesday, April 30.

Marcero had an impressive outing the next day when the Knights went on the road to face Regina Thursday, May 1. The junior scored eight goals in a 15-5 win. Orlick added four goals of her own and Abraham had three.

"Offensively, I feel that

our team is really doing a nice job of differentiating between when to push the tempo and when to slow it down," Liggett girls lacrosse coach Amanda Amine said about what has been going right this season. "I also feel like our defense has really

improved as the season has gone on, which has really helped contribute to our success."

Marcero has been the team's leading scorer and Amine also pinpointed Sierens as one of the team's top offensive threats. Orlick also has impressed her team-

mates and coaches with her play this season as a sophomore. Another sophomore, Fay Robb, also has improved significantly and become one of Liggett's most solid defenders this spring.

The Knights already clinched first place in the Catholic League for the

regular season and faced Toledo Central Catholic in the Catholic League tournament semifinals after press time Tuesday, May 6. Winning the Catholic League tournament would be the first step in what Liggett hopes to be plenty of postseason success this year. With the state play-offs set to begin Thursday, May 15, the team won't have to wait long to begin its playoff run and wants to be firing on all cylinders as the most crucial time of the season approaches.

"This group of girls is very tight knit and have remained incredibly focused, while having a lot of fun together and enjoying the ride," Amine said. "We continue to improve with each practice and game and just take things one day at a time."

Liggett defeated cross-town foe Grosse Pointe North 18-5 Monday, May 5, in another dominant offensive display. The Catholic League tournament championship is scheduled for Saturday, May 10. The Knights are at home Monday, May 12, hosting Birmingham Seaholm at 5 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

South's Squitieri etches his name amongst track and field greats

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Since he first started his track and field career,

Conrad Squitieri always had his sights set on putting his name into the record books at Grosse Pointe South. Years of



COURTESY PHOTO

Squitieri, right, with South track and field throwing coach Steven Weideman.

hard work and dedication finally paid off this spring as Squitieri finally was able to get his name on the all-time leaderboard for the Blue Devils by setting a new school record in discus.

Squitieri set the record April 19, at the Throw Down in Trojan Town, with a throw measuring 167 feet, four inches, beating the previous record by seven inches. As if that was not good enough, he shattered his own record Wednesday, April 30, in a dual meet against Henry Ford II with a throw that measured 173 feet, four inches.

"My freshman year, I was a few feet away from the freshman record," Squitieri said. "My sophomore year, I was a few inches off of the sophomore record. It was frustrating, but I finally got one in my junior year and then to shatter the actual school record this year just felt great."

South track and field

divides records into overall records and records by grade. Squitieri came short of the grade records as a freshman and sophomore, but broke the junior record last season and now holds the senior record and overall record.

His record-setting performances may make Squitieri seem like a natural. However, throwing events were not initially what he set out to do when he started track. Like many good athletes, though, simply giving it a try ended up leading to something great.

"I started as a mid-distance runner and did the 800 and the 400," he

said. "I got tendinitis in my knee part way through the season, so I couldn't really run. I figured I might as well try throwing out because it seemed fun and the coach was really energetic and fun to be around. ... He saw potential in me and I started to just work more."

Breaking the record is a testament to the kind of all-around athlete

One For The Record Books

- Set new South record in discus at 167' 4" on April 19
- Broke own record on April 30 with throw measuring 173' 4"
- Member of South varsity track & field, football and wrestling teams

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Conrad Squitieri
School: Grosse Pointe South
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Squitieri is. He has done everything at South from track and field to varsity football and wrestling. He once thought his future would be focused on the gridiron, but changed his direction once he started getting his first tastes of success in track.

"I was kind of tailoring my whole approach to other sports to focus on football until my sopho-

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Navigating challenges on diamond key for baseball teams first week of May

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the first week of May coming to a close, the back half of the high school baseball season is officially here. Every game, at bat and out becomes more crucial with the postseason now less than a month away. The teams from University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North all experienced ups and downs last week as they entered the heart of the season.

University Liggett
The Knights had their share of meetings with crosstown rivals last week. Tuesday, April 29, they traveled to face Grosse Pointe North in a doubleheader. Liggett won the first game 13-5 before the two teams tied the second game 9-9.

After that, Liggett met Grosse Pointe South on the big-league field of Comerica Park for a rivalry showdown Friday, May 2. The bright lights of the stadium were not kind to the Knights, however, as Liggett fell 8-0 to the Blue Devils.

It was back to Catholic League action for Liggett over the weekend. The team traveled to Cardinal Mooney for a doubleheader Saturday, May 3, with the two teams splitting the games. Both games were low-scoring, with Cardinal Mooney taking the first game 2-0.

Liggett bounced back in the second game and won 1-0. Andrew Johnson brought in the only RBI in a game that



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South pitcher Jack Danielewicz winds up for a pitch in the first inning against L’Anse Creuse North Monday, May 5. Danielewicz would go on to pitch a complete-game shutout in a 10-0 victory for South.

saw just two combined hits. Joey Harris pitched the complete game shut-out for the Knights, going seven innings and tallying 14 strikeouts with just one hit allowed.

The Knights had another doubleheader on the road Monday, May 5, taking on Lutheran North. It was another split doubleheader, with Liggett losing the first game 2-1. However, the Knights bounced back in the second game to win 5-4, with Deagan Barr going two for three at the plate. Liggett hosted Ecorse

after press time Tuesday, May 6. The Knights take the diamond again on the road Friday, May 9, traveling to take on Northville.

Grosse Pointe South
Last week did not get off to an ideal start for the Blue Devils after losing the first two games of a MAC White Division series against Anchor Bay. However, South quickly got things back on track and back in the win column in the final game of the series Thursday, May 1.

South took down Anchor Bay 8-0 to keep

things close at the top of the division standings. Drew Hess and Adam Czarnik both had a pair of RBI each in the win. Dane Lezotte pitched six innings and had five strikeouts with only five hits allowed.

Hess also had a couple of RBI in South’s 8-0 win over University Liggett at Comerica Park Friday, May 2. After that, it was on to more non-league action over the weekend for the Blue Devils. They played twice Saturday, the first game a 6-5 victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer. Ben Kocik had

two RBI and Hess continued his hot streak at the plate with a home run in the win. South’s bats went cold in the team’s second game Saturday, however, which was a 12-0 loss to Rochester Adams.

The Blue Devils started the new week with a new MAC White Division series. They hosted L’Anse Creuse North for the first of three games Monday, May 5, and South dominated its way to a 10-0 win. Jack Lupo had three RBI, while Joey Michelotti and Henry Domzalski had two each

in a big day for South’s offense. Jack Danielewicz took the win on the mound, pitching six innings and allowing no runs with just three hits.

South visited L’Anse Creuse North after press time Wednesday, May 7, and hosts the final game of the series at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen continued to struggle finding wins over the course of last week. After taking the first game of a three-game MAC White Division series against L’Anse Creuse North, the Norsemen lost both of the remaining games in the series. North fell to the Crusaders 3-1 Wednesday, April 30, with Trevor Lipscomb driving in the only run. The Norsemen then lost the final game of the series Thursday, May 1, falling 3-0.

The woes at the plate continued for North over the weekend. The Norsemen were shut out in both games they played Saturday, the first a 7-0 loss to Rochester Adams. North then lost 11-0 to Ann Arbor Pioneer later in the day.

North went on the road Monday, May 5, to start another MAC White Division series against St. Clair. The team’s bats once again were cold as the Norsemen lost to the Saints 7-1.

The Norsemen hosted St. Clair after press time Wednesday, May 7, and go back on the road for the final game of the series against the Saints Thursday, May 8.



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North and South face off on links

The varsity boys golf teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South went head to head on the course last Thursday, May 1, at Lochmoor Club. The Blue Devils ended up victorious by nine strokes, shooting 156 while the Norsemen finished with 165. Marty Wayman, pictured above right, shot 39 for South while two of his teammates, Charlie Thomas and Ben Bieri, both shot 38. North’s best performances for the day came from Colin Smith, who shot 40, and Tyler Collins with 41. Alejandro Delgado, pictured above left, finished with 42.

North, South softball start May with action-packed week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week’s action on the softball diamond likely did not disappoint many fans of either Grosse Pointe North or Grosse Pointe South. From close games to great performances, the first week of May was another exciting one on the softball diamond as the season continues.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen suffered a MAC Red Division loss last week when the team took on Chippewa Valley Thursday, May 1. North battled in a close and high-scoring game, but ultimately lost 9-6 against the Big Red. Trailing 7-1 in the sixth inning, the Norsemen pulled closer and made the game 7-5. However, Chippewa Valley hung onto its lead late and added a couple of insurance runs to seal the victory. Emma Barr had a pair of RBI for the Norsemen in the loss, with two hits, including a home run. Addison Moses also brought in a couple of runs with her bat. North was able to get back in the win column Monday, May 5, with a 6-2 win over Lakeview. Senior Elliott Jarvi helped propel the Norsemen to the win with her play at the plate and on the mound. Jarvi had three hits and two

RBI on offense and pitched all seven innings, allowing just four hits and one earned run with nine strikeouts. North visited Dakota after press time Tuesday, May 6. The Norsemen go on the road again for their next game Thursday, May 8, against Eisenhower.

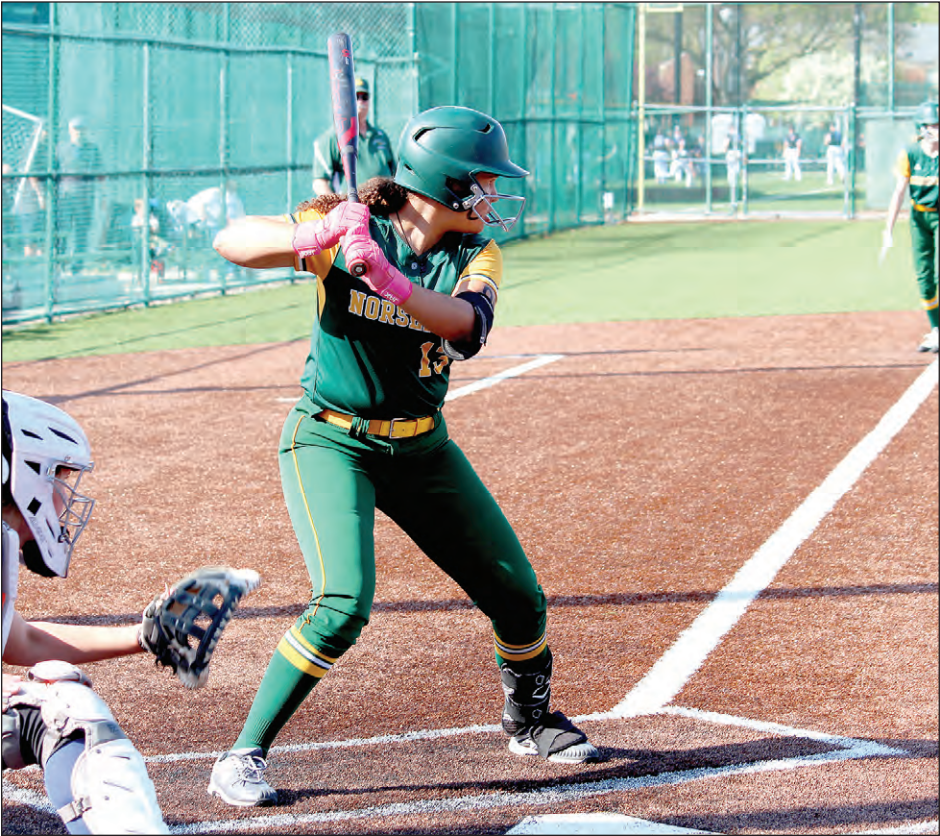
Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils had another weekend packed with action, with three games Saturday, May 3. The first was a close battle with Detroit Cass Tech that ended with a bang and with South on top, 6-5. The Blue Devils trailed 5-2 heading into the final inning and needed a late rally to save the game. They got just that as they stormed their way to a comeback win. It started with an RBI single from Kelsie George to cut the deficit to just two runs. With runners on second and third base, Viviana Ostrowski launched a triple into the outfield for South that brought in the runs to tie the game. Ostrowski then came home to score herself after an error by Cass Tech to win the game. “Our kids really prepared well for that game and worked extra hard with hitting drills and everything else,” South softball coach Bill Fleming said. “They came together and pulled that game out at the end.

... It’s the kind of thing you want to see as your season progresses and tells you that you’re heading in the right direction.” The momentum from the thrilling win over Cass Tech seemed to carry into the rest of the day for South. The team’s second game was a dominant 18-1 victory over West Bloomfield. Piper Obermok and Mackenzie Simon both had four RBI each in a huge day for South’s offense. Ostrowski also had three RBI. Sophia Husek got the pitching win, throwing four innings and allowing just one run on one hit with eight strikeouts. The Blue Devils finished the day with a 9-3 win over L’Anse Creuse North. It was another strong showing at the plate by Simon as she drove in five runs on three hits, including a two-run home run. “Every game, somebody new is stepping up,” Fleming said. “... Kids are stepping up and doing what they can for the team and working really well together. I think it’s reflected in our record and the way that we’re playing.” South hosted L’Anse Creuse after press time Tuesday, May 6. The Blue Devils are in action on their home field again Thursday, May 8, hosting Port Huron Northern at 5 p.m.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North’s Kate Stemmler, right, congratulates pitcher Elliott Jarvi after a strikeout against Lakeview Monday, May 5.



Addie Moses steps to the plate for the Norsemen against Lakeview Monday, May 5.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2025 CITY PROPERTY TAXES
AND 2025/2026 BUDGET

The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025 for the purpose of discussing the adoption of the 2025–2026 Budget.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 16.7440 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2025 to support the proposed General Fund Budget. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$6,445,721 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for the general fund, which reflects a \$193,809 increase compared to the 2024-2025 total tax collection of \$6,251,912.

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budget at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Administrative Office, 795 Lake Shore Road on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 and will also be available for viewing on the City’s website (www.gpshoresmi.gov).

Oral or written public comments on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget are welcome at the public hearing.

Bruce Nichols, Clerk

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City of ~~Grosse Pointe Woods~~, Michigan

Notice of Public Hearing
On the Proposed 2025-26 General Budget
And Various Other Fund Budgets

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will be meeting on May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2025-26 General Fund Budget as well as the various other Fund Budgets of the said City.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 15.5137 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2025 to support the proposed General Fund, Public Relations, Solid Waste and Road Budgets. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$14,904,809 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for all funds, which is a \$437,227 or 2.85% decrease compared to the 2024-2025 total collection of \$15,342,036. The winter millage levied for the Milk River Drainage tax will be 3.9118 mills.

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate	Revenue Generated
General Operating	12.6444	\$12,148,178
Road Bond Debt	0.4000	\$384,396
Act 359 – Public Relations	.0522	\$50,000
Act 298 – Solid Waste	2.4171	\$2,322,235
Total Special Acts Millage	2.4693	\$2,299,993

TOTAL GENERAL, PUBLIC RELATIONS SOLID WASTE & ROAD DEBT MILLAGE15.5137\$14,904,809

Milk River Drain		
Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate	Revenue Generated
Milk River Drain Operations	2.5827	\$2,469,883
Milk River Drain Bonded Debt	1.3446	\$1,285,868
Administration	.0037	\$3,500

TOTAL MILK RIVER DRAIN LEVY3.9310\$3,759,251

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budgets at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

2025-2026 Proposed Budget Summary
City of Grosse Pointe Woods

2025-26 PROPOSED	
GENERAL FUND	
General Government	\$4,257,774
Public Safety	\$8,635,770
Public Works	\$2,594,918
Management Info. Systems	\$526,534
Parks & Recreation	\$2,091,306
Total General Fund	\$18,106,302
SPECIAL REVENUE	
Major Street	\$1,511,752
Local Street	\$1,406,433
Act 302 Training	\$5,000
Parkway Beautification	\$99,990
Cable Fund	\$0
MCOLES	\$10,000
Solid Waste	\$2,407,063
CDBG	\$20,000
SOM MIDC Grant	\$52,000
911 Service Fund	\$153,920
Drug Forfeiture	\$750
Opioid Settlement	\$7,000
Total Special Revenue	\$5,673,908
DEBT SERVICE FUND	
Road Bond Debt	\$353,150
Capital Improvement Debt	\$212,363
Grosse Gratiot Drain (Milk River)	\$3,766,276
Total Debt Funds	\$4,331,789
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	
Municipal Improvement	\$118,500
Total Capital Projects Fund	\$118,500
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$1,564,400
Workmen’s Compensation	\$173,115
Health Fund	\$3,106,895
Total Internal Service Funds	\$4,844,410
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	
Parking	\$589,011
Water & Sewer	\$9,679,282
Boat Dock	\$164,997
Commodity Sales	\$250
Total Enterprise Funds	\$10,433,540
FIDUCIARY FUNDS	
Pension Trust Funds	\$4,223,172
Supplemental Annuity	\$313,052
Retiree Healthcare (OPEB)	\$20,950
Total Fiduciary Funds	\$4,557,174
Budget Total	\$48,065,623

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Administrator. Public comments, oral and/or written, will be welcome at the public hearing on the aforesaid proposed General Fund Budget and the various other Fund Budgets.

Frank Schulte
City Administrator

GPN: 05/08/25



Welcome to Grosse Pointe Playmakers, a brand new feature coming to the Grosse Pointe News featuring the best and brightest the Pointes have to offer in youth and non-varsity level sports. From the field to the court, ice or wherever these champions are making plays, the Grosse Pointe News is here to highlight their great achievements!

The Tigers coaches and players proudly march down Mack Avenue in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League parade.



Courtesy Photo



LITTLE LEAGUE RINGS IN NEW YEAR

Players from the Brewers go for a joyride during the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League opening day parade festivities.

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Teams, friends and family gather at Ghesquire Park for the Woods-Shores Little League opening day festivities.



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The RedWings are ready to take on a new season in the Woods-Shores Little League.



PARCELLS BASKETBALL TEAMS WRAP UP STRONG SEASONS

The Parcels Middle School 8th grade boys basketball team went undefeated during the winter season and finished the campaign as league champions. The team's roster included: Montgomery Kohler, Camren Morris, Rashad Barney, Gavin McCaulley, Kobe Powell, Jamier Jefferson, Dominique Rubio, Leo Cecchini, Jackson Floyd, Dezmond Williams, Barron Smith, Cooper Gaffery and Vince Harrow.

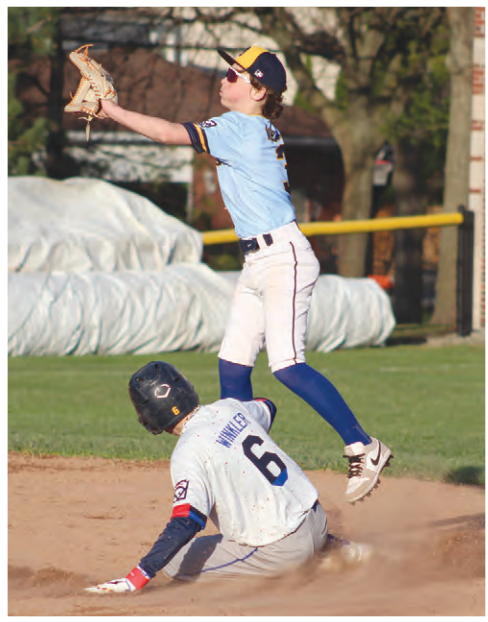


Photo by Nicole Puente Winkler

Beau Wortman from the Brewers jumps in the air for the ball as the Dodgers' Grayson Winkler slides into second base during opening week action in the Farms City Little League.



The 7th grade boys basketball team from Parcels also had an outstanding season, finishing the year undefeated and winning its league title as well. On the team were: Kaleb Matthews, Kamar Laster-Walker, Jagger Balido, Martez Seals, Michael Polk, Easton Evans, Dylan Dell'Eva, Tyson Champine, Michael Trupiano, Ben Spence, Noah Bazzi, Jack Rademaker, Nick Thompson, Nolan McCevey and Trenton Thompson.



The 8th grade girls basketball team for Parcels finished in second place in the league standings to end its season during the winter. The team's roster included: Mia Wilhelm, Mackenzie Martin, Kylah Franklin-Gary, Ava Dudek, Azaria Roberts, Taiylor Williams, Julia Barr, Kaamil Brown, Kaaleah Brown and Lamees Smith.



Also finishing in second place in the league was the Parcels 7th grade girls basketball team. Its roster included; Terren Sloan, Violet Hakim, Kelsi Laster-Walker, Norah Moses, Lydia Grimes, Wilhelmina Vanderwerp, Ada Cavanaugh, Anna Steiger, Emily Lorelli and Konstantina Nasiou.



The Grosse Pointe North JV softball team took first place at the Anchor Bay Tournament last weekend.



The Pirates celebrate during the Grosse Pointe Park Little League parade.



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The Dodgers and Mud Hens from the Grosse Pointe Park Little League cruise the streets during the league's opening day parade.



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Track and field teams continue success, South wins first Wandering Wizard Invitational

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As spring rolls along, the success continues for the track and field teams in the Pointes. The great performances kept coming last week, including Grosse Pointe South taking home the trophies in its home invitational.

The boys and girls teams from Grosse Pointe South have been red hot throughout the spring season. That streak carried into last week, as the boys and

girls continued their perfect records in dual meets this spring by defeating Henry Ford II Wednesday, April 30.

“Ford brought the No. 1 sprinter, hurdler and shot putter in the league, but they were no match for our team’s depth,” South girls track and field coach Steve Zaranek said. “By the halfway point, our girls began to pull away and never looked back. It was another display of full team contribution.”

South’s girls team took

four victories in field events against the Falcons, led by high jumper Ava Biter, long jumper Morgan Duff, discus thrower Olivia Barba and pole vaulter Evie Wodzisz. Rylee Piornack, Morgan Costello, Chloe Caulfield and Sarah Koval combined to win the 3200 distance relay.

Highlights for South’s boys team in the win over Ford II included Jack Martin taking first in both the 800 and 1600. The Blue Devils boys

team also dominated the field events, with Conrad Squitieri breaking his own school record in discus with a throw of 173 feet, four inches. Jaiden Spratt won the high jump and long jump, while Liam O’Donoghue took first in the pole vault.

Both Blue Devil teams also finished in first place in the first ever Wandering Wizard Invitational Saturday, May 3. The event was held to honor longtime former South track and field coach Mike Novak,

who passed away last year following a battle with pancreatic cancer. The day’s festivities started with a one-mile walk for pancreatic cancer research, with donations totaling over \$2,600.

For South’s girls team, Sarah Koval won both the 800 and 1500. Koval, Chloe Caulfield, Morgan Costello and Rylee Piornack also took first in the 4x800 relay. The 4x400 relay team of Lucy Tull, Calisse Budek, Adelina Parikh and Duff finished in first place as

well.

Duff won the long jump for a victory in the field for South. Tull took first in the pole vault and Olivia Barba had the winning throw in discus.

On the boys side, Spratt, Nathan Tyler, Alton Smith and Zachary Wilson combined for a victory in the 4x200 relay. The 4x400 relay was another victory for Spratt, Martin, Shall and Tristan Wininger. Shall also won both the 110 and 300 hurdle races.

Grosse Pointe North’s boys and girls track and field teams also were in action at the Wandering Wizard Invitational. The Norsemen finished 12th in the boys standings and 13th in the field for the girls.

North’s biggest highlight of the day came from the boys team when Paul Stephens was victorious in the 800. The 4x800 relay team of Stephens, Sam Parish, Dylan Phillips and Neil Orłowski also finished in second place.

North’s teams hosted Port Huron Northern in a dual meet after press time Tuesday, May 6. The Norsemen are set to compete in the Friday Night Lights invitational hosted by Algonac Friday, May 9.

South’s boys and girls teams both went on the road to take on Stevenson in a dual meet after press time Tuesday, May 6. The Blue Devils will race in the Marysville Invitational Friday, May 9.



COURTESY PHOTO

South girls track and field celebrates winning first place at the First Annual Wandering Wizard Invitational, an event held to honor longtime South track and field coach Mike Novak.

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North athletes ink college sports futures



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Lillian Deskins officially becomes a Hurricane as she is set to join the track and field and cross country teams at the University of Miami.



Lilly Kline soars into her future as an Eagle by signing to join the rowing team at Eastern Michigan University.



Lawrence Davis from North basketball signs to make his future in college hoops official with Tiffin University.



Evan Bainbridge is joined by his family as he becomes a Warrior and signs to play college football at Wayne State University.



More years on the gridiron are ahead for Martez Jones as he signs to join the football team at Ohio Dominican University.

Tennis teams battle for wins on court

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It is now the heart of spring sports season and plenty of teams are fighting to get into top form as the postseason nears. The girls varsity tennis teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School were in action last week and found

themselves with mostly mixed results.

Grosse Pointe South It was a strong week for the Blue Devils, as the team was able to put together a few key victories. It started Wednesday, April 30, with South taking down Port Huron Northern 7-1. Dalina Kokoshi, Olivia Kowal and Katelyn Strong all con-

tributed to the win with victories in singles play. South went on to win two of its three matches in a quad meet over the weekend Saturday, May 3. The only loss was a 7-1 defeat at the hands of Birmingham Seaholm. The Blue Devils were victorious 6-2 over Traverse City Central. Kokoshi, Kowal and Strong all won their respective singles

matches once again. South then earned a close 5-3 victory against Byron Center. Kokoshi and Strong picked up more singles wins. Wins in doubles play by the teams of Taylor Lewis and Helena Tabaczuk and Grace Vollmer and Andia Nazarko helped South pull out the victory. South hosted University Liggett School after press time Wednesday, May 7. The Blue Devils take the court again Saturday, May 10, hosting a quad meet with Fraser, Troy and Saline.

The Norsemen had a relatively quiet week, with one of their only matches being a showdown with Romeo Wednesday, April 30. North lost 8-2. Laila Aslam and Daniela Pietrowsky won their singles matches as the only victories for North in the loss. North visited Ann Arbor Greenhills after press time Wednesday, May 7. The team travels to DeWitt for a quad meet Saturday, May 10. **University Liggett** The Knights ended last week without a win, finishing with a draw and a loss in their two

matches. The first was a 4-4 draw with Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard Tuesday, April 29. Sonya Jayakar, Audrey DiDio and Nina Shanidze had wins for the Knights in singles play. Liggett then went on to lose 6-2 against Sacred Heart Friday, May 2. DiDio and Shanidze were the only victorious players for the Knights during the day. The Knights visited Grosse Pointe South after press time Wednesday, May 7. They return to action at home Thursday, May 8, hosting Everest Collegiate at 4:30 p.m.

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more season of track, when I qualified for states in the four-by-four and almost got the sophomore record in discus," Squitieri said. "That really made me switch my whole approach and I started to like track a lot more."

While other things like a back injury his junior year slowed down his football and wrestling careers, Squitieri has remained committed to always being at his best.

In his final sports season of any kind at South this spring, he has once again qualified for the state finals in discus for a third year in a row and has his sights set on capping off his career with the Blue Devils by winning a state championship.

No matter what happens in his final weeks competing for South, Squitieri is grateful for all of the experiences he has had as a high school athlete. Breaking school records and competing for championships is fun, but what he will remember and miss the most

are the bonds he has formed with his coaches and teammates who have been cheering him on for years.

"They've all been very caring and compassionate," Squitieri said. "They know what to teach you. They've taught me great things about track, but also how to just care for other people. The track team has such a diverse group of kids and I've been able to make friends with all of them. One of the best things about track is that community."