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Steve Orlowski and Jim Brosnan of Brosnan Builders seal new and old wood at the 34-year-old playscape at Patterson Park. Hundreds of volunteers built the playscape in 1991. A smaller but equally dedicated group of volunteers has been restoring it the last two summers.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Tension runs high at Board of Ed meeting

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Wednesday, June 11, saw the superintendent and two trustees leave before the end of the meeting after a heated discussion about what salary range should be offered to the next chief financial officer.

The issue came up at the beginning of the meeting when Trustee

Ginny Jeup asked it be added to the meeting agenda for discussion. President Colleen Worden disagreed, saying the matter should be part of the budget process rather than a board issue.

“This is quite urgent, so I think it’s worth adding as a point of discussion,” Trustee Tim Klepp said.

Jeup’s motion to add the item was seconded by Trustee Sean Cotton, who owns the Grosse Pointe News.

Jeup, Cotton, Klepp and Trustee Clint Derringer voted for the addition, while Worden and trustees Valarie St. John and Laura Hull voted no.

Things got heated three hours, 44 minutes into the four-hour, 38-minute meeting when the topic was addressed. It can be viewed at gpschools.org/boe-meetings.

Worden said she did not believe a higher salary

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Ridge Road defendant gets blended sentence

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe teen who pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter for causing the death of his friend, Flynn MacKrell, in 2023, was given a blended adult/juvenile sentence Friday, June 13.

Judge Michael McClory sentenced him to immediate juvenile placement in a level 2 residential facility, the duration of which is determined by progress in treatment and may be escalated or de-escalated based on his progress. If any violation occurs, McClory emphasized, he

then would be subject to 19 to 38 months of incarceration.

“My heart is profoundly heavy with grief, regret and remorse,” the defendant said as he tearfully addressed the court prior to his sentencing. “... I take full and complete accountability for my actions on the night of Nov. 17, 2023, and I will remain sorrowful and remorseful for them for the rest of my life.”

The defendant initially faced a second-degree homicide charge for accelerating a vehicle to 105 mph on Ridge Road near Moran, which resulted in the single-car crash that killed 18-year-old MacKrell. He pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter in February, giving up his right to trial in exchange for the reduced charge. Prosecutors at the time did not enter into a plea agreement because they were waiting on investigation report recommendations.

In light of a report by the Michigan Department of Corrections recommending a term of incarceration, prosecution asked the court Friday for the maximum sentence of 15 years of incarceration.

“Consequences are really why we’re here

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Playscape sealed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Two men reminisced last week while helping restore the Patterson Park playscape.

Steve Orlowski, spraying sealer on the 34-year-old wood structure, talked about playing on it as a boy growing up in the Park.

“I liked the tire tunnel,” he said. “We’d hide up in the tunnel and scare our friends as they crawled underneath.”

He said his mother and father joined hundreds of Park residents who volunteered to build the playscape in 1991.

“My parents built part of the far swing set,” Orlowski said while working on benches near the entrance. “My mom worked on the tire tube in the middle.”

“I recall when the playscape was being built,” said Jim Brosnan, also applying sealer. “I have a lot of good memories

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Outside-in house planned for Wayburn

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Don’t be surprised if residents of a house slated for construction in the Cabbage Patch furnish the place with camping gear.

The builder is planning to construct a biophilic residence.

“Biophilia is creating an exterior environment in the interior of the home,” said Jeffrey Russell, owner of JL Russell & Associates builders in the City

of Grosse Pointe.

The concept extends to indoor waterfalls, as Russell is doing at a new house in Grosse Pointe Woods.

“Trees will be growing in the home,” he said. “It’s peaceful, tranquil, almost like you’re living and sleeping in nature. Lose the city mumbo-jumbo.”

Russell intends to close within the next two weeks on a vacant lot in the 1200 block of Wayburn at the corner of Vernor in the Park.

The lot, measuring nearly

4,800 square feet and zoned for residential use, was listed by Michael DeFauw of Sine & Monaghan.

DeFauw also brokered sales last year of Park-owned property on Alter Road in Detroit.

Russell foresees constructing a negative-net-zero structure, meaning it produces more energy than it consumes.

“You leave the urban environment and kind of enter a rural environment as you enter your home,” Russell said. “There’s going to be EMF (electromag-

netic field) blockers. All natural products. No plywood. We build with intention. We look at the property, the way the sun comes up and goes down, to determine where things go and why we’re going to do it.”

He’s buying the land from the Park, which put it on the market in November 2024 for \$75,000 but settled for \$57,000, plus conditions.

“Last month, we as a council directed the city manager and attorney to go back and renegotiate,” Councilman Marty McMillan said. “It’s a great out-

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See who took the lead this week!

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Defer sweeps poster contest again

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Arbor Week poster contest is a practical way for the city to capitalize on the imaginative spirit of trees.

“We honor trees because they are so transformational, not only to our planet, but also to each of us,” said Pat Deck, chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission’s poster contest. “Whether it’s the air we breathe, the food we eat, beauty for the eye, shade from the heat of the sun, fuel for our homes or inspiration for our spirit, trees provide all these things and so much more.”

It’s no coincidence that the Park has conducted an Arbor Week poster contest for 42 years and also been anointed Tree City USA status by the Arbor Day Foundation for the same period.

“The contest is an integral part of our being designated a Tree City USA,” Deck said. “It is one of the options that can be used to fulfill the requirement.”

Contestants are fourth-grade students and students in split classes at Defer Elementary School and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, both in the Park, plus Maire Elementary School in the City of Grosse Pointe.

“The Arbor Week poster contest is a wonderful way to educate our school children and



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

From left, winner Una O’Keefe and family; runner-up Kolter Zellen and family and runner-up William Fogel with family and, at right, Park Mayor Michele Hodges.

community regarding the benefits of trees,” Deck said. “Every year we are so impressed and amazed by what the kids come up with.”

Some 107 students out of a possible 162 students in seven classes entered the contest this year.

Arbor Week was April 20 to 26. Deck presided during an awards ceremony during the Park council meeting Monday, June 9.

“This is one of the best days of the year,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

Blind judging was done by members of the beautification commission. Judges didn’t know the entrants’ names or affiliations.

“We’re always

impressed with what the kids offer us,” Deck said.

The winner and two runners-up attend Defer. This is the second consecutive year Defer students swept the contest.

Winner

Most impressive this year was a poster by Una O’Keefe.

“The purpose of the awards is to promote community awareness involving Arbor Week by the students, as well as an appreciation of the many benefits of trees,” Councilman Brent Dreaver said, reading O’Keefe’s award certificate.

Her poster featured one large tree and numerous little ones growing atop half of a

globe. She included the slogan, “To plant a tree is to plant a life.”

“I was originally thinking to have trees growing around the globe because I thought of Earth Day,” O’Keefe said. “I thought I’d make an Earth Day poster and incorporate trees into it. I ended up with a half-globe with a tree growing out of it. The little saplings represent the tree giving life to other trees.”

Runners-up

Runner-up Kolter Zellen submitted a poster featuring a nice, big tree with open branch structure in which sit a squirrel and bird. Another detail caught the judges’ attention.

“There’s worms in the

soil,” Deck said.

“At first, I was thinking I’d just do a branch of a tree, then decided I should do the whole thing so I can add animals and stuff,” Zellen said.

“There’s a really dramatic quote on this poster,” Deck said. “It’s by Theodore Roosevelt. It says, ‘To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state and to live as people, we must have trees.’”

Co-runner-up, William Fogel, arrived at the ceremony fresh from playing in a Grosse Pointe Park Little League game.

“This is really a unique poster,” Deck said. “It’s unique because it’s the first time we had a poster that had a nighttime scene. That’s what

caught the eye of members of the commission.”

Fogel’s image of a sturdy tree and blue owl perched on a lateral branch contained the slogan, “Plant a tree to make a forest grow.”

“I decided to make this poster to remind people that if you plant a tree it spreads kindness and, maybe, others plant a tree and, eventually, it will make a forest grow so we can all be happy,” Fogel said.

“What made you decide to do a nighttime scene?” Deck asked.

“My mom,” Fogel said.

Each winner received a T-shirt printed with the city logo, a set of vintage beautification postage stamps and a city logo pin.

Consistency key for 2024 crime stats in City

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City’s public safety crew experienced significant transition last year with the retirements of the first K-9 handler in all the Grosse

Pointes, Sgt. Mike Almeranti, and the department’s most senior officer, Lt. Al Gwyn.

However, consistency was the name of the game when it came to year-over-year crime trends in 2024.

The outlier? A single

robbery.

“Last year, of course, I made the mistake of reporting that we had gone four years in a row without a robbery, so of course we had one that broke my streak,” Public Safety Director John Alcorn said.

The victims were a lawn-cutting crew who reported one of the thieves responsible for stealing two leaf blowers was armed with a gun.

“Our detective bureau worked with Harper Woods on this case, which turned out to be an

organized crew, victimizing landscaping and lawn crews across metro Detroit,” Alcorn added. “Both of the suspects were arrested.”

As unlocked vehicles continue to invite crimes of opportunity into Grosse Pointe neighbor-

hoods, the City had 17 reported larcenies from autos in 2024. Two of the vehicles were locked, three were unknown and 12 were left unlocked.

In a proactive attempt, officers blanketed the city

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from my childhood here. I’d like my own children to have fond memories of playing on this structure as well.”

Orlowski, an employee

of Brosnan Builders in the Park, wrapped up Thursday afternoon, June 12, cleaning and sealing the playscape.

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, credited the Brosnan team and a group of up to 15 volunteers for work-

ing over the last two years cleaning, repairing and sealing the playscape.

“It’s thousands of linear feet of boards,” Brosnan said. “If it makes it more fun for the community and kids, we’re happy to do it.”

“The sealer is done for the season,” Craig said. “We’ll open it back up Friday morning (June 13) and continue use of it through the rest of summer.”

Work isn’t finished. “We’re still changing out chains and making small revisions and repairs to the structure,” Craig said.

He said about eight to 15 volunteers worked on the restoration. Rough wood was sanded, cracked boards replaced and fresh gravel laid down.

Many volunteers serve on the Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission, including but not limited to Howard Bouton, James Ceuninck,

Patrick Gleason, Chairman Michael Hindelang and city council liaison Councilman Tom Caulfield.

“We did a walkthrough with Chad and his crew in March,” Bouton said. “We established a (project) list. These guys are most of the way through the list. It looks really good. It’s a good year at the playscape.”

“The playscape looks so good, it looks like it could go another 20 years,” Ceuninck said.

“Structurally, it’s in good shape,” Brosnan said. “Now that it’s cleaned and sealed, you can see the color is enhanced as well. It’s going to stay up for a long time.”

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BandWagon plays Music on the Plaza Thursday

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The jazz bands from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools graced the stage at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair last Thursday evening, kicking off the summer lineup for Music on the Plaza 2025.

The free concerts take place in The Village from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings through July 24, with the exception of July 3.

The lineup is:

- ◆ June 19, BandWagon, an all styles and genres cover band;
- ◆ June 26, Not 2 Nite, with yacht rock to classic rock and everything in between;
- ◆ July 10, Detroit Social Club Blues Band, with blues, Motown and more;



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South High School jazz band performs during Music on the Plaza Thursday, June 12, with Christopher Takis, band director.

- ◆ July 17, M1 Jazz Collective, with jazz from classics to modern hits;
- ◆ and July 24, Mainstream Drive, a Motown, R&B and top 40 dance cover band.

Of note, concerts from June 26 through the end of the lineup will be moved from the St. Clair plaza area due to a road reconstruction project planned to begin. Instead, the owner of the vacant lot behind CVS has agreed to use of the space.

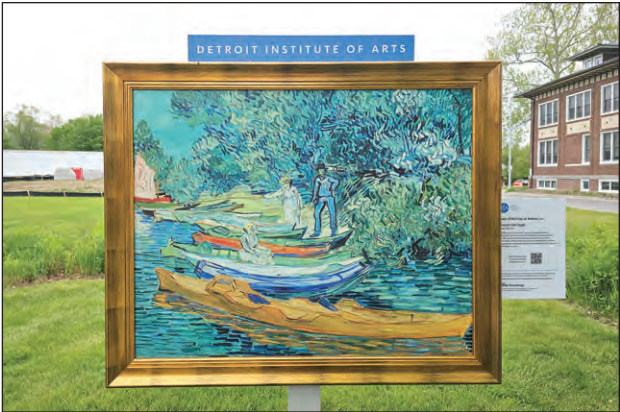
said Cindy Willcock, executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe. “With the excitement of The Loop social district, we’re enhancing the experience — allowing guests to explore The Village while enjoying food, drinks and incredible entertainment. Supporting local has never been more fun and we invite everyone to join us for an unforgettable season.”

Donors and sponsors of Music in the Plaza 2025 include Antonelli Financial Advisors; Grosse Pointe News; Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick Inc.; Oswald Companies; Aitken & Ormond Insurance; Fildew Hinks, PLLC; Glitter & Scotch; Kercheval Dance and Small Favors.



Left, Atwater in the Park features Jose Clemente Orozco’s “Mexican Pueblo.” Right, Ewald Library is hosting Vincent Van Gogh’s “Bank of the Oise at Auvers.”

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Get tuned in to Inside/Out

Replicas of artwork housed at the Detroit Institute of Arts may now be seen around the Pointes, thanks to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

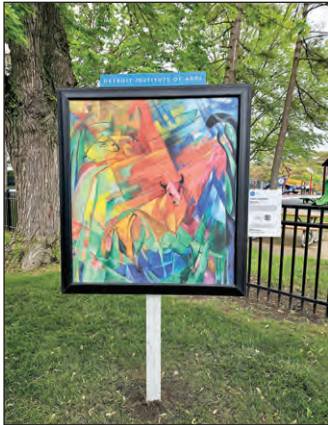
The chamber was selected to partner with the DIA for its Inside/Out program, which installed 14 works of art throughout the community. The installations will remain in town through October.

The chamber plans to host events to encourage

people to visit the artwork and support the businesses hosting them.

The chamber also will partner with the Grosse Pointe News to offer a children’s art contest, during which children will create interpretations of the artwork and earn prizes for their work. The contest will occur in July.

More information and maps of the various installations are available at grossepointechamber.com.



Left, Visit The War Memorial to see Henri Gervex’s “Cafe Scene in Paris.” Center, the Rotary Tot Lot at George Elworthy Field is hosting Franz Marc’s “Animals in a Landscape.” Right, Henri Matisse’s “The Window” may be found at Central Library.

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come.”

“We got exactly what we wanted,” City Attorney Morgan McAtamney said. “It’s 100 percent cash. They are no longer requiring that we pay for the title policy. And we are no longer paying (the broker’s) commission.”

“Not only will we see \$57,000 added to the general fund, but we will be able to add to (property) taxes to our community,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The lot was characterized on a real estate company’s website as a prime location:

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Park officials have been steadily unloading property owned in Detroit, mainly along the shared border.

In March, council

members exited a closed session to authorize the city manager to enter into a purchase agreement for the sale of properties at 1264 and 1296 Alter Road at prices between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen bike

An employee at the Wendy’s on Mack reported his unlocked black SE New York Big Ripper bike was stolen from the side of the building between 6:30 and 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 11.

Fleeing

After making eye contact with the officer as he drove past a patrol car on Mack at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, June 12, a man in his 30s fled attempts to pull him over. The man’s vehicle had extremely loud exhaust, no hood and a badly cracked windshield.

Plant damage

After previously asking people for money within a business in the 18000 block of Mack on several occasions, a man returned to the store at 2:45 p.m. Thursday, June 12. When he was immediately told to leave, he walked outside and pulled two small trees out of their pots.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Lake fatality

A 37-year-old man from the South died while swimming in Lake St. Clair around 7:15 p.m. Thursday, June 12. During a planned small boat trip with friends and family who live in Michigan, but not the Pointes, the group anchored near the east end of Pier Park to go swimming and hang out for the evening. “Initially, from what his family and friends said, he wasn’t going to go swimming, but in the end he decided to do so,” Officer Keith Colombo said. “They said he seemed to be fine in the water and that he was in fact a strong swimmer. And then within maybe five to seven minutes later, they said something didn’t look right.” The current began to pull the man toward the Detroit River. “From what they said, he wasn’t really waving his arms too much or

yelling for help, but he looked stressed,” Colombo said. “And by the time they got to him, he was unconscious on the surface of the water.” CPR was performed on the boat on the way to shore and by officers once they reached land. The man was pronounced dead by medical staff at Henry Ford St. John Hospital. The cause of death, particularly whether there were medical complications, had not yet been determined as of press time. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Auto theft

A 2021 white Durango disappeared by unknown means while parked overnight

Saturday, June 14, in a proprietor’s parking lot in the 15100 block of Mack. “(The owner) stated the vehicle was locked and he has both key fobs,” police said. “(There was) no glass at the scene.” —Brad Lindberg Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, (313) 822-7400.

Porch pirate on ice

Federal immigration enforcement authorities helped Park police capture a porch pirate. “The suspect was found to be an illegal immigrant,” a Park investigator said. The alleged perpetrator, a 23-year-old man harboring in Detroit, was arrested Thursday, June 12. He’s accused of stealing a package reported stolen in May at a residence in the 15800 block of Windmill Pointe Drive. The package contained an iPhone. “Working with ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement), the suspect was

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Identity theft

A 25-year-old Detroit man was taken into custody during a parole meeting at noon Monday, June 9, for committing identity theft at a Village business a month prior.

Bomb threat

A 35-year-old Detroit woman caused the Neighborhood Club to be shut down at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, after making a threatening post on X toward a second-floor doctor’s office, where she previously worked. The building was evacuated as officers and

bomb-detection K-9s did a sweep for bombs and gave the all-clear. The woman confessed to the bomb threat after being identified and arrested. — 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 this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch. —Ted O’Neil Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Budget comes with surplus

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A public hearing June 9 about next fiscal year’s city budget came and went without a sound. No members of the public addressed the city council during the sparsely attended meeting that was scheduled to, in part, receive advice from residents about whether the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26 hit the mark.

Municipal officials interpreted the silence as golden. They figured if no residents voiced criticism of the budget, there was good reason to pass it, which they did by a vote of 6-1. Councilwoman Christine Gallagher opposed. Councilman Tim Kolar attributed public endorsement to a transparent budgeting process. “We just don’t show up and here it is,” Kolar said

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today,” Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Marvin Cooke said. “(The defendant) is essentially asking this court to do for him what he took from Mr. MacKrell, which is to give him his life back and to let him move on with the rest of it. Well, Mr. MacKrell and his family, they don’t have that option. Adult actions have adult consequences.” Gabi Silver, the defendant’s attorney, argued “he has not driven a single time,” since the accident, finished school and

has been going to therapy weekly. “(The defendant), as a juvenile, has a greater capacity for reform and rehabilitation than an adult person does,” she added, “and that’s one of the reasons why we have the juvenile system.” Among a packed courtroom Friday were MacKrell’s immediate family. His father, mother, brother and sister made victim impact statements prior to the sentencing, expressing what they have experienced since his death and asking the court that the maximum sentence be imposed. “He must be held

accountable for the felony conviction of taking a life,” MacKrell’s mother, Anne Vanker, said. “This plea is not rooted in revenge. It is about accountability, safety and recognizing the value of a life that’s been stolen. “The punishment must

not only serve as justice for my son, Flynn MacKrell, our family, all those who loved him and our community, but also as deterrent to any other teen driver who believes there are no consequences for their dangerous driving.”



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during the midnight shift in July, leaving pamphlets on vehicles which either thanked the owner for having it properly secured or warned them on ways to do better. Regardless, within two weeks of the effort, two vehicles were stolen, both of which were unlocked with the keys left inside. “Bad guys, just like us, they have friends,” Alcorn said. “They go home, they talk to their buddies about it, hear about how easy it is and the next criminal’s born. ... I wish we lived in a world where you could leave your doors open, at your home, in your car, but we don’t.” The City had 14 motor vehicle thefts last year, compared to 10 in 2023. Half of those were unlocked vehicles with the keys left inside. “For somebody who’s looking to steal change or a laptop, when they hop in the car, put their foot on the brake and hit the button and it starts, now it’s turned into a stolen car,” Alcorn said. “So I can’t say how important it is not to leave your key fobs in the car. I talk to plenty of people and they get a new car and they actually leave the spare

set in the glove box.” Four home invasions in 2024, on par with 2023, included a distraction scam — one person talks to the resident in the front yard, while an accomplice sneaks through the side or back door to grab valuables — and a Craigslist theft, where the criminal stole items for sale out of an unsecured shed. Additionally two homes of recently deceased residents were targeted by a man scoping obituaries. A six-day, 24-hour sting operation involving officers from multiple Pointes led to his arrest and conviction. In 2024, the city also saw 140 vehicular accidents, including 22 injuries and no fatalities, as well as two small house fires and 13 mutual-aid runs to other cities. As the trend continues to normalize post-COVID, officers made 131 arrests, compared to 91 in 2023. Operating while intoxicated arrests in particular were up from 16 to 27, thanks to a concentrated effort by Officer Jacob Gentile, who earned the Mothers Against Drunk Driving award. “We have great officers out there hitting the streets hard and our detective bureau is closing cases,” Alcorn said.



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OUR VIEW

Stay vigilant

They are coming to get you and will stop at nothing to get what they want. We are talking about scammers, con artists, ne'er-do-wells and flat-out common thieves. Fraudsters, obviously, have been around ever since Eve tricked Adam, but as technology progresses, so do the myriad methods they use to weasel their way into our lives.

In fact, the Federal Trade Commission reports Americans lost more than \$12.5 billion to fraud in 2024, a 25 percent increase over the previous year.

Ironically, the day the Grosse Pointe News editorial board was discussing this issue, we received an email from a reader outlining one of the more popular scams invading society.

We will keep the details as broad as possible to honor his request for anonymity, but he recounted an ordeal his elderly parents recently went through.

They received a phone call claiming to be from 36th District Court in Detroit saying their son was in a car accident. The caller said their son rear-ended the vehicle of a pregnant woman who had to be rushed to the hospital and he, being at fault, was being held on bond.

The caller even put him on the line, or at least an AI version of his voice. The voice provided enough details, including the name of the man's wife, to convince the parents it was real. The parents even contacted their attorney who, without doing any digging, also fell for it and directed them to pay the bail money.

The parents collected several thousand dollars and were prepared to head to court when the scammer re-directed them to a local drug store.

This is a common ploy used in several different scams whereby the victim is instructed to purchase gift cards and relay the code numbers to the thief.

Luckily, in this situation, employees at the store were savvy enough to realize it was a scam. They also were kind and brave enough to escort the elderly couple to their vehicle to make sure no one was lying in wait to jump them and suggested they go immediately to their local public safety department. Once there, an officer contacted our reader to come to the station.

One might ask why the parents or attorney did not try to contact the man or his wife first. The AI voice said his cell phone had been confiscated and also said not to contact their daughter-in-law for fear of upsetting her.

Our next question was, how did the scammer create the man's AI voice? We have since learned a person's voice can be stolen via social media posts or simply by answering a robo-call. The habit everyone needs to adopt is DO NOT answer a phone call from an unknown number. If it is legitimate, the caller will leave a voicemail and you can decide whether or not to call back.

We hope all employees of stores that sell gift cards take this lesson to heart, especially when it involves elderly customers and large sums of money.

Nefarious as they may be, scammers have plenty of creative ways to separate you from your money.

In the first 24 issues of the Grosse Pointe News this year, there were 27 reports of attempted or successful scams in our weekly public safety roundup. Our guess is there were many more instances that went unreported out of embarrassment on the part of the victim.

Some of them include requests for payment for missing jury duty, unpaid parking tickets, back taxes or unpaid loans.

Last month, staff writer Brad Lindberg detailed yet another new scam, fake texts regarding toll road collections. They look and sound quite official, coming from the "Department of Motor Vehicles," also

DIA Inside Out Art Scavenger Hunt

Riddle Hint:

My canvas shows animals in a colorful dreamy landscape. One of them is a blue horse surrounded by trees and hills that don't look real, yet they still feel peaceful. My artist was from Germany and liked to paint nature in a unique way. Now, I am in a place where tots laugh and swings glide. Near slides and sand, I'm hung with care. What painting am I? Where am I?

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Can you solve the DIA Inside Out Art riddle? Email us with your answer at media@grossepointenews.com and you could win a \$50 gift card!

known as the DMV.

Us Michiganders certainly know two things: we do not have toll roads and we stand in line at the Secretary of State's office, not the DMV.

According to our reader poll (below), a whopping 89 percent of respondents have been targeted with this scam!

We also asked readers about other scams and we are happy to say the results were much lower. Only 16 percent have been targeted with a bail scam like the one outlined above. A quarter have been hit with a jury duty scam and 35 percent have received some type of bogus invoice via email.

With the increase in popularity of cryptocurrency comes one more tool they can use. In March, an elderly Grosse Pointe Farms resident was convinced by a caller that \$50,000 would be deposited in his bank account if he put \$20,000 into a Bitcoin machine in St. Clair Shores. He made the deposit, but then realized it was a scam and froze his accounts.

As staff writer Laurel Kraus reported earlier this month, that led the Farms city council to

consider an ordinance regulating Bitcoin machines. It would be the first municipality in Michigan to do so. The proposed ordinance states:

- ◆ individual owners must register such machines with the department of public safety,
- ◆ the owner must obtain a business license and pay an associated fee,
- ◆ there must be a customer service helpline staffed by a trained and responsible person employed by or on behalf of the operator,
- ◆ required disclosures must be made to the customer such as receipts, any fees related to the transaction and consumer fraud warnings and
- ◆ virtual currency machines may not process any transactions greater than \$1,000 during a 24- hour period, nor more than \$5,000 during a 14-day period.

The final regulation would have prevented the aforementioned incident.

Phishing texts and emails can be dangerous even if there is no request for money. Clicking on an unknown link — or opening one of those invoices — could give others access to your device, whether it be to lock it up and demand ransom or to mine for personal information such as bank account numbers, credit card details and passwords.

Other public safety reports have included people receiving credit cards they did not order and cell phone bills for accounts opened in their name.

As law enforcement often says, catching these scammers can be next to impossible because they often operate overseas, although sometimes they operate in person. One recent report detailed how three men posing as utility workers entered a local home. One of them distracted the homeowner while the other two rummaged through a bedroom.

As the character Sgt. Phillip Esterhaus used to say on "Hill Street Blues" after his daily briefing, "Let's be careful out there."



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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



To be invisible for a day

What would you do if you could be invisible for a day? I posed this question to a few people and received some great answers. I had to think about this, the idea I could be invisible at all, even if just for a day. Initially, I didn't know if there was anything I would do or a place I would go that I couldn't do or go to already. Then I took some time and thought about it some more. I thought about how cool it would be to go into a forest or a national park and be among the wildlife like the wolves and just be near them and study

their behavior, or be among the bears and the cubs and watch them play. If I were invisible, I wouldn't be disturbing them and I wouldn't risk the chance of attack or protection behavior from the momma bear. To walk alongside a mountain lion would be amazing. Or I could sit in the branch of a tree and watch an eagle's nest or a red-tailed hawk nest or even be near a great blue heron rookery. How amazing that would be to be so close without disturbing them. I think it would be fun to travel on trains, boats, etc., or go to sporting events like the Super Bowl without having to get a second mortgage for a ticket. I could even go down on the sidelines. It would be hilarious to drive my car and watch

people's reaction to what they thought was nobody in the driver's seat. I would do things for my own enjoyment. The more you think about the things you'd do, the more things you think of. My Uncle Dave passed away not too long ago and I asked my Aunt Anne the question about being invisible. And this is what she told me. Since my uncle's death, my aunt created a fund in his memory to sponsor a local school child to become a camper at Camp Daggett in Petoskey. My aunt told me that as an invisible person, it would be a vicarious pleasure to witness this camper's first day at camp as they spiked a volleyball over the net, hungrily devoured syrup-drenched french toast, sang around the campfire with newly

made friends and paddled through their first canoe experience. "Although we struggle daily to make ourselves more visible, it's hard for me to imagine a better way to spend my day invisibly," she said. What a sweet tribute to my uncle. I asked my brother, Steve, the same question about invisibility and he said overall he would do good deeds and be a secret hero in small but powerful ways, such as looking out for the vulnerable, following someone home to make sure they get there safely or stopping a theft or harassment. He said he would find ways to stop a bully by distracting them or throwing water on them. I asked a couple of friends and one couldn't think of anything they'd do differently, seen or

unseen, and another said it's a great question, but all they can think of right now is sitting or standing next to someone they know to see if they feel their presence. Others said they would prank people, sneak into closed-off areas, get into places for free. Another said they would go to the dog park and pet all the dogs without asking. Another said they would go swimming in the ocean because the sharks couldn't see them. I looked online out of curiosity and found a hilarious answer where someone said they would make a ghost costume out of a sheet and googly eyes, then haunt random houses and give oddly specific advice to whoever lived there. Advice like, "OOOOooooo, don't boil the broccoli, Jason; roast it with olive oil.

OOOoooo."

Can you imagine? Poor Jason would be beside himself finding nothing under the ghost sheet and hearing a disembodied voice. I think if I were to do that, I would not use the sheet. I would just go to a Ghost Hunters house and say random things about whose spirit still resides in their house. They wouldn't be scared so much as they would run for their ghost equipment. And when they got the equipment, I'd stop talking just to mess with them. But then they would probably hear me laughing.

Another good one was someone's idea of taking a \$100 bill and making people chase it thinking it was the wind.

All good stuff.

What would you do if you could be invisible for a day?

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1950

75 years ago this week

27,697 IGNORE SCHOOL ELECTION: Grosse Pointe voters swarmed to the polls in a magnificent trickle to elect two members to the Board of Education. Three candidates sought the two vacancies, with the two incumbents being reelected. Secretary Franklin Dougherty led the ticket with 448 votes. President Sigurd R. Wendin polled 394 votes to be reelected. Fred Runnells, the third candidate, received 183 votes.

1975

50 years ago this week

K E R C H E V A L AVENUE'S UPKEEP HANDED TO POINTES BY COUNTY: At the Park council meeting, a letter was received from the County Road Commission notifying the Park that the Road Commission was turning Kercheval back to the abutting municipalities. A similar notice was received by the City of Grosse Pointe.

2000

25 years ago this week

PARCELLS SCHOOL ADDITION STARTED: Exactly one week after contracts were awarded for the completion of the Parcels School at Mack and Vernier, steam shovels and bulldozers broke ground to start the \$1,725,640 construction project. The contractors expect to have the building completed by the start of the 1951-52 school year.

2015

10 years ago this week

W O O D S FOUNDATION HOPES TO TEE UP MINI GOLF COURSE: With an eye toward an even more family-friendly park, the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation is proposing the installation of a miniature golf course at the city's Lake Front Park. Foundation president Rob Nederhood, along with board members Lisa and Mike Fuller, brought the proposal to a city council committee of the whole meeting Monday night and while there were questions from council members, there was unanimous agreement the project should move to the next phase of planning.

THREE FARMS BARS AGREE TO HIRE GUARDS: Three Farms bars have agreed to hire guards to work outside their premises three nights per week for a one-month trial period in the hopes of alleviating complaints from neighboring residents about patrons of the establishments. The bars/restaurants are Diamond Lil's Saloon, Devin Kelly's Pub and Piper's Alley.

CITY FIREMAN SAVES LIFE; PRAISED BY FARMS CHIEF: City Firefighter Al "Skip" Fincham saved the life of a little girl June 3, and received special commendation from the Farms police chief for doing so. Responding to a call for assistance from the Farms, because the Farms ambulance was detained on another matter, City Firefighter Fincham administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the girl, who had momentarily stopped breathing.

SOCCER TEAM BEING FORMED: The Grosse Pointe Cougars soccer team, for high school boys between 15-18 years of age, is currently being formed. Practice is set to begin in August with games against area high school teams scheduled for September and October.

LESS THAN 1% VOTE IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION: In an uncontested election, Grosse Pointe Board of Education incumbent candidate Steven Matthews said, "you don't expect a big turnout." Indeed it wasn't. A total of 342 out of approximately 38,500 voters turned out to reelect Matthews and fellow incumbent Jack Ryan in the school board election — 402 fewer voters that came out last year to vote in newcomers Linda Farmer and Joan Richardson.

ST. AMBROSE PROJECT WILL CLOSE WAYBURN FROM JEFFERSON ACCESS: Groundbreaking for an addition to St. Ambrose Catholic Church will take place June 25. Construction will start a few days later. To make room for the project, Wayburn will be closed at Hampton, one block north off Jefferson. Church construction will feature an underground meeting room, street-level terrace and 70-space parking lot.

RICCI READY FOR DETROIT GRAND PRIX: "Ricci Racing." It even sounds fast. Driving race cars is "an adrenaline rush," said Joe Ricci. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident drives open-wheel cars in the Barber Dodge Pro Series.

BEAUMONT PLANS 3-STORY OFFICE BUILDING: The city planning consultant won extra work this week to monitor construction of a three-story medical office building on the 3.39-acre campus of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Responsibilities include site inspections to ensure adherence to building permits and codes. Plans for the building show 60,000 square feet of floor space in a rectangular footprint measuring 521 feet along Cadieux from below the main hospital entrance halfway to Jefferson in the City of Grosse Pointe.

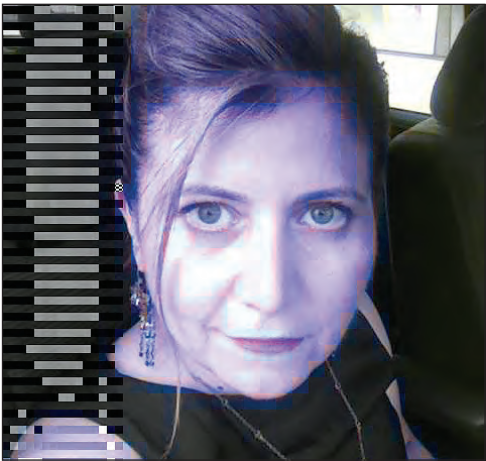


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All about Aleh

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary welcomed, via Zoom, Nili Witman from Aleh Treatment Center, a residence and treatment center in Bnei Brak, Israel, during its April 1 meeting at Ford House. Witman is the head pediatric nurse in charge at Aleh, a facility managing the care of hundreds of severely disabled children and adults. The round-the-clock care provided for 90 live-in children under Witman's supervision is more individual-focused and comprehensive than any other facility in the Middle East. The children under Witman's care are beyond the care families can provide at home, due to serious birth defects, paralysis or severe brain injuries. The pediatric staff required to support these children number in the hundreds and is funded by private donations and nominal government subsidies. Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary invites the community to join its Tuesday morning breakfast and presentations at 7 a.m. at Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for further details.

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GPPSS budget shows huge improvement

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System's 2024-25 fiscal year budget, which started with a potential \$1 million in deficit spending, will end with a surplus of \$5.4 million.

That means the district's fund equity balance will increase by \$4.9 million, up to \$15.7 million. That's 14.6 percent of expenditures, the highest it's been since before the pandemic.

"True leadership involves making difficult

decisions in the best interest of the district's future, even when those decisions may not be met with broad approval," Superintendent Andrea Tuttle told the GPPSS Board of Education at its meeting Wednesday, June 11.

"This is a remarkable time in our district where we are finally starting to see an improvement in our budget," board President Colleen Worden said. "It's because of our commitment to fiscal responsibility and our sound oversight and presenting budget parameters to the

administration that I think played a role in this as well."

Worden, along with Trustee Valarie St. John, voted against the 2024-25 budget when it was passed last June. Ginny Jeup, Ahmed Ismail, Terry Collins, Lisa Papas and Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, voted in favor of it.

That majority also oversaw a 2023-24 FY budget that finished with a \$1.5 million surplus.

The 2024-25 budget included some \$5.5 million in cuts, primarily related to the end of about \$4.5 million in

COVID-related federal funding that was being used to pay for people instead of programs. A majority of the cuts came from not filling 18 vacant teaching positions, most due to retirements, attrition and one teacher lay-off.

Part of the surplus came due to the state reducing the amount districts have to pay toward the teacher retirement system, which was in lieu of an increase in per-pupil funding.

Tuttle last June said she believes the budget can be balanced in future years by not filling vacant

teaching positions since the district is below the state average for student-to-teacher ratios.

It also included a 2 percent raise for all employees this year and in 2025-26 and step increases both years for teachers, which is the equivalent of a 4.2 percent raise each year.

"All of which was deserved," Tuttle said last week.

"We achieved this while serving more than 1,000 fewer students, right-sizing operations and, most importantly, preserving all academic and extracurricular pro-

grams that make Grosse Pointe schools so special for our students and community," Cotton said in a social media post.

"And we did all of this while also reaching multi-year agreements with all staff groups, providing stability and clarity for the people who make our schools run every day."

The 2024-25 budget won't be finalized until an audit this fall.

The board will vote to finalize the 2025-26 budget at its next meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Brownell Middle School.



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The Brown family delivered LEGOs to Henry Ford St. John Hospital on Moross last year. Pictured are Pat and Megan Brown and their children, Emmy, Hudson and Cece.

Brown family collecting LEGOs again

The Brown family of Grosse Pointe Farms is in its fifth year collecting LEGO sets in hopes of giving children at Henry Ford St. John Hospital the same hope and happiness their son received during treatment there.

Hudson Brown was 5 years old when he was diagnosed with cancer. His surgery and chemotherapy was done at the hospital and radiation treatments at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital.

The family donated 279 sets last year, surpassing their goal of 275. Their total has increased each year since starting in 2021 and they have a goal of 300 this year.

"Whether they're there overnight or just for a few hours, a child life specialist will gift them a set that pertains to their interest," said Megan Brown, Hudson's mom.

Donors can pick one or more sets from the family's Amazon wish list at shorturl.at/YqJBR.

"The registry is pre-set so it sends directly to our house," Megan Brown said. "We put a deadline on your fliers of June 25, since that's halfway to Christmas, then we'll make the delivery the first full week in July."

Monetary donations can be sent via Venmo to @Megan-Brown-132.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Ella Henness, a 2024 University Liggett School graduate and resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, made the Dean's List for the spring semester at the University of Notre Dame. She is studying neuroscience and is on the pre-med track.



Ella Henness

Dylan Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at Lebanon Valley College. Miller is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in digital communications and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at the University of Olivet.

Kendall Zinn of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Ben Sheffield** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Bucknell University. Zinn also graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Leanne Hayes and **Nicholas Nyenhuis** of Grosse Pointe Park recently graduated from Lighthouse Connections Academy, a public, tuition-free, online school for students in grades K-12.

Audrey Smihal of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List at Northern Michigan University during her junior year with a 4.0 each term: fall 2024 and winter



Audrey Smihal

2025. She is studying forensic psychology with a minor in criminal justice at Northern's Honors College.

Bennett Smihal of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated May 2, from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications arts and sciences from the College of Arts and Sciences and a minor in business from the Broad School of Business.

Baili Summerville of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Emma Hall of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Allie Lowenthal** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List at the



Bennett Smihal

University of Alabama for the spring semester.

Rachel Rybicki of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the spring 2025 President's List at the University of Alabama.

Andrew Hauswirth of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing.

Ryan Hexter of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated from the College of Charleston with a Bachelor of Science degree in management.

Cameron Kaess of the City of Grosse Pointe graduated summa cum laude from the College of Charleston with Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry.

TENSION:

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ary would attract better quality candidates, while Jeup said her experience as a corporate recruiter showed just the opposite.

The position, officially titled "assistant superintendent for finance and business operations," is listed on the district's website with a salary range of \$133,777 to \$164,440. Superintendent Andrea Tuttle wants to raise that to between \$180,000 and \$200,000.

"We asked for data of similar sized and surrounding districts and I did not receive that," Derringer said regarding CFO pay. "I'd like to see evidence we're unable to attract candidates at the current salary range."

"What more evidence do you need?" Tuttle asked. "We've been sitting without a CFO for six months. I don't know what else to tell you."

The role currently is being filled by a consultant. The district did hire a CFO in March who left

within two months.

"Was it the salary range that attracted her to apply?" Derringer asked.

"I'm not going to answer that," Tuttle replied. "She stayed a very short time. There are other reasons people leave. I'm not going to say it at this table because I think it might be disparaging to the district."

"I'm not going to say anything further," she continued. "You either want to raise it or you don't."

Derringer then said

while the district aims to be in the top 1 or 5 percent in the state, it uses state averages when it comes to teacher-to-student ratios.

"I don't want to be preached at," Tuttle said. "I don't want you to continue preaching at me and trying to belittle me in front of everyone at this table."

"If you want to vote no, vote no, end of conversation," she added. "I'm going to walk away if you continue to preach at me."

Derringer responded, saying, "To finish my

questions."

At which point, about 14 minutes after the discussion started, Tuttle said, "I'm going to respectfully walk away from the table. I've had it."

After Tuttle's departure, Cotton made a

motion to increase the salary range to what Tuttle requested, which Jeup seconded. Worden then called for a five-minute recess.

After a discussion during the recess among Cotton, Jeup and Klepp that could not be over-

heard, Cotton and Jeup did not return to the board table after the recess, at which time Worden tabled Cotton's motion.

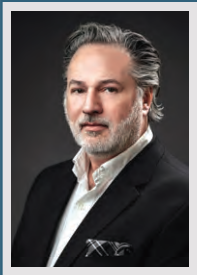
Derringer did not address the incident during his closing comments.

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Wally’s on the Water makes a splash on the Nautical Mile

By Meg Kelly
GPN Intern

ST. CLAIR SHORES — The family behind the iconic Wally’s Frozen Custard is making waves with a new seasonal set-up, starting Wally’s on the Water, a frozen custard truck stationed at Mike’s on the Water, 24600 Jefferson. Unlike a typical food truck on the move, this truck isn’t going anywhere. Wally’s on the Water is firmly docked, offering shoreline sweets for boaters or anyone who may pass by all season long.

Wally’s owner Matt Ahaern explained that their relationship with Mike’s always has been strong as his wife, Eliza Ahaern, and kids enjoy heading there for dinner. “We wanted to do this from the beginning and

we finally teamed up this summer,” Ahaern said. “(Mike LeFevre) is a great guy personally and it’s a great place. The water is fun for the summer and (Mike’s) has a nice range of people and so do we. It seemed like a nice fit.”

LeFevre, owner of Mike’s on the Water, said he’s long seen Wally’s as the missing piece. “People always ask if we serve dessert,” LeFevre said. “We didn’t want to take that on ourselves because we need to turn tables, but Matt is a customer and a friend. It’s the perfect match.”

The idea for Wally’s on the Water grew from a shared interest to create a summer destination experience where customers can get dinner, drinks and dessert in one quick stop. Mike’s on the

Water already is a popular stop along the Nautical Mile for boaters and families. By adding Wally’s to the mix, they hope the collaboration brings in more people for leisurely stop-ins.

“Adding Wally’s won’t change the atmosphere of Mike’s. The people who go there are awesome and are a good crowd,” Ahaern said. “There has been overwhelming excitement from the community. Hopefully this will bring in more people who are just out for a walk on the Nautical Mile so the kids can have a cone while the family has a drink and a sandwich.”

LeFevre believes the addition will add new energy to the space. “It’s definitely going to bring more excitement down here,” LeFevre

said. “People are talking about it and it’s going to bring something that was needed. People want dessert and Wally’s.”

The truck offers a menu of Wally’s signature frozen custard. Everything is pre-made at the original Wally’s location. Ahaern said by pre-making items, they can ensure the Wally’s level of quality in all their products.

“We won’t have any soft serve, but we’ll still have our usuals, like our taco drumsticks,” Ahaern said, “but we will offer the Snoopkie, which will only be at Mike’s location. It is a large Oreo sandwich with two Oreo cookies and vanilla custard.”

Beyond the sweets, the Wally’s team is excited about this new location as they grow their busi-



COURTESY PHOTO

The Ahaern family, from left, Julianne and Tommy Ahaern, with their parents, Matt and Eliza Ahaern.

ness and bring in new hires.

“My wife used to be an ER nurse, so we have a couple of retired nurses who will work there and my son is the manager. It doesn’t take too many people,” Ahaern said.

Wally’s on the Water will run through Labor Day and, as of now, LeFevre and Ahaern have no intention of leaving this business behind as they’re having conversations about it becoming an annual tradition.

“We love our community and Mike loves his community. We have the same goals and vision for our community and city,” Ahaern said. “It’s a good collaboration.”

Wally’s on the Water opened Memorial Day and is open 4 to 9 p.m. weekdays and 2 to 9 p.m. weekends.

New medical practice hosting open house

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Although it serves both men and women, Mission Metabolic Health is hosting an open house focused on men’s health 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28.

“I decided to pick that focus because June is Men’s Health Month,” said Sean Cassleman, D.O., who opened the practice at 21444 Harper earlier this year. “It’s not uncommon for men to overlook health issues and not be the most proactive. We’ll do one focused on females, too, at some point.”

The open house will feature:

- ◆ full-body composition scans,
- ◆ mini fitness classes and guided stretching,
- ◆ chair massages,
- ◆ healthy snack samples and nutrition guidance,
- ◆ wellness giveaways and
- ◆ tours of the facility.



Cassleman, who grew up in the City of Grosse Pointe and now lives in Grosse Pointe Park, has been practicing internal medicine for a decade. He attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools before graduating from University of Detroit Jesuit. He did his undergraduate work at John Carroll University before attending the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“This has been an evolving idea highlighted by my experience in primary care,” he said. “There are limits in primary care as to how long you can spend with a patient. This gives the ability to really dive into things like diet, exercise and sleep rather than just

Popular Italian restaurant closing

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Ferlito’s Restaurant, 20745 Mack, will close its doors for the final time Sunday, June 29, after more than four decades in business.

“As much love as we’ve put into this place, time has taken its toll,” owner Joshua Mowen posted on social media last week. “The building that’s home to so many memories is showing its age in ways we simply can’t afford to keep up with. The repairs are too big, too constant and too costly for us to carry any longer.”

The post received well over 300 responses, many filled with memories of date nights, first jobs and favorite recipes.

“This little building has been our home,” Mowen, who took over the resta-

urant in 2015, wrote. “It’s where first dates turned into anniversaries, where regulars became family and where we poured our hearts into every dish, every day. We’ve seen families grow and shrink. Where birthdays were celebrated and loved ones remembered. We spent more holidays together than I did with my own family.”

Mowen also recounted steps he took to remain open.

“We have pivoted, adjusted, reimagined, renovated and reinvented ourselves over the years,” he said. “We have had to navigate a lot. During the pandemic we kept up with the changing cost of goods, we expanded with a catering truck, we maintained higher quality products, having competitive wages for our employees all while keep-

ing pricing affordable for customers and not cutting corners with quality ingredients.”

Mowen said Ferlito’s Pizzeria, which he started earlier this year, will remain open. The carryout-only location is at 22910 Harper in St. Clair Shores, just south of Nine Mile. The menu features pizza, pasta, ribs, salads and sides. It’s open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, closed Mondays. See ferlitospizza.com for details.

“Join us in closing one door and opening another,” Mowen said. “We are excited to see what our future holds and hope you’ll stay on this journey with us.”

Through June 29, the restaurant is open 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. Sundays. See ferlitos.com for the menu.

Farms financial advisors receive top honors

The Grosse Pointe Advisory Group of Raymond James recently announced two of its leaders have been honored with national recognition in the financial and wealth management sector.

Van Hauswirth, managing director, was listed in the renowned Barron’s 1200, which honors the best financial advisors in the country by state. Among the factors included in the rankings are assets under management, revenue produced for the first regulatory record, quality of practice and philanthropic work. Hauswirth has more than 30 years of experience and leads The Grosse Pointe Advisory Group of Raymond James with \$1.3 billion in assets under management.

Senior Vice President of Investments Dan Battjes was recognized on the 2025 Forbes Best-In-State Wealth Advisors list. Battjes ranks among the best advisors across the country as measured by client impact, coupled with qualitative indicators like revenue trends and compliance record, among other factors.

“We’ve built a firm focused on providing steady guidance in an ever-changing landscape,” Hauswirth said. “As market conditions change over time, we bring a level of clarity and counsel that our clients value. We know the trust clients put in us is sacred and it is a privilege to support their financial journey.”

“While it is an honor to be recognized for our efforts, we continue to be keenly focused on supporting our clients and helping them to build a clear roadmap to plan and deploy financial strategies to achieve their goals. That has been and will remain the key to our success,” Battjes added. “We have deep roots in Grosse Pointe and the surrounding communities, and it is rewarding to help our friends and neighbors prepare for their future.”



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From junk to gems GPAA exhibition takes ‘Upcycling’ to a higher level

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Taking old, outdated, discarded items and transforming them into something of value is the theme of the latest Grosse Pointe Artists Association exhibition, “Upcycling,” which is on display now through Friday, Aug. 1.

“It’s different than our usual exhibitions,” GPAA President Karen Pope said. “It’s taking old things and adding to them and making them more valuable. Or in some cases, it’s updating them and making them more current.”

The unique theme proved inspirational. Of the 150 artists who entered, 72 pieces are displayed in the show, which received rave reviews during its opening reception June 12.

One artist said the show “brought out the best in everyone,” while another gave kudos to juror Doug La Ferle, whose presentation “was engaging, funny and he’s one of us: He makes things out of junk.”

La Ferle, whose scope of work includes sculptures using salvaged items, gave a score to every piece entered. More than half — as many as space would allow — were arranged in the gallery by Nobuko Yamasaki and Chris Charron.

“The artists themselves are very creative,” Pope



“Sun and Sand,” by Mark Zapico, is a wall sculpture made from natural objects found on the beach.

said, “but the team who put this together worked really hard.”

In addition to art lining the walls of the gallery, the floorspace was rearranged to fit more. Pedestals — on loan from the Anton Art Center and GPAA board member Roger Garrett — feature several works of art. The GPAA also is using windows in the hallway just outside the gallery to

highlight some of the work, including Robert Stone’s stained-glass piece, “Buddha’s Light,” and Mary Kompare’s wind chimes, “Melting Ice” and “Melodic Sounds.”

Other art in the exhibition includes “Time Piece” by Molly Bell, who upcycled a discarded clock she found on garbage day; “Love That Rust” by Jan Filarski,



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JIM KLEIN AND KAREN POPE

Above, Mary Kompare’s “Melting Ice” and “Melodic Sounds” hang in a window near the gallery. Below, Ruth Hollister transformed 100 men’s neckties into a skirt with “All Tied Up.”

who created an abstract sculpture using rusted metal and wire; “All Tied Up” by Ruth Hollister, who turned 100 old neckties into a skirt; and “Oasis” by John Jeffire, who combined items found in nature — wood, stone, sawdust — with plastic, old clothing, epoxy and paint.

Pope said around a third of the artists featured in “Upcycling” are new to the GPAA.

“We really want to encourage as much involvement and engagement as we can,” she said. “With this, we’re reaching out to people we maybe hadn’t reached before.”

“... It’s a very exciting show,” she added. “I think it really is kind of philosophical, reusing things and finding new life in them.”

In addition to “Upcycling,” the GPAA has a secondary exhibition in the hallway outside the gallery. “Art from the Garden” fea-



tures works from the artists participating in the Grosse Pointe Garden Center’s 33rd annual Garden Tour, which takes place Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21.

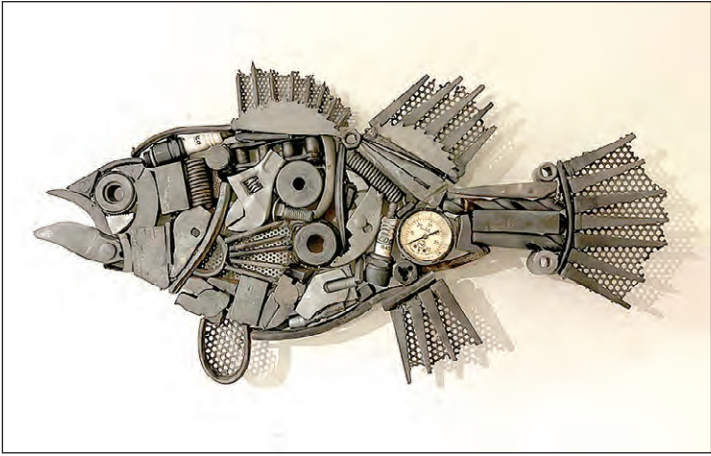
“In support of the Garden Center, these are from artists who are (plein air) painting during the tour,” Pope said. “We asked the artists involved to bring in their work. After the tour, we’ll feature the work they created during the

tour.” Also on tap for the GPAA is the exhibition “Mindblowing,” which will be juried by Adam Strange, who specializes in photomontage.

“It’s up to you to interpret the theme,” Pope said. “The thesaurus says, ‘breathtaking, causing great emotional or mental stimulation.’”

Deadline for entries to “Mindblowing” is Monday, July 21.

For more information, call (313) 881-3454.



Clockwise from left, “Time Traveler,” by Barbara Melnik Carsons; “Smallmouth,” by Steven Paulsen; “Buddha’s Light” by Robert Stone and “Oasis,” by John Jeffire.



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OBITUARIES

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Peter Vincent Bologna

Peter Vincent Bologna, 82, passed away peacefully Monday, June 9, 2025, with his beloved wife Patricia at his side. Born in Detroit, Peter was a proud third-generation Italian American of Sicilian descent. He spent most of his life in the Grosse Pointes. The second-oldest son of James and Lena Bologna, he was the grandson of the founder of Leto Construction — a family business he dedicated his life to continuing and growing. After earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Villanova University, he began his career with Procter & Gamble before returning to the family construction business. Over nearly 70 years, he worked with Leto Construction and founded Bologna Building Co., earning a reputation for his sharp design sense and strong negotiation skills. He was widely respected as a builder and developer. One of Peter’s most enduring contributions to the Grosse Pointe community was the development of 131 Kercheval, a commercial building he built and operated for many years on The Hill. It now houses part of Henry Ford Medical Center. He was a longtime member of the Detroit Athletic Club and cherished his Italian heritage. As a boy, he often was found reading comic

books under the scaffolding at construction sites across metropolitan Detroit. Friends and family remember his infectious smile, kind demeanor and fun-loving spirit. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Bologna (nee Phillip); and her siblings, Peter Phillip and Juli Zahler (nee Phillip). He also is survived by his siblings, Jim Bologna (Patty), Tony Bologna (Nina, nee Giacalone) and Maria Misuraca (nee Bologna). He leaves behind many nieces and nephews who adored him. He was predeceased by his parents; eldest brother, Dominic Bologna; sister-in-law, Barbara Bologna (nee Zastrow); and brother-in-law, Tom Misuraca. Visitation will take place 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. He will lie in state Friday, June 20, from 11:30 a.m. until the funeral Mass at noon at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the St. Paul Educational Trust, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, stpauleducationaltrust.org/donate; or the Educational Fund at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, olsos.org/give. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady Star of the Sea and

notate “Educational Fund” in the memo. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Edward Huntting Jewett

Edward Huntting “Ned” Jewett, 84, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2025, after a long illness. He was a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and Longboat Key, Fla. Ned was born Jan. 2, 1941, to Edward H. Jewett II and Barbara Backus Jewett, both now deceased. He was predeceased by his older brother, Harry M. Jewett II. Ned is survived by two children, Edward Huntting “Hunter” Jewett IV (Krista) and Elizabeth Wendell Jerome (George). He loved his grandchildren, Ellie, Hunt, McCall, Jennie, Katherine, Lila, Eden and Violet. He also enjoyed the friendship of his extended family, including sisters-in-law, Claudia Gage Snyder (the late George), Alice Gage Schultes (Michael) and brother-in-law, Tom Gage (Lisa). Ned spent his youth on his family’s farm in Lapeer. He attended Proctor Academy and Leicester College, then joined the United States Navy. During his years of service on the USS Tench, a diesel electric submarine, Ned and his shipmates embarked on clandestine Cold War missions not described to his family until long after his top-secret clearance had lapsed. After



Peter Vincent Bologna



Edward Huntting Jewett



Robert Mark Palms Jr.

he got out of the Navy, he met and married Elizabeth “Baba” Gage in August 1969. Unwilling to give up the underwater world, Ned traveled the globe with a SCUBA tank strapped to his back. He and his wife journeyed to the Galapagos Islands, Fiji, Bora Bora, Bali and many other destinations, always observing the environment through the glass of a SCUBA mask. His passions ran deep. He also loved the open road aboard his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. He traveled solo from his home in Longboat Key to Puget Sound, Big Bend National Park and Bear Lake. Parts unknown to others were known to him. He loved the big band sound and kept his radio tuned to Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman and Lester Lanin, to name a few. He was a great lover of animals, especially his loyal friend Reagan, a German shepherd, who followed him lovingly everywhere. He was involved in after-market, specialty automobile parts and had his own company, Process Engineering, for many years, applying much of what he learned in the Navy to his career. A memorial service takes place at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Christ Church Grosse

Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sigma Gamma Association, sigmagamma.org; or Warrior Dog Foundation, warriordogfoundation.org. Robert Mark Palms Jr., 70, of Manchester, passed away Thursday, May 22, 2025, in New Orleans. Mark was a beloved husband, father, brother, educator and musician whose passion for the arts touched many lives. Mark was born Aug. 30, 1954, in Grosse Pointe. He was the son of Bob and Sue (nee O’Leary) Palms, both now deceased. Mark was a graduate of Austin Catholic Preparatory School in Detroit. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University and a master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. Mark taught K-8 music at Napoleon Community Schools. In 2002, he founded the Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival in Manchester, bringing a diversity of local, national and international performers and artists to his community. Along with his many

musical accomplishments, Mark will be remembered by those who knew him as a loving, generous, caring, open-hearted, encouraging and supportive husband and father, and a man of many friends near and far. Mark is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carol Wells Palms; daughters, Jacqueline and Natalie Palms; “like sons,” William Bernard and Arnaud Szanto; sisters, Jules Palms and Marie Louise “Mitzi” Palms-Burt (Mike); and his loving extended family. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, bit.ly/3HRtsqq, or any music or arts organization of the giver’s choice. The Palms family thanks Mark’s doctors and staff at Touro Hospital in New Orleans, as well as the family and friends who have always loved him and supported his family. Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.



Republicans to host picnic at Patterson Park Sunday, June 22

The Eastside Republican Club will host its 23rd annual family picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at Patterson Park, 16006 Essex, Grosse Pointe Park. Otherwise known as Three Mile Park, this lakefront establishment is a favorite for summer events in the Pointes. From splash pads to pickleball, there is something for everyone to enjoy. “In addition to having a beautiful locale for a picnic, we’re excited to have guests running for statewide offices in 2026,” said Renee Strobl, Eastside Republican Club chair. At press time, gubernatorial candidate Sen. Aric Nesbitt of Michigan District 20 and attorney general candidate Kevin Kijewski, Esq., plan to

attend. Guests also will hear from and speak with local officeholders and candidates running in 2025. “Along with engaging conversation, people can enjoy delicious food prepared by our chef, Max Weiner,” Strobl added. A \$5 donation per person is suggested. Students and children are admitted free. All are welcome. RSVP at EastsideRepublican.Club, or call or text (313) 466-1345. *The Eastside Republican Club holds public forums at The War Memorial the third Tuesday of the month, September through May. Stay up to date at EastsideRepublican.Club and follow the ERC on Facebook or X @EastsideGOP.*

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives
The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:
◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 20, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, June 20, Henry Ford St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, Holy Innocents-St. Barnabas Parish, 26100 Ridgemont, Roseville.
◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, July 3, Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.
◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.
Register at redcrossblood.org.
The Helm
The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:
◆ Field trip to

Orchestra Hall, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, to see “Let’s Misbehave: The Songs of Cole Porter.” Cost is \$52 for members, \$58 for guests.
◆ The movie “My Penguin Friend” is shown at noon Friday, June 20. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests.
◆ Senior Prom, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 26. Cost is \$40 for members, \$45 for guests.
DIA
The Detroit Institute of Arts hosts a variety of exhibitions and installations during the month of June. Museum admission is free for residents of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. For more information, visit dia.org.
◆ The fourth annual Wayne County High School Art Exhibition, Friday, June 20, to Sunday, July 20.
◆ Drop-in Workshop: Watercolor Postcards, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 20; noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21; and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22.
◆ Drawing in the Galleries: North Lawn, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22.
◆ Friday Night Live! Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 20.
◆ Lecture: The Animal Imaginary in European

Art, 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21.
◆ Fun Tales with Mr. D, 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21.
◆ The Annihilation of Fish, 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 21, and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22.
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.
◆ 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, June 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ Monday Art With Mari, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ GPPL @ Your Park,

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Neff Park, 17150 E. Jefferson, City of Grosse Pointe.
◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Meet Up & Make, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ GPPL @ Your Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ Little Learners Code in Color with Brenda Ban, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ You Kill Me: The True Crime Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Birding 101, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ Youth Coding in Color with Brenda Ban,

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An honor: Corewell pays tribute to nursing with Nurse Honor Guard

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Nurse Honor Guard began in Kansas in 2003, and has since grown to include more than 220 chapters across the country.

“It was started to recognize the dedication of nurses for their long careers and to show them respect at end of life,” said Kerry Spens, R.N.

After learning about the program, Spens brought it to Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital last year.

“The Troy hospital has it and I wanted to start it here,” she said, crediting Troy’s Deborah Jagow, R.N., with helping her bring it to Grosse Pointe.

“It’s a service honoring nurses for their dedication and it releases them of their duty.”

The five-minute ceremony is similar to a military honor guard. Volunteer nurses read the Nightingale Tribute

and place a white rose on the casket or urn, in tribute to the nurse’s dedication of service, Spens said. After the reading, a triangle is rung after the nurse’s name is spoken three times, signifying their release from duty.

“The Nightingale lamp is lit when the ceremony begins and, when the ceremony ends, it’s extinguished,” she added. “We give the rose to the family.”

The nurses involved wear traditional white nurses’ uniforms, shoes and caps, as well as blue and yellow capes.

“We’re fortunate to have Father Rich (Bartoszek) here; we still have a chapel,” Spens said. “He still offers church daily. Lots of Grosse Pointers come; this is their Sunday service.”

“... His (Grosse Pointe Chapel Fund) donated money for everything we needed to get started — capes, hats, gloves, pins,

the lamp. We have enough for 10 people.”

Three such ceremonies have been performed at Corewell Grosse Pointe since the program began. Spens said an average of 60 employees attend, some of them on their days off.

“It’s hard when you lose a peer to get to the funeral when you’re working 12-hour shifts,” said Spens, who’s been a nurse 36 years. “It’s nice to bring this to our chapel. Everyone who’s working that day can come to the ceremony and honor their colleague. It gives everyone a chance to say goodbye.”

Family is invited to attend as well.

“They have all appreciated it,” Spens said. “It shows the dedication of their loved one that passed. It’s sad, but it’s a great tribute to be able to give to our peers. And it’s here, so their colleagues can attend.”



COURTESY PHOTO

Registered nurses with Corewell Health perform a Nurse Honor Guard service. From left are Grosse Pointe’s Donna Polom, Troy’s Deborah Jagow and Grosse Pointe’s Kerry Spens.

There are 16 Nurse Honor Guard chapters in Michigan. Corewell is trying to implement the program at all of its hospitals.

“It’s becoming more well-known in more areas and more hospitals

are starting to do it,” Spens said. “I’m excited Corewell is doing it. It gives peers an opportunity to go when they can’t get off work.”

Spens, whose mother, aunt and grandmother all were nurses, said she

feels it’s an honor to be able to recognize fellow nurses for their commitment to the job.

“I’ve been a nurse for so long,” she said. “We see people at their worst every day. I feel that nursing is a calling. It involves empathy and caring and loving. These people are sick and they’re scared and relying on us for help. ... We’re caring for them at the worst time in their lives.”

Anyone who worked as a nurse can have a Nurse Honor Guard at their funeral. Services may be requested on the Nurse Honor Guard of Southeast Michigan website, nursehonorguard-southeastmi.org.

“What a way to dedicate my peers,” Spens said. “... It’s an honor to pay tribute to a nurse that has passed here, for the dedication she’s given to patients for all these years. It feels good to do.”

Fresh produce from Full Circle, Eastern Market sold at The Helm

Guests are invited to stop by The Helm Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer to purchase fresh-off-the-farm fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Eastern Market will sell farm-fresh produce at The Helm from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every other Tuesday, beginning June 17. Eastern Market dates at The Helm are June 17; July 1, 15, and 29; Aug. 12 and 26; and Sept. 9 and 23.

Full Circle Foundation will sell

fresh-picked produce at The Helm 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays, beginning July 10. The vegetables, herbs and flowers are grown in 55 raised garden beds on three acres in Detroit and sold at The Helm throughout the summer.

Anyone is welcome to purchase produce from both Full Circle and Eastern Market. The produce will be set up on the back patio of The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Literacy for Kids visits Lakeshore Optimist Club

Jayne Rose-Vallee, president of Literacy for Kids, and Director of Philanthropy Katy Klimczuk teamed up to educate the Lakeshore Optimist Club about the mission and achievements of the nonprofit.

Literacy for Kids’ primary mission is to introduce the concept that reading is connected to the arts — that the beat, rhythm and illustrations behind the words can make the task of learning more interesting. Its vision is a world where curious children celebrate the art in literacy.

The Literacy for Kids approach combines personal interactions through book-focused events, creating lasting connections. For example, the Authors: IN-Detroit program connects authors and illustrators with students to promote literacy, imagi-



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From left, Literacy for Kids President Jayne Rose-Vallee and Director of Philanthropy Katy Klimczuk, with Lakeshore Optimist Club President Steve Licari.

nation and poetry in classrooms and at events.

Since 2019, Literacy for Kids has introduced 8,825 kindergarten through 12th graders to authors, as well as gifted students with autographed books. Both Rose-Vallee and Klimczuk are authors of

children’s literature, which enhances their dedication to increasing literacy for students. Learn more at literacyforkids.com.

Lakeshore Optimist Club meets 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each

month. All are welcome to attend, listen to interesting speakers and see what the club is all about. Visit gpoptimists.com for locations, dates and times each month.

Follow the club at facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists.

EVENTS:

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1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Teen Anime & Manga Night, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Mud Day, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Screenplay Writing, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up & Swap, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 28, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

POST Detroit

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

- ◆ Sewing Workshop: Crossbody Bags, 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Cost is \$90.

- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Hanging Bird Bath, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Cost is \$125.
- ◆ Embroidery Workshop: Schoolhouse Lettering Sample, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Meet the Maker: Angie Coe & Melissa Dettloff of CopyCat, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 22.
- ◆ Ceramics Drop-in Workshop: Dog Day Paw Print Tiles, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 22, by appointment only. Cost is \$65.
- ◆ Two-day Upholstery Workshop: Dining Chair Seat Cushions, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays, June 22 and 29. Cost is \$100.
- ◆ POST Script open-mic night, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25.
- ◆ Hapa Zome Workshop: Eco Printing on Fabric, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 27. Cost is \$65.
- ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Glazing Bud Vases, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Cost is \$65.
- ◆ Mending Workshop: Sashiko + Boro for Denim Repair, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Cost is \$60.
- ◆ Textile Screen

Printing Workshop: Tea Towels with Scarlet Crane, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Cost is \$75.

- ◆ Macrame Workshop: Textile & Wood Hanging Shelf, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Weaving Workshop: Framed Tapestry Weaving, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 29. Cost is \$85.

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

- ◆ Picnic on the Lawn, 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 22.
- ◆ Bridging the Gap: Modern Communication for Seniors, 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 24. Cost is \$25.
- ◆ Silent Book Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 8.
- ◆ Shakespeare on the Rocks: “The Tempest,” 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10. General admission is \$18. VIP tickets are \$48.
- ◆ Summer Beer & Wine Soiree on the Bay, 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 13. Cost is \$60 general admission, \$75 VIP, \$150 all-inclusive.

Ford House

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

- ◆ Storytime: “Over and Under the Pond,” by Kate Messner, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays during June.
- ◆ Travel Tales: Summer Storytelling & Art Making, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, June 26 to Aug. 14, for ages 4 and older. Admission is \$5 for member children, \$7 for nonmember children.
- ◆ Explorers: Plant Detectives, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28, for ages 7 to 11. Admission is \$7.
- ◆ Gather in the Garden, 6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 28, for ages 21 and older. Tickets are \$120 for members, \$150 for the public.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Concert

Planet D Nonet will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Cover is \$10.

Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves Any Body, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit fulllotusyoga.net.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets in person at Wayne County Community College District’s Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom, at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

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Laure Peabody, a neighbor who wanted show her support, gets a glass of lemonade and a chocolate chip cookie from June Brennan.

Sweet charity

The afternoon of June 12, June Brennan, with the help of her mom, Audrey Brennan, and friend, Chloe Powell, opened a lemonade stand in the 1500 block of Hollywood in Grosse Pointe Woods. The girls sold lemonade and fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies to raise money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation.

Audrey Brennan is a research coordinator at Children's Hospital of Michigan and a volunteer event organizer for St. Baldrick's, the largest charity funder of childhood cancer research grants in the U.S.

While the lemonade stand brought in \$151 for St. Baldrick's, the community has the opportunity to raise more when Copper Hop Brewery in St. Clair Shores hosts a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Anyone who raises money can drop off the donations and have their head shaved as a show of solidar-



Chloe Powell and June Brennan at their lemonade stand.

ity with children who lose their hair through cancer treatment. Audrey Brennan said she'd consider shaving her own head if she exceeds her goal of \$2,000.

For more information or to make a donation, visit stbaldricks.org/donate/participant/1158138.

Detroit Zoo celebrates upgraded Great Apes of Harambee habitat

The Detroit Zoo recently celebrated the grand reopening of the Great Apes of Harambee habitat with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony honoring donors Barbara and Steven Kohler.

The event, attended by zoo leadership, special guests and members of the Kohler family, spotlighted a series of impactful improvements to the habitat that enhance both animal welfare and the guest experience.

Thanks to the Kohlers' contribution, the Great Apes of Harambee habitat now has:

- ◆ expanded outdoor viewing areas, offering guests more immersive and up-close experiences with the chimpanzees and gorillas who call the zoo home;

- ◆ several façade and infrastructure improvements that enhance the overall environment and guest engagement;

- ◆ enhanced pathways and wayfinding leading to indoor viewing areas, increasing accessibility



and visual continuity and;

- ◆ refreshed habitat signage and directional markers to support guest navigation.

"These renovations reflect our commitment to creating enriching environments for animals and unforgettable experiences for our guests," said Dr. Hayley Murphy, executive director and CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society. "We are incredibly grateful to Barbara and Steven Kohler for their generous support,

which has played a vital role in bringing this vision to life."

During the ceremony, Murphy formally recognized the Kohlers for their dedication to conservation and animal welfare. The couple offered remarks expressing their connection to the zoo's mission, which is to create meaningful connections between people, animals and the natural world so all can thrive.

For more information about the Detroit Zoo, visit detroitzoo.org.



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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 9, 2025

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

ROLL CALL:All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 19, 2025 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meetings held on April 17, 2025 and May 19, 2025.
- 2) To add to the agenda the request to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League for the annual renewal of the Workers' Compensation coverage.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers132647 through 132731 in the amount of \$613,119.86 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 \$19,650.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,384.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of May 2025. (4) approve payment to Hannah Architects in the amount of \$19,140.00 for the design development and construction documentation for the Harper Woods Community Center Project. (5) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$38,273.56 for professional services during the month of May for the following projects: Harper VanAntwerp Dev. #180-313; Misc.Concrete Repair, #180-363; Joint/Crack Seal #180-366; Sidewalk Replacement, #180-349; Generator, #180-291; San Sewer FCIPP, #180-364; San Sewer Clean, #180--365; Dist. System Materials, #180-357; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-337 and #180-362; DWRP Lead Water Svc Repl. #180-331; DWSD Sewage Disch. #180-347; Comcast review, #180-375; FDCVT Grant, #180-361; DWRP Project plan #180-344 and the Updated Precinct Map, #180-373. (6) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$17,772.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks, and this also includes lawn cuttings at residential homes that were not in compliance with the Ordinance. (7) approve payment to K & S Ventures, in the amount of \$7,375.00 for the emergency repairs of the A/C unit in the Building Department. (8) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$61,839.72 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of June 2025.
- 2) to approve the employment agreement for Library Director, Kelly Guyman, in content and form and further, to authorize the interim City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 3) to accept the 3.1% rate increase proposal dated May 23, 2025 from engineering firm Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. effective July 1, 2025.
- 4) to appoint the interim City Manager, John Szymanski, as the City of Harper Woods' representative on the Active adult Commission as required by the Inter-local Agreement for Joint Senior Services.
- 5) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption, Ordinance No. 2025-02, Entitled "Harper Woods Zoning Ordinance" with the minor adjustments as discussed, and further to adopt the Zoning Map, and lastly, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements, and that this Ordinance will be made available to the public for review and purchase through the City Clerk's office.
- 6) to accept the low bid submitted by Premier Group Associates of Detroit, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$298,273.31 for the Roscommon Pocket Park Project, #180-329.
- 7) to approve the Subrecipient Agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) between the City of Harper Woods and Wayne County, and further to authorize the Acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 8) to approve the (3) year contract renewal with WCA Assessing, effective July 1, 2025 in the amount of \$80,440.00 annually for the first year, \$84,462.00 annually for year two and \$88,685.00 annually for the last year, payable in 12 equal installments for each year; and further to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Harper Woods.
- 9) to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$52,197.00 for workers' compensation insurance from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Little Libraries bring big joy to the Pointes

By Suzy Berschback
Guest Writer

If you’ve ever taken a stroll through the neighborhoods of the Grosse Pointes and noticed a whimsical wooden box perched on a post — filled with books and proudly labeled “Take a Book, Leave a Book” — you’ve discovered one of the community’s hidden treasures: Little Free Libraries.

These mini-libraries are part of a global movement to promote literacy, neighborliness and the joy of reading by offering free books to anyone, anytime. In the five Grosse Pointes — Park, City, Farms, Woods and Shores — residents have embraced the idea with enthusiasm, creating dozens of these literary outposts right in their front yards, school grounds, church lawns and public parks.

Each Little Free Library



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SUZY BERSCHBACK

Paul Zlojutro and his 18-month-old son, Stefan, stand by this Little Free Library at 303 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

is unique, often hand-painted or built from repurposed materials. Some are shaped like tiny houses or log cabins, others bear themes like children’s fantasy, nature or local history. But the

mission is always the same: share books, build community. How do they work? It’s simple: Anyone can take a book to read or leave one to share. There’s no membership, no late fees

and no rules — just a shared trust that keeps the shelves filled and stories circulating. You might find a classic novel, a favorite children’s pic-

ture book, a local author’s memoir or a new thriller just hitting the bestseller lists.

Where can you find them? Many Little Free Libraries are registered on the official map at LittleFreeLibrary.org, where you can search by ZIP code or city. Just plug in “Grosse Pointe” and you’ll find dozens listed. Others are local gems waiting to be discovered by foot, bike or a curious eye on your next walk.

Some favorites in the area include:

- ♦ the bright blue library near Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe,
- ♦ a boat-shaped library on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Farms,
- ♦ the storybook-themed box outside Trombly Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park,
- ♦ a cozy little cedar

box tucked near the community garden in Grosse Pointe Woods and

♦ a patriotic red, white and blue library standing proud in front of Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall.

Want to start your own? Starting a Little Free Library is easy and rewarding. You can build your own or purchase a kit from the official organization. Once set up, you can register it to receive a charter sign and an official listing on the map.

In a time when screen time often overshadows page turning, these tiny book nooks offer a refreshing invitation to slow down, share and connect with neighbors. So next time you’re out and about in the Pointes, keep an eye out. You never know what adventure might be waiting in a Little Free Library near you.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Jim LaBeau and Jon Ross

Your bike safety questions answered

As the days get longer and the temperatures rise, summer is officially here and our cities are buzzing with activity. With more people out and about, especially on bikes, it’s a great time to remind everyone to share the road safely and enjoy the beautiful weather responsibly. The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department would like to offer some guidance to help drivers and cyclists ensure safer travel for all on the roadways.

1. What are the specific bicycle safety laws and “safe passing laws” in Grosse Pointe?

Drivers must maintain a minimum passing distance of three feet. Officers recommend a five-foot distance between cyclists and vehicles.

2. At what age can children ride their bikes in the street? Should adults ride their bikes on the sidewalk or in the street?

There is no law that requires a certain age to ride in the street. We recommend children not ride in the street until they’ve reached a maturity level when they understand basic traffic laws. Cyclists can ride on the sidewalk when available, but be aware of blind spots and driveways. Some sidewalks may have “blind spots” when approaching an intersection or driveway and drivers may not see the cyclists on the sidewalk.

3. What is the leading contributing factor for bicycle-related crashes?

There are many causes of bicycle accidents, but the main culprit is complacency by cyclists. Some cyclists believe everyone on the road notices them and are following “the rules of the road.” Unfortunately, this is not always the case, as distracted driving is at an all-time high and cyclists need to be aware of it. DO NOT assume the driver of the vehicle sees you. If you choose to ride your bike in the roadway, you MUST follow ALL basic traffic laws as if you were riding in a motor vehicle. Cyclists using their cell phones while riding place themselves and others in danger, no differently than distracted driving.

4. What safety precautions should cyclists take?

WEAR A HELMET AT ALL TIMES! Putting on your helmet should be the first step when getting on a bicycle. Even the greatest cyclists have accidents and a small accident can cause a big problem without a helmet. When riding at night, ALL cyclists must have

a white light on the front of their bike visible from 500 feet. Every bike also should have a red reflector on the rear, visible from 100 feet. We recommend a blinking red light on the rear of the bike visible from 500 feet in addition to the reflector.

5. Reminder of Michigan’s distracted driver law and a reminder for cyclists to follow traffic laws.

Police officers are cracking down on Michigan distracted driving laws. Michigan distracted driving laws prohibit drivers from using a hand-held cell phone or mobile electronic device to: (1) talk on the phone; (2) text; (3) watch or record videos; and (4) post to and engage on social media. First offense is a civil infraction costing \$240. Second offense is a civil infraction costing \$390. Penalties and fines increase upon previous offenses and cases that involve an accident.

6. Should an e-bike be treated differently than a bicycle?

Yes. E-bikes should be ridden in the roadway and cyclists should follow all road rules as if they’re driving a vehicle. Cyclists should be aware of road conditions and hazards, especially at high speeds. If traveling at a high speed, be aware drivers may not see you or hear you. Defensive driving is important.

It is imperative for drivers to come to a COMPLETE stop at stop signs. Look both ways to confirm the roadway and sidewalk is clear of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, prior to going through. If cyclists do not make eye contact with a driver of a vehicle, assume they do not see you and proceed when it is clear. Be safe and enjoy the outdoors.

Jim LaBeau and Jon Ross are public safety officers with the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. LaBeau also is the school resource officer at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org.



A star-bellied sneetch sits atop this Little Free Library at 255 Ridgemont, Grosse Pointe Farms.



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Teach your kids to use their wheels safely

Dear Gabby: Summer is upon us and my kids are suddenly everywhere on bikes and scooters. How can I keep them safe in our busy neighborhood?— On Wheels in the Woods

Dear Wheels: It's great that your kids are getting outside and staying active. Just make sure they know how to follow basic safety rules like

stopping at corners, looking both ways and walking their bikes across busy streets. Helmets should be worn every time, no exceptions. Bright or reflective clothing helps drivers see them more easily and if they'll be riding in the evening, make sure they have lights or reflectors on their bikes and scooters. Teach them to stay

alert without earbuds or distractions. You can also encourage drivers to slow down by putting up yard signs and making sure your kids know the rules of the road. *We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to advice@grossepointe-news.com.*



Bonds, babies and boundries

DEAR ANNIE: My sister, "Renee," and I have always been close, but things changed after she had a baby last year. I was genuinely happy for her, and I've tried to be supportive — dropping off meals, babysitting when I can, texting to check in. But ever since the baby was born, she's been distant and, honestly, a little cold. She cancels plans last-minute, rarely responds to my texts, and when we do talk, she only wants to discuss the baby. I've invited her to lunch or coffee just the two of us, but she always says she's too busy or tired. I get that motherhood is overwhelming, but I miss my sister. When I brought it up gently, she snapped and said I don't understand what it's like to be a parent, which hurt. I don't have kids, and I don't plan to, but that

shouldn't make me less important in her life. I'm not sure if I should give her more space or try harder to stay close. I just don't know how to reach her anymore. Is this just a phase, or have we outgrown our bond? — Left Out and Let Down!
DEAR LEFT OUT: Change is the only constant in life, and your sister's life just changed dramatically. No, your relationship will never be *the same* as it was before, but that doesn't mean you'll never be close again. This season, for her, is all about the baby. It's not even her fault; it's hardwired into our DNA thanks to evolutionary biology. But this season will end, as all seasons do, and she will eventually gain some free time back.

In the meantime, continue supporting her and building your relationship with your new niece or nephew. You will readjust to your new roles in due time and regain the closeness you once shared; it just might look a little different. **DEAR ANNIE:** I've been dating a guy named "Marcus" for about eight months. He's thoughtful, funny and treats me with real kindness. We've talked about the future, and he says he sees long-term potential. The issue is his ex-girlfriend, "Talia." They dated for five years and broke up about a year before we met. Marcus insists they're just friends now and that the relationship ended for good reasons. But they still text almost daily, and he meets up with her for

coffee or lunch at least once or twice a month. He says they are simply close friends and that it's "totally platonic." I've never met Talia, but I've seen a few of their messages when he was texting next to me, and the tone is ... familiar. Not flirtatious, exactly, but personal. She still calls him "M" and signs off with hearts sometimes. When I brought it up, Marcus said I was overthinking it and that I need to trust him. I want to be secure, but this doesn't sit right with me. Am I being insecure, or is this a boundary issue he's refusing to acknowledge? — Unsure Where I Stand?
DEAR LEFT OUT: No, you're not being insecure. What you're describing isn't about



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

jealousy; it's about clarity and respect. Marcus may have moved on romantically, but it sounds like he's still emotionally entangled with his ex in a way that would naturally make any partner uncomfortable. It's OK to be friends with an ex — commendable, even — but texting *every day*? Have an honest conversation with Marcus explaining to him all the reasons why this relationship makes you uncomfortable. Make it clear that you're not accusing him of anything; you are just seeking security in your relationship.

Together, you can come up with some reasonable boundaries for their communication. Maybe you want to meet Talia; maybe you don't. Whatever you decide, make sure the communication channels are open so that you can work through this together. If he can't understand why this dynamic doesn't work for you, that tells you something important about how he handles boundaries. *Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.* **COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM.**

Touch A Truck triumph

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

The first Touch A Truck event at Pier Park, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, was a big success. There were 14 total community vehicles at the event, meant to showcase new trucks, as well as some that have been around a while. Families, especially kids, loved it. The foundation footed the bill for the 415 ice cream and popsicle orders that were sold. The most popular truck with the kids was the Wayne County Special Response Team's mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle, or MRAP, which has been featured in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade for a few years.



MedStar EMT Blake Rodriquez and MedStar Paramedic Joe Stolarski show siblings Eleanor and Oliver Accardo how comfortable a stretcher can be.



Siblings Clark, Tyler and Grant Vovos had fun on the front-end wheel loader, a DPW vehicle.



Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 officer and Wayne County Special Response Team member Sgt. Tim Harris pets Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 officer Rocco and invites Jane, Rush and Mick Ricker to pet Rocco, too.



Indigo Robichaud takes a spin in the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks Department John Deere Gator.



Sgt. Tim Harris, Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 officer and a member of the Wayne County Special Response Team, waves with Cameron Wirkus from atop the MRAP vehicle. This was a favorite vehicle of the youngsters in attendance and had the most people come through to see it.



Two-year-old Jack Fredericks came back twice so he could go in the MRAP vehicle. Grosse Pointe Farms Officer and Wayne County Special Response Team member Colin Roden was happy to help both times.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Bored of your plain, powdery mac and cheese that tastes more like nostalgia than actual food? Same here.

As someone who still craves comfort food but also wants a bit more nutrients from my meals, I have been on the hunt to get a grown-up version of my favorite childhood dish and I think I've found it. Goodbye, Kraft; hello, Goodles.

Goodles have been all

over my social media lately — TikTok girls on their health and wellness grind, as well as gorgeous Instagram stories of perfectly plated bowls with pepper and hot sauce. The branding is cute, the flavors are creative and the boxes claim to pack protein, fiber and prebiotics. Naturally, I had to see what it was all about.

First impressions: The packaging alone made me want to purchase. I started

with “Shella Good,” their classic cheddar shells version, and I was blown away. It is rich and creamy but doesn’t taste artificial. It also left me feeling full without that classic mac and cheese stomachache. This is probably thanks to the 14g of protein and 7g of fiber per serving. I topped it with grilled chicken and



suddenly had a full meal that tasted like it came from a restaurant and not a box.

The texture of the noodles is perfect. It has that al dente feel and doesn’t go mushy like other pastas. I have now tried three flavors and they’ve all delivered. The only downside is that the price is \$4 a box, a bit more

pricey than your regular mac. However, for the quality and ingredients, I feel like it’s worth it.

Overall I am giving Goodles 4.7 out of 5 alligators. It is fun, functional and full of flavor. Whether you’re a busy college student trying to cook more, a busy professional or just someone who loves mac and cheese, this is your sign to try Goodles. Trust me, your taste buds will thank you.

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.

4.7 Out Of 5



Summer ease

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

The long, lazy days of summer have arrived. Our family’s routines are changing with school being out which means our dinner routine needs to change as well. I want to spend the days outside, when I can, soaking up all the summer things. I’m usually exhausted when dinner time comes along. I also tend to spend less time planning meals ahead and more time thinking about which book to read next and whether or not the kids need to reapply sunscreen.

The one thing that can’t change is having a healthy, interesting and effortless dinner to put together. This recipe is all of that. Most things I already have in my refrigerator so all I have to do is stop and pick up some fresh fish, a lemon and parsley.

This is a roasted salmon simply seasoned with olive oil, salt and pepper. The kicker is a garlicky, olive and caper mixture that is spooned over the top of the fish at the end. This almost “salsa” has big flavors that are salty and pungent with a bit of heat from some red chili

flakes then brightened up with lemon and fresh parsley.

I am still using the grilled olives from Trader Joes in so many things and I used them in this dish as well. I like how meaty they are. There is no metallic or bitter taste to them, just a slight smoke flavor. The olives and capers are fried up in olive oil until slightly crisp which gives great texture to the fish when served together.

This is a flavorful, light meal to throw together after you come home from a full day in the sun. Pair with a cold, crisp glass of pinot grigio and end your day refreshed and satisfied. Happy summer!

- ¼ cup capers, drained
- 1 pinch red pepper flake
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley
- Juice of ½ lemon

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Arrange the salmon fillet on a parchment paper lined baking sheet. Brush the fish with one tablespoon of olive oil. Evenly sprinkle over the salt and pepper. Roast salmon for 15 minutes.

While the salmon roasts, make the olive topping. In a small skillet, heat the remaining two tablespoons of olive oil on medium heat. Sprinkle in the garlic cloves. Swirl the oil around to coat the garlic and keep swirling until you can begin to smell it. Add in the olives, capers and red pepper flakes. Keep the pan swirling around so the garlic doesn’t burn and the olives and capers begin to fry up a bit. This should take about five minutes. Turn off the heat and stir in the parsley and lemon juice.

Serve the salmon on a platter with the olives and capers spooned down the middle. Enjoy!



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Dealing with wine snobs

Ever encounter a wine snob? I have — far too often, alas.

And dealing with wine snobs is an art form calling for subtlety. Rule No. 1: laughing out loud is verboten.

Still, you’d simply not believe some of the things I’ve heard over more than 40 years of drinking wine. Bad times often happen when buffoons are in charge of the wine selections.

There was the time a guy brought to a dinner a bottle of 1969 Chateau Latour. He displayed it with a flourish and proudly said it was a First Growth (it is), implying that the wine had to be very good. It was swill. The 1969 vintage in Bordeaux was horrid.

Then there was the Burgundy from the 1940s that was so maderized only the guy who brought it would

drink it — while waxing poetically about its ethereal existence.

And I can’t count the number of sparkling wines that had no fizz, the chardonnays that were closer to vanilla shakes or undrinkable 96-point reds I thought came from Sun-Maid. And I haven’t scratched the iceberg yet.

Here are some tips when confronted by snobs.

First, as previously mentioned, keep a straight face. Even a smirk will be seen as a putdown. Second, come up with a vocabulary that doesn’t place you into the snob category or embarrass the elitist.

When a wine is sound but weird, say it is “interesting.” Or “exotic.” When a wine is flawed because of bad storage (oxidized or maderized) say it’s “just over the hill.”

If the flaw is a lot

worse, smelling like nail polish remover, and it is so bad you won’t drink it, just wait until the next wine arrives. An all-purpose escape clause is, “What a wine!”

And what do you do when the wine you brought is of questionable quality? My strategy is to try serving it first. The first wine of any party is often likely to be OK since there’s no wine prior to it to which it can be compared.

There is a major exception to opening older reds first: With truly great older wines, try to open them after a mediocre one. A great wine will usually stand on its own merits, but it’s often a contrast to a mediocre wine served just before it.

Another art form is knowing what to bring to wine parties. A great deal of this relates to who’s going to be there and the format of the event. If it’s a sit-down dinner and you’re asked to bring a wine for the main course, find out what that course is and who the guests are.

The larger the group, the more likely a modest wine will be broadly appealing. At such

events, great wines usually will be disliked by some people.

It’s also important to get to know what kinds of wines the guests prefer. I once knew a terrific cook who drank only white zinfandel. One of my sons loves grenache, so that’s an easy choice.

One friend likes carefully matured older red wines, but once told me that after 10 years, most don’t have enough fruit. Three others love Italian reds, any age will do.

Two other friends prefer young, bold reds from the New World.

One person told me she hates any sort of chardonnay and recently discovered bone-dry riesling — much to my personal joy.

Finally, if the host of the party says the choice of wine you bring is “wide open,” one guarantee of success is to bring a dessert wine. A great dessert wine often seals a fun evening since no one dislikes great dessert wines..

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By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

It was another exciting week for rods and reels in the Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic. Great weather and a huge uptick in onshore entrants among the kids saw the competition heating up along Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.

This week's qualifiers produced huge overall winners in both adults and kids divisions. B Division's Jack Horst, 14, made a splash with his 30" pike caught at Farms Park. For A Division's 12 and under group, Grosse Pointe Farms resident, Carter Zeldes won the day with a 27.5" pike. The last few weeks have shown big pike biting and taking the lead across divisions. The largest fish overall scores the adults \$50 while the kids get \$100.

Joe Miller caught the top B Division bass — actually two of them — with his dual 20" smallmouths. Miller, of Grosse Pointe Park, found his winning fish at Windmill Pointe Park a few days apart. Skip Moody, of Grosse Pointe Farms took D Division's longest bass with a 19" smallmouth caught by boat near Farms Park. Each of these winners will take home \$25 per winning fish.

In Division A David Fikany, 12, grabbed the top spot for bass with his 18.5" smallmouth at Farms Pier. David is awarded \$50 for catching the big bass. Again this week, there were no entries in the kids' boating division. That means a great opportunity lies ahead for boating kids!

All participants were automatically entered to win sponsor prizes from a random weekly drawing. Prizes include gift cards and gear from Lakeside Fishing, as well as gift cards from Fishbones, Fairway Packing Co.'s The Steak Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Wally's Frozen Custard, Wilson Marine and Chocolate Bar Cafe. An anonymous donor has provided a great selection of electronics prizes again this year.

The winners of this week's drawing

are as follows:

- Mary Wilton - Fairway Packing gift card
- Zachary Markjohn - Wilson Marine gift card
- Naomi Chin - Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy gift card
- Gabby Szafarczyk - electronics gift
- Daniel Blanchard - Wally's Frozen Custard gift card

To enter, be sure all participants have an adult subscriber to the Grosse Pointe News within the household. You can sign up online at grossepointenews.com or call (313) 882-6900. Full rules of the Fishing Classic are posted online at grossepointenews.com/fishing

Congratulations to all this week's winners — and thanks to our generous sponsors. We look forward to seeing what the coming week brings. Go fish!

2025 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic

DIVISION A (ON SHORE) - Ages 12 & under

DIVISION B (ON SHORE) - Ages 13 & older

DIVISION C (BOATING) - Ages 12 & under

DIVISION D (BOATING) - Ages 13 & older

Fishing area: Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and the surrounding areas on land or boat

Dates: May 29 - June 28, 2025

Cash prizes:

- \$50 per fish category for the A & C divisions, plus \$100 for the largest fish of the week.
- \$25 per fish category for the B & D divisions, plus \$50 for the largest fish of the week.

ALSO weekly drawings for gift cards, gear and other prizes.

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Good thing Jack Horst, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is a strong guy — so he can lift the huge 30" pike he landed at Farms Pier. Jack, 14, has shown some serious skills by catching such an impressive fish. Well done, Jack!



Zachary Markjohn entered a 19" smallmouth bass, above, in this week's competition. Zachary is quite the angler, having caught a 38" muskie last July. Wow!



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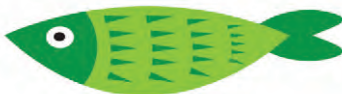
- LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK PER AGE DIVISIONS**
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DIVISION A ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	CARTER ZELDES	27.5" PIKE		
2	CARTER ZELDES	24" PIKE		
3	DAVID FIKANY	18.5" SM BASS		
4	DAVID FIKANY	17" LM BASS		
5	PARKER HURD	16" LM BASS		
6	CARTER ZELDES	13" LM BASS		
7	NAOMI CHIN	12" SM BASS		
7	DANIEL BLANCHARD	11.5" SM BASS (TIE)		
8	ASHER CHIN	11.5" SM BASS (TIE)		
9	TEDDY LEVERENZ	10" SM BASS		
10	CC LEVERENZ	9" SM BASS		
11	PARKER HURD	8" LM BASS		

DIVISION B ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	JACK HORST	30" PIKE		
2	JOSEPH MILLER	22" PIKE		
3	JOSEPH MILLER	20" SM BASS (TIE)		
3	JOSEPH MILLER	20" SM BASS (TIE)		
4	ZACHARY MARKJOHN	19" SM BASS		
5	JOSEPH MILLER	18" SM BASS		
6	GABBY SZAFARCZYK	17" SM BASS		
7	GABBY SZAFARCZYK	16" SM BASS		



DIVISION C BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

NO ENTRANTS

1	SKIP MOODY	19" SM BASS	
2	MARY WILTON	18" SM BASS	
3	CHRIS RAMALES	1.25" LM BASS	

*Congratulations winners
and participants!*

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Winners' circle

More top fish of the week



Joe Miller's 20" smallmouth bass, above, gave him the win for the bass category in Division B. Miller, of Grsse Pointe Park, caught the big fish at Windmill Pointe Park.



Skip Moody took boating Division D's top bass honors for a 19" smallmouth bass caught off the lake near Farms Park. Congrats, Skip!



Carter Zeldes, 12 got the overall longest fish in his age group with a 27.5' pike, above. (See the full length photo of this whopper on the following page.)



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Carter Zeldes wins Division A with 27.5 inch pike



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Above: This 27.5” pike, caught by Carter Zeldes, 12, of Grosse Pointe Farms, took top prize for overall longest fish in the 12 and under category as well as in the pike category. The incredible fish was caught at Farms Park. Carter also caught a second 24” pike.



Asher, Naomi and Ozzie Chin, above, of Grosse Pointe Park had a great day fishing off Farms Pier. The trio pose with Naomi’s 12” smallmouth bass. Asher caught a 11.5” bass of his own.



CC Leverenz, left, and Teddy Leverenz, above, have success at Crescent Sail Yacht Club.



Mary Wilton, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught an 18’ smallmouth on Lake St. Clair for boating Division D.

David Fikany, 12, left, caught this 18.5” smallmouth bass, at Farms Pier. David is competing in Division A.



Joe Miller’s 22” pike, above, was caught at Windmill Pointe Park. The Grosse Pointe Park contender also won the largest bass in the B Division contest.

Right: Daniel Blanchard, 7, measures his perfect 11.5” smallmouth bass on the pier of Windmill Pointe Park.



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Left, Sir Anthony Hopkins as Alfred Hitchcock and Dame Helen Mirren as Alma Reville in the 2012 movie “Hitchcock,” directed by Sasha Gervasi.



Alfred Hitchcock (Sir Anthony Hopkins) with his leading lady Janet Leigh (Scarlett Johansson).

MOVIE REVIEW
“Hitchcock”
2012 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 38 min
★★★★☆

If you’re a film buff, then you’re undoubtedly very familiar with the oeuvre of the great Alfred Hitchcock. He simply was one of the most iconic filmmakers of the 20th century. Hitchcock’s vast collection of thrillers includes such notable titles as “The Wrong Man,” “Vertigo,” “North by Northwest” and “The Birds.” Then there’s his innovative shocker “Psycho,” which is the focus of this in-depth biopic.

“Hitchcock” is the directorial debut for Sasha Gervasi and was written by John J. McLaughlin and Stephan Rebello and is based on Rebello’s in-

depth study “Alfred Hitchcock and the Making of Psycho.” In order to pull off a film about the great director and his supportive wife Alma, you naturally need some formidable actors. I don’t think one could find a more qualified duo than Sir Anthony Hopkins (“The Silence of the Lambs,” “The World’s Fastest Indian”) and Dame Helen Mirren (“The Queen,” “Gosford Park”).

I found it refreshing to see a biopic that’s centered on one brief period of a person’s life, rather than portray his or her whole life. It allows for great character development and really digs into the creation of something. In this case the making of the groundbreaking horror film “Psycho.”

The film begins just after Hitchcock released “North by Northwest,” his hugely successful thriller. Like so many of his films, its central theme was somewhat formulaic. In it, an innocent man is accused of a crime, and after numer-

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”

ous surprising plot twists and nail-biting scenes, he clears his name. You get the sense that Hitchcock was looking to do something totally different—to break out of his rut, so to speak. When he starts reading the book “Psycho,” which is loosely based on the real life murderer Ed Gein, he’s totally enthralled with the main character.

Hitchcock decides this is going to be his next project, much to the dismay of his agent Lew Wasserman (Michael Stuhlbarg) and Paramount Pictures boss Bob Balaban (Richard Portnow).

In spite of the successful run of movies Hitchcock has delivered over the years, Paramount decides it won’t finance the film because of the gruesome nature of it. However, the great director is so convinced that it’s a worthy movie, he decides to finance it himself. So he and his wife borrow against their palatial Hollywood mansion to raise the funds for the film.

Then Hitch throws himself into his new movie and we’re right there with him as he

shoots the film. It’s unfortunate that Gervasi wasn’t allowed to use a single clip from the original film. But he worked his way around it brilliantly. Hitch chooses Janet Leigh (Scarlett Johansson), Anthony Perkins (James D’Arcy) and Vera Miles (Jessica Biel) to be the leads and filming begins. While filming, the ghost of Ed Grein appears to him and they have many in-depth conversations, which are a bit creepy.

As the project is rolling along, his wife Alma Reville (Mirren) is working on a project with their handsome friend, the writer Whitfield Cook (Danny Huston). The couple is writing a screenplay based on his latest novel and they spend a fair amount of time together at his seaside cottage. Even though nothing unseemly takes place, Hitch is more than a little bit suspicious of them. In fact, he’s thoroughly convinced his wife is having an affair.

Alma adamantly denies any wrongdoing and at this point, she redevotes herself to her husband’s latest project. She throws herself into completing the film, and time and again, she makes excellent suggestions that help make “Psycho” the masterpiece it is. It’s so great to see these two incredible actors work together. When they’re both on the screen together, it’s pure cinematic magic! And hats off to the makeup artists—Anthony Hopkins looks uncannily like Alfred Hitchcock.

As with so many films I review, I really don’t know how this one flew

under the radar — it’s a fantastic movie. If you’re even slightly interested in learning more about the great Alfred Hitchcock, you owe it to yourself to check this fine film out.

Currently streaming on Hoopla (with your library card), Netflix, Hulu and Amazon Prime. Also to rent on Apple TV, YouTube, Fandango, and other streaming services.

My rating system:

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

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

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

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

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



The real Alfred Hitchcock and Alma Reville.



The crew takes an oath of secrecy.



Movie poster.



Hitchcock adds a bit of commentary.



Hitch is roped into doing a bit of gardening.



Breakfast on the veranda.



Janet Leigh dining with Hitch and Alma.



Anthony Hopkins and the real Alfred Hitchcock.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

8				5			1
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6/19 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

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

6/12 Solution

Contract Bridge

WEST RISES TO THE OCCASION

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — two of hearts.

though South had bid the suit.

Declarer took East's king with the ace and led a low diamond toward dummy at trick two. At this point, even before West had played to the trick, the Bridge-O-Rama commentator — who, together with the audience, could see all four hands on the giant screen — said: "If West takes the king and returns the jack of clubs, South will go down one."

These words were scarcely uttered before West went up with the king of diamonds and returned the jack of clubs! Declarer then quickly lost four club tricks in succession and so went down one.

Actually, West's jack-of-clubs lead was not as astonishing as it might seem. Far from being a shot in the dark, the club shift was well reasoned.

East's king-of-hearts play at trick one had made it clear that South started with the A-Q, and possibly the A-Q-J, of hearts. It was also obvious from declarer's diamond lead at trick two that he had the ace. And it was probable from the bidding and South's failure to attack spades at the outset that he had the ace of spades. It followed that South could not also have the ace of clubs, or he would have bid more strongly. Therefore, the attack on declarer's apparent weak spot, clubs, offered West the only real chance to beat the contract.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 19, 2025:

You are strong, self-certain and determined. You're also intellectually inquisitive and intuitive. This is a year of teaching and learning. Take time to reflect and look inward. You might want to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that help you get a better understanding of yourself.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional than usual. You feel a greater need to belong and relate to friends and loved ones. Meanwhile, be aware that your luck is slightly better today. Why not ask the universe for a favor? Tonight: You're in charge.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Today you'll be happy to take a backseat or work alone, because you're happy with your own company. Think about what is important you, what your values are. This is also an excellent day to shop for wardrobe items for yourself. Enjoy time relaxing in a pleasant way. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Friendships matter to you today. In fact, your interaction with a female colleague will be important to you. You might even feel protective or supportive toward this person. Admittedly, you might feel jealous if this person pays more attention to someone else. (It happens to us all.) Tonight: Friendships.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Today you might display more emotional sensitivity and empathy to the people you work with. You might even want to help someone through your job. However, be careful of blurring the distinction between professional and personal relationships. Tonight: Show respect.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you have a strong urge to get away from your daily routine and go off somewhere or do something different. This is totally appropriate. Travel if you can. If you can't travel, then be a tourist in your own city. Meet new friends from other backgrounds or foreign countries. Expand your horizons! Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Remember that you look good in the eyes of others now because the Sun is high in your chart. Meanwhile, travel for pleasure will appeal to you. Today in particular, shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances might be your focus. You might want something that belongs to someone else. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which will turn your attention to your most personal relationships. It will also encourage you to express yourself, which could trigger a confrontation with someone. Take time to process what's happening. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

According to the personal details of your own life, you might find that you have to put the emotional considerations of someone else before your own today. This doesn't mean you're being a martyr; it's simply what's happening. Focus on your personal health. Tonight: Get organized.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Romance is strong and promising today. However, you might be wrapped up in your own feelings and unaware of what someone else is undergoing. Be careful about being too possessive of someone. Accept invitations to socialize. Sports and playful activities with children will appeal to you. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today you're focused on home, family and your private life. In fact, you might prefer to retire by yourself to your own private place and relax among familiar surroundings. It might become obvious to you how your habits and past conditioning are controlling your present life. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your communications with others are important to you today. You feel you have something to say to someone, and you want a chance to do this. (This is why you'll be impatient with superficial chitchat.) Don't let your emotions overrule your objectivity. Stay focused. Tonight: Conversation with someone.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

You might identify more strongly with something you own today. This is why you'll be less willing to part with it or lend it to someone. You also might feel you have to defend yourself in areas where you really have nothing at stake. Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

BORN TODAY
Actress Zoe Saldana (1978), actress Kathleen Turner (1954), actor Jared Padalecki (1982).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 19, 2025

ACROSS

- Degs. in finance
- "Toe bean" location
- Fizzy brown drink
- Nintendo series starring Mario's nemesis
- Solo
- Cold coffee order
- Chills, say
- ABC a.m. show
- Goofs
- Sam's Club rival
- Many a Punjabi
- "_____ done" ("Everything's all right")
- Apr. and Oct.
- Dragon's den
- Not-so-great sound quality, informally
- Business card no.
- Ready
- Greek god of the sea
- Captain Kangaroo portrayer
- Bob
- Iridescent
- Buenos Aires' country, briefly
- Spot-on
- Sticks around
- Subarctic forest
- _____ and left no crumbs (piece of Gen-Z slang)
- Merit badge earner
- Internet forum for posting questions
- "Some Rap Songs" artist
- Sweatshirt
- More grayish
- Sea urchin on a sushi menu
- Postcards and letters and such
- Receded
- Microwavable meal in a sleeve
- Purple soda flavor
- Bird's home
- Tax org.
- Ways of walking

DOWN

- "Good News" rapper
- "Good luck!"
- Help
- Only
- Guard duty
- Place to buy canvas and paint
- Tiny
- Billiards ricochet
- Bullfight cheers
- Films that supposedly no longer exist, e.g.
- Underground tunneling group
- Headpieces for clowns
- Caution
- Those, in Spanish
- Like new dollar bills
- Angry sound from a cat
- Underway
- Warm up, like leftovers
- At an angle
- Letters before an alias
- Cab
- Hidden bonus
- "Super Mario Bros." console
- Japanese setting for "Madame Butterfly"
- One who handles a lot of change?
- Dutch blooms
- "_____ we there yet?"
- Get-together, briefly
- Body of authentic works
- Deliver a speech
- Garments worn by many bagpipers
- Burj Khalifa's city
- Clumsy
- Ocean motions
- "Breaking Bad" network
- Parking area
- Undergarment that might be wireless

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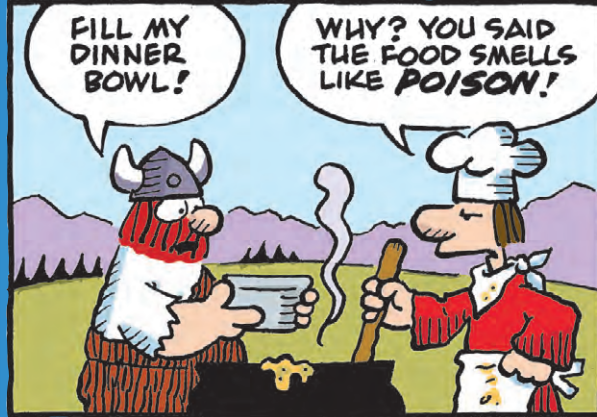
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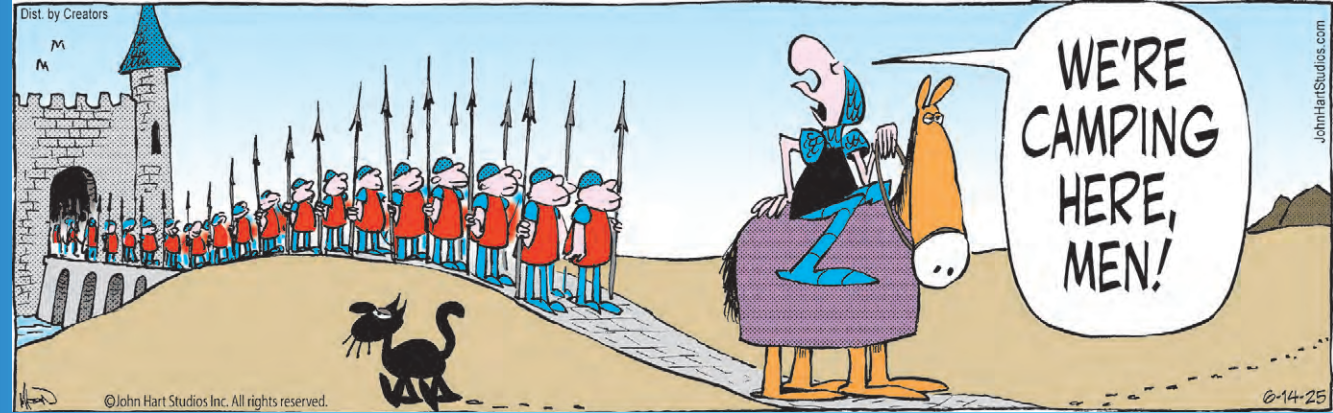
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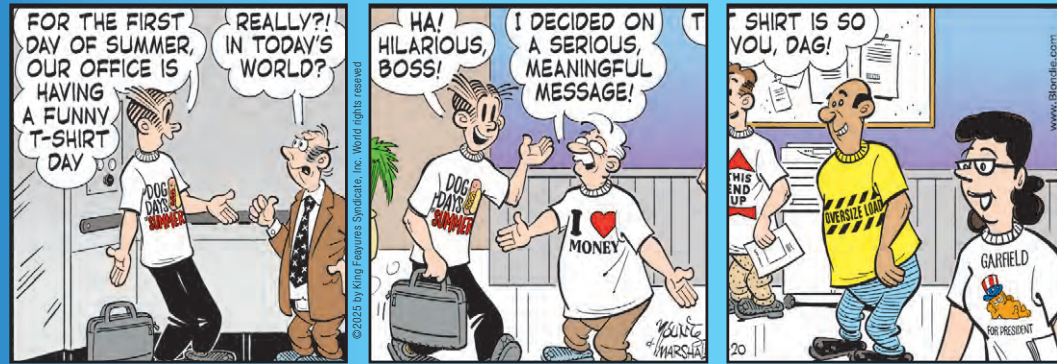
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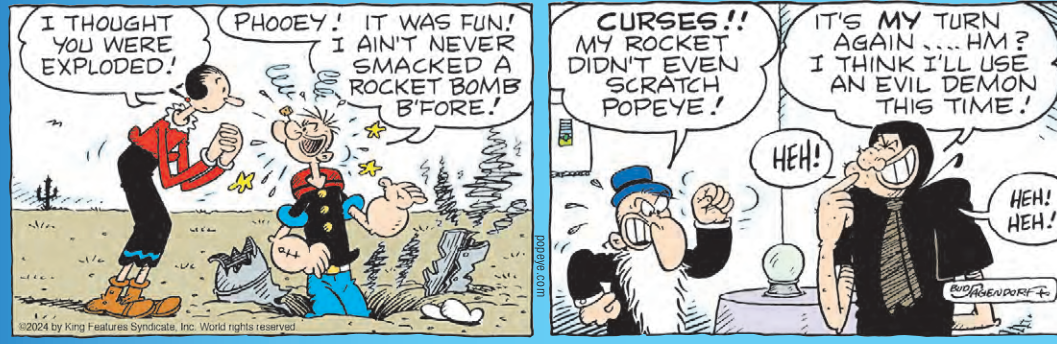
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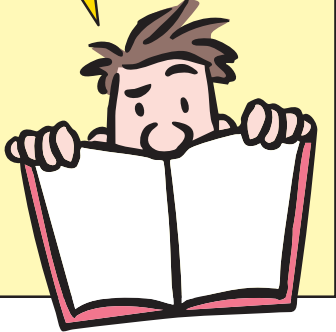
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Journaling

Journaling is like talking to a friend—but on paper!

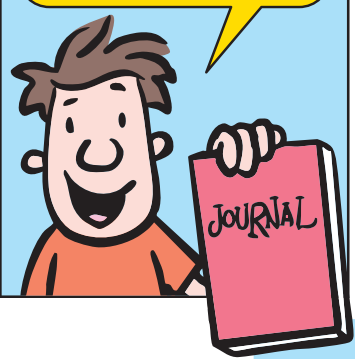
My grandmother gave me a **journal**. It's a book full of blank pages! What do I do with it?



She said I can write about my day, my thoughts, my feelings, my dreams, or I can even draw pictures!



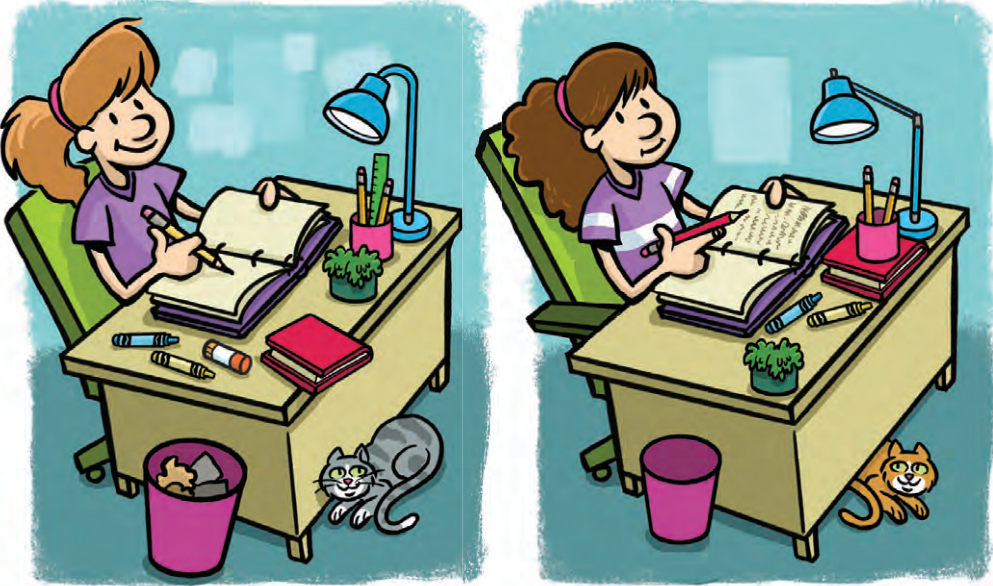
My journal helps me remember fun moments. It helps me understand my feelings. And it's a place to come up with cool ideas, too!



Sometimes when your brain feels full, writing things down can help you feel calm and clear again. Plus, when you get older, you can look back and see how much you've grown!



Find the differences.



Journal topic ideas

Three things I am grateful for:

Write about a time you were really surprised.

Replace the missing vowels in Kevin's journal.

I got a B on my m_th +_st +_day. Th_t is a b_g impr_vement aft_r I got a C- last W__K!

My aunt h_lped m- last Sund_y with my mult_plicati_n tables. I think I'll g_+ an A n_+t week! :):)

Each day, pick a topic to write about. Here are a few examples...

Something fun I want to remember.

Right now I am feeling... I think I'm feeling this way because...

Here's a great idea that I thought of today!

You can use a pad of paper, or staple blank pages together to make a journal.

Extra! Extra!

That's Me!

Look through the newspaper for five words that describe you. Write a journal page using each of these words in a sentence about YOU.

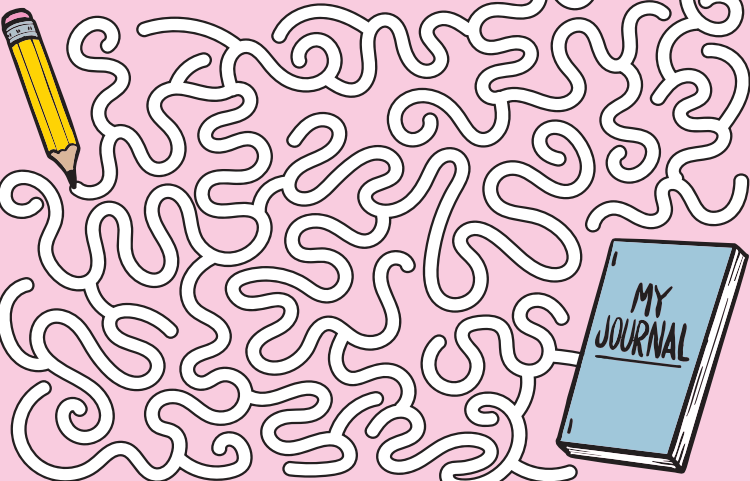
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Put Pencil to Paper

Connect the paper to the journal.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- BRAIN
- CALM
- COOL
- DRAW
- FEELING
- FRIEND
- FUN
- GRATEFUL
- IDEAS
- JOURNAL
- PAD
- PAGE
- PAPER
- TOPIC
- WRITE

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.

Silly Journal Entry

We came home with many _____ memories from _____ ADJECTIVE our visit to the theme park.

We started by riding the _____ boats. We took lots of photos as we floated down the _____ canal and through a _____ tunnel filled with singing _____ animatronics.

Then came the haunted house.

My dad began to _____ as we entered the dark hallway.

Bats and _____ fluttered around us, and a _____ ghost popped out of a dusty _____, making my mom and me _____.

We decided to ride the huge _____ coaster together. As our train began to _____ up the lift hill, we had a great view of the park's colorful _____ and hedges shaped like _____.

We flew down the first big drop faster than a _____! I laughed and screamed at the same time as we swooped around curving _____ and back into the _____ station.



This week's word:

JOURNAL

The noun **journal** means a written record of a person's experiences or memories.

I wrote a poem in my **journal** about my new kitten.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper and explain what you think or feel about something happening in your community. Read some published letters to the editor for ideas.



Why were the alarm clock and the wristwatch told to leave the library?

ANSWER: Because they would not stop ticking.

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Write a book review recommending a book for kids to read this summer.



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Knights girls soccer’s valiant playoff charge ends in state final

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Ever since its state title win in 2016, the University Liggett School varsity girls soccer team has been longing to return to East Lansing and spring’s biggest stage in the state championship game. The Knights finally reached that goal after defeating Plymouth Christian Academy 2-0 in the semifinals Wednesday, June 11, to earn a trip to the Division 4 state final. However, a difficult test awaited the Knights in the state title game in

the form of perennial Division 4 powerhouse Kalamazoo Christian. Making their fourth consecutive trip to the championship game, the Comets overcame Liggett 4-1 to capture their second state title in three years. “We really put our best foot forward and in some ways, I thought it was our best performance just considering the quality of our opponent,” Liggett girls soccer head coach David Dwaihy said. “...We had so much of the ball and were passing through them and put together some really

great strings of possession. It was a game that was really a testament to our growth as a team.” Kalamazoo Christian took advantage of an early opportunity and set the tone for the game right out of the gate. Izzy Suloff got a shot past Liggett keeper Aline Rahaim and into the back of the net to give the Comets a 1-0 lead not even three minutes into the game. The one-goal lead held for Kalamazoo Christian until halftime, despite efforts in the first half by Liggett to put pressure on the Comets. The second half began much like the first, with Kalamazoo Christian’s Jordyn Bonnema scoring in the opening minutes to make it a 2-0 lead for the Comets.

The Knights continued to fight and, not long after going down by two goals, they were able to pull closer. Senior Kerith Short, who played a key role in Liggett’s success through the postseason, fittingly scored the goal that helped give the Knights some life in the second half. Short bent a corner kick perfectly past the Comets’ keeper and into the net to cut the deficit in half with a majority of the second half still to play. Time continued to tick off the clock as Liggett



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Senior Kerith Short scored Liggett’s lone goal in the team’s 4-1 loss to Kalamazoo Christian in the Division 4 state championship Saturday, June 14.

kept pushing to even the score. However, eventually the pressing style on offense came back to hurt the Knights defensively as Bonnema scored her second goal of the game for the Comets to make the score 3-1 with just over 10 minutes left to play. Up by two once again, Kalamazoo Christian struck quickly once more. Laila Rashid’s goal for the Comets with seven minutes remaining effectively sealed the victory for Kalamazoo Christian as the team lifted the state championship trophy again, just as it did most recently in

2023. Despite the loss in the championship game, this spring season could still be seen as one of the most successful in years for Liggett girls soccer. The Knights finished with a final record of 14-4-4 while winning district and regional titles in the postseason. The championship game loss was also the end of an era for the Liggett girls soccer program. Dwaihy announced that Saturday’s state final would be his last game as the head coach of the team after over two decades with the pro-

gram and 16 seasons as the head coach. “I’ve had an absolute blast working with these girls year after year and the families that have raised them,” Dwaihy said. “...I’m going to miss it. It’s been a major factor in my longevity at Liggett and being excited every year to work with the girls in the spring, and I think I leave the program with lots of lifelong friendships and relationships with former players and their families.” Dwaihy will return to Liggett in the fall for at least one more season at the helm of the Knights’ boys soccer team.



Liggett’s Natalie Greene protects the ball from a pair of Kalamazoo Christian defenders.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Czarnik wraps up busy career at South with great memories

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Adam Czarnik has recently graduated

worn many hats for the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils, literally. The



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Czarnik at bat for South against Woodhaven in the Division 1 state quarterfinal

senior made the most of his high school career and never took a season off as a three-sport athlete for South. Czarnik has been a member of the Blue Devils varsity football, basketball and baseball teams and found himself in starting roles on each in recent seasons as he grew into a veteran. Add playing travel hockey for the Oakland Junior Grizzlies on top of that and one might think it would be impossible for Czarnik to manage it all.

“It’s been a lot of different things to focus on,” he said. “I feel like I’ve found a way to keep up with all of them and do well in all of them. ... All of the sports kind of go hand in hand in helping me do well in each and every one. It’s just helped me all around.” Whether it is the physicality of football helping him become tougher on the ice in hockey or the mental sharpness gained from baseball helping him learn to stay focused in any other sport,

Czarnik knows how to take one skill and use it everywhere else. However, growing stronger and building up his skillset is not what he sees as ultimately the best part of being involved in so many different sports. What Czarnik has enjoyed the most about his time with the different teams at South is who he has had the pleasure of being teammates with. Some already were lifelong friends even

before high school, while others have become lifelong friends because of the bonds built on the gridiron, basketball court and baseball diamond. See *ATHLETE*, page 2D

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South softball falls to Falcons in quarterfinal

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South varsity softball team experienced one of its best seasons in years this spring. After collecting district and regional championships in recent weeks, the Blue Devils were one game away from making it to the Division 1 final four when they faced Henry Ford II in the state quarterfinal Tuesday, June 10. However, South’s hopes of continuing its postseason run all the way to East Lansing were dashed after a 6-0 loss to the Falcons.

“We ran into a pitcher who was having a really good day and we couldn’t get the timely hits,” South softball head coach Bill Fleming said. “That in no way diminishes the district and regional championships and the 31 wins that this team had. ... I think the girls understood that and next year

our goal is going to be to go farther. Overall, it was a fabulous season with a fabulous group of players.”

Ford went up early and never looked back in last Tuesday’s quarterfinal game. The Falcons scratched a pair of runs across in the bottom of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead out of the gate.

Big hits by Brooke Williams and Grace Polega in the bottom of the third inning helped extend the Falcons’ lead even more. A sacrifice fly by Jenna Walters capped off a three-run third inning for Ford to make it a 5-0 game.

Williams added the final run to the scoreboard for the Falcons with a solo home run in the fifth inning. South had its chances to mount a comeback, including loading the bases in the top of the sixth inning. The Blue Devils let the chances slip by, however, as they were

unable to bring in any late runs.

South finished the season with a record of 31-9 while being crowned district and regional champions. After achieving one of the most accomplished seasons the program had in years, South softball hopes the example set by this year’s veteran leaders on and off the field will help set up for continued success in the future.

“This senior class worked really hard to make themselves better and realize that seasons aren’t defined with what you do from March to June, but what you do in the offseason,” Fleming said. “... I think all of the returning girls understand that if we want to see this success again, they have to put the time in in the offseason. The legacy this senior class left behind is one of dedication and hard work and putting in the time that’s necessary.”



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

South softball coach Bill Fleming meets with his infield during a mound visit in the state quarterfinal game against Henry Ford II.



Kate Dixon had one of South’s four hits in the team’s loss to Henry Ford II last Tuesday, June 10.

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“Some of those relationships have been going on much, much longer than just at Grosse Pointe South,” Czarnik said. “Thinking about kindergarten and playing football with some of my buddies like (Jack) Lupo and other guys who were on this baseball

team like Andrew DiLodovico. It’s very special just to see each other grow and look back on how far we’ve come. Then there are guys who I met just here at South and to play three sports with them, you definitely build a great bond because you go through a lot of challenges together.”

Perhaps the best moment of his high

school career across any sport Czarnik got to share with his friends and teammates came near the end. Czarnik’s name likely will go down in South baseball history as being synonymous with the 2025 season. His walk-off hit against Woodhaven in the Division 1 state quarterfinal June 7 brought in the tying and winning runs to send the Blue

‘Every day, we knew that if we wanted to be great, we had to work hard every single day.’

ADAM CZARNIK, GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Devils to their first Division 1 final four in East Lansing since 2018.

South’s season unfortunately ended after the next game, a 4-2 loss in the semifinals Friday,

June 13, to eventual Division 1 state champion Hartland. Just days after the loss, Czarnik already knew the memory of this season will be bittersweet, with the high of his walk-off heroics and the excitement of the trip to East Lansing with his team being moments he will never forget, despite how it ended.

“You can kind of take it all in and say, ‘Wow, we really did make it to East Lansing and that’s where we ended our career,’ because only four teams in Division 1 get to do that,” Czarnik said. “Looking back on the walk-off, I know I’ve made memories in this sport that I’ll remember for the rest of my life. ... I’m almost more relieved to say that my teammates

and I really left everything out there.”

No matter where life takes him after graduation, Czarnik knows he will look back on his entire career as a Blue Devil with a smile. He hopes the many friends he made along the way will remain strong for years to come, but also hopes he never forgets what he has learned from his coaches and mentors after having the privilege of being at South and working with some of the best leaders in their respective sports.

“Not all of us coming into their programs are the most skilled or the strongest or whatever,” Czarnik said. “We got there through our hard work and that’s what I’ll take away. ... Every day, we knew that if we wanted to be great, we had to work hard every single day. ... Sports are great and wins are great, but the relationships you make with your teammates and coaches are the most important.”

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Along with being a three-sport varsity athlete at Grosse Pointe South, Czarnik also played travel hockey with the Oakland Junior Grizzlies.

Liggett baseball ousted by Gladiators in state semifinal

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School varsity baseball team returned to familiar stomping grounds in East Lansing for the Division 3 state final four last week with its sights set on adding another trophy to its collection. However, those hopes were dashed in the state semifinals

Thursday, June 12, when the Knights suffered a 4-3 loss at the hands of Traverse City St. Francis. “We unfortunately didn’t play our best baseball,” Liggett baseball head coach Jay Ricci said. “We had been playing really clean baseball up to that point. Unfortunately, a couple of mistakes ended up costing us and that’s

kind of the way it goes.” The Knights went down early when St. Francis took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Liggett answered back quickly and tied the game when Landon Metzger brought home a run on an RBI double in the top of the second inning. However, St. Francis added to its lead in the bottom of the second with two more runs to go up 3-1. Another run came across for the Gladiators in the third inning to extend their lead to 4-1.

Liggett then began its comeback effort. Ravi Hines grounded into a fielder’s choice that brought in a run for the Knights in the top of the fourth inning to help them pull closer. The team then pulled to within one run in the fifth inning when a St. Francis error on a groundball hit by Javio Gray led to a run scoring for Liggett.

The Knights had two more innings after that to complete the comeback. They stranded a runner in scoring posi-



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett baseball players cheer on their teammates from the Michigan State dugout during the Division 3 state semifinal in East Lansing.

tion in the top of the sixth inning and were unable to put anything on the board in the seventh inning as the Gladiators held on for the win. Jackson Fetter and Joey Harris both had stints on the mound for Liggett in the close play-off defeat. Fetter started the game and surrendered four runs, three of them earned, on three hits over three innings.

Harris came in for the last three innings of the game, allowing only two hits and no runs. Fetter was one of seven seniors on this year’s Liggett team, all of whom Ricci sees leaving a strong legacy with the program based on what the younger members of the roster were able to learn from them. “These guys were baseball players and they loved baseball and

worked hard at it,” Ricci said. “It didn’t just end or start when the game started or ended and that will resonate with the kids coming in.” St. Francis went on to win the Division 3 state championship game 5-4 over Marine City last Saturday, June 14. Liggett ended the season with a 25-13-2 record while being district and regional champions.

Blue Devils’ title hopes dashed by Hartland

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball clinched its return to East Lansing and the Division 1 final four with a dramatic victory in the state quarterfinal, the Blue Devils knew the job was still far from finished. South was tasked with taking on Hartland in the Division 1 state semifinals last Friday, June 13, in a final-four test that ultimately ended the Blue Devils’ season with a 4-2 loss to the Eagles. “Any time you get to the final four, you can’t be disappointed because it’s so hard to do,” South baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum said. “...As much as you want to win it all, it’s hard to be disappointed when there

are four teams left and 154 when it all started. It was a great reward for a great group of kids...We hit the ball, but we hit it right at them, and they made some great plays in the field, and we ended up losing to the eventual state champion 4-2.” There was action early on in last Friday’s early-morning game in East Lansing. Hartland scored on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning to take an early one-run lead. South answered back right away in the top of the second inning. Evan Bernard brought in a run with an RBI double, and a sacrifice fly hit by James Michelotti helped give South a 2-1 advantage. Hartland’s Dylan Crowe brought in a pair

of runs with a double in the bottom of the third inning to put the Eagles back in front 3-2. Crowe once again came up big for Hartland in the fifth inning with another RBI double that extended the lead even more. South’s comeback efforts in the final few innings came up short as the Eagles hung on to their two-run lead to come out with the win. Hartland would go on to win the Division 1 state title, defeating Dakota 5-3 in nine innings to lift the state championship trophy for the first time since 2015. South finished the season with a final record of 35-9, setting a new program record for most wins in a season to go along with the team’s district and regional championships.



Jack Danielewicz stands on the mound ready to throw a pitch against Hartland.



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Jack Lupo points to the South dugout while celebrating a hit in the first inning of the Blue Devils’ state semifinal game against Hartland last Friday, June 13.

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GROSSE POINTE'S GRAND GARAGE SALE! 23 Provencal Road, Grosse Pointe Farms Friday, Saturday June 27- 28, 10- 4, "first dibs" 8- 10am 6/ 27 with a \$10 donation All proceeds go directly to Grosse Pointe South boys hockey. Home goods, furniture, clothing, holiday, garden, sporting goods and more! Cash, Venmo accepted. Please park on Kercheval if possible Go South!

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Zane Hemler

By Meg Kelly
Staff Intern

**NORTH FRESHMAN
MAKES A STRONG DEBUT
ON THE FIELD AND
IN THE CLASSROOM**

Fifteen year-old freshman Zane Hemler is proving himself to be one of the many well-rounded young athletes and students in the Grosse Pointe Community. Hemler is a multi-sport athlete, an outstanding teammate, and a top tier ranked student. Hemler is about to complete his freshman year at Grosse Pointe North, where he was a key contributor on both the baseball and soccer teams for North.

On the diamond, Hemler aided in leading the Norsemen freshman baseball team to a stellar 18-4 record. He split his time between being a starting pitcher and centerfielder on the freshman baseball team for North, where he played a crucial role in the team’s success this season. On the mound, he compiled a 2.17 ERA across 29 total innings, as he racked up 49 strikeouts while limiting any opposing hitters to a .125 batting average.

Offensively, Hemler batted .333 with a .463 on-base percentage and tallied up 12 stolen bases, using his speed and smart baserunning to create opportunities for his team. On the defensive side, his work in centerfield also did not go unnoticed. After the season, his teammates honored him as the 2025 Grosse Pointe North Freshman Baseball Defensive Player of the Year in recognition of his leadership and consistency in the outfield.

Hemler does not limit himself athletically. In the fall, he played for North’s junior varsity soccer team and was rewarded for his efforts with a late-season call-up to varsity during the district playoffs, an impressive honor for a freshman athlete.

As his high school season wraps up, Hemler is now transitioning into travel baseball with the Detroit Prospects 15U team. The roster is made up primarily of players from the Grosse Pointe area, and they are set to compete in several elite-level tournaments throughout the midwest this summer ball season. This experience promises high competition and exposure which is key for players with college ambitions like Hemler.



His athletic achievements are impressive as well as his dedication in the classroom. He carries a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in all honors level courses. He was recognized with a Grosse Pointe North Scholar Athlete Award for his academic performance during the sports season.

Looking ahead, Zane hopes to play baseball at the collegiate level while pursuing a degree in business, media, or sports management. With his strong work ethic, versatility, and passion for his sports and studies, he’s well on his way to achieving this goal. Whether on the field, in the classroom, or around his teammates, Hemler is setting the tone for what it means to be a student-athlete.



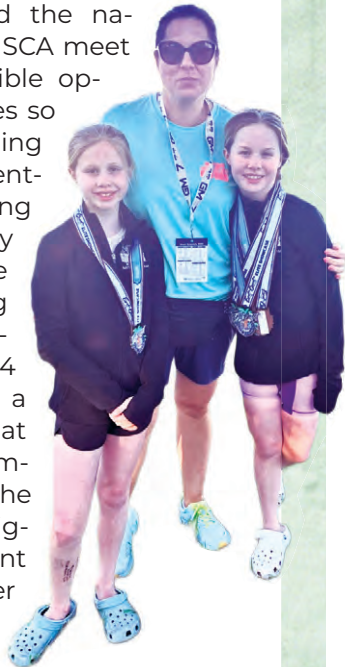
Ava and Emma Stepulla

**GROSSE POINTE GATORS
ARE DIVING INTO
SUCCESS, IN AND OUT
OF THE POOL**

Emma and Ava Stepulla are more than sisters, they are dedicated swimmers, stellar students, and inspiring examples of what young athletes can achieve through hard work and passion. Representing the Grosse Pointe Gators swim team, these two rising stars are making waves in the pool and building a foundation for long term success in athletics and academics.

Emma, age 12 and a current seventh grader, and Ava, 11 and in fifth grade, began swimming competitively in 2021 with the Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors, however it did not take them long to find their passion and transfer into the Gators program, where they have thrived under direction of Coach Stacy. Both girls credit her with not only sharpening their competitive edge but also helping instill confidence and discipline in the girls.

Their results speak for themselves. Both Ava and Emma have qualified for the Michigan Swimming State Championships and the nationally recognized ISCA meet which is an incredible opportunity for athletes so early in their swimming careers. Emma recently took her swimming to the next level by qualifying for the USA Swimming Zones Championships for athletes 14 and under which is a selective meet that features the top swimmers from across the region. This is a significant achievement that showcases her growing potential on the national stage.



In the pool, the sisters are known for different but equally impactful strengths. Emma is the workhorse, always putting in extra effort, whether early in the morning practices or on grueling training sets. Her motivation and focus have made her a quiet leader on the Gators Squad.

Meanwhile, Ava brings a sharp attention to detail and has the drive to master technical aspects of the sport. She is known for breaking down her strokes and turns, analyzing every element to maximize performance. Together, they elevate those around them, cheering on their teammates and celebrating others’ victories as their own.

Outside the pool, their ambitions are just as bold. Emma hopes to swim in college while pursuing a career in chiropractic care, combining her love of sports with a desire to help others. Ava’s dreams include a dual major, even at 11 years old, with plans to become an orthopedic surgeon and a dermatologist all while continuing to compete at a high level of swimming.

The Stepulla sisters are an embodiment of the term student-athlete in the Grosse Pointe community. They are dedicated, determined, and passionate about their sport and their futures. With their undeniable talent, and ambitious mindsets, the girls are on track to make an even bigger splash in the years to come.

**THE DETROIT
BULLDOGS HOCKEY
CLUB BRIDGING
GAPS THROUGH
OPPORTUNITY AND
COLLABORATION**

The Detroit Bulldogs Hockey Club is doing more than developing young athletes, rather, it is transforming the access to the game of hockey in the east side of Metro Detroit. With their players ranging from ages 5 to 17, the Bulldogs have become a symbol of opportunity and inclusion for families across Detroit and its neighboring communities.

The Bulldogs are backed by East Side Youth Sports Foundation (ESYSF), and they are committed to making hockey accessible for every child, regardless of their socioeconomic background. They have culminated in a multitude of scholarships, been involved in community outreach, and upgraded their facilities. The club is dedicated to removing the financial barriers that have historically kept many kids from experiencing the sport of hockey.

Today, the Detroit Bulldogs Hockey Club includes over 400 members across 14 dedicated teams. From their beginner level skating programs to competitive team play, the Bulldogs provide options for every age and skill level. Their most popular Learn to Skate 8U and Learn to Play Hockey programs have seen annual growth with an impressive annual increase in enrollment by 25 percent. This is a noticeable rise in participation specifically in ethnic diversity, particularly among underprivileged children.

In order to make this possible, the organization has awarded over \$140,000 in scholarships to 147 young athletes, creating real opportunities for kids who may not be able to afford the sport otherwise. Beyond this impressive sum, the ESYSF has invested more than \$1 million in renovations to the ESH Ice Arena, the home base for the Bulldogs. These renovations include a brand-new roof, improved rink safety features, an expanded locker room and updated refrigeration systems, which all aid in a safer and more enjoyable experience for players and their families.

This impact goes beyond the numbers, the Bulldogs are helping bridge gaps, not just between the ice, but between communities. With their focus on sportsmanship, character, development, and fun, the club is bringing families together to create lasting connections both on and off the ice.

With a developing roster and expanding programs, the Bulldogs have a deep commitment to equity in youth sports and are proving that hockey can really be a game for anyone.

To learn more about the Bulldogs and how to get involved, contact Lisa Francis at lisa@esysf.com.



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