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Tried-and-true categories also deserve some love, like the best place to buy a wedding gift, baby gift or Grosse Pointe-style fashion. Nominate them, too!

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Quite a catch!

’Tis fishing season — as evidenced by this photo sent to us by Josh Lemanski. He caught this 48-inch muskie the first weekend of May — a few weeks shy of the start of the annual Grosse Pointe News Off-Shore Fishing Classic. The muskie was the biggest Lemanski has ever caught, “let alone seen or heard of anyone catching off (the pier) of Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park,” he said.

The Grosse Pointe News Off-Shore Fishing Classic kicks off next week. Be sure to check your May 29 Grosse Pointe News for details about this year’s contest.

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Union says no to extra pay for some paraprofessionals

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The union that represents paraprofessionals in the Grosse Pointe Public School System turned down a letter of agreement that would have secured more money for some members who work in certain classrooms.

The LoA would be necessary to amend the current contract.

“We believe that all

paraprofessionals serving students with disabilities — regardless of the classroom setting — should be valued and treated as equals,” Kim Manikas, president of the Grosse Pointe Educational Paraprofessional Association, said in a statement.

“Paraprofessionals working with children with disabilities in mainstream classrooms play a critical role in keeping students on

track with their schoolwork, helping with adaptive learning needs and ensuring their students are given the same educational and social opportunities as other students in the class.”

The district planned to use Act 18 dollars dispersed by Wayne RESA, the county’s intermediate school district, to pay the extra money to paraprofessionals who work in autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

and moderate cognitive impaired (MOCI) classrooms.

Teachers in those classrooms received a \$10,000 bonus this year and will receive another \$10,000 during the 2025-26 school year. Further, those who provide support services in ASD and MOCI classrooms, such as occupational therapists and speech therapists, will receive an additional \$4,000 this year and next year.

The Grosse Pointe Education Association approved a letter of understanding with the district earlier this year to allow that to happen.

“Hopefully this will entice more professionals to come to our district,” Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said at the time.

Moussa Hamka, assistant superintendent for human resources, said at the board of education meeting.

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Draft budget in Park maintains surplus

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City officials almost responded with applause this week when the finance director presented next fiscal year’s proposed municipal general fund surplus.

The surplus would be the second consecutive since elected officials and administrators wiped out a \$1 million

deficit in 2022.

Next fiscal year’s projected surplus is \$130,200 compared with a \$81,700 surplus council members approved last year.

“Three years ago, we had a \$1.1 million deficit,” Mayor Michele Hodges said during a budget workshop Monday, May 19. “We are now in a surplus standpoint. That means spending money in the right places, investing in

your community and people impacts your bottom line well, if managed well.”

The workshop was scheduled prior to council members voting to pass or reject the budget at their next meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, June 9.

Being considered is the fiscal year 2025-2026 proposed general fund budget totaling \$14,479,000, an increase of \$415,200 from the current period. The gen-

eral fund is the city’s operating fund.

Figures are built upon a 10.414-mill operating millage. When all millages are combined — public safety, water and sewer, solid waste, roads, debt and public relations — the rate is 18.777 mills.

Considered separately was overall support for an 18 percent increase in water and sewer rates, reported separately.

Finance Director Bridgette Moriarty outlined the budget proposal, which featured small, rare, and by their rareness of even greater value, short-lived cost reductions in employee health care and pension costs. Savings came from program changes. Examples included shifting some older employees to Medicare medical coverage and enrolling new hires in defined contribution pension plans, which

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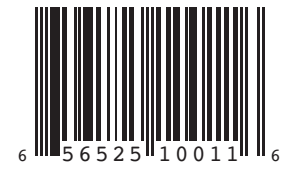
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- Best Family-Owned Business
- Best Curb Appeal/Charming Grosse Pointe Storefront

WHO will receive this year's awards?

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Memorial Day Service is held on the lakefront lawn of the historic Alger House, to a backdrop of Les Braves II: At Water's Edge and Lake St. Clair.

Memorial Day Service at TWM

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The War Memorial has hosted a Memorial Day Service since 1949.

This year it again takes place on Memorial Day from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 26, on the lakefront lawn of the Alger House.

Remarks of remembrance and honor will be given by keynote speaker Lt. Col. Stephen Klenke, 127th Wing base civil engineer at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. The service also will include a recitation of the names of Grosse Pointe residents who lost their lives in service to the country.

Boy Scout Troop 96 is set to hand out

American flags as guests enter; the Knights of Columbus will present the colors, bringing in the flag; and American Legion Posts 303 and 372, along with the Grosse Pointe Veterans Club, will walk the memorial wreath to the Veterans Garden.

“What I find cool about Memorial Day is how many different community partners are involved in the ceremony,” said Alex Szwarc, patriotic programming and communication administrator. “... It's nice to bring everyone together for that Memorial Day morning, so then folks can go out on the water (or) go home for a barbecue. It's a good way to center yourself for the day in what

Memorial Day really is about.”

Musical tributes will include the Motor City Brass Band, the national anthem sung by Kate DeBoer and a bagpipe performance of “Amazing Grace” by Mary Beth Nicholson to close out the ceremony.

“Last year, since we were inside, it echoed throughout the colony,” said Jennifer Sutton, director of public programs and special events. “It was actually really beautiful, because we were disappointed not to be outside, but inside the echoing of the bagpipes is really amazing.”

The service is free and open to the public, but guests are asked to register at warmemorial.org/memorialweek.

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A complete list of categories can be found on the ballot on page 10A. The ballot also will be printed in the May 29 edition. Just clip it, fill it out and mail it in — or drop it to our office, 16980 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

If you prefer the electronic method, online voting begins today at grossepointenews.com/

best.

“Best of the Best is one of our favorite ways to help celebrate our unique and impressive community,” Publisher Anne Gryzenia said. “From hidden gems to longtime favorites, this is your chance to cheer for people and places that make life here so special.”

The deadline for all nominations is midnight Thursday, June 5.

Top vote-getters receive recognition in our Best of the Best special



section, due out in our July 17 full-run edition, which hits every home in Grosse Pointe. Additional honors include Best of the Best plaques and window stickers to commemorate the amazing businesses and services available in the Pointes.

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— Jody McVeigh

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Officers honored

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A half dozen public safety officers from the Pointes and Harper Woods were honored at the Lakeshore Optimist Club’s 42nd annual Respect for Law breakfast Wednesday, May 7, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Receiving citations were:

◆ Detective Miles Adams and Detective Lt. Keith Waszak of Grosse Pointe Woods,

◆ Public Safety Officer Jacob Gentile of the City of Grosse Pointe and

◆ Public Safety Officers Joseph D’Angelo, Al Natheer and Lt. Jason Sakowski of Harper Woods.

Adams and Waszak are officer and supervisor of the year, respectively, in the Woods and Gentile is officer of the year in the City. All three were heavily

involved in a case last year that led to the arrest of a Detroit man who was breaking into homes during funerals. (Read more about them and other officers from the Pointes on page A6.)

The Harper Woods officers were recognized for saving a special needs resident from a house fire. They found the man hiding in a downstairs bathroom during the fire and led him to safety, but had to go back in when the man broke free and ran into the house again.

Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, who also served 10 years there as sheriff, was the keynote speaker.

Hackel said although his grades didn’t reflect it, he never missed a day of school from kindergarten through high school graduation.

“I’ve always enjoyed

engaging with people,” he said. “That’s part of the reason I got into law enforcement.”

Hackel discussed the approach Macomb County is taking with its new jail, focusing more on substance use disorders and mental health issues among inmates. He also mentioned the new marine safety headquarters in Harrison Township and said he joked with President Donald Trump at Selfridge Air National Guard Base last month that he wanted to change the name of Lake St. Clair to the Gulf of Macomb.

“The people in St. Clair County aren’t too happy with me,” he laughed.

The Optimist Respect for Law program started in 1965 and is celebrated by more than 1,500 clubs worldwide each year.

—Ted O’Neil



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Top, Steve Licari, president Lakeshore Optimist Club, PSO Joseph D’Angelo, PSO Al Natheer and Lt. Jason Sakowski, all with Harper Woods Public Safety Department.

Right, PSO Jacob Gentile, named officer of the year within the Grosse Pointe City Public Safety Department, shakes hands with Licari.



Keynote speaker, Mark Hackel, Macomb County executive



Left, Citizen Commendation, Judith Roth, City of Detroit, 5th Precinct and Steve Licari, president Lakeshore Optimist Club. Right, Detective Miles Adams, Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Licari.



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are less expensive for employers to provide than traditional defined benefit plans.

“We need to go forward and continue to work in consult with our team because we’ve worked well together to the point where we’ve eliminated that \$1.1 million deficit,” Hodges said.

Although the city’s financial turnaround seems secure, now’s not the time to crow, according to Hodges.

“Should we be celebrating yet? No,” Hodges said. “We’ve got to grow our tax base. When you’re a built-out community, that’s challenging. You need to look for efforts that have multipliers. The more we work in partnership with our neighbors to stabilize our borders, those are going to have multiplier impacts on our tax base which will generate revenue.”

Revitalization of shuttered Trombly Elementary School is an element of that growth, she said.

“Trombly is crucial to our budget because that is going to stabilize if not grow the tax base,” Hodges said. “And the continuing pursuit of optimization and efficiency. Cost containment and shared costs are going to be critical going forward.”

She characterized the proposed budget as achieving “the balance between community needs and available resources.”

She also called on residents to submit ways the city can sustain financial stability in preparation for a pros-

perous future, particularly about a proposed 18 percent water and sewer rate increase to be decided at the June 9 meetings

“There are a lot of big decisions we have to make,” Hodges said.

Revenue

Property tax receipts of \$10,606,900 represented the largest component — 73 percent — of general fund revenue projected for the coming year.

Next came:

◆ state sources of \$1,499,100, or 10 percent,

◆ service charges, \$965,100,

◆ interest, \$487,500,

◆ other, \$454,300,

◆ local sources, \$258,500 and

◆ license and permits, \$208,500.

More revenue could come from the sale of city-owned property on Wayburn, according to City Manager Nick Sizeland.

City officials also are awaiting receipt of about \$900,000 in Federal Emergency Management Agency

reimbursement funds stemming from the cost to clean up widespread sewer flooding during rains in July 2021.

There’s also a \$1,050,00 federal grant for flood control that Congressman Shri Thanedar announced in February 2021 but hasn’t arrived.

Expenditures

Services will cost \$8,730,100 next fiscal year, or 61 percent of the pie.

In second place came the parks and recreation department at \$2,317,800, 16 percent.

In descending order are:

◆ buildings and grounds, \$917,400,

◆ city council and manager, \$515,100,

◆ city clerk and elections, \$407,900,

◆ municipal court, \$388,200,

◆ finance and human resources payroll, \$361,500,

◆ treasury and assessing, \$342,400,

◆ debt services and transfers, \$202,400 and

◆ insurance, \$166,900. Councilman Brent

Dreaver felt one spending cut went too far. Councilman Tom Caulfield felt one was past due.

Dreaver questioned eliminating the attendant from the Lavins Center workout room.

“People like that person being there,” Dreaver said. “While we’re taking away from the value of the membership to the gym, I was looking for things that might offset that lack of value and make sure we have a good value proposition for members of the gym. As we save costs, are we doing anything to offset that loss of value or increase the service?”

Sizeland said the gym may receive better equipment upon expiration of the current vendor’s lease.

Caulfield addressed the cost of operating the municipal court only two regularly scheduled days per month.

“Two days (for) \$400,000 per year — crazy,” he said. “We need to look at cross-community savings (and) shared services.”

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 26

- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ Memorial Day ceremony at Circle of Honor, Grosse Pointe Woods, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
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Hooked on hospitality

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

Eric Reiter says his house is “about 700 yards” from his office.

That terminology makes sense, since he’s the new general manager and chief operating officer at Lochmoor Club.

“Which is funny, because I hardly ever golf anymore,” he said. “I used to quite a bit before my dad passed away. He was a big golfer.”

Reiter, who started in February, has been in the hospitality business more than 30 years, primarily working for hotel chains.

“This is very similar,” he said. “Overseeing finances and improving the member experience. We haven’t had a GM for about five years.”

Even though he’s lived in the Woods for 20 years with his wife, Rebecca, and their two sons, that

didn’t mean he was a lock for the job.

“There were about 40 applicants from all over the country,” Reiter said. “They brought in the final four and we had to present our 30-, 60- and 90-day plans.”

The Warren native started off as a night auditor at a Residence Inn in his home town for a year, then spent a year as front desk supervisor.

“One day a guest asked me what I eventually wanted to do and I said, ‘work there,’ pointing at a picture on the wall of our corporate headquarters in Maryland,” he recalled. “She handed me her card and told me to call her. She was actually from corporate.”

He spent a year in Maryland as a systems analyst, then became a systems trainer.

“It was a dream job,” he said. “I traveled all over

the country opening new hotels and training staff.”

After two years as assistant general manager at Fairfield Inn in Warren and another two at Fairfield Inn in Farmington Hills, Reiter was named general manager of the latter.

“I was a GM at 26, which was pretty cool,” he said.

That was followed by almost six years as general manager of Staybridge Suites in Utica, then two years as regional manager for the chain.

“That was 2007, so it was a pretty tumultuous time,” Reiter said. “They ended up selling all of their hotels.”

After spending five years in sales with a retirement home near Port Huron, Reiter said it was time to get back into the hospitality business.

“I really missed the environment,” he said.

That came in the form

of general manager for the Renaissance Baronette Hotel in Novi.

“Eventually I was approached by a recruiter about a new position at the Detroit Athletic Club,” he said. “My title was clubhouse manager, but it was really three or four roles combined into one. I was part of the senior leadership team.”

During his 20 years in the Woods, Reiter has served on the planning commission and the beautification commission.

“(Former Mayor) Bob Novitke approached me about being on the planning commission because at the time it was all architects and lawyers,” he laughed. “They were trying to figure out ways to attract more young families.”

Reiter said he enjoyed planning more than the beautification commission.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eric Reiter with his wife, Rebecca, and sons, Benjamin and Owen.

“Then we had to switch to Zoom meetings during the pandemic and it wasn’t really fun any more,” he said.

He’s also enjoying his time at Lochmoor.

“All hospitality is great, but this is better in many ways,” Reiter said. “It’s not as transient and the members have made a long-term commitment to the club.”

Park pondering water rate increase

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — An advocate for improved water and sewer operations said a consultant’s recommended 23 percent combined water-sewer rate is “a bridge too far.”

Councilman Max Wiener, head of the Infrastructure Committee and virtual spokesman for cleaning the city’s decades-old pipes of debris, replacing those that aren’t worth tending and installing a flood relief valve supports a smaller, but still two-digit increase in rates starting with the new fiscal year, July 1.

Wiener, most of his elected colleagues and City Manager Nick Sizeland proposed an 18 percent increase during a meeting of the council May 19.

An 18 percent increase translates to the average residential customer paying an additional \$47.67 per bimonthly bill for a

total of \$286.02 more annually.

“Infrastructure is what I care about,” Wiener said. “There’s got to be an increase (in water-sewer rates).”

He said the city can’t absorb a 10 percent fee increase from its water-sewer provider, the Great Lakes Water Authority. The remaining 8 percent of the city’s proposed hike would be for bonding capital improvement projects and building capital reserves in case of emergencies.

“We have a responsibility to address infrastructure needs,” Wiener said. “If we don’t take the reins and handle this appropriately, we are going to be dealing with (pipe) breaks (and) collapses.”

“What you said makes a lot of sense,” Councilman Brent Dreaver told Wiener. “It’s tough,” Councilman Marty McMillan said of facing such a high increase. “But we are doing the right thing by putting money into infra-

structure.”

“There are going to be people in the community who are very upset (about) water-sewer rate increases,” said Mayor Michele Hodges. “We need to hear from our community. They are part of this team.”

She challenged critics of an increase to provide alternative solutions.

“If not that, then what?” Hodges asked. “What are you willing to give up? Are you willing to give up the peace of mind that your basement isn’t going to flood? Are you willing to give up the fact that you might not be able to get insurance going forward? Are you willing to give up the peace of mind that we will never be in a floodplain? Are you willing to give up what?”

Council members will decide rates at their meeting 7 p.m. Monday, June 9.

Hodges told residents, “Let us know what kind of risk you want to take because that is the decision we are going to be charged with making in the next 30 days.”

“It’s going to be hard for people to look at their budgets and see they have to spend a little more,” McMillan said. “If we want to fix some of these things that are breaking, we need the money to do it.”

Others on the council said pretty much the same



From left, Councilman Kenn Gafa, Mayor Pro Tem Todd McConaghy, Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindel, Wayne County Director of Economic Development Hassan Sheikh, Mayor Art Bryant, City Administrator Frank Schulte, Sen. Kevin Hertel and Councilman Michael Koester at the ceremonial ground breaking for the Mack/Vernier intersection project.

Mack/Vernier kicks off

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Although some work already was underway, a ceremonial ground breaking Friday, May 9, was the official start to the redesign of the Mack/Vernier intersection.

“Thank you for being here for this important occasion,” Mayor Art Bryant said. “This represents the care and vision and safety of our community.”

Bryant added the work will make the intersection safer for students and adults going to and from Parcels Middle School, Mason Elementary School and the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch.

“This shows our city cares, listens and pro-

jects,” he said.

Work is expected to start mid-June after the school year ends and is expected to be finished by Labor Day. Total cost is around \$2.6 million, although the city won’t be spending any of that.

What started as an idea to spruce up the intersection evolved into a complete redo as more studies were completed. That moved forward after an offer from Wayne County to improve county roads, which Mack is, using its American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

The biggest chunk of money is \$980,000, which state Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, secured in Michigan’s 2024-25 fiscal year budget. Another \$720,000 is coming from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The city and the Grosse Pointe

Public School System partnered to get \$600,000 from the Safe Routes to School Foundation and another \$380,000 is coming from the county.

Hertel said he is more than familiar with the intersection, having grown up on nearby Blairmoor.

“This was not a tough sell for me,” he said at the ground breaking. “I saw children almost get hit here several times.”

The main feature of the redesign will be traffic signals placed on black mast arms rather than strung across the intersection overhead.

The intersection currently allows for direct left turns in three directions, with traffic southbound on Mack required to make a Michigan left to access eastbound Vernier. In the

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A wallet was stolen from the front seat of an unlocked vehicle parked in the 200 block of Beaupre at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7.

Missing on arrival

A USPS package meant to contain \$1,135.27 worth of jewelry from Jewelry TV arrived empty to a residence in the 100 block of Kercheval Wednesday, May 7.

On duty dad

When a 37-year-old Farms man woke up to give his newborn a bottle at 2:25 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, he noticed a Ring camera notification on his phone from just minutes before. It showed a person run up to his vehicle and try the door handle to check if it was unlocked before running away. Officers canvassed the area and found a vehicle in the 100 block of Moran that was unlocked and rummaged through. Nothing was missing.

Lights out

Glass and the light bulb were broken on a lamp post in the 200 block of Moross overnight into Saturday, May 17. The homeowner suspects a group of juveniles. —Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Hits hydrant

Police arrested a 37-year-old Ferndale man for drunken driving at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. The arrest occurred near the intersection of Trombley and Essex, about seven blocks from where witnesses reported him committing a single-vehicle wreck by hitting a stop sign and fire hydrant. “The vehicle and driver were located by a public safety officer,” said an investigator. “(The suspect’s) vehicle had heavy front-end damage. (He) was found to be intoxicated.”

Stolen & found

A laptop computer, reportedly stolen by two juveniles Thursday evening, May 15, from a vehicle parked in the 15100 block of Mack, was recovered in Detroit. Security video recorded two juveniles committing the theft at 8:01 p.m., according to Park police. “The laptop was tracked to a Detroit address,” said an officer. “The juveniles fit the description from surveillance video and the laptop was located in their front yard.”

Delivery stolen

A thief stole an Apple iPhone shortly after a delivery driver dropped it off outside an address in

the 15800 block of Windmill Pointe Drive at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 16. “The incident was recorded on (a doorbell) camera,” said a public safety officer. Police described the suspect as male. “Minutes after delivery, the suspect comes to the porch and takes the package,” said the officer. The victim reported the theft two days later. —Brad Lindberg Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 882-7400.

City of Grosse Pointe
Charged

A Grosse Pointer’s credit card fraudulently was used four times at a store in The Village Saturday, May 10, to the tune of \$400. An investigation is ongoing.

Lululemon

Three male suspects stole approximately \$975 worth of clothing from The Village Lululemon at noon Friday, May 16. The getaway car was caught on City-owned cameras in the area and an investigation is ongoing.

YouTubers

Two 23-year-old men caused a disturbance by video recording random customers inside a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18. They claimed they were filming for a YouTube channel and were removed by officers from the premises.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch. —Ted O’Neil Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Renter wronged

A rented 2024 Dodge Durango was stolen from a driveway in the 1200 block of South Oxford sometime overnight into Thursday, May 15. Shattered glass was found where the vehicle was parked.

Busy signal

A 30-year-old Detroit man was arrested around 2 p.m. Friday, May 16, after stealing a cell phone from a business in the 19600 block of Mack. Officers located the man running on Broadstone, where he confessed to stealing the phone and was lodged in the Woods jail. —Ted O’Neil Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Kitten rescued from garbage bag

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Elise Ciaravino finished a shift at The Bronze Door around noon on Mother’s Day and headed up Kercheval to grab a few items for her mom’s celebration party from The Village Kroger. She walked in the doors to see a woman holding a baby in one hand and an injured kitten in the other. “An Instacart shopper at Kroger went into the women’s bathroom in the basement on Mother’s Day and heard a bunch of distressed meowing,” Detective Mike Narduzzi explained. “She dug through the garbage can and uncovered a kitten tied up in a clear garbage bag.” The 6-week-old gray and tan kitten — possibly an American Bobtail — was bleeding from her

face and had lost a claw. Ciaravino — an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe North High School graduate who lives with her parents in Grosse Pointe Shores — immediately volunteered to take her. “If anything, love can heal people and things, so I figured at least I’d get her healthy,” she said. “Even if my parents said no to keeping her, I was willing to take the risk and at least get her to a vet, because she was not looking well.” The Instacart shopper had enough on her hands with a baby in tow. “She handed over Kiwi and we walked around the store and got what we needed and checked out,” Ciaravino said. “Then I brought her home for our Mother’s Day party. She was immediately welcomed into the family and I gave her a couple baths.” Kiwi, named for her



COURTESY PHOTO

The kitten was named Kiwi, “because of her green kiwi eyes,” Elise Ciaravino said.

green kiwi-shaped eyes, a week later is thriving at her new home in the Shores. She gets along well with her siblings: another cat named Nina and Bean the bunny. “She is the happiest cat,” Ciaravino said, adding Kiwi is very playful and likes to be held. “She

loves dogs. She loves other cats. She is living her best life.” The suspect who discarded Kiwi in a trash bag is wanted for animal abuse/torture. “This is an ongoing investigation and we will get to the bottom of it,” Narduzzi said.

WATER:

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thing or nodded consent. “We’ve had these discussions going on 3 ½ years,” said Councilman and Finance Chairman Tom Caulfield. “There’s been a lot of things kicked down the road. We’ve got to rip the band aid off.” Comments for and against by city representatives and their consultant paralleled those made during a meeting of the Infrastructure Committee April 3 and reported April 10. “We are recommending a 23 percent rate increase overall,” said Andy Campbell, a registered municipal advisor at Bendzinski & Company located in the City of Grosse Pointe. “That is the approach we have taken to put the system in the best possible position.”

Park officials retained the firm to analyze the municipality’s water-sewer finances and recommend a rate structure. Campbell presented a draft recommendation during the May 16 council meeting. He said the city’s voter-approved water-sewer millage, forecast to generate an average \$2 million each of 10 years for a total of \$20 million dedicated system improvements, isn’t enough to do the job alone. “You have way more than \$20 million of capital improvements to do,” he told the council. “We have many more capital improvements that need to be done over the next five, 10 and 20 years other than the \$20 million from the millage.” Even if city officials approve the 18 percent increase, it won’t be their last. But it may not be their

worst, according to Campbell. “It is estimated you will have to continue rate increases,” he told the council. “The goal is this is going to be one of the higher ones we’ll have to pursue. In (our) analysis, there are about \$40 million worth of capital improvements in the next six or so fiscal years paid by millage and debt. If you don’t want debt, you have to raise rates or put your capital improvement plan off further.”

MACK:

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new intersection, all left turns will be eliminated. Public Safety Director John Kosanke said the intersection consistently sees the most accidents in the city. The turnaround at Sunningdale Park also will be eliminated and crosswalks with flashing yellow lights on Mack will be added at Anita, Hampton and Brys.



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OUR VIEW

In memoriam

With Memorial Day this Monday, please keep in mind the real reason for the holiday. It is about more than just a day off work, a reason to have a barbecue or an excuse to squeeze in another day on the water or the golf course.

As the name states, it is to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. As the bumper sticker says, “If you can read this, thank a teacher. If you can read it in English, thank a veteran.”

There are several ways to respectfully and appropriately mark the day with reverence and gratitude. According to our reader poll (below), 33 percent of you plan on attending a parade. Another 17 percent and 12 percent will fly the flag and donate to a veteran cause, respectively, while 38 percent say they will do all three.

If you plan to fly Old Glory on Monday, the U.S. Flag Code has some very specific instructions. It should be raised vigorously in the morning to the top, then lowered to half-staff until noon, at which time it should be raised back to full-staff.

This symbolizes “mourning in the morning” and is a living tribute for the rest of the day.

As for donations, VFW members will be accepting them in exchange for poppies, which they will do again around the Fourth of July. Money raised goes to the VFW National Home for Children and to relief programs for veterans.

And who does not love a parade? Our neighbors in St. Clair Shores will hold their 72nd annual Memorial Day parade beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 25. The route runs from Ridgeway, a few blocks past Little Mack, to 11 Mile Road on Harper. While the parade alternates between Harper and Jefferson, it is back on Harper this year due to sewer work on Jefferson.

Another way to mark the day is to thank a veteran, be that a family member, neighbor or colleague. You might also see one or two on the street, identifiable by hats many of them wear indicating the branch of service in which they served and war in which they fought.

This could be particularly meaningful to Vietnam War veterans, many of whom were treated poorly upon their return. It is common to hear them, upon learning of each other’s service, tell each other, “Welcome home.”

Another opportunity is to mark the National Moment of Remembrance, which asks everyone to pause for one minute at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day to reflect on its meaning. It can be done in silence or while listening to taps.

Memorial Day actually started out being called Decoration Day. The first was held May 30, 1868, following an order by Gen. John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor Union soldiers who died during the Civil War.

Every Union state adopted the practice by 1890. It was not until 1968, however, that Congress switched the holiday to the last Monday in May and in 1971 officially adopted the name Memorial Day. The act also established four specific Mondays for federal holidays — Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day — to give workers three-day weekends. Veterans Day was moved back to its regular Nov. 11 date a decade later.

Enjoy the day with friends and family and, hopefully, nice weather, but keep its meaning front of mind.

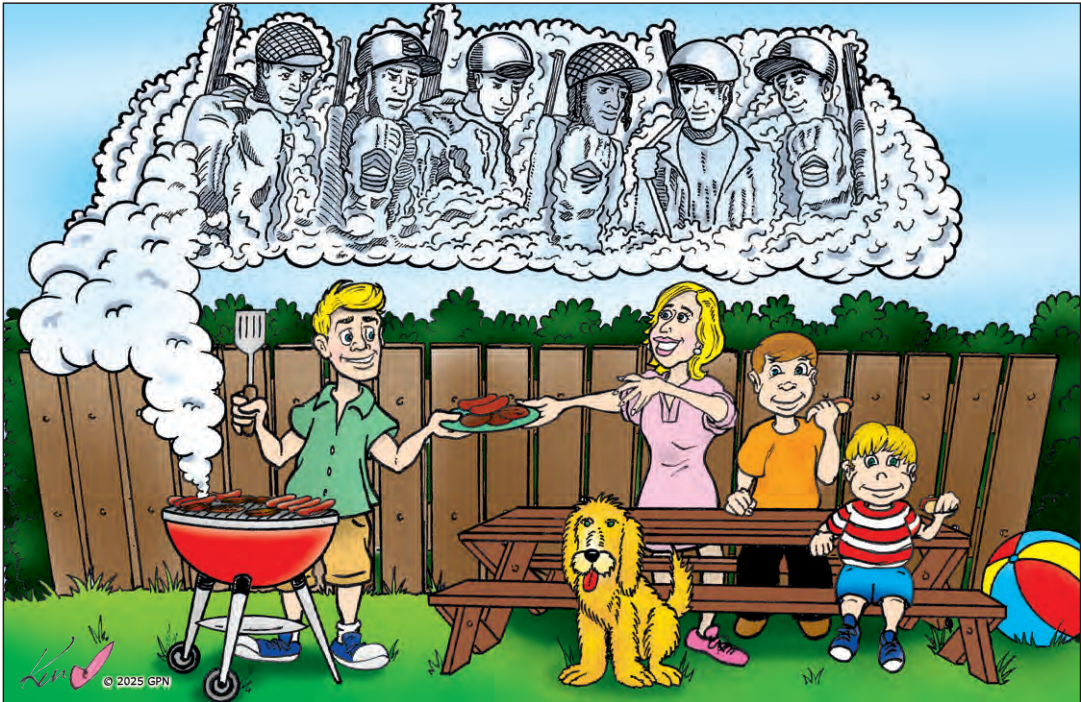


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GUEST VIEW By Jody Boulay

Honoring the brave means helping them heal

As Memorial Day approaches, Americans nationwide prepare to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country.

Ceremonies will be held, flags will be flown at half-staff and families will gather to pay tribute. But amid the solemnity and gratitude lies a quieter, often overlooked truth. Many of our heroes return home not to peace but to a new battlefield, one waged within.

It is a battle that does not make headlines and is waged silently behind closed doors, far from the front lines. Military service members and veterans face unique and profound challenges that can linger long after their tours of duty end. While we rightfully celebrate their courage and sacrifice, we too often fail to recognize the invisible wounds many carry, particularly those that lead to substance use disorders.

The harsh reality is that exposure to combat, traumatic injuries and the pressure to reintegrate into civilian life all contribute to an increased risk of developing a substance use disorder, experiencing drug overdose or suicidal ideation.

The connection between military service and addiction is not often discussed, but it should be.

According to Census data, in 2022, 461,809 veterans lived in Michigan. While it is challenging to know how many veter-

ans in local communities struggle with addiction and mental health issues, there are some national and state trends among veterans and the general population that offer some insight into the problems.

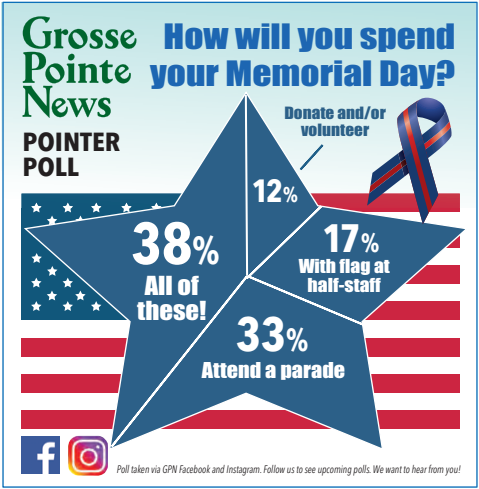
Veteran suicide data in Michigan, for example, show that after accounting for age differences, the veteran suicide rate in the state was significantly higher than the national general population, according to Veterans Affairs. In 2022, there were 170 veteran suicide deaths in the state.

Nationally, the 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health reports that 6.3 percent of veterans had a substance use disorder in the past year. Alcohol use, for example, was common among 56 percent of veterans, while 22 percent engaged in binge drinking and 5.2 percent experienced an alcohol use disorder.

Alcohol abuse, in general, is a common precursor for addiction and suicidal ideation and increases the risk of drug abuse and drug overdose. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, in 2021, an estimated 6.4 percent of individuals 18 years and older were heavy drinkers and 16 percent of them were binge drinkers.

In 2022, the opioid and prescription drug overdose death rates were much

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History lesson

To the Editor:

Responding to an item in the May 15 issue’s “Pure Grosse Pointe.” Yes, the structure was and still is a bus shelter. Having grown up on Renaud Road, I spent many hours waiting for the bus there before I was able to drive. I don’t think it was ever a gatehouse for Oxford Road, although the way it’s situated one may infer that.

It was built when streetcars ran up and down Jefferson and continued to be used by the subsequent bus lines servicing the area, the Lakeshore Line, Semta and now SMART.

Teenage me made good use of them.
WILLIAM WOOD
Grosse Pointe Farms

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



Have you ever lost your keys? Misplaced them or left them somewhere? I've never done that until recently. And I did it twice. Two different locations. A few months in between each time.

The first time it happened I was in a hurry when leaving my house, too many things on my mind. I had hung my bag strap up on something other than myself and I walked out the door, pulled it shut and made sure it was locked. Then I went out to the car and it wasn't until I tried to open the car door that I realized I didn't have my bag across my body. Everything I needed was in that bag. I took a deep breath and tried to ward off the panic that threatened to set in. This can't be happening, I thought. I went back in to knock on my neighbors door and ask to use her phone to call the leasing office which is offsite.

The apartment man-

Do you know where your keys are?

ager answered and informed me she had to be somewhere but couldn't get to me for at least 45 minutes. So I sat on the stairs in the hallway until she arrived. Once she got there, she went to the lockbox where everyone's spare keys were kept but couldn't get it open. She called the maintenance guy and face timed him so he could walk her through what to do but she said it felt like something was stuck and couldn't get the box open. She hung up with the maintenance guy and turned to me and said, "I guess you'll have to call a locksmith, I have to be somewhere."

What? I looked at her and asked how I was supposed to call a locksmith if my phone was in my apartment? She suggested I go to the church down the street and left me standing outside in the cold.

So I walked down the block to the church and thankfully someone was there. I explained to the church secretary what had happened and, since no one has phone books any more, she spent a part of her day googling "locksmiths near me." I

tried several places and many said they couldn't get there for hours. I couldn't wait that long because I had to be somewhere so I continued to call places. And call.

No one was able to help me because they had all their guys out on calls. One guy told me his locksmith was in Port Huron on a call and was on his way back but it would be at least over an hour. I was so hungry because, of course, my food was in the apartment with my bag. I didn't have any water with me either since I had left it in the car. I said a few silent prayers then made one more call. This locksmith couldn't help me either but gave me a number of someone who might be able to help. I called while crossing my fingers and praying and the man who answered told me his son could come right out and it would be about 25 minutes to get there. Phew!

I was so relieved. I walked out of the church and went back to the apartment to wait outside since I couldn't get back in and it began to snow. Of course it did. When the truck pulled up with "Locksmith" printed on the side, I rejoiced. It

turned out to be the owner who showed up. He picked the lock on my apartment door and when it swung open I finally exhaled.

While he was working on the door, he ended up putting a new deadbolt and door knob on because the other ones were so old and in bad shape. We chatted while he was there and I discovered that he was the very same locksmith my dad used to go to when he needed a key replaced. I knew my dad was involved in getting this guy to help me. You see, my dad passed away last year and on that particular day he was my angel who helped me by sending his locksmith friend. Thanks for watching over me, Dad! I miss you.

So a few months go by and I double check every time I leave the apartment that my keys are hanging on my bag and my bag is hanging on me. I hang my keys on my bag with a carabiner. It is a convenient way to always know where my keys are, providing I don't leave my bag or keys behind. Which I will never do again. Or so I thought.

Enter last Friday, May 16. I am the last one to

leave the office and it's around 6 p.m. I double check to make sure I have my bag and phone. I do, so I am good to go. I set the door alarm and get outside and a few minutes later when I need a fob on my keys do I realize I left them on my desk at work. NO! C'mon! Seriously? All I wanted to do was go home and make dinner and relax because I have been extra busy this month with everything going on. I was stressed, hungry and tired. Which only made the situation worse. Sigh.

I remembered unclipping the carabiner with my keys on it when I got to the office earlier that day because they were making noise when I walked in and it was bugging me. So I unclipped it which I almost never do. It didn't dawn on me when checking for my phone and bag when I was leaving to also check for my keys since they are always clipped to my bag. Well, apparently not always. They will be from now on, though. And my keys making noise will now be a joyous sound instead of annoying.

I called all the coworkers I knew who lived the closest to see if anyone

could come and let me back in the office. I needed a key and a fob. Both of which I could clearly picture sitting on my desk waiting for me to come back and retrieve them. The people I called didn't answer. I understood. It was a beautiful night out and it was Friday so people were doing their own thing or eating or whatever.

I tried one more person. My coworker Olivia. She answered and said she had just finished taking someone to the airport and was on her way back. She came up with a solution and 15 minutes later she arrived with a key and a fob. We went into the building and I walked to my desk and there they were; my keys. I was again, so relieved. Olivia saved me and I thanked her many times. She took time out of her night to help me get my keys back. I appreciate you, Olivia. I am so grateful for you and to you.

You should see me now when I leave to go anywhere. Do I have my bag? Check. My phone? Check. My keys? Check. I'm good.

But I have a question for you. Do you know where your keys are?

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1950
75 years ago this week

JOINT DISPOSAL PLAN SUGGESTED: A

move has been started looking toward the handling of the garbage and rubbish problem for all the Grosse Pointes acting as a unit. Two years ago the legislature of Michigan passed a law

permitting adjoining municipalities to create "authorities" for the handling of specific problems common to all of them. It was largely in line with the spirit of this provision that the present Grosse Pointe Inter-Municipal Police Radio Service was set up.

1975
50 years ago this week

WOODS WINS FIRST ROUND IN BATTLE TO KEEP

STATE FROM ISSUING LICENSES: The Woods won the opening round in its lawsuit against the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, when Wayne County Circuit Judge William

Leo Cahalan issued a temporary restraining order stopping the LCC from issuing any additional Class C licenses for use within the city during the pendency of the suit or until further order of the court.

GUEST:

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higher for adults aged 35 to 54 years and adults aged 21 to 34 years.

We need to normalize conversations around mental health and addiction within military culture.

We should also support community-based organizations and non-profits doing critical work in this space. Many of these groups offer holistic, veteran-centered services that go beyond what traditional institutions can provide, from non-traditional therapy and outdoor rehabilitation programs to job training and sober housing.

We must also expand access to comprehensive, trauma-informed care, particularly in rural areas where resources are scarce. Fortunately, there are some resources to help, such as the Veterans Crisis Line; dial 988, then press 1, or text 838255 anywhere in the

state. The Michigan Peer Warmline is a statewide warmline for Michiganders living with persistent mental health and/or substance use conditions and is available at 1-888-PEER-753.

Publicly funded substance use treatment is available through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth. The Michigan Veterans Resource Service Center can be reached at (800) 642-4838.

The connection between military ser-

vice and substance use disorders is not a comfortable topic.

But it is a necessary one. To truly honor the men and women who defend our freedoms, we must be willing to confront the unseen battles they face and commit ourselves to being part of their recovery.

This Memorial Day, let's do more than remember the dead. Let's fight for the living.

Jody Boulay is the community outreach coordinator for addicted.org.

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Bonding needed for civic design

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A soup-to-nuts renovation of the city hall campus is being pared to buffet style.

Trimming down is due to the construction of an additional parking lot being taken off the table.

Remaining on the menu — and the puns end here — are redesigning parking areas already on site, adding landscaping, installing rainwater-catching features and transforming the municipal building’s front lawn into something evoking a landscaped, community patio at which people can gather randomly or during scheduled special events

The foregone parking lot constituted about one-third of campus renovations for which board members of the Downtown Development Authority were stockpiling money in their annual budgets. Set-asides of between \$35,000 and \$45,500 during each of three most recent fiscal years helped grow the authority’s fund balance, or savings, to \$267,000.

Savings now represent nearly twice the DDA’s proposed \$149,900 budget for fiscal year 2025-2036, starting July 1.

Within the upcoming budget, which requires city council approval, there are no more designations for constructing a new parking lot.

Backstory

The lot was planned for construction on undeveloped property on Jefferson in front of what is now the Ewald branch public library between city hall and a three-story condominium complex on Lakepointe.

Land on which the new lot was intended — the former Ted Ewald Chevrolet dealership showroom which city officials purchased more than 20 years ago — has sat for more than 20 years mainly as an open, grassy, city-tended lawn yet was conscripted a few weeks ago as a temporary staging and storage area supporting nearby sewer construction.

Until a few months ago, DDA officials assumed themselves legally committed to constructing a parking lot on

the side lot in compliance with a 4-year-old memorandum of understanding with backers of the Schaap performing arts center.

The lot was to provide shared, off-site parking for the center, consisting of a 424-seat auditorium plus separate exhibition spaces due to open in October on the other side of city hall. Due diligence begun late last year by center representatives recently revealed the DDA lacked title to the lot. It is owned by the city.

“The (city) council made the decision to not transfer the property to the DDA for development of a parking lot,” said Nick Sizeland, DDA director and city manager. “The good news is that without the side parking lot, the (campus) project cost has gone down significantly.”

Bonding option

Still, the DDA’s entire annual \$149,900 annual budget plus \$257,000 savings are nowhere near enough to pay for the remaining campus redesign and improvements.

“In order to make this happen, I feel very strongly that we’ll need to issue a bond,” Sizeland said.

Work also may have to proceed piecemeal as Sizeland conjectured during discussions on the topic two years ago in May 2023.

“This will take some time,” he followed up in December 2023. “It wouldn’t shock me if this whole project took two years.”

The new parking lot was a major component of the campus plan designed by Jima Studio, which DDA officials in December 2022 endorsed in a \$15,000 contract “for the purposes of enhancing the beautification, walkability and accessibility to the area.”

“The majority of that project’s cost was going to be toward that parking lot,” Sizeland said. “Now that things have changed, we have to look at how the DDA wants to move forward with the Jima civic campus plan.”

Considerations are boiling down to cost.

“Even with the dollar amount we have in reserves, that will not be

enough to start almost any of the improvements,” Sizeland said.

The DDA’s \$267,000 savings isn’t enough to complete the patio in front of city hall, let alone overall landscaping, environmental sustainability and parking upgrades.

“Engineering costs alone could eat up \$50,000,” Sizeland said.

Must renew DDA

Due to the likelihood of funding construction through bonds, the DDA, which was established in 1986 and renewed in 2012, must be extended beyond its current expiration date at the end of the 2026 fiscal year.

“We can’t borrow beyond the life of the DDA,” said Kevin Kilby, the DDA’s attorney. “We can’t bond until we extend the life of the DDA.”

“Once we have (a renewed DDA) plan, we can re-engage with the Jima plan,” Sizeland said.

He’s pessimistic about being able to finance construction with federal or state grants.

“We’re seeing less and

less grants that would help with this type of project,” he said.

First things first

Sizeland anticipates it will take six to eight months to update and renew the DDA plan. The process involves public hearings and community engagement.

“The council has to approve a development plan,” Sizeland said,

In anticipation of extending the life of the DDA and issuing bonds, Sizeland’s draft budget for the new fiscal year more than tripled anticipated spending on legal fees. The \$25,000 forecast on legal services for fiscal year 2025-26 compares with \$7,000 currently.

“We will be using the services of (attorney) Kilby,” Sizeland said. “Once we’ve extended the life of the DDA, we then have the opportunity if this body wants to move forward to bonding.”

So the Jima plan isn’t dead.

The discarded side parking lot was “just one part of the whole conversation,” Sizeland said.

Officers join Farms PS Village Market to add outdoor grill samples

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The two new officer hires in the Farms each have athletic connections to the community. Joe Maurer played for the Grosse Pointe Redbirds youth baseball travel team and Jack Maxwell was on a soccer team with Detective Lt. Antonino Trupiano’s son.

Now, they’ll protect and serve the community as they both step into their first positions in law enforcement.

“I wanted to do a job that was helping people and something that was fulfilling,” Maurer said. “ ... I’m happy to be here. I’m excited to start.”

Maxwell, who graduated high school last



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From left, Officer Joe Maurer, Deputy Director Andy Rogers and Officer Jack Maxwell.

year, said he wanted to get into the career as soon as he could to start making a difference. He’s also working toward an associate degree in fire technology and a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

“I want to make a difference with my life,” he

said. “Doing something in the highest capacity possible always interested me.”

The officers have completed training at the police and fire academies and were sworn in by City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Derrick Kozicki Tuesday, May 13.

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Though already in the midst of a controversial attempt to open a restaurant on its second floor and simultaneously reconfigure the Mack/McKinley intersection, Village Market gained city approval last Monday for seasonal placement of an outdoor grill on the sidewalk patio at the storefront entrance.

“When I read through the packet and saw this (agenda item),” Councilman Neil Sroka commented, “I was like, ‘Guys, you’re doing so much, maybe just slow the roll on this one.’”

The market at 18310 Mack is proceeding full steam ahead with the sample station, which will be permitted to operate seasonally on weekends and summer holidays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

“Our grill we’re proposing will be only used during summer months for sampling and retail use of freshly prepared foods from our market,” owner Jacob Garmo said, regarding house-made sausages, burgers, ribs and marinated beef and chicken. “That will be cooked on-site and offered either as complimentary samples or for direct purchase, depending on the product and occasion.”

Its approval hinged on a number of conditions including removal of stands within at least 10 feet of the grill for fire safety, that the set up not interfere with safe pedestrian flow and the public right-of-way and that no seating is allowed.

“In lieu of seating though,” Councilman Lev Wood stated as part of his motion for approval, “Village Market is allowed to provide no more than four upright circular tables

called high tops to allow customers to stop and sample grill products.”

Though the site plan unanimously was approved by council, a number of concerns were raised — most stemming from clogging the pedestrian walkway, which already is robust with planters and stands filling the 433-square-foot space.

“You are extending your retail store almost, kind of like the city is subsidizing that,” Wood said. “I think that that’s a little bit of a problem. I’m sure the Kroger in the City would absolutely love to have all sorts of plants all over (Notre Dame), so I’d like to caution you. It’s so jammed up.”

At Mayor Louis Theros’ suggestion, the seasonal application will require renewal on a year-to-year basis, similar to how on-street dining platforms operate on The Hill.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2025

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:All Councilpersons were present except for Tom Jenny

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To excuse Councilmember Jenny from tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.

2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 21, 2025 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 21, 2024, December 19, 2024, February 20, 2025 and March 20, 2025.

3) to open the Public Hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.

4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 132461 through 132542 in the amount of \$335,255.22 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$15,650.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (3) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8,581.08 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of April and for IT support services for all departments. (4) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,845.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (5) approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$6,928.98 for the repair of one of our scout cars. (6) approve the quote submitted by Otis Elevator for the repair of the elevator at the Library in the amount of \$19,800.00. (7) approve payment to The Helm in the amount of \$14,000 for Senior Services and \$6,000 to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the city’s proportionate share of expenses relative to the senior transit services for residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes. (8) approve payment to Hannah Architects in the amount of \$40,142.50 for the design development and construction documentation for the Harper Woods Community Center Project.

2) to adopt the attached resolution accepting the Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships (FDCVT) grant in the amount of up to \$134,700.00 toward reimbursement of expenditures required to implement the project entitled Public Service Enhancement through Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Outlets, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Carrie A. Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

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DEADLINE for voting is midnight on June 5, 2025.
Winners will be announced in the July 17 issue of the Grosse Pointe News. (Ballots will be available in the May 22 and May 29 print editions of the Grosse Pointe News.)

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Best Coffee Shop _____
Best Breakfast _____
Best Dessert _____
Best Bakery _____
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Best Wings _____
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Best Ice Cream Shop _____
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Best Place To Host a Party or Event _____
Best Specialty Food/Beverage Market _____

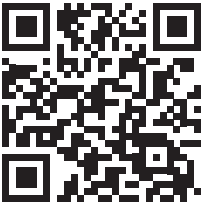
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South student gets national robotics recognition

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As Allie Betcher puts it, robotics has changed her life. That includes being named a finalist for the FIRST Robotics Dean's List Award, for which she traveled last month to Houston for the FIRST Robotics World Championship. "It was amazing getting to meet all those people," the Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore said. "It was a great experience." Betcher was one of just 13 students from Michigan — out of more than 12,000 robotics participants — to receive the honor. Some 200 students from 20 countries were named finalists. "Although I didn't win, it was great being a finalist," she said. "And I get to compete again next year." The program only is open to high school sophomores and juniors, who can then add it to their college applications. Finalists are selected not only for technical skill and academic achievement, but also for leadership on their team and beyond. Betcher is on Team 9255 Botmasterz, the all-girls robotics team that includes students from both Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools. "They do 10-minute interviews at each of our events and one student from each event is selected to move on to the state level," she explained. "That included more interviews and from there they picked the finalists to go to Houston." Betcher said she started participating in



COURTESY PHOTO

Allie Betcher at the FIRST Robotics World Championship, where she was a finalist for the dean's list award.

robotics in sixth grade with Team 17975, an all-girls team at Pierce Middle School. "My favorite part about it is the outreach and seeing the impact it can have on kids," she said. "Usually they come in and are pretty nervous, but they have so much fun by the end they don't want to leave." Sherry Betcher, Allie's mom and head coach of Botmasterz, said her daughter has participated in 78 outreach events during the 28 months the high school team has been active, giving hands-on STEM demonstrations to more than 1,740 younger students. "Allie exemplifies everything FIRST stands for," Sherry Betcher said. "She's a passionate leader and a tireless advocate for STEM edu-

cation. Her dedication to making robotics accessible and exciting for kids in our community is nothing short of inspiring." Despite her involvement with robotics, Allie Betcher doesn't see herself as a future engineer. "I love building things, but I have other passions," she said. "I think forensics would be a cool profession." Those other passions include a love for math and photography and singing with South's choir, which performed the "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a recent Detroit Tigers game. She's also starting to think about college. "I don't have a favorite, but there were Ivy League schools in Houston recruiting students," she said. "That really shifted my perception."

Liggett's Hemler named Teacher of the Year by Historical Society of Michigan

University Liggett School recently announced that Christopher Hemler, the Cynthia N. Ford chair of history and the social studies, has been named Teacher of the Year by the Historical Society of Michigan at the 2025 Michigan History Day State Finals, held April 19, at Central Michigan University. Hemler was one of three educators across the state recognized for excellence in historical instruction and one of two teachers nominated for the National History Day Teacher of the Year Award—a national honor that celebrates teachers who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to student engagement through innovative instruction and meaningful participation in the National History Day program. "I am beyond honored to earn this recognition from the Historical Society of Michigan," Hemler said. "None of this would be possible without our place-based history program and the Liggett Approach, both of which allow me to help students explore their passions and



Christopher Hemler

make learning relevant and exciting." Hemler joined University Liggett School in 2015. He was recently named director of teaching and learning with technology, reflecting the school's strategic commitment to integrating technology into the classroom in ways that elevate student learning and innovation. Hemler will step into his new role beginning with the 2025-26 school year. In this new position, Hemler will support faculty in applying technology to enrich teaching, expand STEM and innovation initiatives and work across grade levels to enhance instructional practices — further demonstrating the leadership

and vision recognized by the Historical Society of Michigan. "Chris's thoughtful approach to history education and his commitment to student growth — as evidenced by his spearheading of Grosse Pointe History Day — make him a truly outstanding educator," said Adam Hellebuyck, assistant head of school for teaching and learning. "We are thrilled to see his work honored on a statewide stage and proud to have him leading innovation and learning at ULS." Each year, Michigan History Day challenges students to explore a historical theme through original research presented in one of five formats: performance, exhibit, paper, website or documentary. This year's theme, "Rights and Responsibilities in History," inspired more than 450 students from across the state to participate in the state finals. The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, supporting local history efforts and educational programming since 1828.

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Photos from “10,000 Days of Thunder,” the most recent contribution to the Vietnam War exhibition.

Beloved book added to Vietnam art exhibition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A donation of two military history books to The War Memorial — where the Grosse Pointe Artists Association is housed — led GPAA President Karen Pope to reach out to the donor.

A phone call to Grosse Pointe Woods resident George L. Bush led to him loaning the GPAA a book about the Vietnam War.

“10,000 Days of Thunder,” by Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Philip Caputo, has been added to the GPAA’s Vietnam War exhibition, located in the Patriot Gallery. The exhibition will be on display through Veterans’ Day, Nov. 11.

“It’s his favorite book,” Pope said. “It’s the only book he’s keeping out of his entire collection. Each page has a story, but with pictures. It will be open for people to page through.”

Bush, 88, is a long-time military history buff and book lover.

“I read Winston Churchill’s six-volume history of World War II in college and I’ve loved books ever since,” he

said. “I don’t watch TV. I read and I listen to the radio. I keep myself very busy.”

Bush’s extensive book collection was expanded in October following the death of Detroit resident Mark St. Peter. Of the military books in St. Peter’s collection, Bush donated two of them to The War Memorial — one about the history of the U.S. Marine Corps and another about the history of the U.S. Army.

“I brought them in to The War Memorial,” Bush said. “For a place that honors our veterans, I think they’re perfect.”

He also believes “10,000 Days of Thunder” is an excellent addition to the exhibition.

“I think it was written with children in mind,” he said. “The pictures really make you think. I was very intrigued by this book and I’m reluctant to just give it away. I enjoy looking at it. It gives me so much to think about. I think it will probably get looked at a lot.”

Bush was a trainee in the Michigan National Guard and in the Army Reserve at Fort Ord in



Grosse Pointe Woods resident George L. Bush flips through “10,000 Days of Thunder,” which he has added to the Vietnam War exhibition in the Patriot Gallery, located in the lower level of The War Memorial.

California, then spent six years with the Light Guard Armory.

Hoping to share his love of military history and books, and to combine it with his passion for volunteering, Bush will sell a large portion of his collection during the next Royal Oak Flea Market, which takes place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 25.

“I’m almost 90 years old,” Bush said. “It’s time to make sure my stuff gets used well. My wife is not into books, so I’m trying to put them to good use.

“... We’re calling it our Memorial Day Military History Sale,” he added. “I hope to have 100 or more picture books on display and also tools and household goods.”

Bush and his daughter, Betsy, have been

“peddling military history” at the Royal Oak Flea Market more than 10 years.

“We pack up two full station wagons when we go out there,” he said. “I’m going to put out as many books as I think will sell.”

The proceeds from their six tables of goods benefit Detroit’s Epiphany Education Center, which provides tutors, book clubs, mini libraries, field trips and literacy help to elementary and middle school students in Detroit.

“I started with Epiphany in 2010, as a volunteer on the advisory board,” Bush said. “I’m a trained educator; I worked in the Detroit Public Schools and in Catholic schools for 40 years before I retired



Celebrating 20 years

In celebration of serving students on Detroit’s Eastside the past 20 years, Epiphany Education Center hosts its 18th annual fundraiser, “A Toast to Literacy,” at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at the Sacred Heart Activities Center, 3451 Rivard, Detroit.

The event features dinner and desserts, wine tasting, vendors, a silent auction and bingo raffle — all to support literacy among area youth.

“Our goal this coming year is to raise enough monies to increase the number of children we reach, tutor more children and distribute more free books,” Epiphany Director Roslyn Taylor wrote in a letter to community partners. “It is our hope that we may continue to bring free, quality, after-school tutoring for elementary and middle school students on the Eastside of Detroit.”

Tickets are \$40 and available in advance or at the door. Visit epiphanyeducationcenter.org or call (313) 267-1830.

around 2000. The longer I stayed on the advisory board ... I thought maybe I’d put my educational skills to use. They have a terrific need for tutors in every subject.

“... Every student wants to learn, but there are all these distractions, including other students,” he added. “But when they’re one-on-one with a tutor, it gives the child the best chance to learn.”

Bush volunteered in 2015, to teach math during weekly individualized tutoring sessions. “I taught language arts my entire career, but I wanted to do math,” he said. “I have a scientific bone in my body. I like exact answers.”

He served the position eight years until he gave up tutoring to focus on fundraising. Selling books and other wares at the flea market helps bring in funds.

“I’m hoping to stay with Epiphany as long as I can safely get over there and to the flea market,” Bush said. “I hope, with my daughter’s help, to keep doing this for a few more years. I want to make the most of the time I have and the talents I still have.”

The Royal Oak Flea Market takes place at 316 E. 11 Mile, Royal Oak.

The Vietnam War exhibition, which

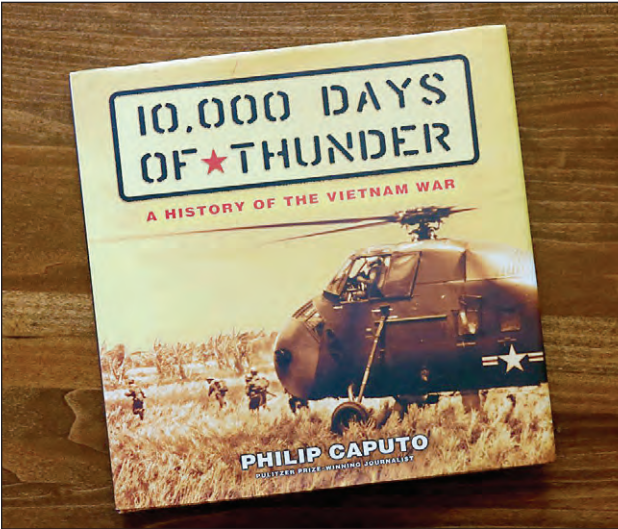
opened March 29, in the Patriot Gallery, will continue to be displayed through Veterans’ Day. It is Pope’s vision for items in the exhibition to rotate as more contributions come in.

“I encourage people to contact us so we can see how to incorporate your memories into the exhibit,” she said.

In addition to “10,000 Days of Thunder,” the exhibition currently includes photographs taken by St. Clair Shores resident Tom Sherry, who served on an aircraft carrier during the war; scrapbooks kept by the late Roger Garzel, courtesy of his widow, Elly Garzel; medals, uniforms and ration cans, courtesy of City of Grosse Pointe resident Rufus McGaugh; and items contributed by Swords to Plowshares, the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society Museum in Eastpointe, Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library and the Grosse Pointe News.

“We’ve had a really rewarding reaction to the exhibit,” Pope said. “We realize it will just keep getting better by using it as a forum to remember experiences, whether their own or their family members.”

Call GPAA at (313) 881-3454 or email gpaa@grossepointeart-center.org.



The book, “10,000 Days of Thunder,” is on loan for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s Vietnam War exhibition, which is open to other Vietnam-related contributions from the community.



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OBITUARIES

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

Hendrick Rivard

Hendrick Rivard, 88, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Hendrick was born July 28, 1936, in Royal Oak, to George and Clara Rivard, both now deceased. He was the beloved husband of 59 years to the late Virginia Rivard; father of Gregory Rivard (Chin), Virginia Matheson (Michael), Kathleen Keenan (Thomas), David Rivard (Hillary) and the late Sean Rivard (Teresa); cherished grandfather of Justin Rivard (Hillary), Allyson Rivard, Kyle Rivard, Samuel Rivard, Amy Ellis, Lily Matheson, Sophia Matheson, Ginny Gillen (Zachery), Thomas Keenan, Michael Keenan, Michael Rivard, Hadley Rivard and David Rivard; great-grandfather of Declan and Finley Gillen; and dear brother of Thomas Rivard (Linda).

Rick loved spending time with his family and friends. His sense of humor brightened up the room and made people laugh. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A funeral Mass will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will be laid to rest at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Defeat Multiple System Atrophy Alliance, 29924 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48082, in honor of Rick's son, Sean.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kaul Funeral Home St. Clair Shores Chapel.

Dr. Sean Rivard

Dr. Sean Rivard, 62, of Ossineke, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2025, due to complications from multiple system atrophy, a rare neurological disease. Dr. Rivard was a distinguished and compassionate physician. His passing marks the end of a remarkable life dedicated to the service of others, both in his professional and personal endeavors.

Dr. Rivard enjoyed a lengthy and impactful career as an anesthesiologist, during which he saved countless lives and made significant contributions to healthcare in Michigan. His generosity extended beyond the operating room, as he devoted considerable time to teaching nurses, medical students and resident physicians, thereby shaping the future of health care with his vast knowledge and impressive dedication.

Sean was born Sept. 6, 1962, in Grosse Pointe, to Virginia and Hendrick Rivard. He was a 1980 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, a 1984 graduate of Kalamazoo College, a 1988 graduate of the American Medical School of the Caribbean

and completed an anesthesiology residency at the University of Michigan in 1992, where he was chief resident.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Rivard was a gifted private pilot with an instrument rating and more than 2,500 hours of flight time. As the proud owner of a Beechcraft Bonanza, he shared many adventures with friends and family, exploring the skies with enthusiasm and skill. His generosity knew no bounds, as he frequently donated his time and airplane to transport ill patients to critical treatments at facilities like Mayo Clinic, as well as flying rescue animals to their new homes across the country.

Dr. Rivard was an accomplished athlete with a passion for water sports, particularly kiteboarding, sailing and SCUBA diving/snorkeling. His talents as a sailor were showcased by his participation in Port Huron to Mackinac races. He and his wife also enjoyed many trips bareboating in the British Virgin Islands where he served as captain. Additionally, he was an avid downhill skier, half-marathon runner and tennis player.

A devoted and loving husband and father, Dr. Rivard always was present for his family and friends, offering unwavering support and assistance whenever needed. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Teresa Griffith; son, Justin (Hillary Crawford) of Traverse City; and daughter, Allyson of Lexington, Ky. He also leaves behind his siblings, Greg (Chin) and David (Hillary) of Grosse Pointe, Ginny Matheson (Michael) of DeWitt and Kelly Keenan (Tom) of St. Charles, Mo. Sean also is remembered fondly by numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his cherished mother, Virginia, and father, Hendrick Rivard, who passed away three days before him. Additionally, he is survived by his loyal dogs, Gigi and Louis; and his African grey parrot, Peeper.

Dr. Rivard will forever be missed and loved by all who knew him as an exceptionally kind, talented and gifted individual with a spirit for travel and adventure. His legacy of compassion, skill and generosity will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him.

The family will receive friends at McWilliams Funeral Home in Alpena from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, with a prayer service at 6 p.m. Visitation will continue at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, at St. Anne Catholic Church in Alpena, until 11 a.m. Mass, with Fr. Emmanuel Barr officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, hom.org/donate, or Feeding America, 161 N. Clark, Ste. 700, Chicago, IL 60601.

Lois Marie MacLeod

Lois Marie (nee Louthan) MacLeod, 89, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025, in Vero Beach, Fla.

Lois was born June 5, 1935. She was raised in Detroit along with her brother, Bill, by her parents, Glenn and Elsie Louthan.

Lois graduated from the University of Michigan, where she met and married John Allan MacLeod. Upon graduation, Lois worked as an elementary school teacher to support John while he attended law school and pursued his master's degree.

Upon settling in Grosse Pointe Farms, John and Lois began raising their children, Terri, John, Andrew and Lesley. Anchored by Lois' warm and loving spirit, the MacLeod house became the hub of neighborhood activities. Lois worked tirelessly to involve her children in as many after-school activities, clubs and sports as they would participate in. Lois served as a Cub Scout and Brownie troop leader and was a parent volunteer for countless school trips and activities. In addition to organizing and chauffeuring all of her children to school plays, sports practices and games, Lois was the host for many friend play days and sleepovers.

A natural athlete, Lois also began to play golf and tennis at the Country Club of Detroit. While Lois competed in many local and regional tournaments, victories were only a small part of what she enjoyed. Far more important to her was the camaraderie among friends and the close, personal relationships that lasted throughout her lifetime.

As her children began to establish their own lives, John and Lois spent more time in Florida. In 2004, John and Lois moved to their Florida home in the Orchid Island Golf and Beach Club in Vero Beach. For nearly two decades, Lois was an active participant in the bridge club and tennis and golf activities. Lois also was known for her long, early-morning walks around Orchid Island with her English springer spaniel, Tiffany. Lois cherished her many memories and close friendships she developed at Orchid Island.

While Lois had many personal interests, she placed her family as her top priority. Whether as a caring and supportive mother to her four children or as a fun and active "Nana" to her seven grandchildren, Lois will always be remembered for her selfless sacrifices, warm smile and loving spirit.

Lois was predeceased by her husband, John; father, Glenn; mother, Elsie; and brother, Bill. She is survived by her daughter, Terri MacLeod of Vero Beach, Fla.; son, John MacLeod (Shauna) of Louisville, Ky.; son, Andrew MacLeod (Melissa) of Grosse Pointe; daughter, Lesley MacLeod-Williams



Hendrick Rivard



Dr. Sean Rivard



Lois Marie MacLeod



Robert Joseph Rabaut



John F. Tompkins



Paul Edward Youngblood

(Andrew) of Old Greenwich, Conn.; and grandchildren, Brittany, Drew, Kaley, Allison, Cameron, Kelsey and Tanner.

A private memorial service will be held in Grosse Pointe at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer and Parkinson Association of Indian River County, 2300 Fifth Ave., Ste. 150, Vero Beach, FL, 32960, alzapark.org/memorials-and-honorariums.

Robert Joseph Rabaut

Robert "BluesMan Bob" Joseph Rabaut, 75, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in Grosse Pointe Farms. Bob was born Jan. 13, 1950, to Vincent and Virginia Rabaut, both now deceased.

Together with his wife, Sandy, Bob owned and operated Rabaut's Interiors. His passion beyond enjoying his family and many friends was playing the blues. Bob excelled at playing both the diatonic and chromatic harmonicas. He was a founding member of the Detroit Blues Band, the JB Davis Group, Bert and the Curling Pubonics and, most recently, The Jukes, where he enjoyed playing with his son, Clay Rabaut; nephew, Vince Rabaut III; and close friends, Sam Shermetaro and Tom Wagner. Bob enjoyed playing many venues, including the Boblo Boat, back in the 1970s.

Bob graduated from Austin High School in 1968. He also attended Michigan State University and was a proud Spartan. He enjoyed MSU basketball, football and hockey, along with the Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons and Lions. As a young man, he drove a school bus for children with special needs, for whom he showed great compassion and love.

Bob was a beacon of kindness and generosity with a deep spirituality. He was a voracious reader with a keen interest in history and nature. Bob touched many lives with his smile and warmth, leaving an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Bob is survived by his wife of more than 46 years, Sandra "Sandy" Rabaut; children, Clay Rabaut, Douglas Rabaut and Dr. Leslie Rabaut (Dr. Spencer Printen); and two grandchildren, Declan Rabaut and Julia

Printen. He was the fourth of eight siblings and grew up with two cousins: Susan Rabaut, Vincent Rabaut Jr. (Lynda), James Rabaut (Bonnie), Nancy Katarsky (Anthony), William Rabaut (Joan), Cynthia Ballantyne (David), Christopher Rabaut (Colleen), Rex Miller and William Keys. He also leaves behind 30 nieces and nephews.

Bob's passion for music, reverence for life and joy in the face of adversity will live on in the many who survive him and in all of the countless other animals, bugs and trees that he touched. The world is a better place because he was in it.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Susie Q's Kids Inc., 13116 Iowa Drive, Warren, MI 48088, susieqskids.org/donate; Pope Francis Center, 2915 W. Hancock, Detroit, MI 48208, popefranciscen-ter.org/#donate; or the Natural Resources Defense Council, bit.ly/43kRrWb.

John F. Tompkins

John F. Tompkins, 72, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 8, 2025, with family by his side.

Born in Detroit, to Charles and Jean Tompkins, John graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1970 and Western Michigan University in 1974. While at Western, he met his wife, Colleen, with whom he shared 42 wonderful years of marriage.

During his years at Western, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and served as president his senior year. After graduation, John joined one of the family businesses, Tompkins Printing Equipment, and spent his entire career there, eventually becoming owner and president.

An avid sailor, John was a member and raced out of Bayview Yacht Club. He competed in many Lake St. Clair regattas, as well as more than 30 Bayview to Mackinac races and several Chicago to Mackinac races. Later, John retired from sailboat racing and transitioned to power boating at the Detroit Yacht Club, where he and his family enjoyed living aboard their boat during the summer months.

John was a lifelong member of the Detroit Yacht Club, attending all

of his children's swim meets, where he was known to be the loudest parent cheerleader of the team. Over the years, he held every elected position at the Detroit Yacht Club and finally served as commodore in 2021.

John also enjoyed snow skiing in the winter and playing in the Bayview Yacht Club golf league.

John is survived by his wife, Colleen; children, Courtney (David) and Jeffrey (Allison); and cherished grandchildren, Mackenzie, Zoey, Weston, Finn, Evelyn and Elliott. He also leaves behind his siblings, Margo (William), Charles (Brooke), Joseph (Susan) and James (Amanda); as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Detroit Yacht Club Foundation, 1 Riverbank, Detroit, MI 48207, dycfoundation.com/donate.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Paul Edward Youngblood

Paul Edward Youngblood, 63, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully at home Friday, May 16, 2025.

Paul leaves behind his wife, Steph; daughters, Caitlin Youngblood and Lauren Gunderson (Ryan); granddaughters, Samantha and Katherine Gunderson; and beloved pets, Wellington, Moose and Piggy. He also leaves behind his sister, Marilyn Dillon; brother, Gerald (Mary); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Edna Youngblood; and brother, Thomas (Rosalie).

Paul will be remembered by many as the funniest person in the room, the biggest Detroit Tigers fanatic and the local bartender. To a lucky few, he's remembered as a loyal partner, favorite uncle, best friend, proud father and Grandpa Paul.

Memorial donations may be made to I Heart Dogs Animal Rescue and Animal Haven, 22415 Groesbeck, Warren, MI 48089, bit.ly/4dmtoe2; or Detroit Dog Rescue, 24429 Grand River, Detroit, MI 48219, detroitdogrescue.com/donate. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The Pointer pope

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

American Catholics were understandably proud earlier this month when Chicago’s Cardinal Robert Prevost was elected pope — taking the name Leo XIV — but Catholics in the Pointes have an extra reason.

The pontiff was ordained a transitional deacon Sept. 10, 1981, at St. Clare of Montefalco.

“It came as a real surprise,” said the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk, pastor at St. Clare. “We verified it and it’s very cool.”

As first reported by Detroit Catholic, Pope Leo at the time was a newly professed friar with Order of St. Augustine’s Chicago-based Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel. While ordinations to the diaconate for Midwest Augustinians normally took place in Chicago, for some reason in 1981 they were held at three Augustinian parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

For much of its history, until 2012, St. Clare was run by the OSA.

Then-Fr. Prevost spent time as director of voca-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL STECHSCHULTE OF DETROIT CATHOLIC

Fr. Andrew Kowalczyk stands in front of St. Clare of Montefalco Parish in Grosse Pointe Park alongside a marquee celebrating the election of Pope Leo XIV. The new pope, the Chicago-born former Cardinal Robert F. Prevost, was ordained a transitional deacon at St. Clare in September 1981. The phrase “habemus papam” is Latin for “we have a pope.”

tions and superior for the Our Lady of Good Council province.

“We knew as superior he must have visited here at least a handful of times,” Kowalczyk said. “He would have celebrated Mass here, stayed in the rectory, visited the school.”

Kowalczyk said he urged students at the school to write letters to Pope Leo XIV, telling him how proud they are of him.

A longtime member at St. Clare told Detroit

Catholic parishioners came together in 2012 to recite the prayer of St. Michael the Archangel when the Augustinians left. It turned out to be a coincidence on two fronts. The Michaelite Fathers — of which Kowalczyk is a member — succeeded the Augustinians and the prayer was written by Pope Leo XII, the last pope to take that name before now.

When asked if his parish now had bragging rights over the Park’s

other Catholic church, St. Ambrose, where scenes from the movie “Gran Torino” were filmed, Kowalczyk laughed and said, “It’s our claim to fame!”

As St. Clare turns 100 years old next year, Kowalczyk said a plaque would be installed commemorating the pontiff’s ordination to the diaconate there.

“When he comes to the U.S., we will definitely invite him,” he added. “St. Clare is part of his religious journey.”

Dr. Samuel Libra to perform at Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church welcomes Dr. Samuel Libra to the organ bench at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 1, for an afternoon recital. The performance closes out the 2024-25 Music at Memorial concert series.

Libra will offer a diverse program including works by French classical composer Nicolas de Grigny, con-

temporary composer Jessica French and César Franck’s “Grand Pièce Symphonique.”

Libra was born and raised in Minnesota’s Twin Cities and is director of liturgy and music at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Minneapolis. He previously served churches in Kentucky and Washington state, most

recently as organist and assistant director of worship and music ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Louisville, and associate organist at St. James Cathedral in Seattle before that.

Libra is a graduate of Luther College, where he studied organ under Dr. Gregory Peterson, and the University of

Washington in Seattle, where he was a student of Dr. Carole Terry. He has undertaken further training at the McGill Summer Organ Academy in Montreal and with Jean-Baptiste Robin at Royaumont Abbey in France under a grant from the UW.

Admission to his recital is free and all are welcome.

Dinner cruise coming up

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church will host a buffet dinner cruise on the Detroit Princess Riverboat 6 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, July 11. Boarding begins at 5:45 p.m. from Hart Plaza. As an introduction to the evening, a representative of the Belle Isle Conservancy will speak about the riverfront and Belle Isle in preparation for what will be viewed during the cruise. Tickets are \$115 and include three hours on the Detroit River, dinner, music and the services of a photographer. Beverages will be available for purchase. To reserve a space, call the church at (313) 882-5330 by Wednesday, June 4. Payments will be accepted at the time of the reservation.



Lakeside Palette Club combines art, community, local flavor through weekly urban sketching

The Lakeside Palette Club has embraced the colder months with creativity and community spirit through its ongoing urban sketching series, a vibrant initiative that brings local artists together each week to sketch scenes at restaurants, coffee shops and bars across the area.

In warmer months, the group ventures outdoors to capture the beauty of local landmarks, followed by a meal or drink at a nearby restaurant — seamlessly blending artistic expression with camaraderie and support for small businesses.

This activity has become a staple of the club’s seasonal programming, offering artists of all levels a chance to hone their skills, connect with fellow creatives and discover the charm of Lakeside’s local establishments — all while filling sketchbooks with real-life scenes from the community.

The fruits of these creative outings, as well as time spent in individual studios, will be on full display at the Lakeside Palette Club’s annual spring show at the anchor building at Trader Todd’s Marina, 24030 Jefferson, St. Clair

Shores. The exhibit features a selection of works created by the club’s 60 artists, showcasing their talents and perspectives.

An opening reception takes place 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Admission is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The spring show will run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, Thursday, June 13, to Monday, June 30, or by appointment.

The Lakeside Palette Club invites everyone — from art enthusiasts to local supporters — to experience the joy and vibrancy of art through

the eyes of its members.

For more information, visit lakesidepaletteclub.org/

AREA ACTIVITIES

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:

◆ Palliative Care vs. Hospice, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, with presenter Dr. Lisa Peleman.

◆ Guitar for Beginners, 4 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, May 22 to Aug. 7.

◆ The last four episodes of “Man on the Inside” will be shown at noon Friday, May 23. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

◆ Lunch and Learn: AI and the Future, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 1, with facilitator James Giordani, an IT expert. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for guests.

◆ The movie “Eat, Drink, Man, Woman” is shown at noon Friday, June 6. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.

◆ Courtyard Cookout, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests.

◆ The movie “Wicked” is shown at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.

◆ Me and My Grand, 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 17. Grandparents and their grandchildren will decorate birdhouses. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for guests and free for children.

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

◆ Basic Bike Repair & Maintenance, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, for ages 12 and older. Cost is \$30.

◆ Puzzle Palooza, 6 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29. Teams of two, four or families are welcome.

◆ Summer Bloom Mini Photo Session, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1.

◆ Self-Defense for Men, Women and Teens, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, for ages 12 and older. Cost is \$45.

◆ Thursday Night Social — A Low Country Shrimp Boil Event, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5. Tickets are \$53 general admission, \$68 including three beer samples.

◆ Awaken Your Senses: An Evening of Yin Yoga, Massage and Sound Bath, 6 to 7:15 p.m. Sunday, June 8. Cost is \$50.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following,

visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

◆ Abstract and Non-Representational Art Workshop with Marcia Hales, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 23.

◆ Portraits in the Style of John Hoppner with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, May 29, June 5 and June 12.

◆ Intermediate Watercolor with Paula Fiebich, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4, 11 and 18.

◆ Explorations in Abstraction with Valerie Allen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15.

◆ “Nostalgia,” a Japanese woodblock workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 21 and 28, and July 12. Registration closes June 7.

◆ Writing Workshop with Jan Dale: How to write better descriptions of your art show pieces, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21.

◆ Gouache Painting with Cathy Huntoon, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 15 to Aug. 5.

Library

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

◆ Reader Dog, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Read Dog, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Congressional Help with Everyday Issues, noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Copy of Congressional Help with Everyday Issues, noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Anime & Manga Night, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Shelf Indulgence—Chapter 2, 2 to 3 p.m.

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Questers enable restoration of historic chandeliers

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Julie Foust remembers coming to The Alger House 40 years ago when she first moved to Grosse Pointe and Junior League meetings were held on the second floor. Her 3-year-old made frequent requests to throw pennies in the front circle fountain.

“The high school graduation parties, the eighth grade graduation parties, the wedding receptions — our children have all utilized this building,” said the president of Grosse Pointe Questers #147. “This has been a hub for celebration in our community.”

When the Questers met at the beginning of this year to discuss identifying a meaningful project related to historic preservation, The War Memorial was a natural connection point.

The group Monday, May 19, committed to contribute \$10,000 over the next two years to refurbish and reinstall two chandeliers from 1910, which originally



Members of Grosse Pointe Questers #147 stand with War Memorial President and CEO Maria Miller, center, on the steps of the Alger House Monday, May 19.

hung in the reception room. They have long been in on-site storage because they did not emit enough light to properly illuminate the community space.

However, as The War Memorial continues to forge ahead with a large-scale effort to return the Alger House to its original likeness, the donation will bring the chandeliers

up to code, as well as fund their re-wiring so they can emit greater light.

“Why did we choose it?” Foust considered. “Well, because we could restore something that was original to the home. That was the motivation, because the chandeliers are in storage and to bring them out and have them restored and

installed was very, very valuable.”

The chandeliers now are set to retake their rightful posts in the Alger House reception room this fall.

“Some of the sconces that are on the walls are also original to the home,” War Memorial President and CEO Maria Miller said. “So when I look at the library, which



The chandeliers once hanging in the reception room are original to the Alger House.

was just done, the sconces that are on the walls are all polished up and look like new. I imagine this will be the same.

“We have wonderful artisans who have been part of this team and have just done a lot of tremendous work,” she continued. “They care so much. They take so much time. Just to watch their work is incredible. There’s a lot of love and passion behind what they do.”

The Questers presented Miller with a check for \$5,000 Monday

morning. They will follow up with an additional \$2,500 in December and another \$2,500 next December.

Grosse Pointe Quester #147 was established in 1961, with the purpose of expanding knowledge of historically significant places, things and events. In recent years, the group also donated to restore a stained glass window at the Detroit Boat Club on Belle Isle, as well as to restore the iron fencing at Charles Lang Freer House in Detroit.

Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration is May 31

The 44th annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration, sponsored by edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, is scheduled for 7:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Comerica Park.

“My grandparents and their seven children started this in 1981 as a way to give back to a great cause that meant a lot to them,” said Stefan Ahee, vice president at AHEE Jewelers.

Edmund T. and Bettejean Ahee started the event through the Edmund T. Ahee Endowment Fund for Hunger. It has raised several million dollars to provide food, clothing, substance use disorder treatment, job training and tutoring through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.



Members of the Ahee family at a previous Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration.

“It makes for a beautiful summer evening,” Stefan Ahee said. “We usually get a couple thousand people.”

This marks the 21st

year the fundraiser will be at Comerica after outgrowing several other venues. Attendees must be 21 or older and admission is free, although

donations are accepted. Food and beverages will be available throughout the park for purchase. The evening includes live entertain-

ment with music by Your Generation in Concert with fireworks at dusk. Attendees will have the opportunity to access and experience Comerica

Park’s exclusive MotorCity Casino Hotel Tiger Club and visit with Detroit Tigers’ mascot Paws.

AHEE Jewelers has donated \$30,000 of jewelry and watches from luxury brands like David Yurman, Mikimoto and Tag Heuer.

Entrants need not be present to win. Raffle tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased over the phone by calling AHEE Jewelers at (313) 886-4600 or in person at 20139 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets also will be available at the event.

Complimentary self-parking and valet parking are available. Attendees should enter through the gates at Adams and Witherell streets. Visit ahee.com for more information.

Corewell Health opens full-service, school-based clinic at Harper Woods High School

Corewell Health and Harper Woods High School recently announced the grand opening of a new school-based clinic in Harper Woods that will provide students and others with access to a comprehensive range of medical services and mental health counseling. The clinic will help address the health care needs of the community.

Harper Woods borders Detroit to the north and east with almost 50 percent of students residing in Detroit, a disproportionately affected socioeconomic area.

A grand opening event was held Monday, April 21.

The clinic will provide healthcare services focused on preventing, identifying

and treating conditions that can interfere with a student’s learning. It will be staffed with Corewell Health employees, including a nurse practitioner, medical assistant and social worker. It will provide services for students and residents within Wayne County ages 5 to 21, and for students with disabilities through age 26. The clinic also will offer sports physicals, immunizations and health education.

“Every student and community should have access to quality healthcare,” said Carlos Cubia, Corewell Health’s executive vice president, chief inclusion, equity, diversity, and sustainability officer. “This is why Corewell Health is partnering with the leader-

ship within the Harper Woods school district and community to make these needed services available.”

The clinic is open year-round, not just when school is in session. The clinic accepts insurance, but insurance is not a requirement for care. Families will never receive a bill.

The clinic is funded through grants from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education and in-kind donations from the Corewell Health East Foundation.

Harper Woods High School will be the 10th Corewell Health school-based clinic in southeast Michigan, including a school-linked teen health center in Wayne County.

AREA:

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Thursday, May 29, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tuning In: Detroit’s TV/Radio Hosts, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

POST Detroit

POST Detroit, 14500 Kercheval, Detroit, hosts several workshops during May. To sign up for the following, visit mutualadoration.com:

◆ Pet Portraits Screen Printing Workshop, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 24. Cost is \$100.

◆ Two-Day Box Tops Sewing Workshop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25. Cost is \$175.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, Grosse Pointe Woods

Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20100 Stephens, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 30, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 2, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, June 9, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

Register at redcross-blood.org.

Ford House

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

◆ Storytime: “Flowers are Calling,” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in May, for ages 7 and younger.

◆ Yoga at Ford House, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays,

May 27 to July 15. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for the public.

◆ Maker Studio: Fragrance Workshop, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 31. Cost is \$65 for members, \$75 for the public.

◆ Native Plant Sale pickup, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 31.

◆ Storytime: “Over and Under the Pond,” by Kate Messner, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during June.

◆ “Wish You Were Here: Unpacking Ford Family Travel” exhibition opening reception, 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 4.

◆ Paint Out, a plein air painting event for adults, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7. Cost is \$30 for Friends of Ford House, \$40 for the public.

◆ Fresh Paint Party, 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Ford House unveils new exhibition Wish You Were Here — Unpacking Ford Family Travel

Ford House recently announced the opening of its newest exhibition, *Wish You Were Here: Unpacking Ford Family Travel*, debuting June 4, in the Gaukler Pointe Gallery on the first floor of the Visitor Center.

The exhibition explores how Eleanor and Edsel Ford and their children traveled the world for both business and leisure. From the volcanic vistas of Hawaii to the cultural capitals of Europe, the Fords’ journeys offered more than relaxation. They provided perspective, purpose and lasting inspiration.

Through rarely seen photographs, travel ephemera and archival documents, *Wish You Were Here* highlights the cultural, aesthetic and humanitarian influence travel had on the Ford family. The exhibition

contextualizes how these global experiences not only shaped their personal values and philanthropic priorities, but also influenced their lasting commitment to the Grosse Pointe Shores community.

“At Ford House, we often talk about Edsel and Eleanor Ford’s deep connection to this place and to our region, but their impact — and their perspective — extended far beyond the shores of Grosse Pointe,” said Mark J. Heppner, president and CEO of Ford House. “Through *Wish You Were Here*, we invite guests to consider how the Fords’ global travels informed not only their aesthetic sensibilities, but also their values. These journeys helped shape their commitment to preservation, humanitarian efforts and cultural stewardship.

Importantly, their experiences abroad deepened their sense of responsibility at home — directly influencing their dedication to this community and inspiring Eleanor’s visionary decision to ensure Ford House would one day be shared with the public.”

The exhibition was developed in collaboration with Exhibit Concepts, an award-winning experiential design firm recently honored with the Eddie Award for Best End-to-End Customer Experience at the 2024 EDPA Access Conference, recognizing their innovation in storytelling and immersive environments.

Also contributing to the exhibition’s development is Mary Seelhorst, a nationally recognized museum exhibit developer. Seelhorst is best known for her work on Driving



PHOTOS COURTESY OF FORD HOUSE

Wish You Were Here is completely free to experience and will be on view through May 2027 in the Gaukler Pointe Gallery.

America at The Henry Ford Museum, which earned the 2012 Dibner Award for Excellence in Museum Exhibits from the Society for the History of Technology and a Cine Golden Eagle award for its signature film.

“This exhibition came to life through a truly collaborative process that brought together our material culture, education and communications and engagement teams,” said Lisa Worley, director

of material culture at Ford House. “Working closely with materials from our archives, we uncovered travel journals, postcards, photo albums and documents that helped us piece together the story of how the Fords experienced the world. Our hope is that these stories of curiosity, exploration and connection will not only illuminate the past but also inspire future generations to consider how learning about differ-

ent cultures expands our horizons and helps us better understand each other, shaping the world just as the Fords once did.”

Wish You Were Here is free to experience and will be on view through May 2027 in the Gaukler Pointe Gallery.

To view operating hours, more information or sign up to receive email updates about upcoming programs and experiences, visit fordhouse.org.



In addition to daily visits, Ford House offers a year-round calendar of public events, educational programs, guided tours and immersive experiences.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Ellen Miller

Debunking misconceptions about teen drinking

Sayings like “Beer before liquor, never been sicker” or “Underage drinking isn’t a big deal” highlight how misinformation shapes teen drinking behavior. When parenting teens, it’s essential to rely on research, not myths, to guide conversations about alcohol.

Misconception 1: Only adults can develop alcohol use disorder.

In reality, around 250,000 young people meet the criteria each year, some as young as 18. Most underage drinkers begin around the ages of 13 or 14 and drinking increases between the ages of 17 and 19. Teen alcohol use increases the risk of serious short- and long-term consequences.

Misconception 2: Early drinking leads to better-

adjusted drinkers later. Teens who delay drinking are less likely to binge or black out. Starting young increases alcohol tolerance, often leading to heavier, riskier use.

Teens also lack the developmental tools adults have to manage alcohol use. They rely more on emotional reasoning — “I feel” — while their prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain responsible for “I think,” doesn’t fully develop until age 26. Plus, alcohol boosts dopamine, increasing emotional decisions over rational ones.

Misconception 3: Letting teens drink at home builds trust with parents and prevents college binge drinking.

Research shows no link between supervised drinking and better out-

comes. Instead, positive parenting — characterized by clear boundaries, open communication, interest in their teens’ whereabouts and modeling healthy behavior — has a greater impact.

Parenting based on evidence, rather than myths, can help reduce harmful drinking behaviors over time.

Ellen Miller is the owner of Starting Pointe Therapy and a licensed marriage and family therapist specializing in working with children/teens, adults, couples and families. For more information, visit startingpointetherapy.com. The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at familycenter-helps.org.

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THE RIGHT
DIRECTION WITH
REAL-LIFE ADVICE!

Stay-at-home mom looking for job and new routine

Dear Gabby: I have been a stay-at-home mom for 12 years. I am really longing for something outside of the home when my kids are in school so I can get into a routine, use different parts of my brain and have a reason to dress nicely again. Any ideas on where to start looking?

Indeed and other big search engines are overwhelming and never seem

to work out for me. — Itching to get back to work

Dear Itching: Our local Chamber of Commerce can be a great source of information. The wonderful staff there are a wealth of information, so we will let Membership & Event Coordinator Abigail Turnbull weigh in: “As an organization in the Pointes that’s connected to business owners and nonprofit leaders

alike, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce strives to help people connect to their community. “For someone in a situation like yours, or someone eager to find small ways to give back, the chamber serves as a resource with an active job board and a pulse on volunteer opportunities in the Pointes. “Check out the chamber’s website, grossepointechamber.com, to

sign up for an upcoming networking event or reach out to a staff member to meet up and see where the conversation goes. You never know what spark is waiting to be ignited in your next great adventure.”

We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointe-news.com.



When screen time interferes with family time

DEAR ANNIE: I’ve been married to my husband, “David,” for nine years. We have two kids, ages 7 and 4. Lately, I’ve been struggling with how much time he spends on his phone.

Every night after dinner, instead of helping with bedtime or talking with me, David disappears into the garage or sits on the couch playing online poker.



I’ve brought it up more than once, but he just says he needs to “unwind.” Last week, our daughter even said, “Daddy, get off your phone!” That broke my heart. I work full-time as a nurse and manage most of the household chores and parenting. I don’t mind him relaxing, but I want him to be present for our family — not just physically, but mentally, too.

How do I approach this without it turning into another argument? — Feeling Like a Single Parent in Knoxville

SINGLE: Phone addiction is a real thing, especially with things like gaming, online gambling and social media. If he insists on using screen time to “unwind,” talk to him about setting some phone-free times; family dinners should certainly be one of them. The key is to propose concrete changes rather than vague requests.

If he brushes you off again, consider counseling — either as a couple or on your own to help you navigate this. You deserve support.

DEAR ANNIE: My mother has always been a challenging person — very critical and negative — but it has gotten worse since my father passed in 2019. I have an older brother who abused me since childhood and then disowned my mother when

she wouldn’t give him control of all her money. Now I’m all she has.

She refuses to go out, meet people, etc. She calls me 10-20 times a day and every conversation is a litany of complaints and criticisms. I tell her frequently that I can’t stand all the negativity, but instead of making an effort to stop, she plays the guilt card and tells me how terrible her life is and how all she does is sit alone and cry!

She is turning 90 this year and is in great health after surviving Stage 4 cancer in her 60s. Thank God my father left her well taken care of. Yet, despite this, all she sees are clouds.

How do I continue to care for my mother without letting her make my life as dark as she sees hers? — Dutiful Son



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR DUTIFUL SON: As the saying goes, you can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink. You can offer your mother your support, but it’s up to her whether she’ll accept it and try to climb out of the hole she feels stuck in. You don’t have to sacrifice your peace to shoulder all her burdens — that’s not your job, and it’s not fair.

Set limits where you need to. That might mean reducing the number of calls you take a day, ending draining conversations or gently changing the subject when she starts on a tangent. Your mother is lucky to have you, and

it’s clear how much you care. Just don’t forget to care for yourself, too.

It’s also worth mentioning that, based on what you’ve shared here, your mother may be depressed. Her physical health might be in great shape, but her mental health clearly needs attention. A good first step is encouraging her to see a doctor, who can help identify what’s impacting her mindset so much and ways to help treat it.

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

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Fishing with eagles

By Brian Owen
Guest writer

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I decided to kick off the season with a poem, or a “polem” as my first-grader Ben said a couple weeks ago. Giant tears rolled down his cheeks as he said “polem” over and over. I couldn’t understand what he was so upset about. I finally realized he was terrified to write a poem in class the next day as it would be shared in a book of poems and distributed to his entire class to take home to their parents.

I jumped into action to try to “fix” the problem and we got on You Tube and searched for poetry readings. I sent his teacher an email to give her a heads up that Ben was distraught over this assignment and she was surprised. She said he had already written two very good poems.

After some long days and short weeks Ben began to enjoy poetry and was excited and proud to share the book of poems his class assembled.

Much like Ben, I am nervous and anxious to share this poem. Much like Ben, I’ll face my fears and submit it anyway. It’s about my grandfather.

There’s no wrong place.
There’s no wrong time.
There’s no wrong lure.
There’s no wrong line.

I talked to you there,
Soon after you were gone.
A big bass jumped high,
As if to say “So long!”

Fishing with eagles,
Perched high in their trees.
I drift across their spots,
Floating with the breeze.

As willow leaves
Begin to show,
I know what to do
And just where to go.

Perched on my bow,
I peek through your lens.
I see her swim by,
Again and again.

Drag the bottom,
Feel the tap of the rocks.
She’s onto the barb,
Her lip locked.

Her head shakes.
She digs to the floor.
Of Lake St Clair,
Just offshore.



The church bells ring,
They mark the time.
Remind me of those,
Who’ve gone to their shrine.

For never before
have I felt such a pull.
She had to go six!
I swear on my soul.

When the mayflies return,
I’ll go to that spot
With your fly rod
And give it a shot.

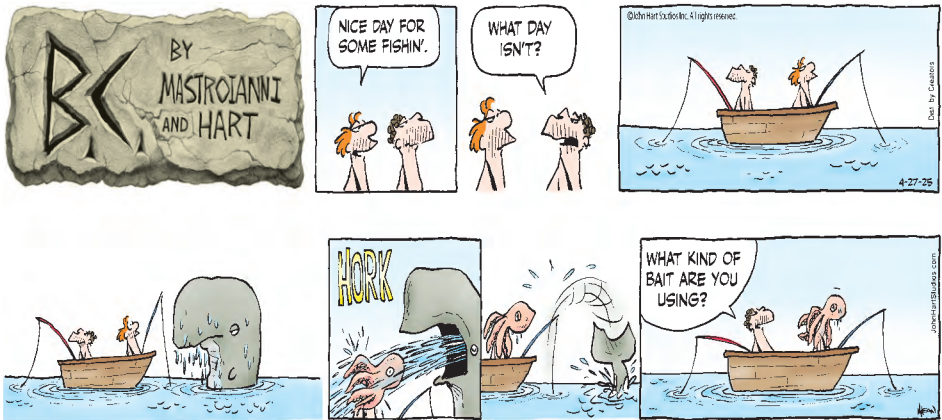
As she battles for life,
Or so she thinks,
I hear a snap.
My heart sinks.

The wind picked up
Too much to bear.
I looked down at her bed
Gave it a stare.

There’s no wrong place.
There’s no wrong time.
There’s no wrong lure.
There’s no wrong line.



City of Grosse Pointe resident Joan Jackson proudly displays a recent catch on behalf of her husband, David.



See next week's paper for the start of the 5th Annual Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic.



We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



In a house with three teenage boys and an endless appetite for protein, the Ninja Creami might just be the most-used appliance in our kitchen. At \$199 on Amazon, this countertop device turns almost anything into ice cream, smoothie bowls, sorbets or milkshakes with the push of a button — and it actually delivers.

Here’s how it works. You prep your base, pour it into the pint container and freeze it for 24 hours. Once frozen, you place the pint into the machine, lock it in and select a setting such as Lite Ice Cream, Smoothie Bowl or Gelato. The Creami shaves the frozen block into a smooth, soft-serve consistency that you simply cannot get with a regular blender. If the texture is too powdery on the first spin, the Re-Spin button smooths it out.

The boys love making high-protein cookie dough ice cream or chocolate peanut butter banana blends that taste like dessert but meet their macros. I enjoy turning leftover smoothie ingredients into frozen treats or making a dairy-free mango sorbet that still feels indulgent. You can also

make milkshakes, frozen yogurt and even frozen cocktails.

The best part is how easy it is to use. Each of my teens can make their own pint with minimal cleanup and no complaints. I no longer have to watch them struggle to blend frozen bananas and ice while threatening to burn out the motor. The Ninja Creami has upgraded our snack options and brought a little calm to our otherwise chaotic kitchen.

Final verdict: I’m giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators. It’s a win for protein lovers,

health-conscious snackers and parents who are tired of buying overpriced pints of ice cream.

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

5 Out Of 5



Spring chicken

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

Chicken with croutons is one of my favorite ways to eat roast chicken. It’s also my kids’ favorite way.

I roast a whole chicken with herbs and then toss cubed, good sourdough bread with the pan drippings and broil them until brown, crisp and oozing with flavor.

There are several methods to make chicken with croutons. Some recipes call for bread slices to be layered on the bottom of the pan and then laying the chicken on top while roasting, the bottom of the bread gets crisp and the top gets soaked with the rendered chicken fat. I’ve tried this method a few times but always found that the bread gets stuck to the bottom.

Another way is toasting the cubed bread first and then tossing in the juices after. But that adds another pan to clean into the mix. This method tosses the untoasted bread in the roasting pan with the drippings, soaking them through, then broiling until you get pieces of crunchy ends and juicy middles.

Mombeau’s family prefers the latter. I used a good boule of sourdough bread (Zingerman’s). It’s a dense bread that won’t disintegrate or get too soggy when it’s tossed with the juices.

The cubes maintain their shape and the edges

caramelize from the brown bits left behind by the chicken. The chicken is roasted with tarragon which permeates the meat and infuses the chicken juices with its licorice flavor.

Last Sunday was another perfect spring day. I was feeling all of the nice weather vibes. All the springtime flavors came to mind. So I decided to serve the chicken on a bed of salad filled with radishes, roasted asparagus and fresh tarragon with a lemon vinaigrette.

I cut the chicken into pieces and topped with the warm croutons. We ate family style and I even left the platter in the kitchen for people to graze on, and they did, after I cleaned up dinner.

This is a beautiful dinner to eat with family or friends. It’s stunning enough to impress anyone!

Cheers, Mombeau

Spring Chicken with Croutons

- 1 4-5 lb whole chicken
- ½ lemon
- ½ cup whole tarragon leaves, plus ¼ cup for the salad
- 6 whole garlic cloves, unpeeled

- 4 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 small sourdough boule
- 1 bunch of asparagus
- 1 cup sliced radishes
- 2 small head of romaine

Preheat your oven to 425. Rinse and pat your chicken dry. Place the chicken in a roasting pan and drizzle each side with olive oil. Season each side generously with salt and pepper.

Place the lemon half, ½ cup tarragon leaves and garlic cloves inside the chicken. Tie up the legs and place in the oven. Roast for about 1.5 hours or until the inside is no longer pink and the juices run clear. The internal temperature should read 165 degrees.

While the chicken cooks, you can roast the asparagus in the same oven. Wash and trim the asparagus and place on a baking sheet with one tablespoon of olive oil and a good pinch of salt and pepper. Cook for eight to ten minutes or bright green and slightly charred. Remove from the oven and set aside.

Take the chicken out and let it rest in the pan



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for about five minutes before transferring to a cutting board. Cover with aluminum foil while you make the croutons.

Turn the oven to broil. Cut the boule into 2 inch cubes. Toss the cubes into the roasting pan and thoroughly coat with the pan drippings. Broil for about a minute or so on each side watching closely so they don’t burn.

When you are ready to eat, cut the chicken into eight serving pieces. On

a large platter, arrange the lettuce down and top with the sliced radishes and asparagus. Spoon over half of the lemon vinaigrette. Top with the chicken pieces and then the croutons. Spoon more of the vinaigrette over top if so desired and garnish with the last quarter cup of tarragon leaves. Enjoy!

Lemon Vinaigrette

Juice of ½ lemon

- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp honey
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ tsp each salt and pepper

Whisk all ingredients together except for olive oil. Slowly drizzle in olive oil, whisking until emulsified.

Wine-food matches

A recent newspaper article said many older Americans’ diets are deficient in protein, which was an issue for me decades ago when my wife (and then I) adopted a vegan diet.

Not only did that choice make it more difficult to get the proper protein-rich foods, but it also made wine choices more difficult.

Red wine, especially, is much better with meat dishes. I tried vegan dishes with red wine and found few matches particularly unappealing. But not all meat dishes work with all red wines.

Different wines call for different protein sources, a topic I investigated decades ago and which has changed slowly over the years.

It was once said that white wine went best with fish and red wine went with meat. And although that is still generally true, some distinc-

tions must be pointed out for maximum enjoyment.

Such as some seafood is best with red wine, and some meat is best with white wine!

For example, most cabernet sauvignons are astringent and work best with meats like char-grilled steaks. But lighter meats, like rare roast beef, are better with light reds, like Beaujolais or lighter pinot noir.

In fact, I believe the best match for poached, steamed or lightly done salmon is pinot noir, but grilled salmon often works nicely with a red Loire Valley wine of cabernet franc like Chinon.

Salmon, with its high oil content, acts less like meat — and roast pork loin acts more like chicken and may call for a classic dry chardonnay or sauvignon blanc, depending on the sea-

sonings used.

Red-sauced dishes (pasta, eggplant Parmesan, chicken cacciatore) are best with a medium-weight, red with good acidity like barbera or Chianti; merlot can work here, too, but avoid heavier or high-alcohol reds.

Hearty beef stews can stand up to the richness of darker red wines like petite sirah, zinfandel, or syrah.

Creamed soups, like mushroom or crab bisques, usually call for a teaspoon or tablespoon of oloroso sherry added to the dish. I often then sip a small glass of the same sherry with the soup!

And when having dishes that feature ham, I typically recommend a dry rose wine, which seems to be compatible with most people. Plus, the colors match!

If you are having a vegan/vegetarian or

even a medium-weight seafood dish, one idea that I came up with some years ago, before I abandoned veganism, works well.

When having a low-protein dish that doesn’t have enough richness to go with red wine, add about a tablespoon or even more of extra-vir-



gin olive oil to the dish. In most cases, it enhances the flavors of the dish and it has been proven that extra-virgin olive oil is usually healthful for most people.

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A force to be reckoned with, the four nonnas. Left to right, Susan Sarandon as Gia, Talia Shire as Teresa, Brenda Vaccaro as Antonella and Lorraine Bracco as Roberta.



Teresa at work played by Talia Shire.



Left, Drea de Matteo as Stella, Joe Manganiello as Bruno and Vince Vaughn as Joe Scaravella in the movie “Nonnas,” directed by Stephen Chbosky.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Nonnas”
2025 - PG
1 hr 51 min
★★★★☆

Warning: Do not see this movie if you’re dieting, especially if you’re trying to cut down on the carbs. There are so many shots of sumptuous Italian dishes, I think I may have gained a couple pounds just watching this heartwarming movie. The cinematography by Florian Ballhaus makes every food shot almost a work of culinary art.

“Nonnas” is the latest from director Stephan Chbosky (“Dear Evan Hansen,” “The Perks of Being a Wallflower”) and is based on a true story. It was written by Jody Scaravella and Liz Maccie. The film stars Vince Vaughn and is quite a different role for him. Here he’s not playing his usual, goofball self but is a sincere, well-meaning good guy. His character had way more depth than I usually see in him. This is definitely one from the heart. It also helps that he has a formidable cast of supporting actors behind him.

While watching the movie, I kept thinking of other significant food-oriented offerings like “Big Night,” “Chef,” “Julie & Julia” and the fine TV series “The Bear.” However those focus on high-end cook-

ing specifically targeting true foodies. This film is all about traditional, old-fashioned Italian meals, where the food not only is mouth-wateringly tasty, there’s an abundance of it! Colorful pastas, savory pizzas and desserts that’ll make you want to head for the kitchen, open up an Italian cookbook and get to work.

Joe Scaravella (Vaughn) has recently lost his mother. He lived with and cared for her, so her passing was especially devastating for him. One of Joe’s favorite memories of his mother was joining her

and his nonna (grandma) in the kitchen as they whipped up their special meals. In flashbacks, we see him gleefully sampling the dishes. When he learns that he inherited \$200,000, he decides the best way to honor her is to open up a restaurant. But it’s not going to be just any restaurant, it’ll be staffed with authentic nonnas, making their signature dishes.

There are some heady obstacles in Joe’s path to glory. First he needs to find a suitable space. He actually finds the perfect spot, a shuttered restaurant on Staten



Island — a mere ferry ride away from his native Brooklyn. But the building needs quite a bit of work. For this he relies on his childhood friend Bruno (Joe Manganiello), who just happens to be a contractor. Bruno’s reluctant to help out at first but he’s finally convinced to assist his friend achieve his dream. He’s also supported by Bruno’s wife Stella (Drea de Matteo). Then there’s the daunting issue of passing inspections and getting permits, which in New York City, you can just imagine how many hoops you have to jump through to make things happen.

However, you can’t have a successful restaurant without some talented chefs behind you. After his mother died, Joe started making some of her best recipes — he’s no slouch in the kitchen. That’s what inspires him to enlist some of the best cooks in his inner circle. His “A” team includes Antonella (Brenda

Vaccaro), who’s in mourning for her late husband, his mom’s close friend Roberta (Lorraine Bracco), who’s living in a senior home, and Teresa (Talia Shire), an ex-nun who’s a bit of a goofball. He also convinces Gia (Susan Sarandon) a beauty salon owner, to help out with her famous, mouth-watering desserts.

The movie is full of amusing behind the scene encounters with the four nonnas. Since their families come from different parts of Italy, there are naturally some outbursts about whose cuisine is the most authentically Italian. But the arguments never get out of hand, and their characters have far more depth than these types of movies typically feature. And the movie isn’t just about Joe. In fact, there are probably more scenes with the nonnas than with him.

There’s a wonderful scene when the nonnas are invited to Gia’s salon for a makeover before opening night. Heady conversations, fueled partially by limoncello



consumption, get the women to open up to each other. They speak from their hearts about their loves, losses, happy times and regrets. After this touching, soul-searching session, they truly become an unstoppable team.

I have to admit, this is one of the most heartfelt films I’ve seen in a while. Sure there are some tried and true clichés in it, but that’s fine. Especially when you remind yourself, it’s based on actual events. I won’t give any more of the story away, you’ll just have to find out for yourself. Buon Appetito!

Currently streaming on Netflix.

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.



Joe and his crew



The love interest Olivia played by Linda Cardellini.



A casual sampling session.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

5/22 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

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

5/15 Solution

Contract Bridge

A DISASTROUS PLAY

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K J 2
♥ 9 4
♦ 9 7 3 2
♣ 8 5 4 2

EAST

♠ 8 6
♥ K 10 2
♦ Q J 4
♣ K J 9 7 6

SOUTH

♠ A 9 5 4 3
♥ A Q J 8 6 3
♦ 6
♣ 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	Pass	3 ♦
3 ♥	3 NT	4 ♠	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It is difficult to account for some of the strange things that happen at the bridge table. For example, take this deal from a team match.

Nothing much happened at the first table, where South got to four spades as shown. Aided by the bidding, he made five. He ruffed the second diamond, led a trump to the jack, finessed the queen of hearts, led a trump to the

king, finessed the jack of hearts, drew trump, cashed his hearts and so finished with 11 tricks.

At the second table, the outcome was very different. West wound up at three notrump doubled, and North found the devastating lead of the nine of hearts.

South took dummy's ten with the jack but made a grievous error when he continued with the ace and another heart. He was hoping to regain the lead with the ace of spades and then cash his established hearts.

After taking the king of hearts, West happily cashed five diamonds and five clubs to make the contract with two doubled overtricks for a resounding score of 1,150 points. South's good hearts and the ace of spades thus never saw the light of day.

It is hard to believe that one defensive slip could lose as much as 3,150 points, but that is exactly what South's failure to shift to a spade at trick two cost him.

With a spade return, North-South could have taken six hearts and five spades for down seven and 2,000 points! Despite the misdefense, though, it does seem that the punishment more than fit the crime.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. EDT today (8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from PISCES into ARIES.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, May 22, 2025:

You have many interests, but when you focus on something, you truly study it. You are inquisitive, pioneering and empathetic with others. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle. It's time to take inventory and let go of people, places and things that have held you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You feel sympathy for someone today because the Moon is in your sign lined up with Neptune, which creates feelings of compassion and empathy within you. However, this can also lead to confusion. It's almost as if you are bombarded with too much subtle stimuli. Tread carefully. Tonight: You win!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A confusing situation might lead to a compromised business decision today. Be careful. In one way, you will help someone in need. But in another way, information could be misleading, which means you could have regrets later. Caution. Tonight: Enjoy peace and quiet!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You're confident and friendly today, which is why you're ready to help a friend if they need assistance. Or perhaps you'll lend your expertise and energy to a charitable organization that is linked to another country. Your idealism is aroused today. Tonight: Enjoy friendships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You are a nurturing sign. Today you might work behind the scenes, and yet you might make a public appearance in some way to promote a good cause. You also might develop a crush on a boss or someone in authority, especially because you admire their values. Tonight: You're noticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Romance with someone different might blossom today. You feel a kinship with others, especially if you think you can help someone in need, perhaps in another country. People will listen to you today because you will speak with conviction. Tonight: Learn and explore!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are in a position to make a difference in the life of someone today. You're admired due to the fact that the Sun is casting you in a flattering spotlight. This dazzling image could help you fundraise or get money from a third party for a cause. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You want to travel and "get away from all this" today. You might persuade a friend, spouse or partner into joining you for a tiny vacation — even an overnight trip — to satisfy your desire to break free and make a run for it. And you're right, sometimes a change is as good as a rest. Tonight: Be cooperative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a passionate, romantic day! This can be expressed in many ways for you, but one of them could be a work-related flirtation that blossoms into something special. You also might meet someone through a pet or health-related situation. Dress your best. Tonight: Get organized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today has the potential for fairy tale romance for your sign. Because you have stars in your eyes (metaphorically) you are ready to see romantic potential in many places. This same influence can revive an existing relationship in a lovely, special way. Who knew? Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your desire to help a family member or to listen with sympathy to what they want to say is admirable today. You also might entertain at home or do something to make your home more attractive, perhaps in an extravagant way. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If beauty is in the eyes of the beholder, this certainly applies to love for your sign today. You see beauty in your everyday surroundings, and likewise, you see the beauty of other people around you. This is why many of you will develop a crush or fall in love with someone. Tonight: An interesting discussion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Be careful with financial matters today. You might be tempted to spend too much money on something elegant or luxurious. Furthermore, you might be misled with financial matters and then later regret something. Nevertheless, romance is promising for you! Tonight: Check your money.

BORN TODAY
Actress Maggie Q (1979), actor Sean Gunn (1974), actress, dancer Camren Bicondova (1999).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg May 22, 2025

ACROSS

- In the manner of
- Beverage with tapioca balls
- City-related
- Garment that some wear during Navaratri
- "I agree 100%"
- "And I Love You So" singer
- "Ginger ale, for one
- Tiniest bit
- "Separate into piles
- Second-tier effort
- Cozy lodging
- Like many lawyers' ACLU work
- "Separate the call
- Greek goddess hidden in "the Oscars"
- Sitarist Shankar
- "Indiana's second-largest city
- All done
- Muddy abodes
- Coach Andy who's a 3x Super Bowl champion
- "Detroit Lions" stadium, so named for a local automaker
- Drain stoppage
- ID created as part of FDR's New Deal
- Emmy-winning journalist
- Curry
- Unable to be reached, in a way
- Laudatory poem
- Late-night pantry trips
- "I hope to God!"
- Islam's largest denomination
- "Tacky top
- Voices above tenors
- Hawaii locale of the Ironman World Champion-ship
- Olive
- Old tee, perhaps
- Prevent from littering?
- Family
- Donkey
- Language spoken in the Golden Triangle of Southeast Asia
- (Give me a biscuit!)
- Like Arctic landscapes
- Leave out
- Twisted out of shape
- Egyptian symbol of life
- So far
- Second broadcast
- Boast

DOWN

- Bridge's curved support
- 12/31, for short
- Comment misidentifying a superhero
- "... arigato"
- Hilarious sorts
- Opera house cheers
- Run a state
- Lecture hall leaders, informally
- Regularly
- Believe in it!
- You raise it to see
- Vegetables in the "holy trinity" of Creole cuisine
- Swamp plant
- Olive
- High-intensity lamp
- Fibrous tissue
- Trendy, for now
- When the weekend starts
- Cooling devices
- "... unless you have other ideas"
- Calm before the storm
- Not fooled by
- Varieties
- Roller coaster's 360-degree maneuver
- Moon goddess
- Squid ink source
- Really annoy
- Outdoor co-op since 1938
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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Turn Up the Music! by Adrian Johnson

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THURSDAY COMICS



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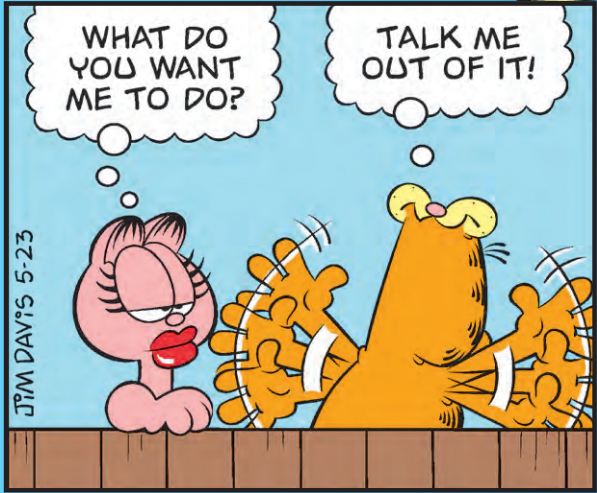
I PLAN TO START EATING HEALTHY AND EXERCISING, AND I NEED YOUR HELP

Garfield



OKAY...

Garfield



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AFTER YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU BROKE!

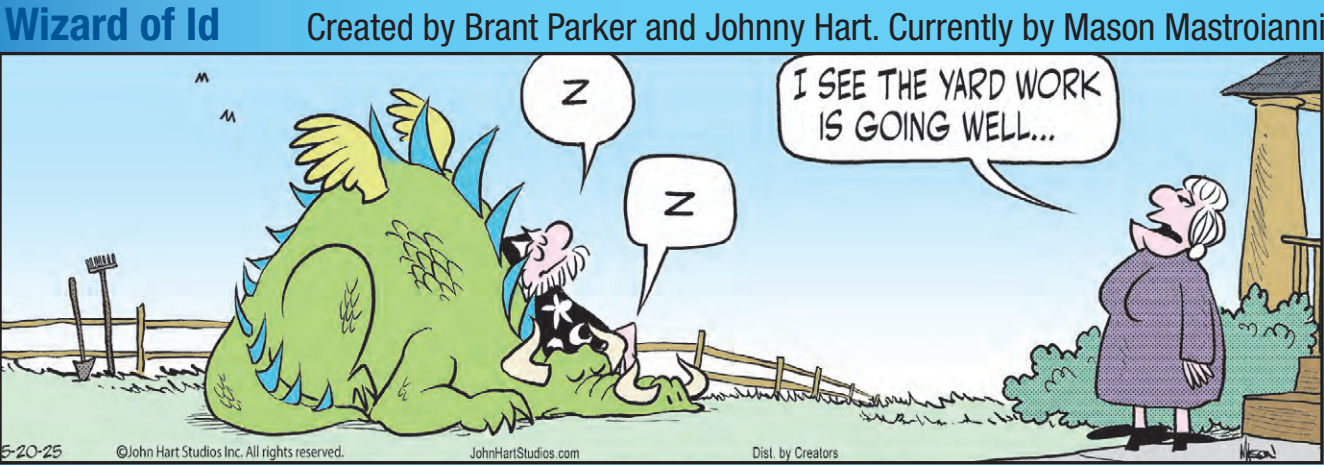
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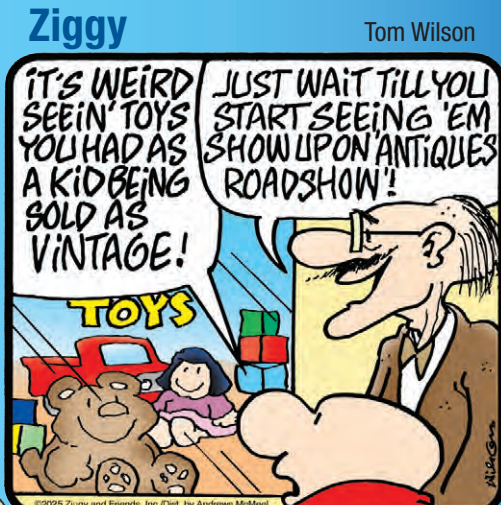
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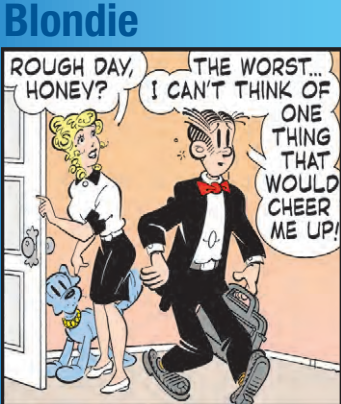
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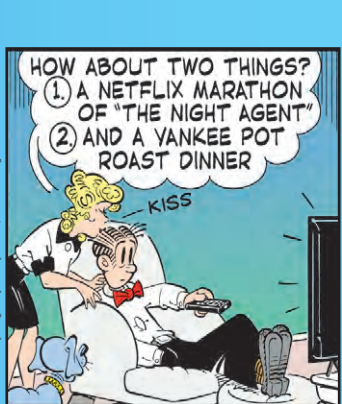
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ROUGH DAY, HONEY?

THE WORST... I CAN'T THINK OF ONE THING THAT WOULD CHEER ME UP!

Blondie

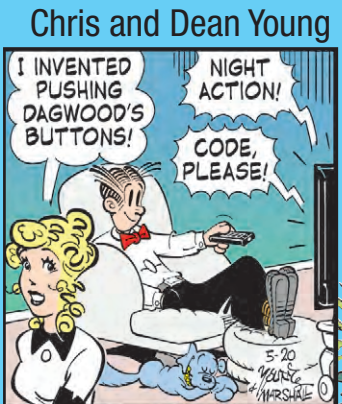


HOW ABOUT TWO THINGS?

1. A NETFLIX MARATHON OF "THE NIGHT AGENT"

2. AND A YANKEE POT ROAST DINNER

Blondie



I INVENTED PUSHING DAGWOOD'S BUTTONS!

NIGHT ACTION! CODE, PLEASE!

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge



DOUG, YOU LIZARD PEOPLE NEED TO RE-THINK URGING HUMANS TO GET THEIR @*%\$% TOGETHER...

HOW COME?

Over The Hedge



IF HUMANS ARE FORCED TO DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR WASTEFUL IDIOCY, EVERYTHING FALLS APART FOR US!

A TWINKIE A DAY KEEPS THE APOCALYPSE AWAY.

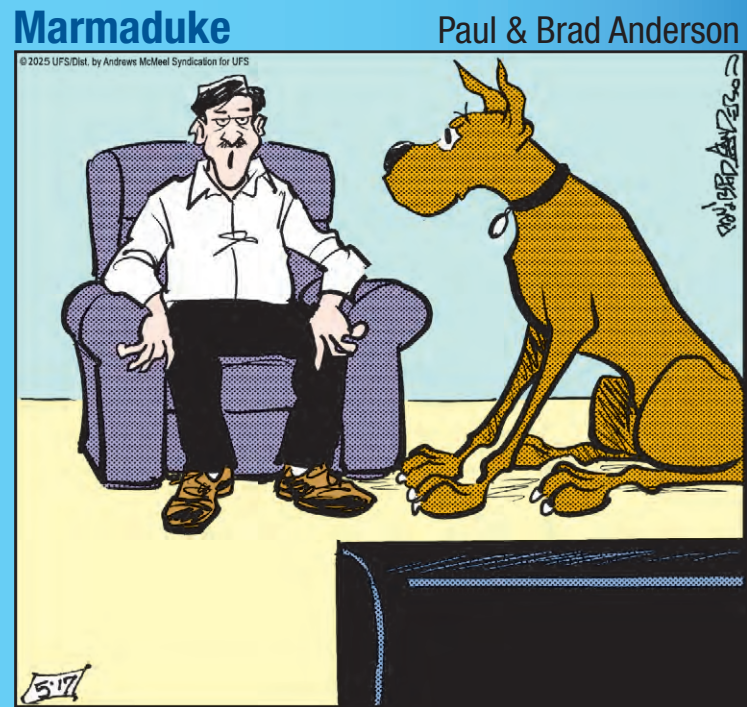
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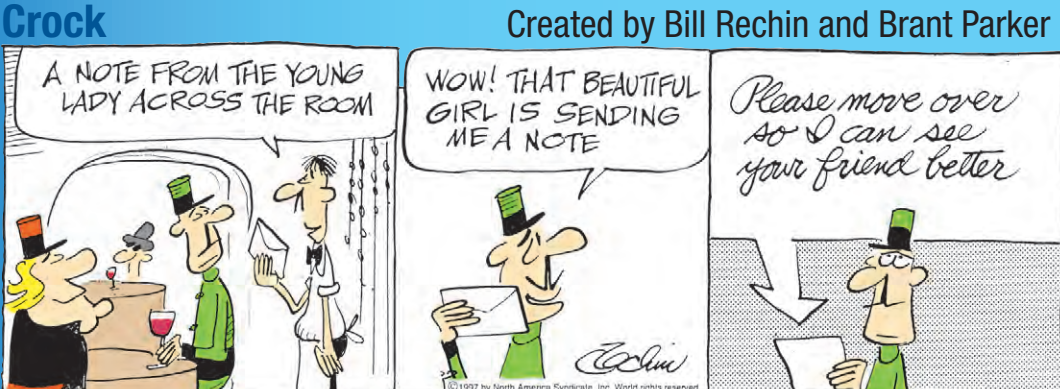
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON IT.

Marmaduke



"Is that your 'feed me' stare, your 'pet me' stare or your 'get of my chair NOW' stare?"

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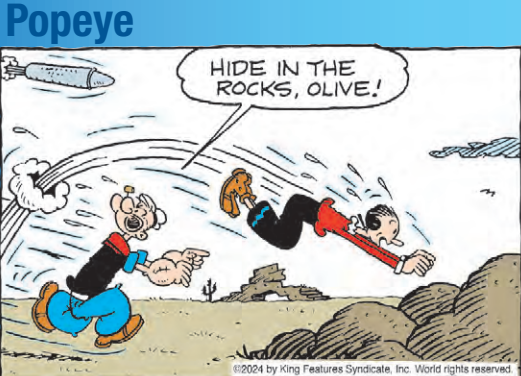


A NOTE FROM THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE ROOM

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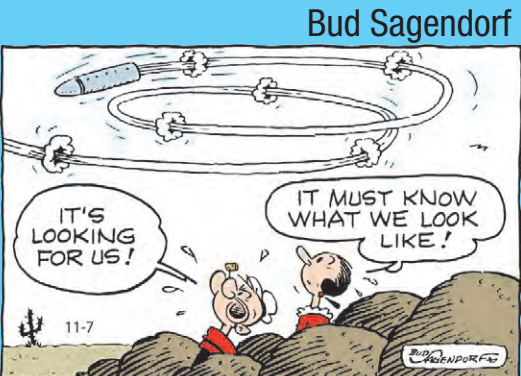
Please move over so I can see your friend better

Popeye



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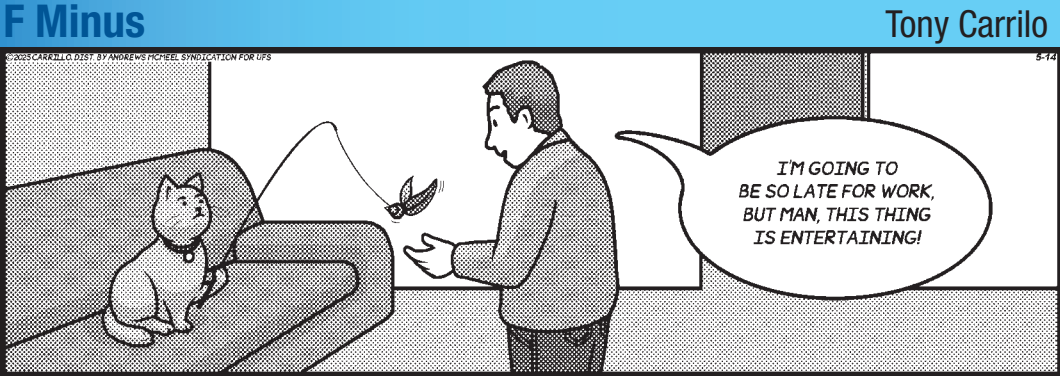
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IT'S LOOKING FOR US!

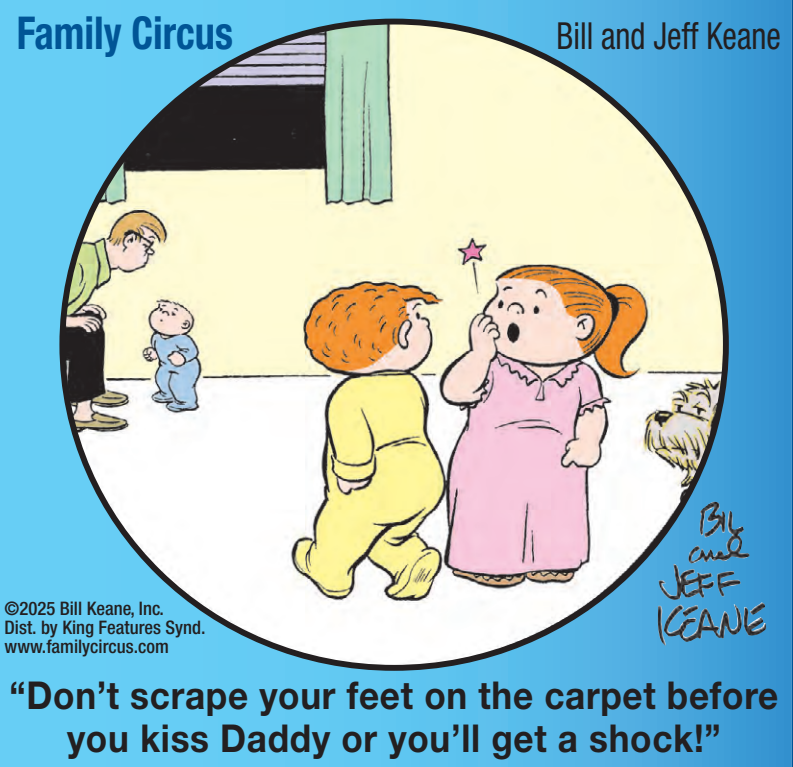
IT MUST KNOW WHAT WE LOOK LIKE!

F Minus



I'M GOING TO BE SO LATE FOR WORK, BUT MAN, THIS THING IS ENTERTAINING!

Family Circus



"Don't scrape your feet on the carpet before you kiss Daddy or you'll get a shock!"



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25 = Department of the Air Force

32 = United States Coast Guard

27 = Department of the Navy

24 = United States Space Force

35 = Department of the Army

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial

In 1980, a search began for an artist to design a special monument to honor the members of the military who died fighting in the Vietnam War. A contest was announced, and artists from coast to coast sent in designs.

Maya Lin's Unique Memorial Design

Replace the missing words in this article.

NAMES **WALLS** **SURFACE** **UNLIKE** **DIFFERENT** **DESIGNED**

A memorial _____ by a young college student named Maya Lin was chosen. Her design was _____ any other memorial in America. And at first, many people didn't like it because it looked so _____.

Maya Lin's design was two long black granite _____ that formed a V shape. On the shiny and smooth _____ of the wall are the _____ of more than 58,000 soldiers who died or went missing in the Vietnam War.



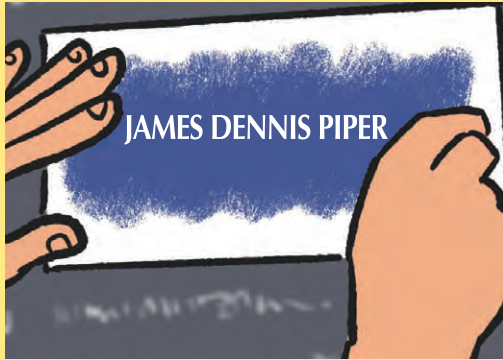
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MEMORIAL DAY

In the United States, the last Monday in May every year is Memorial Day. It's a special day for us to remember those who died while serving our nation in the military and keeping us safe.

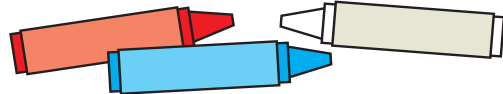
A Powerful Monument

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial opened in 1982. Visitors to the monument soon realized how powerful and special Maya Lin's design was, and each year about 5 million people visit it. Visitors often leave photos, flowers, flags, and military items at the wall in honor of a soldier they knew.



Many people use paper and crayons to make a rubbing of a friend or loved one's name as a keepsake of the memorial.

With crayons and paper, make rubbings of different surfaces around your home. Place the paper over the surface, and use the side of the crayon to make each rubbing.



Expanding the Memorial

In 1984, a statue called Three Servicemen was added near the wall. The metal statue was designed by Frederick Hart and honors those who fought and returned from the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Women's Memorial, added in 1993, is a sculpture of three servicewomen caring for a wounded soldier. Artist Glenna Goodacre said that the soldier in the sculpture is saved by these brave women.



Read more about America's memorials at nps.gov

Extra! Extra! Symbols of Our Country

Look through the newspaper for some symbols that represent our country. How many can you find?

Standards Link: Civics: Know how various symbols depict Americans' shared values.

Book Scoop

Read About Maya Lin

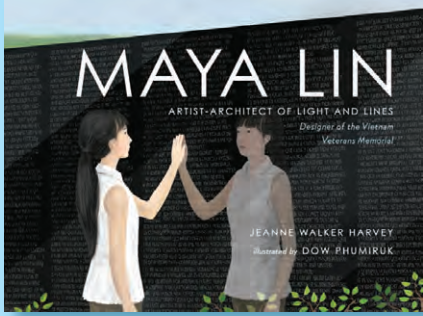
Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines

By Jeanne Walker Harvey

Learn more about the artist who created the Vietnam War memorial.

Read about her curiosity about light and lines and how that led to her famous, groundbreaking sculpture.

Visit your local library to find this book. Your friendly librarian can help!



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SHINY
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VISIT
WALL

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

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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This week's word: **MEMORIAL**

The noun **memorial** means a statue, sculpture, or structure honoring a person or group of people.

I visited the Lincoln Memorial on my visit to Washington, D.C.

Try to use the word **memorial** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Memory Game

Ask a friend to study a newspaper photo for one minute. Then cover the picture and have your friend write down as many details as they can remember. Switch places, and you try.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

"Heroes never die. They live on in the hearts and minds of those who would follow in their footsteps."

— EMILY POTTER

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Pointes’ track and field stars shine at regional meets

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last weekend’s regional championship meets for varsity track and field turned into a showcase of some of the best athletes the teams from the Pointes have to offer. Both the boys and girls track and field teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School finished their respective regional meets with plenty to be proud of, including some team and individual regional championships.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils hosted the Division 1 regional meet last Friday, May 16, and had plenty of highlights on their home turf, highlighted by the girls team winning the regional championship. South’s girls team took the regional title just days after finishing first at the MAC White league championship meet as well, finishing off a strong week. The team



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South’s varsity girls track and field team took first place at the Division 1 regional championship meet last Friday, May 16.

finished first out of 13 teams at the regional meet with 158 points, just one point ahead of second place Detroit Cass Tech. “This was one of the finest team efforts I’ve ever witnessed in my 46 years as coach at South,” South girls

track and field coach Steve Zaranek said. “These 20 girls pulled together and were relentless. Cass (Tech) had the top talent, but we had the depth and not one of our girls let up. It was a wonderful accomplishment for our team.”

South’s girls team was able to score points in 16 of 17 events at the meet and had six individual regional championships. In field events, Morgan Duff finished first in the long jump, Lucy Tull was first in pole vault with teammate Evie Wodzisz finishing

in second place and Olivia Barba won the discus. The Blue Devils earned a victory on the track in the 3200 relay, with Chloe Caulfield, Morgan Costello, Rylee Piornack and Sarah Koval combining for the win. Koval also took

first place in the 1600 and finished second in the 800 and 3200. “What Sarah gave to her team over the course of running the four longest races, in 90 degree heat, could not be measured,” Zaranek said. Evie Baer, Jaimi Diamond, Ryan Wright and Molly Reynolds qualified for states with a second place finish in the 400 sprint relay. Diamond, Baer, Duff and Sabine Stackhouse also earned second in the 800 sprint relay. The final event of the meet was what pushed South into first place, with Tull, Duff, Adelina Parikh and Calisse Budek taking fourth place in the 1600 relay to give the Blue Devils the points needed to end up in first place. South’s boys team took third place in the region and had its share of state finals qualifiers as well. Edmund Shall was first in the 300 hurdles while also finishing third in the 110 hurdles. Charlie Bedsworth, Zion Jones, Alton Smith and

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Marcero helps power Liggett girls lacrosse during outstanding season

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

University Liggett School sports fans have

probably become pretty familiar with the name Olivia Marcero by now. The junior has been a captain of Liggett’s var-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Olivia Marcero looks to make a run toward the net in a game against Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard April 30.

sity field hockey and girls lacrosse teams and has become a standout player in both sports, and as the Knights have been experiencing an outstanding girls lacrosse season this spring, Marcero has been at the center of it all. Marcero leads the Knights in goals this season with 60 and recently scored her 200th career goal against Royal Oak on May 14. She is not selfish with the ball either. Marcero is the team leader in assists and is always looking to help make plays for her teammates, emphasizing what she believes to be the biggest strength of this year’s talented Liggett team. “There’s really good

team chemistry, especially with the seniors and upperclassmen,” Marcero said. “We really work well together, and I think that passing, cutting and setting up plays with the way we see the field has been the best it’s ever been this season.” The strong chemistry that Marcero and her teammates have has certainly paid off so far this spring. The Knights have a 12-1 record as they get ready to head into the postseason and recently achieved their biggest goal of winning the Catholic League championship, beating Sacred Heart on May 10. “It’s been really great and, I think, our best season so far,” Marcero said.

“Winning the Catholic League was our goal since the start of the year and winning that really lifted everyone up.” Winning the Catholic League championship was a great team achievement for Marcero and Liggett and it can be added to the impressive list of accolades that Marcero has been collecting throughout her career. In the fall, she was first team All-State in field hockey. She has also been a three-time All-Catholic selection in lacrosse and was an All-State honorable mention as a sophomore last spring and will likely find herself higher up on

the list at the end of this season. Still, no matter how many personal accolades she gets, Marcero is all about the team. Even when she is trying to improve herself while working in the offseason or just in practices and training while the season is going on, Marcero’s focus is on how she can become better for her teammates.

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Olivia Marcero
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South bests North in rivalry series during week of baseball action

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Only a couple of weeks remain in the high school varsity baseball regular season before the post-season begins and teams are looking to find their best form when the games matter the most. Last week had some big games for fans of cross-town rivalries, as Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North faced off in a three-game MAC White Division series that included a couple of thrilling games.

North vs. South

The three-game series between the Blue Devils and Norsemen began last Monday, May 12, with the Blue Devils earning a 7-0 victory on North's home field. The two foes continued the series last Wednesday, May 14, with South hosting the second game. The middle game of the series was more tightly contested than the first, but the Blue Devils ultimately came out victori-

ous again 3-1. North took the lead early in the game with an RBI double by Charlie Rocho in the first inning. The Blue Devils were able to tie things back up at one run apiece in the bottom of the second inning when Jack Lupo drew a walk with the bases loaded. The game remained deadlocked at 1-1 until the bottom of the fifth inning, when a rally by the Blue Devils ended up making the difference. Dane Lezotte broke the tie with an RBI single to put South ahead by one. A sacrifice fly shortly after by Adam Czarnik extended South's lead to 3-1 and was ultimately the final run of the game. Charlie Michelotti was the winning pitcher for South, tossing all seven innings and allowing one run on six hits with seven strikeouts. Caleb Butler started the game for North and pitched five innings with seven hits and three runs. It was back to North for the final game of the

series last Thursday, May 15. The third matchup was another close one, but had the same result as a South victory by a narrow score of 2-1. Both of the Blue Devils' runs came in the second inning when Evan Bernard brought two runs across the plate on an RBI single. The Norsemen were able to cut the deficit to just one run in the bottom of the third inning on a sacrifice fly, but pitching and defense prevailed for the rest of the game after that, as South completed the series sweep with the one-run win. Last Thursday's game saw another strong pitching matchup on both sides. Lezotte started and got the win for South, pitching seven innings with three hits and one run allowed, along with eight strikeouts. Max Praet also threw a complete game for North, going seven innings and surrendering two runs on just four hits.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Henry Domzalski crosses the plate to score the go-ahead run in South's 3-1 victory over North last Wednesday, May 14.

The three wins over North last week helped the Blue Devils clinch a share of the MAC White Division title. South tied at the top of the standings with Anchor Bay as league play for the spring concluded last week. Both teams enjoyed a

weekend off after concluding their three-game series last week. North returned to action Monday, May 19, taking on Detroit Catholic Central. The Norsemen were able to pick up a win 6-3 over the Shamrocks, with Rocho and Butler both having strong days at the plate with two RBIs each. The Norsemen visit Wyandotte Roosevelt Thursday, May 22, then return home for a doubleheader against Chippewa Valley on Saturday, May 24, beginning at 10 a.m. South hosted University Liggett School after press time Tuesday, May 20. The Blue Devils are on the diamond again Saturday, May 24, hosting a doubleheader against Rochester beginning at 11 a.m. University Liggett University Liggett

School's varsity baseball team had a relatively light week last week. The Knights hosted Detroit Western International last Wednesday, May 14, picking up a 5-4 win. Javion Gray had a strong showing in the win with three RBIs. He also pitched three innings and surrendered three runs on four hits. Eddie Narva ended up being the winning pitcher for Liggett, allowing one run on four hits in four innings of work. The Knights were back in action Monday, May 19, hosting Bloomfield Hills. Liggett was unable to generate much at the plate against the Blackhawks, ultimately losing 8-1. The Knights battled Grosse Pointe South after press time Tuesday, May 20. Liggett takes on West Bloomfield Saturday, May 24, on the road starting at 11 a.m.



North pitcher Trevor Lipscomb throws over to first base in an attempt to pick-off South's James Michelotti.

ATHLETE:

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"For my team, I've really been working off the ball and trying to set up my teammates and make good plays to make everyone on the field around me better," Marcero said. Marcero's team-oriented style of play has not gone unnoticed by those around her. Her coaches have definitely

noticed how much she is willing to do for the team's success, especially a coach who has been one of Marcero's biggest mentors. Amanda Amine is the varsity girls lacrosse and field hockey head coach at Liggett, coaching Marcero in both sports. Naturally, they have formed a close bond as player and coach and Marcero believes that without her coach, she might not be even close to the place in her career where she is now. "She's been such a huge influence on me in both sports," Marcero said. "Especially in lacrosse. She's always motivating me, supporting me and helping me get better. She also helped me get into travel lacrosse and get on a travel team and constantly is talking to me and asking me how everything is going." As the end of Marcero's

junior season at Liggett gets closer, she will have plenty of more time on the field playing travel lacrosse throughout the offseason before returning to the Knights for field hockey in the fall. She is also beginning the college recruiting process and everything that comes with it as she starts to think about the future, but is keeping her options open with a year left to decide. No matter what lies in store for Marcero down the road, plenty of people around Liggett already know that her legacy will be one of the best in the history of the programs that she has played for and that is not done yet. "(Marcero) is one of the strongest overall athletes I've ever had the privilege of coaching," Amine said. "She has probably had the largest impact of any player on the Liggett girls lacrosse

program in school history. With ease, she makes everyone around her better. She's extremely humble and

unselfish. She never cares about her own personal accolades, but rather the success of the team."



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Marcero is currently a captain of the Liggett varsity girls lacrosse team and has also served as a captain of Liggett's varsity field hockey team.

Girls tennis teams serve up state spots with regional performances

By Meg Kelly
Staff Intern

The postseason is in full swing as the Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North, and University Liggett School varsity girls tennis teams have rallied their way into their respective state finals. Each team had standout performances at their MHSAA Regional Championships, with South winning the Division 2 regional and North finishing second and Liggett qualifying for states in Division 4.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils dominated their regional championship, clinching first place with a total of 32 points, which was a commanding lead over second-place finishers, Berkley and Grosse Pointe North, who each tallied 17. South Swept all four singles flights. Dalina Kokoshi led the charge at No. 1 singles with a flawless run finishing her final match 6-0, 6-2 against North's Laila Aslam. Olivia Kowal

had a tough three set battle finishing with 6-2, 4-6, and 6-2, while Katelyn Strong and Maddy Youngblood each won straight sets securing the final 6-2, 6-1. In doubles, the team's depth truly showed. First doubles duo Taylor Lewis and Charlotte Kowal flew to a 6-1, 6-1 final. Second doubles Grace Vollmer and Andia Nazarko fought through a three set match to win 7-6, 6-7, and 6-3. Third doubles pair Mia Fakih and Ella Brennan took home a 6-2, 6-4 victory, while fourth doubles pair Aubrey Lindow and Franchesca Swikoski capped off the South sweep with a 6-1, 6-0 win. With the Blue Devils' finish, they will be heading to the Division 2 state championships at Kalamazoo College beginning Friday, May 30. **Grosse Pointe North**
The Norsemen earned a well fought tie for second place with Berkley, each scoring 17 team

points. Daniela Pietrowsky's singles performance reached the finals and pushed South's Katelyn Strong in a competitive match. Aakanksha Nagori also reached the championship match which pushed South's Olivia Kowal into three sets. In doubles, the second pairing of Sasha Kezhaya and Isabella Valdez played a close semifinal before falling short to South in two tight sets. Because of the Norsemen's success, they will also be competing in the Division 2 state finals. **University Liggett**
In Division 4, University Liggett School placed at an impressive second overall tallying up 11 points, finishing behind their host and champion Pontiac Notre Dame Prep with 22 points. Sonya Jayakar had a standout run in singles, advancing her to the finals before falling 6-3, 6-2. Audrey DiDio brought home a championship for Liggett with her default win



COURTESY PHOTO

The girls varsity tennis teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North celebrate together after both teams qualified for the Division 2 state finals.

over Notre Dame Prep. Nina Shanidze also reached the finals in singles and narrowly lost in a three set thrilling matchup (6-7, 6-3, 6-2). Liggett's doubles the team. The Knights are headed to the Division 4 state finals at the Midland Tennis Center by default as well, beginning Friday, May 30.

South boys lacrosse takes down Cubs in playoff opener

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The postseason for spring sports has officially begun as some teams are already getting into playoff action, including Grosse Pointe

South varsity boys lacrosse. The Blue Devils faced off against U of D Jesuit in the opening round of the Division 2 regional tournament last Thursday, May 15, and South was able to punch its ticket

to the next round with a 9-4 win over the Cubs. South was able to start strong and jump out to an early lead thanks to Eugene Agnone, who had a banner day in the playoff showdown. Agnone

scored twice in the opening quarter to give South an early 2-0 lead that was cut to one goal when the Cubs scored just before the end of the first quarter. The Blue Devils were able to build the lead back up in the second quarter. South was able to score three unanswered goals to begin the frame, with one by Agnone, one from Colin Cotton, who also finished the game winning 11 of 14 faceoffs, and one by Jackson Kean. U of D Jesuit scored twice in the second quarter and another South goal by Jack Cotton helped make the scoreboard 6-3 in favor of the Blue Devils at halftime. South continued to pull away coming out of halftime. Agnone scored his fourth goal of the game, and Henry Tiderington added another for the Blue Devils to extend the lead to 8-3 by the end of



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Eugene Agnone scored four goals for the Blue Devils in the team's 9-4 playoff win over U of D Jesuit last Thursday, May 15.

the third quarter. Jack Smith scored South's final goal of the game in

the fourth quarter. The Cubs scored their only goal of the second half late in the fourth quarter when the time for a comeback had already seemingly passed, leaving South to close out the win. The victory advanced South to the regional semifinals, where the team will face cross-town foe University Liggett School. The Knights picked up their first win of the postseason last Friday, May 16, with a dominant 20-2 victory over Allen Park. South and Liggett will face off against each other Thursday, May 22, in the regional semifinal round. The game will be hosted at Divine Child at 7:15 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY COTTON

South boys lacrosse's playoff victory over U of D Jesuit last week was a family affair. From left; Lucas Valice with cousin Henry Tiderington, Jack Cotton and cousin Colin Cotton and brothers Throop Linnell and Davis Linnell.

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Megan Conrad Sczygielski
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Zach Wilson took first place in the 400 relay.

Tethyan McKenzie, Grayson Wodzis, Brody Fitzgibbon and Jack Martin earned another first place finish for South in the 3200 relay. Martin, Shall, Spratt and Tristan Winger also had a second place finish in the 1600 relay.

In the field events, Conrad Squitieri continued his strong throwing season with a first place finish in discus. Liam O'Donoghue was second in the pole vault

while Charlie Bedsworth took third place in long jump.

South's state qualifiers will compete in the Division 1 state finals at East Kentwood High School Saturday, May 31.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen also competed in the Division 1 regional at South last Friday and had their share of strong showings. North's girls team finished third in the final standings at the end of the meet, while the boys team took fourth place.

One of the biggest highlights of the day for

North's girls team came when Liliana Ivanaj finished first in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet. Ashlei Anatolio also had one of the best finishes of the day when she took second place in the 1600. North's 1600 relay team of Ivanaj, Mimi Trupiano, Quinn Notebaert and Kimora Laster-Walker also earned second place.

Trupiano and Laster-Walker also finished third and fifth, respectively, in the 400. North's 400 relay team of Madison Perry, Dene McCall, Maliyah Jones and Kayli Johnson earned a new personal best time while taking

third place.

For North's boys team, the best result of the day came from Paul Stephens, who earned first place in the 800. Stephens, along with Dylan Phillips, Neil Orlovski and Sam Parish, also took second place in the 3200 relay. Jakub Lutoborski also shined in the field events for North, taking second in the long jump.

North's state qualifiers will also compete in the Division 1 state finals at East Kentwood on May 31.

University Liggett
The Knights found themselves near the top

of the leaderboard at the Division 3 regional meet hosted by Algonac last Thursday, May 15. Both the boys and girls teams for Liggett finished second in the final standings.

Santino Cicarella continued his dominant sprinting season by taking first in the 100, with teammate Marvin Hartfield right behind in second place. Cicarella and Hartfield also finished first and third, respectively, in the 200.

Cicarella, Hartfield, Sekou Manneh and Pierre Walker II also finished second in the 400 relay. In the 1600 relay, Hartfield, Cicarella,

Manneh and James McCullough combined to earn second place.

For Liggett's girls team, Kerith Short took first place in the 3200 and second in the 1600. Phalyn Walker finished second in both the 100 and 200. Walker, Mychala Penn, Aline Rahaim and Collette Peabody finished first in both the 400 and 800 sprint relays. In the field events, Penn finished second in the discus and shot put.

Liggett's state qualifiers will compete at the Division 3 state finals, which will be hosted by Kent City High School Saturday, May 31.



COURTESY PHOTO

The North girls track and field 1600 relay team finished second at the regional meet and qualified for the Division 1 state finals in the event. From left, Liliana Ivanaj, Kimora Laster-Walker, Mimi Trupiano and Quinn Notebaert.

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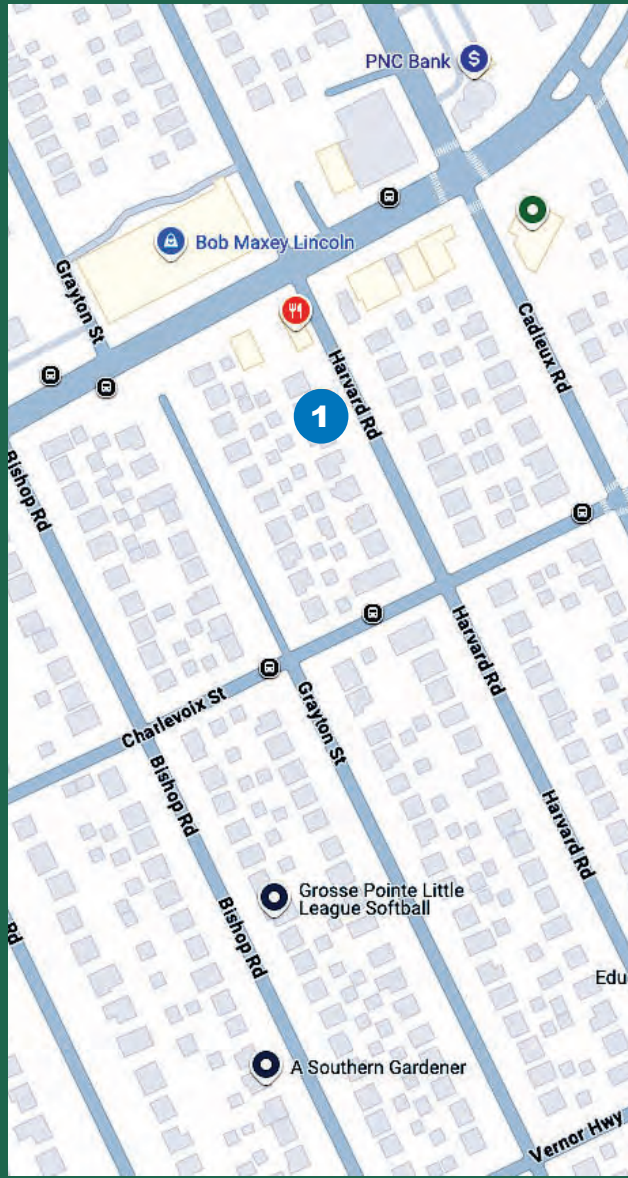


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Boys golf teams swing strong in recent matches

By Meg Kelly
Staff Intern

The boys varsity golf teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North, and University Liggett teed up strong performances over the past week. Last Friday, May 16, all three teams competed at the Husky/Shorian Invitational at St. Clair Shores Country Club against 23 schools across the region, and each school saw individual highlights and team wide success as they

continue to build momentum this spring.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils landed in 7th place, battling to a tie with U of D Jesuit, and falling just one stroke short behind Troy. Senior Nate Faulkner led the charge for South with a team-best stellar performance of 74 (+4), with a strong back nine, highlighted by his multiple birdies on holes six, 10, 11, and 15. Right behind him was senior Quinn Cameron, carding a 79

(+9). Senior Wyatt Hepner added a dependable 81 (+11) to the Blue Devils total, with his consistent play on the front and back nines while senior Luca Parlangeli rounded out the team scoring an 82 (+12). South also saw strong efforts from Will Bishop (89), Max Knowlton (86), Will Gryzenia (80), Sam Andris (90), Patrick Clark (89), and Alex Salaniuk (89), contributing to the team's depth in both their varsity and second squads. South's

second varsity team finished 21st overall with a total score of 345. Last Thursday, May 15, South earned a commanding victory in a dual match against Utica Ford at Rammler Golf Club, finishing with a team score of 158 (+18) to Ford's 199 (+59). Sophomore Ben Bieri led the Blue Devils with a successful 36 (+1) with senior Luca Parlangeli staying hot with a score of 40 (+4). Jack Babcock and Will Gryzenia each turned in rounds of 41 (+6) while Sam Andris shot 44 (+9) and Max Knowlton closing the group with a 46 (+11).

Monday, May 19, South dominated their competition and left with a first place title at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's tournament with a score of 295, securing a seven point lead over Detroit Catholic Central and U of D (302). Sophomore Charlie Thomas led the Blue Devils to victory scoring a 69 (-3) due to his multiple birdies and consistent strong play on both nines. This carried Thomas to a first place victory and the low round of the day. Sophomore Ben Bieri was close behind (73), with an eagle on a par-5 on the second hole and birdies on the 10th and 11th holes. This outstanding play was crucial to the Blue Devils success this weekend. South's score was rounded out by efforts from Senior Nate Faulkner 76 (+4), fresh-



Marty Wayman shot a 77 for South to help contribute to the team's victory at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Invitational.



PHOTOS BY ERIN WAYMAN

Charlie Thomas led the team with a three-under par round of 69 at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's Invitational Monday, May 19.

man Marty Wayman 77 (+5), and freshman Jack Babcock 85 (+13).

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen showed consistent team play with a 17th overall finish with a team score of 337 (+57) placing just behind St. Clair Shores Lakeview 2. Charlie Mueller paced North with a score of 83 (+13). Alex Kellay followed closely, scoring 85 (+15) while Tyler Collins shot

86 (+16) with a great performance on the back nine tallying birdies on the 11th and 15th holes. Jean-Paul Shemmai scored 86 (+16), grinding out critical pars on the front nine and helped round out the teams score by showing consistency across the board. Narian Pozios rounded out North's effort with a 92 (+22).

Last Wednesday, May 13, the Norsemen also took on Utica Ford and clinched a win scoring 170 (+30) over Ford's 179 (+39). Junior Narinn Pozios set the tone for the Norsemen scoring 41 (+6) with juniors Evan Michalski and Alejandro Delgado close behind scoring 42 (+7).

University Liggett
University Liggett School turned in a solid outing with a team total of 344 (+64), and placed 20th overall. Senior Steve McMahon was a standout with one of the best individual performances of the day, shooting a strong 74 (+4) with birdies on holes 4, 8, and 17 to tie South's Faulkner as one of the tournament's low scorers. Charlie Cooksey followed up with an 81 (+11), holding steady on both the front and back nines. Jackson Miller (84), Charlie Laethem (86), and Peter Laethem (105) completed the lineup for Liggett.

On May 12, the Knights competed in the Catholic League Tournament Cardinal where they demonstrated great success with an overall score of 329 (+41) securing them a 3rd place finish against 11 other teams. Senior Charlie Cooksey led the Knights with a score of 78 (+6) due to his strong performance on the back nine. Senior Steve McMahon followed close behind with a score of 79 (+7) playing consistently on the front and back nine. Leaving Cooksey with an 8th place finish and McMahon in 9th overall.

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