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By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A new project in collaboration with The

War Memorial so far has identified 178 men from Grosse Pointe who died in military service from the Civil War to present day.

Among them, Alexander Frederick Grant and Peter P. Rivard — who died in the mid-1800s in the Civil War — will grace the first pages

of a book intended to uncover the history of, pay tribute to and tell the stories of each person from the Grosse Pointes who gave their lives in

service to the country. Currently in the research stage, the book is being compiled by award-winning author Lisa Lark, who in 2020, published a similar book — “Gone Too Soon: Dearborn Remembers Its

Fallen Heroes” — on the 347 individuals from Dearborn who have died in military service.

“My focus is on bringing them to life as much as I can, so when people

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A moment for moms

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The second annual Walking with Moms Outreach Retreat was a huge endeavor for the Family of Parishes — referred to as Saints of the Lake — which includes St. Paul on the Lake, St. Ambrose, St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Matthew Catholic churches.

Carla Schultz, Melanie Mebus and Kelly Woolums, along with Tricia Kesteloot, served as co-leaders of the event Saturday, June 28. This year, the

retreat was hosted at St. Clare of Montefalco Parish.

The event included various opportunities for both moms and children, offering an opportunity for moms to rest, recharge and have some fun. The event offered a catered lunch, beauty services, art activity, inspirational speakers and opportunities for prayer and resources. Bus transportation, childcare and children/family programming

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Tricia Kesteloot gets soaped by the Ghostbusters Detroit charity.

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Farms first in state to pass crypto ATM ordinance

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms is now the first community in the state to pass an ordinance regulating crypto currency ATMs, according to Mayor Pro Tem Beth Konrad Wilberding, for greater consumer protection against rampant scams.

Since the topic first was brought to city council in May by councilmembers Lev Wood and Sierra Donaven, a 72-year-

old Farms woman was scammed into depositing \$4,800 into Bitcoin ATMs throughout metro Detroit — though the scammer was aiming for \$15,000.

While the Farms currently does not have any virtual currency ATMs within its borders, the ordinance applies to any that could be placed in the future. Council also hopes it sets into motion a ripple effect across surrounding communities.

“I think it’s good for us to pass

this, No. 1 to be a leader, but even more importantly, to give that legislation and to give this ordinance to other communities,” Councilman Neil Sroka said. “I am hopeful that every single one of the Pointes and Harper Woods considers picking up this exact ordinance and puts it into their community.”

The ordinance — drafted by City Attorney Bill Burgess and approved 6-0 Monday night, with Mayor Louis Theros absent — contains four main regula-

tions:

- ◆ any device to be located within the Farms must register with public safety and the operator must obtain a business license,

- ◆ mandatory consumer protection warnings will inform customers of the potential fraud risks and the fact they may not be able to reverse the transaction once it’s completed,

- ◆ a requirement for a con-

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Park hires new assistant city manager

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The new assistant city manager did her homework before seeking the job.

She did more than just submitting her resume and taking what she could get.

Cindy Paparelli, hired this month as the municipal administration’s second in command, consulted her predecessor, Warren Rothe, for

insight about what she’d be getting herself into.

“He had wonderful things to say about it (the Park),” Paparelli said.

She trusted Rothe’s judgment. They’d gotten to know each other during careers managing jurisdictions in the state.

Paparelli began her new job in the Park this month having worked the last 12 years in government administration, most recently as manager of East China Township and, concur-

rently, deputy supervisor of Macomb Township.

“I was the first township manager in East China and the only township manager in St. Clair County,” Paparelli said.

City Manager Nick Sizeland said Paparelli topped nearly 50 applicants that answered a job posting on the Michigan Municipal League website.

“I’d seen a lot of Cindy’s work she’d done in East China through talking among col-

leagues,” Sizeland said. “She built an organization from the ground up into a well-oiled machine. Something I was looking for in the assistant city manager is somebody who has experience with project leadership and can take over if something were to happen (to me) and set the organizational culture I want to establish in Grosse Pointe Park for the long term.”

“I’ve been at the top of the leadership chain,”

Paparelli said. “It was time for me to take a step into more of a project management type.”

She learned during chats with Rothe and Sizeland about various duties of the assistant manager, such as directing the Tax Increment Finance Authority and oversight of the multimillion-dollar Charlevoix and Kercheval streetscape renovations.

“I heard there are a lot of projects here,” Paparelli said.

“(Construction) of the

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Lauren Harrington

Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Artist has been part of restoration efforts at the Dr. Ossian Sweet House.



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Should GPPSS offer half-day kindergarten?

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — That’s the question a mother and a retired teacher are trying to answer.

“I was shocked when I found out they only have full-day kindergarten here,” said Jaclyn Lynn, a mother of three who lives in the Woods. “All I knew growing up was half-day.”

She and her husband, Jacob, have three children, including a son who will start kindergarten in the 2026-27 school year.

“We’re not saying full-day is bad, it’s just not for every kid,” Lynn said. “We’re just looking to be able to have that option.”

Lynn said she’s discussed the idea with other stay-at-home moms who also support the idea.

“We think time for unstructured play and rest is important at that age,” she added. “That’s not possible with full-day kindergarten.”

Chris Miller, a Park resident who taught kindergarten for 40 years in Fraser Public Schools, agrees.

“I’m passionate about early childhood education and half-day should be an option if parents want it,” she said. “School didn’t used to be used as child care, but I understand the reality of households where both parents work.”

Miller said there have been studies done showing the pros and cons of both approaches.

“Some show full-day better prepares them for first grade,” she said. “I never saw that. I saw students get fatigued, lose focus and act out. And if they need nap time, let

them sleep on their own couch.”

Lynn started by creating a Facebook page and a petition on change.org. Her initial goal was 25 signatures, but she quickly hit 100.

Nicole Runyon, a child psychotherapist, parent coach and author from the Shores, supports the movement.

“This is an issue that reflects developmental psychology,” she posted on Lynn’s page. “Preschool is the new kindergarten, and kindergarten is the new first grade on speed! Many children are not developmentally ready to sit still and be instructed in kindergarten, especially on a screen.

“Research overwhelmingly shows that children at this age learn through play, not sitting still and listening or reading on a tablet,” she continued.

“Play is missing in schools as there is more of a push for academics. What the education system is missing is this information about brain development and children will learn better when their bodies are ready to learn.”

Lynn then contacted GPPSS Deputy Superintendent Roy Bishop, who asked her to gather more geographically specific information since people outside of Grosse Pointe and/or people without children eventually entering kindergarten were able to sign the change.org petition.

Lynn created a new survey, which can be found at shorturl.at/DUAIH or through the accompanying QR code.

It asks for the parent’s name and email, which elementary school catchment area they live in

and what school year they would be interested in half-day kindergarten, starting with 2026-27 and going out three years.

“It’s very generic and doesn’t ask for any information about kids,” Lynn said.

She hopes to present the information to Bishop in the fall.

“We look forward to hearing more from our community about the interest for half-day kindergarten and how this could potentially attract more students to our district for the 2026-27 school year,” Lynn said.

Such an offering could attract new students from a few sources, including parents who opt for private kindergarten or skip it altogether, since it isn’t mandatory in Michigan.

◆ how many students would make it feasible,

◆ if it could offer both morning and afternoon options,

◆ what the financial implications are and

◆ where to house it.

“I think Trombly would be an ideal location,” Miller said. “The district has already discussed turning it into some kind of educational hub.”

On a related note, a survey GPPSS commissioned for the Trombly catchment area found 86 percent of respondents said they would send their children there if it reopened as a preschool.

The survey found 396 children birth to age 9 living in the catchment area in 227 households, with 64 percent below kindergarten age.



Little mayor has big idea

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Budding politician Jai Quarles proved her savvy in the campaign for junior mayor.

Quarles, an elementary school student, won the title by promising everybody everything.

“I’m very proud to be junior mayor of Grosse Pointe Park,” Quarles said.

She sat in on part of the July 14 city council meeting, being awarded the seat of Mayor Pro Tem Tom Caulfield, absent while competing in the 101st Bayview Mackinac sailboat race.

“She will be in the holiday parade,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “She’s available for all sorts of civic engagements. Any of our boards and commissions that need a youthful voice, the honorable Junior Mayor Quarles is here.”

Quarles is among junior mayors anointed recently in the Pointes and Harper Woods.

“As part of our collaboration with each of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods in honor of Juneteenth, each mayor selected a junior mayor,” Hodges said. “In Grosse Pointe Park, we did so by inviting fourth graders to respond to a series of questions.”

One of the questions was, “If you could invent something that would make the world a better place, what would it be?”

“Our winner invented a ‘needs for all’ vending machine for the purpose of making sure people have the basic necessities of life,” Hodges said. “The machine is designed with a built-in speaker (that) you can say kind things about others into, thereby spreading kindness throughout the world. With each of those kind things, you get to select a necessity from the vending machine that then gets sent to those who need it most.”

— Brad Lindberg



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Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges gives a thumbs up to Junior Mayor Jai Quarles during the July 14 city council meeting.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Music on the Lawn, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- ◆ Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon at Lakepointe and Kercheval.
- ◆ After 6 on Kercheval, 6 to 10 p.m. on Kercheval, between Nottingham and Wayburn.

Fisher construction starts this week, sidewalk replacement now planned

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — “That area is used for the high school students who park their cars along Fisher and walk on the sidewalk to school,” Public Works Director Pete Randazzo explained when broaching the topic of sidewalk work in conjunction with road reconstruction of Fisher from Maumee to Lakeshore.

The project scope, in partnership with the Farms and planned to start this week, initially included limited curb capping and selective driveway replacements but no full curb or sidewalk replacement.

Further field observations since both cities approved the project have revealed many areas along Fisher with only six inches between the curb and sidewalk in the public right-of-way.

“If curb capping proceeds as originally planned without addressing adjacent sidewalks, it will result in uneven elevations and a rollercoaster effect,” Randazzo wrote in a memo to city council,

“raising long-term concerns about maintenance, water flow and pedestrian safety.”

The sidewalks in question run only along the City’s side of Fisher, as the street borders it and the Farms. The solution to replace all curbs and sidewalks in conjunction with the roadwork adds roughly \$45,000 to the city’s bill for its share of

the project.

“It’s probably the right course for the city in order to make sure that we’re elevating any standing water or issues for the future,” City Manager Joe Valentine said before council approved the expenditure Monday, July 7.

In the case the contractor, Pro-Line, finds less base repairs are needed

than expected once it mills the road, excess funds can be redirected toward the sidewalks, potentially reducing the \$45,000 price point.

“The substantial completion date is supposed to be at the end of August,” Randazzo said, “so we want to get that road fixed (and) sidewalk done before school starts.”

— Laurel Kraus



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Window bricked

The window of a dentist’s office in the 600 block of Cadieux was broken with a brick between Wednesday, July 2, and Monday, July 7.

Ran red

A 39-year-old Shores man was arrested for intoxicated driving, after running a red light on Mack at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 9.

Lululemon

A 19-year-old Warren man was arrested shortly after leaving The Village Lululemon with a stolen jacket at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10. He was identified through multiple means and turned himself in immediately when contacted by officers.

Grocery thief

A 52-year-old Detroit man was arrested for stealing \$260 worth of items from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, July 13. He was warned against returning to the location and turned over to the Southfield Police Department for a felony warrant.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Officer Uber

While giving a courtesy ride to a customer who dropped off his vehicle for maintenance at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, a 54-year-old employee of a local car dealership was pulled over at Mack and Kerby and arrested for a felony warrant out of Eastpointe. An officer gave a courtesy transport to the passenger.

Eskimo kiss

A 29-year-old Roseville man was cited for not having insurance and a failure to yield accident after the side mirrors of two cars struck each other when one of the drivers turned onto Moran at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, July 9.

Breadcrumbs

Golf clubs were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Touraine between the evening of Monday, July 7, and Wednesday, July 9. A golf glove was found nearby on the street.

Stolen Kia

A locked silver 2015 Kia Soul was stolen from a driveway in the 300 block of Moross between 5 and 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 11.

Hands-free driving

While driving alongside a patrol car on Mack at 2:01 a.m. Sunday, July 13, a 35-year-old Eastpointe man clearly could be seen using his cellphone, which was illuminating his face. When pulled over, he argued that Mack Avenue is not in Grosse Pointe and he did not have a cellphone. It was sitting in his lap. The man was ticketed for never acquiring a driver’s license, as well as distracted driving.

Missing money

Five dollars was stolen from a vehicle in the 400 block of Lexington between 10 p.m. Saturday, July 12, and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, July 13. There were no signs of forced entry into the car. — Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety,

(313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Traced

Police easily recovered a stolen leaf blower last week because the owner outfitted it with a homing device that travelers often use to keep track of their luggage. Two Detroit men, ages 63 and 58, were arrested for the crime that occurred at 1:35 p.m. Friday, July 11, in the 1000 block of Bedford. Both are accused of stealing a backpack blower, outfitted with AirTags, a coin-sized GPS tracker traceable by smartphones. “Shortly after the larceny, AirTags were tracked near Mack and Bishop,” police said. “Officers stopped a black F-150. (The) backpack blower was inside the truck. Driver and passenger were arrested.”

Off-roaded

A traffic stop last week cleared the roads of a speeding motorist and a firearm. On Thursday, July 10, a patrolman monitoring traffic on Mack Avenue pulled over a 33-year-old Detroit man near the intersection of Whittier for speeding. “(He was) found to have a Park traffic warrant and was arrested,” police said. Officers also found a handgun inside his vehicle. “The gun was registered to (his) girlfriend, who was not in the vehicle at the time,” police said. Police arrested the man for violating a suspended driver’s license

and carrying a concealed weapon. — Ted O’Neil
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Rescue

Police, responding shortly before 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, to a reported suicidal subject at large in the city, retrieved a 53-year-old female resident from the marina at Windmill Pointe Park. Officers traced her to the Park by finding her vehicle at the location. “Officers located the female in the water holding onto the stern of a boat,” according to police. “She was transported to the hospital.” Mayor Michele Hodges was at the park at the time. “Our team was outstanding in the handling of this,” she said.

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

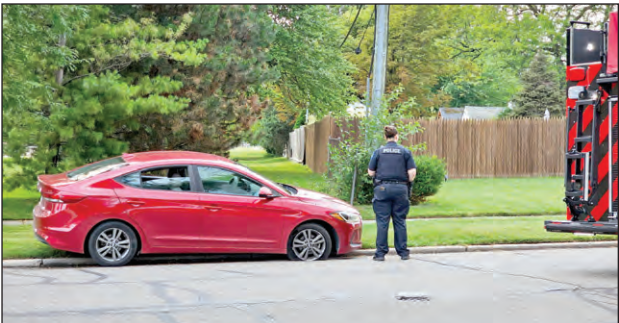
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Cast away

A 37-year-old Oak Park man was arrested after he entered the yard of a home on Lakeshore from Lake St. Clair. The family was attempting to help the man, who was wearing only a bathing suit, and waved down an officer on patrol around 10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12. The man said he was on a boat with friends on the lake and they abandoned him. The report did not indicate why he was in the water. The evening got worse when a background check showed he had an outstanding felony war-

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.



Car thieves spur manhunt

While fleeing police around 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, in a red Hyundai Elantra that was stolen out of Taylor, two juveniles crashed on Chalfonte near Moross and ran on foot, spurring a manhunt. Michigan State Police brought a K-9 to help track the juveniles, who ultimately were located hiding on top of the generator at the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Works.



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OUR VIEW

Green (and pink?) with envy

According to a recent survey by New Jersey Real Estate Network, a home-listing platform, the Grosse Pointes rank as the 74th most envied lifestyle in the country.

We ranked only behind East Grand Rapids, at No. 65, among the five Michigan cities to make the list. Take that, Bloomfield Hills (114) and Birmingham (117)! The other Mitten State city was Ada at 152.

Here is how the survey takers described us: “Grosse Pointe sits like a lakeside whisper of old Detroit grandeur. With historic mansions, yacht clubs and tree-lined streets, it feels like a step back into a more refined era. The schools are popular, the community proud and the views of Lake St. Clair unforgettable. There’s an understated wealth here — not flashy, just quietly rooted in tradition. It’s the kind of place where generations stay put and outsiders always wonder how to get in.”

Sounds about right to us. As far as generations staying put, it reminds us of a phrase we have heard here and there called the “Grosse Pointe syndrome.” It goes like this, “After college I said I was never moving back, then we had kids and here we are!”

Not surprisingly, the top 10 were dominated by cities in Hawaii, California and Florida. They were:

- ◆ Beverly Hills, Calif.
- ◆ East Honolulu, Hawaii.
- ◆ Kahala, Hawaii.
- ◆ Newport Beach, Calif.
- ◆ Boca Raton, Fla.
- ◆ Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
- ◆ Upper East Side (in Manhattan), N.Y.
- ◆ Coral Springs, Fla.
- ◆ Calabasas, Calif.
- ◆ Palo Alto, Calif.

Consider, however, Hawaii has volcanoes, California has earthquakes and Florida has hurricanes. No thanks. And New York? Well, they have the Yankees. Nuff said.

After seeing this survey, we wanted to find out what our readers thought via our social media channels (see results, right).

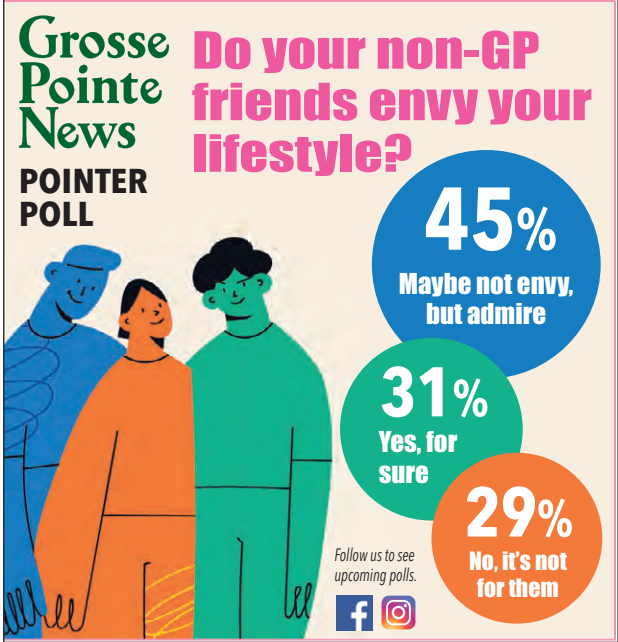


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OUR VIEW

The comeback kid?

Newspapers, as well as other media outlets, often run corrections when they make an error. It could be something as minor as a transposed letter in a name or the wrong date for an event.

At the other end of the spectrum is the “Jimmy’s World” scandal, wherein a reporter for The Washington Post fabricated an entire story in 1980 about an 8-year-old boy living on the streets of Washington, D.C., and addicted to heroin. She won the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in April 1981 and had to return it two days later when the truth came out.

This is not so much as a correction, really, but more of an apology. Or, as Catholics of a certain age might recall, “mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.”

On this page last October, while celebrating the late-season run by the Detroit Tigers to clinch a playoff berth, we had this to say:

“The team was 62-66 on Aug. 22, 9.5 games out of the wildcard race. The Tigers went 24-10 to finish the regular season. Oddsmakers at the time gave the team a 0.2 percent chance of making the playoffs. The Aug. 22 date is significant because that was the last day shortstop Javier Baez played for the Tigers before going on the injured list with back problems. We’re not saying one player can make or break a team, but there does seem to be some type of correlation there. We feel badly for Baez that he was unable to replicate his success from his days with the Chicago Cubs, where he was a two-time All-Star and World Series winner. But

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Grateful for Gilda’s Club

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If you do not know, Gilda’s is a phenomenal resource for anyone on a cancer journey — patient, family member, caregiver, etc. If you are a cancer patient and have ever wondered what Gilda’s Club is, the best decision you can make today is to check out what Gilda’s can offer you.

No one needs to fight cancer alone — and no one should. You may be surprised just how much other travelers on the journey can help lighten the burden. I encourage you to check Gilda’s out — do it today.

PAUL LIPSITZ
Grosse Pointe Farms

Alternate reality

To President Worden:

Regarding your letter to the editor dated July 9, 2025, your version of reality differs greatly from what many in this community have witnessed since you joined the board in January 2021.

“Our district has achieved financial stability.” True, but that is no thanks to you. You and Trustee St. John voted against the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budgets. Credit goes to Trustees Cotton, Jeup, Ismail and Pappas, the Finance and Facilities Committee and Dr. Tuttle.

“We successfully filled critical positions.” False. You found a way to lose two CFOs.

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

Looking back, ahead for Tigers during All-Star break



In one of my last I Say pieces, I wrote about how the excitement and early success of the Detroit Tigers' season was going to make for a fun summer in Michigan. For the most part, that sentiment has remained true as we get into July and the dog days of summer. The MLB All-Star break is upon us this week, leaving the sports world without much to discuss or get excited about. However, it is a good opportunity to stop for a moment and reflect on what the Tigers have done so far this summer and what the rest of the season could look like. If you had told me a few months ago, before Opening Day, that at the

All-Star break the Tigers would have the best record in baseball and have a double-digit game lead in the American League Central, I would not have believed it. I was cautiously optimistic heading into this season. The excitement of the unexpected run to the playoffs at the end of last season was fun, but I was not sure it would be sustainable and it might have just been a crazy anomaly. I thought the Tigers would have some success this year and build on their accomplishments from 2024, but I didn't expect it to turn out this way. Believe me, I'm not complaining. The Tigers had six players selected for the All-Star Game this week, the most the team has had in a long time, and it is safe to say the rest of the league sees Detroit as a serious contender this year. After years of being a punchline in a Tigers uniform, Javier Baez is start-

ing in the All-Star Game. Spencer Torkelson could have been an All-Star, too, and is finally performing at the level that was expected of him when he was drafted first overall in 2020. Riley Greene also was an All-Star starter and is continuing his rise as a star and franchise cornerstone. Signing Gleyber Torres before the season also ended up being one of the best offseason moves in all of baseball. Of course, there is also Tarik Skubal. He started the All-Star Game for the American League this week and continues to be a Cy Young favorite and one of the best — if not the best — pitchers in baseball every time he takes the mound. However, with all of the success the Tigers have had in the first three and a half months of the season, there are still things that need to be sharpened before the final stretch to ensure this team can compete for a World

Series. As mentioned, Skubal is a certified ace, but outside of that, the pitching staff could be improved. "Pitching chaos" was the big, popular term thrown around during last year's postseason run, but it has kind of quickly been proven this year that it is not a viable option for an entire season. Reese Olson and Casey Mize both missing some time due to injury did not help, and Jack Flaherty has not been looking too impressive as of late after being seen as the solid No. 2 man in the rotation heading into the season. Adding another starting pitcher probably would not be the worst thing the Tigers could do at the upcoming trade deadline, but what needs the most attention is the bullpen. The Tigers' bullpen has been below average to downright mediocre for much of the season and it has not gotten any better lately. If

you watched the series against Seattle last weekend, you know what I'm talking about. Rumors already are circulating online about what pitchers the Tigers have their eyes on from around the league that could be valuable additions to the bullpen. I would not be surprised if, in the coming weeks, as the trade deadline looms, the Tigers end up adding at least a couple of pieces to the bullpen to try to help pick things up. There is no doubt it is the biggest concern that needs to be addressed before the final stretch of the season. There also are people out there who want to see the team add another right-handed hitter before the trade deadline. I could take it or leave it. While it would certainly not hurt to add another contributing piece to the lineup, I do not think that strategy should take precedence over improving the team's pitching. Pitching should

be the priority and if Scott Harris and the Tigers' front office can manage to add another solid, right-handed bat on top of that, then it would be more like icing on the cake. Harris has done plenty to earn the trust of fans like me, but this trade deadline could be a make-or-break moment for this team. The Tigers most likely are going to be back in the postseason and probably in a better position this year as division champions. Sure, the team could sit back and say everything is clearly working fine so far, so why mess it up, but that should not be the mentality. I have faith the Tigers will know to go out and attack the trade deadline and add the pieces necessary to fill those few holes that are keeping the team from being completely dominant. If they do, then summer fun in the Motor City should once again spill over into October.

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it's likely he won't wear the Old English D again. He was hitting .189 on the season, which in baseball terms is known as 'hitting below the Mendoza Line, meaning an everyday player hitting below .200. It's named for Mario Mendoza, a Pittsburgh Pirates shortstop who finished batting below .200 five times in his nine seasons." We are happy to admit being wrong. Baez has seen an unlikely resurgence this season, overcoming not only his back injury but also learning to lay off what had been his Achilles heel — a pitch low and away. As of press time, Baez was hitting .275 with 39 RBI and 10 home runs. For his efforts, he was

selected by fans to start this past Tuesday night's All-Star game in Atlanta as an outfielder. It appears he is heading for his best season since 2021. Fellow Tigers Riley Greene and Gleyber Torres joined him as starters, in the outfield and second base, respectively. Utility player Zach McKinstry and pitcher Casey Mize were chosen to replace injured players from other teams. Tarik Skubal, the reigning American

League Cy Young winner, was scheduled as of press time to be the starting pitcher. This is the first time since 2013 the Tigers have had six All-Stars. And how cool is this? Tigers bat boy Frankie Boyd, a student at Eastern Michigan University, won an online poll to perform the same duties for the American League team at the game. We think a few other Tigers should have made the roster but hey, since this is the opinion page

we are allowed to be Baezed. Part of the problem is that Major League Baseball requires each team to have at least one representative at the game, no matter how bad their teams may be. As of this past Monday, heading into the Midsummer Classic, the Tigers had the best record in either league and was the only division leader with a double-digit game lead. The key moving for-

ward is for the Tigers to keep up the intensity and not rest on their laurels, especially after losing their last four games. We definitely do not need a repeat of 2009, when the team was in first place from May 10 until the final day of the season. They led the Minnesota Twins by three games with four to play, but failed to make the playoffs. The Twins beat Detroit, then swept the Kansas City Royals

while the Tigers lost two of three to the Chicago White Sox. The Twins beat the Tigers in extra innings in a one-game playoff. We have a feeling, however, that Hinch will not let that happen. And when it comes time for post-season awards, besides Skubal winning a second consecutive Cy Young, here is to Baez being named Comeback Player of the Year.

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YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1950
75 years ago this week

CHARTER FORMERS IN PARK REPORTED MAKING PROGRESS: The Grosse Pointe Park City Charter Commission has been making progress in its work of formulating a charter for the Pointe’s latest authorized city.

KERCHEVAL ABANDONMENT HALTED: The County Road Commission in a letter dated July 1 addressed to the Park and the City has recalled its declared purpose to immediately throw the upkeep of Kercheval Avenue back on these communities. It has agreed to continue the responsibility for its maintenance until April 1, 1951.

MEMORIAL FUND DRIVE LAGS BADLY: Results of the direct mail campaign to obtain funds to offset the operating deficit incurred by the Grosse Pointe War Memorial have been most disappointing. Solicitation forms were mailed three weeks ago to some 8,000 Pointe homes which have never donated anything to the

memorial. Up to Tuesday, responses totaled less than 150.

1975
50 years ago this week

GP THEATRE HAS BIG NIGHT: The Grosse Pointe Theatre will introduce a new theatrical dimension to its schedule in the 1975-76 season with the addition of Showcase Theatre when Neil Simon’s dramatic comedy, “Gingerbread Lady,” will be presented as a fifth play, separate from the regular four-show season subscription.

GP POLICE TRUE

ing St. Clair at Kercheval on Sept. 9 and 10. The festival has been around for about six years. This year’s festival will feature a trolley bus that will transport people between The Hill in the Farms and The Village in the City.

WOODS POLICE BUST MORE TEENAGE DRINKERS: Woods youth have written another stanza in their anthem to underage drinking. In what is quickly becoming an old refrain, police responding to an unsupervised house party have rousted another group of intoxicated teenagers. The star of this week’s show was a 16-year-old drunken

2015
10 years ago this week

FOUR MAKE FOR A FULL HOUSE: There is the proverbial “good news, bad news” twist to the revised city ordinance regulating the number and type of pets allowed in Grosse Pointe Woods. The good news is the number of dogs allowed will be increased to three. The bad news is the ordinance still bans the possession of bears, bison and ostriches.

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Your actions as a leader have made finding a CFO more difficult.

“Eliminated the dysfunction of late night board meetings.” False. In the first six months of 2025 versus the first six months of 2024, the average length of the board meetings has increased by 30 minutes, from 2:28:58 to 2:59:39. This one statement proves how out of touch you are with reality. Things don’t become true because you say them. Did you mis-speak? Or do you just have no concept of what is really happening?

“When we request to support budget decisions or seek clarifications on salary ranges, we’re fulfilling our fiduciary responsibility to the community who elected us.” False. If this were true,

then you were derelict in your duties in your first year on the board in 2021 when you were board treasurer and asked no questions of the CFO about the 2021-22 budget which predicted a \$2.2 million deficit spend. Your comment at the time was “we need to trust the experts.” Well, the experts that year delivered a \$5.2 million budget loss at the end of the 2021-22 fiscal year. Great work! Apparently, you only trust certain experts.

TERRY COLLINS
Grosse Pointe Park

Be fiscally responsible

To the Editor:

Recently I spoke during public comments at the school board meeting. I expressed support for Superintendent Tuttle’s steady leadership of our district; how-

ever, my main focus was to urge the board to table the proposed \$120 million bond.

Much of the board discussion centered on the district’s inability to hire a CFO and the rapid-fire personnel turnover in recent months and years for this essential role overseeing what is annually a \$105 million business, leaving GPPSS horribly exposed.

What GPPSS needs now is stability, NOT to issue additional tax burden without a seasoned professional to oversee it. The district desperately needs to attract a proven CFO who will commit to a sufficient period of time at the helm.

Residents voted to triple the sinking fund tax in 2024, and taxpayers will be paying this increased amount for the next 10 years.

The proposed bond comes with a significant

amount of interest, about \$83 million over 20 years. The management fees add up to 28.5 percent — leaving only \$86 million to spend.

Decreased enrollment figures indicate we are supporting far fewer students with even greater expenditures. New furniture? Needs or nice-to-haves? Replace the slate? No! Repair it? Yes.

We taxpayers have to be fiscally responsible to maintain our older, stately homes. We expect GPPSS to operate similarly. There’s no limitless credit line.

A final caution: Will bond funds be used to re-open Trombly? Without bond language expressly stating this, it is most unwise to vote yes. Would you trust this board?

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

A gem in the community

To the Editor:

Words of praise for

Laurel Kraus’ July 2 Pointer of Interest profile of artist Nobuko Yamasaki. What a gift of humble generosity Nobuko has been to the tri-county area and throughout Michigan in sharing her knowledge of printmaking.

I was lucky enough to be one of her students for six years and bloomed under her instruction. She is a focused taskmaster to her students in learning the craft. To create one perfect print takes frustrating months of complete concentration and determination. In this world of instant art done with a click of a button, she showed me the long-term value of creating compositions with patience, technique, craftsmanship and logic.

In her supportive atmosphere, the hours and days fell away when the surprise of a final product was revealed. Sometimes wonderful, sometimes awful ... but I learned every time.

She is an icon, but I am sure too humble to have told Laurel of her local and international awards.

To make art is a solitary activity and not every accomplished artist can teach. She can. She shares her skills and expertise in helping other artists find their own creative depths to display their art for public viewing. We artists share the utter joy of encouraging each other to interpret life. Nobuko’s energy allows this to happen. She spends untold hours behind the scenes arranging enrichment opportunities for other artists while still creating her own art.

There are many of us who are grateful to dear Nobuko for her bravery in coming to America and fanning the artistic winds under all of our wings. We are better people for you, whether in tears over botched pieces or in tears over awards won.

I can’t wait to see what she does next. We truly have gems in our community and Nobuko is one of them.

TUDI HARWOOD
Grosse Pointe Farms

INVEST:

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Thomas and Chris Walsh — the latter is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley — with support by Finance Director Kim Kleinow, Valentine and Tomkowiak.

“We’ve got some very talented people on the council and to leverage their talents to further aid the city is a good thing,” Valentine said.

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Main Street elects new board leadership

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors — which often plays a behind-the-scenes role in The Village’s revitalization — last Tuesday elected the third board chair since its inception.

“I’m looking forward to building on the success that Kasey Malley (owner of Small Favors) and Hans Brieden (president of Brieden Consulting



Chris Moyer
Group) had in the role,” said incoming chairman Chris Moyer. “... I’m very grateful that I’m a part of

the broader team that is committed to making The Village just continue to be such a great place.”

Moyer has served on the MSGP board since its inception in 2020 — first as a resident appointee and then as the council liaison to the board since being elected to city council in 2023. He’s previously held the position of secretary, as well as treasurer for the better part of the last year.

“The two reasons why I ran for city council was because I wanted to help

continue to elevate the work that the Main Street board is doing and then the birth of my daughter really made me want to make sure that I’m giving back to this community that has given so much to me,” he said.

Also elected to leadership positions were resident Didi DeBoer as vice chairperson and Lanna Young (owner of Savvy Chic Boutique) in the combined role of secretary and treasurer.

“I’m excited about this new leadership on the

board and the renewed vigor and sense of purpose that everybody has,” MSGP Executive Director Cindy Willcock said, adding the organization is always looking for volunteers. “... We want to make sure we’re representing all the different types of businesses and property owners in The Village.”

Following two recent resignations, board members also include Michelle Boggess-Nunley, owner of Posterity Gallery; Anne

Murphy, owner of Apple Blossom Baby; June Lee, Wayne County representative; Mayor Shelia Tomkowiak; and Malley.

“We are building off of the success that has happened over the last five years,” Moyer said, “and we continue to go strength to strength, because so many people care and so many people are committed to making sure Grosse Pointe is a great place to live, to work, to shop and to visit.”

New Okulski projector Continued sewer cleaning

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A new projector will be installed soon in one of the movie theaters at Windmill Pointe Park.

It replaces an old one that started wearing out months ago at Okulski Family Theatre, one of two movie theaters in the Dolores and Paul Lavins Activity Center.

Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, forecast the need for a new projector last winter.

He penciled in the purchase of a new unit as part of a \$320,000 department funding request for the fiscal year starting July 1.

During the city council’s July 14 meeting, members approved the purchase of a NEC 2K Laser projector costing \$49,168. The purchase price compared favorably with Craig’s estimate last April of requiring \$50,000 to \$70,000 to repair the old unit.

“NEC is a powerful, large venue projector that can create large and vibrant images,” according to an online assessment.

“The purchase and installation of this projector comes with a three-year warranty on parts and a two-year warranty with limited labor,” according to a memo Craig submitted to council with his purchase request.

The equipment is being purchased from Audio Imaging Specials, located in Hope. Company owner Ken Angst “has over 25 years’ experience as a projection technician, consultant and system designer,” according to the company website.

“(The company is) a preferred vendor (of the Park) and handles all maintenance and repairs on both theaters,” Craig said.

Components of the unit being replaced will be

retained to maintain a second projector at the Carol Schaap Theater, also at the Lavins Center.

Okulski Theatre was closed for a few days early this year while technicians completed \$15,000 worth of repairs to the projector.

Symptoms at the time resembled the “screen of death,” a computer term describing fatal system errors represented by a monitor image shifting to blue.

“The light engine died,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “We’ve been using a rental.”

Technicians indicated the projector wore out from 12 years of usage. The warranty expired after 10 years.

An option to replace the failed unit with a refurbished model costing \$20,000 was rejected because the transaction lacked a warranty.

Craig’s more than \$300,000 funding request for this fiscal year also included a heating and cooling unit for the gymnasium and Lavins Center, as well as the pickleball courts at Three Mile Park.

Another piece of equipment operating on rela-

tively borrowed time is the \$70,000 Schaap Theatre movie projector server.

“At the end of this year, extended warranties will be up on the server,” Craig said in April. “We should get another four or five years out of it. We have parts from the other projector we can use if something fails for it.”

The Lavins Center, dating to 2003, and the Okulski and Schaap theaters were projects of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

Movie theaters at Windmill Pointe Park filled a gap created by closure of at least five movie houses in the area: Esquire on Jefferson in the Park, Woods on Mack near Moross, Beacon East (now the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center) on Eight Mile across from the former Eastland Mall in Harper Woods which featured theaters within the mall and in a separate, stand-alone structure at the corner of Eight Mile and Beaconsfield.

There also was a drive-in movie theater on Harper in Harper Woods. It closed during the late 1970s.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A plan of infrastructure improvements for the fiscal year must be trimmed to fit sewer cleaning into the municipal budget.

A regular campaign of inspecting and cleaning sewers is intended to identify and eliminate clogs and collapses blamed, in part, for water backups into roadways and basements during heavy rains.

In preparation for this year’s campaign, municipal officials set aside \$200,000 in the current fiscal year budget and invited contractors to submit proposals for the job.

“This is a continuation of ongoing televising and sewer cleaning,” said Patrick Droze, project manager for OHM Consultants, the city’s engineering consultants. “Bids were received from four bidders.”

All bids exceeded the budgeted maximum. The highest proposal of \$693,996 was rejected outright. The lowest, \$213,141, was more palatable, but still too high.

“The low bid was 30 percent lower than the next lowest bidder,” Droze said.

Park officials held firm on their budget cap. Instead, they agreed to alter the contractor’s scope of duties to reduce the cost.

“A contract modification will be made in advance of the proposed project to bring the scope within budget,” Droze said.

Members of the city council on July 14 awarded the work to low-bidder Advanced Underground Inspection. The company is in Westland. Their work in the Park will consist of heavy cleaning and televising sewers ranging in diameter from 12 to 60 inches.

Flooding, and the urgent response by city officials to prevent its recurrence, began when downpours during the summer of 2021 flooded thousands of basements

in the Park and other metropolitan Detroit communities.

Park officials have ever since assigned contractors to inspect sewers using miniature, remote-controlled cameras. Clogged pipes are cleared by supersized vacuum machines or a jetting process using high-pressure streams of water to dislodge obstructions.

“Sewer cleaning the previous year removed 221.9 tons, or 158.5 cubic (yards) of debris,” said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. “Put another way, that is more than 13 dump trucks of debris removed from our sewer system, allowing optimized water flow.”

Vacuuming is such an effective part of the process that the purchase of a vacuum truck was included in a multi-year infrastructure capital improvement plan that a united council passed last year.



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GPA names new director of institutional advancement

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Academy recently named Amy Bos as the school’s new director of institutional advancement, a strategic leadership role designed to strengthen the school’s mission, visibility and long-term sustainability.

In her role, Bos will oversee fundraising and development, alumni relations, admissions and enrollment and marketing and communications. She will work in close partnership with Head of School Tommy Adams, the board of trustees and senior leadership to develop and implement integrated strategies

that promote a culture of philanthropy, increase enrollment and expand GPA’s impact across the community.

“This isn’t abstract work for me, it’s personal,” Bos said. “I want GPA to thrive because I want every child here, including my own, to thrive and feel a strong sense of belonging.”

Bos brings nearly two decades of experience leading strategic initiatives throughout south-east Michigan, along with a strong personal connection to the school as a GPA parent and engaged member of the community.

“Throughout the search process, Amy

impressed us with her deep understanding of GPA’s mission and the systems-level thinking needed to lead this role,” Adams said. “She brings a collaborative and data-driven mindset, a long-term vision and a clear passion for the work. We’re thrilled to welcome her to the team.”



Amy Bos



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GPPSS alums part of Aspen Music Festival

From left, Will Beardslee and Lilliana Wodzisz, graduates of Grosse Pointe South High School, and Ben Graham, a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, are orchestral fellowship students on viola at this year’s Aspen Music Festival, which runs through Aug. 24, in Aspen, Colo.



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Protect and serve

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sandra Cobb stands with John Kosanke, director of public safety for Grosse Pointe Woods, during the club’s June 17 meeting at Ford House.

Kosanke was inducted as an honorary member of Sunrise Rotary, recognizing his history of collaboration, guidance and fellowship with the club. Kosanke shared with attendees home safety and travel tips to keep residents more protected.

The Grosse Pointe Run, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club, is the main fundraising event for local high school students’ college scholarships. Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary is reminding the community to support students Sept. 20, during the annual 5k/10k/walk. Register at grossepointerun.com.

Kids On The Go teams up with Key2Finesse to promote health, wellness for children with disabilities

Key2Finesse, a youth-led nonprofit organization that focuses on developing leadership, public speaking and confidence in youth along with community impact, recently announced a partnership with Kids On The Go, a nonprofit providing free therapy services for children with special needs. Together, they will collaborate for the 46th annual Grosse Pointe Run Saturday, Sept. 20, with a shared

mission to foster healthier habits for children who are more prone to obesity.

Through this initiative, Key2Finesse has set a goal of collecting and funding 200 bags of supplies as part of its donation drive, with each bag containing resources and tools to support active lifestyles and overall wellness. Items could include healthy snacks, jump ropes, cinch bags, smaller balls and more. The effort aims to directly benefit children with special needs in the metro Detroit area.

“Kids On The Go is honored to have been selected by Key2Finesse to be their designated nonprofit for their 10th

anniversary,” said Katie Shubnell, Kids On The Go manager of development and mission engagement. “For nearly 20 years, the Grosse Pointe Run has been an established event on our calendar and we are thrilled for the opportunity to get Key2Finesse involved.”

The Grosse Pointe Run, an annual event sponsored by Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, is an ideal platform for this collaboration as it promotes fitness and inclusivity. In the upcoming months leading to the event, Key2Finesse will be taking donations, as well as rallying a network of volunteers, donors and advocates to

support the cause of combating childhood obesity in children with special needs.

Donations may be dropped off at the Nonprofit Center at Pare, 23500 Pare St., St. Clair Shores, Monday through Thursday. During Kids On The Go camp hours, bins will be available inside the building. A clearly marked donation bin also will be placed outside for convenient access.

Donations also may be dropped off at The Transformation Lab, 7979 19 Mile, Sterling Heights, 8 a.m. to noon at 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

“From the very first day we connected with Kids On The Go, I knew this organization was full of endless support, kindness and warmth in every step they take to help countless children in our local communities, no matter their needs,” said Aashi Patel, Key2Fitness outreach lead. “I am extremely excited to see the outcome of this drive and the change we can make in as many families as possible.”

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Left, from left, Ashley Camaj, who served as medical RN for the day; Tricia Kestlelout, co-leader of the retreat; and Colleen Caster, who served as the decorations coordinator. Below, Kelly Woolums and Cathie Schneider serve up ice cream and fun toppings to the kids.

COURTESY PHOTOS

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also were included.

A visit from the Ghostbusters Detroit charity was a huge attraction for the kids and many nostalgic adults. Nearly 50 volunteers served to make the retreat a beautiful experience for the women and their children.

“When we go on retreat, we step away from our everyday lives to rest and recharge with a faithful purpose,” said the Rev. Jim Bilot, pastor of St. Paul on the Lake. “Moving throughout the day, you can see how the mothers are effected by the love extended to them. Through the Holy Spirit, our actions of love are showing them our faith in action.”

“Thank you so much for inviting me,” a mother named Stacey wrote in a text to organizers. “It was so much fun and enjoyable! Everyone was so nice and the food was delicious! I really appreciate you and truly enjoyed myself! I hope I get invited next year, Lord willing! That’s the most fun I had all year! I spent a lot of time in the hospital last year and this year. It felt so nice just to get outside and be around positive people! I felt really loved!”



Chianti Calvin gave her testimonial at the retreat.



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walk through a space like The War Memorial and they see these gorgeous bronze plaques, they're realizing that every name on that plaque is an individual that had a family, had a life, had interests and friends and left a huge mark on the community," Lark said. "So the goal of this project is to really get to know these men — at this point, everyone we've identified is a man — and provide some insight into who they were when they were alive and then the impact that they had on their communities."

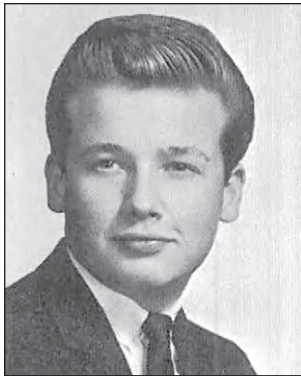
To identify the men, Lark — working in partnership with War Memorial historian Betsy Alexander — started with the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War plaques at The War Memorial. The organization also has a good record of those who died in Iraq and Afghanistan, she added. She's also combed through Detroit newspapers and military records in an attempt to find anyone who may have been missed on the plaques.

"And then we did identify two from the Civil War and strangely none from World War I, so far anyway," Lark said. "... (Grant and Rivard) are the two earliest, which is really interesting to me, because we didn't go that far back in Dearborn's. This is my first time digging into the Civil War records and it's been fascinating but extremely challenging."

Whether the life stories of Grant, Rivard and the other 176 Pointers are memorialized in snippets or in robust detail, including their childhoods, depends on the community's response to a call for crowdsourcing.



Thomas Yuill, South High School, Class of '35



Kenneth Shoaps, South High School, Class of '66



James Emerson Bayne, University of Michigan, Class of '29



Vincent F. Murphy, Notre Dame High School, Class of '63

Lark does all she can to find information on the men — digging through military records, archived newspapers, old yearbooks, ancestry.com, findagrave.com and filing Freedom of Information Act requests — but at a certain point is limited by the lack of personal connection.

This is where current-day Pointers come into play.

Lark is hoping the high school classmates, neighbors, great-nephews and once-upon-a-time friends of these men will reach out to share candid photos, memories and stories.

"There are a couple from Korea and Vietnam that it's reasonable to expect that their siblings may still be alive or people that went to school with them," she said. "Obviously, as time passes, there's fewer and fewer people who knew the individual. But I'm constantly surprised,

even with the World War II ones, lots of families had 8-by-10s on somebody's mantle of a person that no one ever talked about (who was) wearing an army uniform. Those things happened and those photos end up somewhere."

Any insight into the person's life is appreciated, Lark emphasized, and nothing is too small.

When the call to community went out in Dearborn, Lark recalls receiving a letter from a woman who said one of the young men who died in Vietnam had been her paperboy and she remembered what his bike looked like.

"That might not seem like a valuable detail, but it helps me paint the picture of who that young man was," Lark said. "I didn't know he had a paper route and I certainly didn't know that he had a red bike in 1957."

Lark hopes to take advantage of what she

calls "stored memories" within a community where families have lived for generations.

"These men lived in homes that are still standing in a lot of cases," she said, "so you could have people reading this who are living in the homes where these people grew up."

Whether the book takes a coffee-table format or is more text-based, is entirely driven by what Lark is provided and able to find.

A handful of the men, including Grant, she currently has virtually no information on.

For others, such as Cyril Barlow, she's stumbled across a goldmine.

Barlow was a Grosse Pointer who died in

World War II as a flight officer in the Canadian Air Force. As most of Canada's military records are available online, Lark was able to download Barlow's entire 75-page military record.

"His test scores, the paperwork that he filled out in his own handwriting, all of his different postings, the letters from his parents to the war council," she said. "Everything you can think of. ... This is 1944, so that's 81 years ago and here's his photo, here's his fingerprint, here's his signature. This history is all around us."

Those who can provide information on the men should email heroesproject@warmemorial.org and include informa-

tion such as the name of the individual from the Grosse Pointes who died while serving, their branch of service and rank and which city they were from.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Aug. 1.

"Anything community members can share, even if they think it's kind of small, it really truly does help build out the picture of who these men were," Lark said. "... It's a real honor and a privilege for me to be able to carry these stories and put them somewhere where they're not going to be lost."

The book is targeted to be published in conjunction with Veterans Day 2026.

Below, find the list of 178 names about which Lark is seeking any and all information. Those in bold are of special interest in that very little information has been found thus far.

CIVIL WAR

Alexander F. Grant
Peter P. Rivard

WWII

Robert J. Alexander

Hubert S. Allard
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Lining up water main management

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Continued improvement of the drinking water distribution network is the reason two new water mains are scheduled for installation this year in two locations of the city.

“The project was designed in the winter of 2024 for replacement of the existing water main on Beaconsfield from Jefferson to Essex and the construction of a new water main on Charlevoix from Wayburn to Beaconsfield,” said Tom Jenny, director of public works, in a July 14 memo to the city council.

Forthcoming work on Beaconsfield below Jefferson mirrors last year’s construction on the Mack Avenue end of the road. A six-inch cast iron pipe, partially clogged with an otherwise harmless rusticle-type oxidation known as tuberculation, was replaced with an eight-inch plastic composite pipe. Plastic won’t corrode and, being somewhat flexible, resists breaking during freeze-thaw cycles.

Work on lower Charlevoix will be in the business district.

The project was scheduled to precede a \$4 million commercial streetscape renovation due to begin next year. Putting in a new main

prior to streetscape construction means the renovated roadway won’t be torn up for water work.

Water infrastructure projects are funded largely by a 2.5-mill, 10-year millage voters passed last year. Bond revenue is forecast to be around \$2 million annually.

This year’s work is contracted to the same company the city hired last year.

“The project will be constructed by Bidigare Contracting as an extension of the previous year’s water main contract,” Jenny said.

The company’s performance record earned the trust of Park officials.

“Bidigare has successfully performed the 2024 water main project under budget and in a satisfactory manner,” Jenny said at the time.

“Bidigare was reliable, efficient, clean, responsive to (the Park’s) and resident concerns,” added Patrick Droze, project manager for OHM Advisors, the city’s consulting engineers. “And the water main and (lead) service (line) replacements were of good quality.”

“I was impressed with Bidigare as well,” Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee, said this week. He said the company did a good job communicating with residents.

Beaconsfield was targeted for water main work due to the number of breaks, plus the opportunity to replace a concentration of lead services lines, according to Droze and Jenny.

“Work includes construction of approximately 2,350 linear feet of water main on Beaconsfield to replace the existing six-inch main, including replacement of 54 lead service lines and 24 copper service transfers,” Jenny said.

“We want fully new infrastructure between the house and street,” Droze said.

“An eight-inch water main on Charlevoix is proposed to loop the water and connect 14 services to the proposed water system,” Jenny said.

It’s not a major undertaking to swap out a service line. Droze said it can be done “in a morning.”

Actual construction costs haven’t been determined. A preliminary cost estimate in March to install the pipes and related infrastructure was \$1,675,000. What is known is the cost of retaining OHM for construction engineering services.

Members of the city council on July 14 approved a contract of up to \$182,000 with OHM to

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The Ford Piquette Plant Museum, the birthplace of the Model T, in collaboration with Meknology Inc. and Lawrence Technological University, will offer a workshop introducing students to automotive engineering through a historical and hands-on lens. “Automotive Foundations” will take place at the museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, July 26 and Aug. 2. This class is designed for ages 14 to 21, who have an interest in developing mechanical knowledge and skills. Cost is \$100, but full scholarships are available based on need.

Led by mechatronics and mechanical engineer Daniel Hodges, founder of Meknology, this course will engage students in the design and function of the first Model T gasoline engines and early electric vehicles of the early 1900s. Through interactive lessons and guided builds, they will construct both a

basic gasoline engine and a simple electric motor. While the primary focus is on early technologies, students also will explore how modern internal combustion and electric systems have evolved. Emphasis will be placed on innovation, historical impact and sustainability.

As the museum’s first Engineer-in-Residence, Hodges will empower youth through experiential learning that includes looking under the hoods of historic vehicles to understand their basic operation and historical significance. Students will compare and contrast early engines in terms of mechanical simplicity, functionality and limitations. Students also will learn about Intellectual Property patents and teamwork in engineering. The workshop will conclude with Model T driving demonstrations and rides for students.

Hodges is a seasoned mechatronics and mechanical design engineer with more than two decades of industry experience spanning automotive, refrigeration, energy systems and advanced product development.

Hodges combines technical depth with a passion for mentorship and innovation.

Meknology is located in Newlab, a hub for technology start-ups adjacent to Michigan Central Station, and designs patented sustainable systems to transform waste byproducts into valuable, marketable resources.

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oversee and coordinate work during this summer’s construction season.

“OHM will provide full-time construction observation during installation of underground utility

infrastructure, including water main and service lead connections,” according to part of the 16-point agreement.

OHM’s oversight includes post-construction testing and providing the city drawings and documents of the upgraded system.

The Park’s recent

effort to upgrade water mains throughout the city began in 2023 with replacement and expansion of an old cast iron pipe on Mack between Kensington and Cadieux.

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"It's a benefit to the patients, of course, but it also helps us draw talented physicians who want to work in those beautiful spaces," said Jodie D. Rappe, M.D., M.H.C.M., M.S., M.A., the chief medical officer of Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. "The patients benefit indirectly with the talent we're able to draw."

As for those accolades, the hospital was ranked No. 4 in Michigan for cardiology. In 2025, it was named among the top 10 percent in the nation for its cardiology services; was a five-star recipient for the treatment of heart attacks; and was a five-star recipient for the treatment of heart failure for the fifth year in a row.

It also earned five-star status for its treatment of stroke, as well as for colorectal surgeries, treatment of pancreatitis and gallbladder removal surgery.

"We also are a five-star recipient for the treatment of pneumonia for 23 years in a row," Rappe said. "Pneumonia is among the top 10 causes of death in those over 65. And we're a five-star recipient for sepsis treatment in 2025. If you have sepsis, the risk of death is 25 percent higher if you're immunocompromised or over 65."

"These are all good places to excel," she added. "They're also why we're in the top 50 of geriatric care nationwide. We're 45th in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report."

Corewell Grosse Pointe also received Leapfrog Safety Grade A four times in a row and was named a four-star CMS facility.

"These are objective, external organizations ranking our little hospital," Rappe said.

There are reasons why Corewell Grosse Pointe is excelling in so many areas. One of them is the hospital's willingness to listen to its patients.

"We're working to expand areas based on the community's



Dr. Jodie Rappe stands in the hyperbaric department at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital with the Sechrist 41-inch hyperbaric chamber. The facility has two of the largest hyperbaric chambers, offering advanced oxygen therapy in a spacious, comfortable environment. Patients can relax and watch TV during treatment, while receiving oxygen therapy to help heal from conditions such as chronic wounds, radiation injuries, diabetic ulcers and more.

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needs," Rappe said. "Typically we have had one breast surgeon. Now we'll have one and a half breast surgeons. We're bringing in a new doctor who does breast and melanoma surgery. We haven't been able to offer melanoma surgery for a while."

"... Our hyperbaric chamber is unique," she added. "Not a lot of hospitals have one. I came from the Navy, where we used them for dive injuries. It gets a high level of oxygen to the tissue, increases blood flow and helps with healing, whether it's diabetic foot neuropathy or ulcers from radiation."

The hospital also supports its Vein Center in Grosse Pointe Farms; its integrated medicine program has expanded to include acupuncture; and its free-standing facility in Lenox Township has expanded.

"We have a large cadre of private doctors, as well as dedicated employed doctors who operate in the hospital and we're actively recruiting exceptional physicians," Rappe added. "... Our family residency program has expanded from 18 residents to 24 residents a year. It's all about knowing our community."

Bringing in more physicians is critical for the future. The Association of American Medical Colleges and the National Center for Health Statistics are predicting a critical shortage of 43,000 family medicine physicians and 87,000 primary care doctors by 2037.

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Spectators stuck around following a heavy downpour to take in the ball game, as well as celebrate living organ donations.

Double rainbow shines light on life-giving night

Friday, June 27, was a night of thunder, tears, laughter — and life. A heavy summer downpour rolled through Jimmy John's Field in Utica, threatening to dampen the fourth annual Living Donor Awareness Game hosted by the Living Liver Foundation and Henry Ford Health. But the clouds broke just in time, revealing a double rainbow arching over the ballpark — an unplanned but powerful symbol of the life-saving gift of organ donation.

For Grosse Pointe Shores residents Dave and Lynn Galbenski, co-founders of the Living Liver Foundation, it was a moment that captured the spirit of the entire night. "Living donors give a second chance at life," said Dave Galbenski, who received a living donor liver transplant himself in 2019. His donor was his brother-in-law and Grosse Pointe Woods resident, Mark Dybis. "That rainbow was a visual reminder of the beauty that follows a

storm — just like the hope that follows a transplant." **A celebration of courage and compassion**
The night honored dozens of living organ donors, recipients and transplant professionals, turning the baseball field into a stage for real-life heroes. White commemorative baseball hats dotted the stands, worn by living kidney and liver donors who were recognized as the evening's "hometown heroes."

The evening featured a ceremonial first pitch thrown by State Sen. Joe Bellino to his brother-in-law, Chuck Piotrowski. Last August, Bellino donated one of his kidneys to Piotrowski after a nine-month medical journey. Now both men are healthy — and working to make living donation easier for others. Bellino is championing legislation (SB 301) to give living donors up to 12 weeks of paid leave for the surgery and recovery, backed by a state tax credit to employers. Also honored were State Sen. Kevin Hertel and former State Rep. Felicia Brabec, whose 2023 and 2024 new legislation (SB 384 and HB 4361) has helped improve Michigan's grade from an "F" to a "B" in support of living donors.

Stories that spark change

The crowd cheered and wept as donor Michelle Doerr shared her story of donating a kidney to Michigan State University student Liam Clegg — a stranger she'd never met. In a surprise gesture, the Galbenskis presented her with a \$1,000 scholarship check toward her daughter's MSU tuition, recognizing her selfless gift. Another tear-jerking tribute spotlighted cousins Martha Franchina and Christine Burnsfield. Stella Franchina, a two-time kidney transplant recipient and transplant nurse at Henry Ford Health, received her second kidney from Burnsfield in 2022. Their story ended with another twist. Burnsfield's boyfriend, Don Masch, joined them on the field to propose marriage, prompting a standing ovation from the crowd.



State Sen. Joe Bellino, left, and his brother-in-law, Chuck Piotrowski, threw out the opening pitch.



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Above, State Sen. Joe Bellino, left, and State Sen. Kevin Hertel speak to the Jimmy John's on-field announcer, Maddie, about new legislation to reduce financial barriers for living donors. Right, Dave Galbenski, left, and his brother-in-law, Mark Dybis. Dybis was a living liver donor to Galbenski in 2019.



Above, nine members of Henry Ford's Center for Living Donation were honored. From left, Angela Coin, Jana Layman, Jasmine Dorsey, Nemie Beltran, Emily Cox, Meghan Whittaker, Dr. Rohini Prashar, Dr. Dilip Moonka and Dr. Jason Denny. Right, Don Masch proposed to Christine Burnsfield on the field.



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LIGHT:

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Before the game, nine members of the Henry Ford Health Center for Living Donation were recognized for their behind-the-scenes work guiding patients and donors through testing, surgery and recovery. They included Dr. Jason Denny, Dr. Dilip Moonka, Dr. Rohini Prashar, Emily Cox, Meghan Whittaker, Jasmine Dorsey, Jana Layman, Nemie Beltran and Angela Coin.

The ripple effect of a single gift

"Every story we heard tonight represents hundreds more we haven't yet told," Lynn Galbenski said. "Living

donation doesn't just save lives — it transforms families, communities and even our laws. That's what we're trying to spotlight and celebrate."

From local lawmakers to altruistic donors, transplant nurses to family heroes, the Living Donor Awareness Game shone a bright light on the unsung acts of generosity that ripple through the state — and often begin with a single, bold act of love.

As the final innings played out under the summer skies and fireworks followed the game, the message of the evening was clear: Life can be passed on, one gift at a time.

To learn more about the Living Liver Foundation and how to help spread awareness or become a living donor, visit livingliver.org.

PGS Dentistry, Growing Smiles celebrate grand opening

The grand opening of PGS Dentistry and Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics on Friday, July 11, was a joyful and meaningful celebration of modern dental care and community collaboration. The event was thoughtfully coordinated by owner Kristy Slanec in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, whose board members and staff led the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

A vibrant crowd of guests — including St. Clair Shores Mayor Kip C. Walby, local business owners, government officials and families — filled the newly completed space to explore its offerings and support its launch.

Attendees met the expert team who will be serving patients at the location:

- ◆ Dr. Alice Piatkowski — Pediatric Dentist
- ◆ Dr. Tom Rafail and Dr. Gerald Wesley — Orthodontists
- ◆ Dr. Amber Sharpley — General Dentist

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Guests were treated to refreshments by The Cappuccino Man and complimentary lunch boxes, thoughtfully provided to every attendee



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Family, friends and patients turned out to support the grand opening of PGS Dentistry and Growing Smiles Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics.

— including patients who visited the office that day.

Mayor Walby commended the team's commitment to health and community.

"This practice brings together innovation, compassion and a strong sense of community," he said. "We're proud to welcome them to St. Clair Shores."

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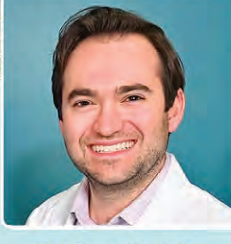
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Park resident wants you to be gutless

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE PARK — As the saying goes, necessity is the mother of invention.

For Christina Leonard, that’s true figuratively and literally.

After her son Max, then 21, was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease in 2019, she set about finding a new way for him to absorb vitamins.

She rejected the gastroenterologist’s suggestion to put him on immunosuppressants and instead made radical changes to his diet.

“After we got his diet under control, I realized he was still suffering from vitamin deficiency,” she said. “He had hair loss, he was skinny, he was moody. He wasn’t absorbing the vitamins he was taking.”

That’s when Leonard, a biology researcher by training, developed the idea for Gutless Topical Supplements. Vitamins absorbed through the skin.

“His gut was under attack and we were trying to send nutrients through the war zone,” she writes on her website, gutlesstopicals.com. “No wonder they weren’t making it through.”

Leonard said her son, now 27, “is thriving.”

She offers four products — Vitamins A and D in topical oils and Vitamins E and K in balm form. Vitamin D sells for \$60 per jar, with the other three at \$40 a piece.



PHOTO BY TED O’NEIL

Christina Leonard poses with her range of products from Gutless Topical Supplements.

“Each one is about a month’s worth of use,” Leonard said. “The applicator provides the exact dose amount.”

Topical application also gets the vitamins, blended with herbs and minerals, into the bloodstream faster.

Although millions of Americans suffer from some form of Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Leonard said anyone

can use her product.

“I have a family member who uses the Vitamin K to treat eczema,” she said. “And the Vitamin E has a calming effect, so anyone can use it before bed.”

Leonard said she is continually working on ways to get her prices down.

“I make it in small batches using the same

recipe I believe in,” she noted. “I don’t want to compromise and I feel better that way than seeing it on a shelf in Target.”

Ironically, this wasn’t Leonard’s first experience with a mother bucking the system to treat a child’s illness.

“I was born with severe asthma and the treatment at the time was adrenaline shots

followed by a sedative,” she said. “But it was the 1970s and my mom was a counterculture rebel.”

After seeing Linus Pauling — one of only five two-time Nobel Prize winners — discussing vitamin protocols on “The Tonight Show,” Leonard’s mother tracked down his phone number and called his house.

“That would never

happen today,” she laughed. “But he actually answered and gave her an entire regimen.”

Her pediatrician warned her mother it would kill her.

“By age 10 I was in total remission,” Leonard said. “Less than 2 percent of people with asthma that severe achieve remission. I was trained from day one to think outside the box.”

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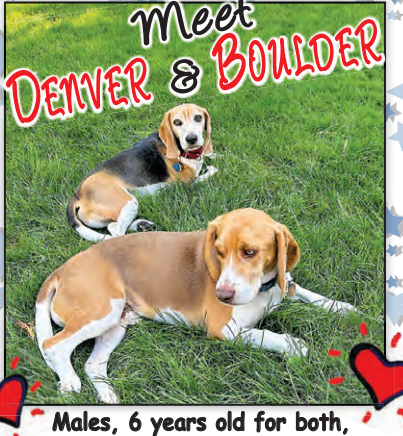


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Of “A Little Help,” artist Will Schippert said, “The scene of sailing students being towed back to their club after navigating down to the Detroit River felt like a moment locals would connect with, and I wanted to capture that energy. While I typically avoid painting people, I found silhouettes to be a comfortable and effective solution here.”

Artists host dual exhibition

Opening night is July 18

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It’s been a year and half since Will Schippert and Angelo Sherman teamed up to exhibit their artwork. The duo joins forces again for the upcoming “Sherman Schippert II,” which officially opens 6 p.m. Friday, July 18, at Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

“I had a vision of what this event could be,” Schippert said. “My goal is to make it the biggest art event Grosse Pointe has ever seen. ... Like a New York event, it will start on Friday instead of Thursday and the art is not being revealed until that day. ... I’ve spent the last year and a half sitting here painting, not worried about the show, but getting ready for the show.”

Each artist will have around 15 pieces on display for the exhibition, which runs through Saturday, Aug. 16.

“I like working with Angelo,” Schippert said. “There’s something special he and I have together. He’s innovative and creative and I like spending time with him.”

Added Sherman, “We kind of click. ... Sometimes it’s hard to find a good partner. When you do find a good partner, you want to stay with them.”

“Our styles are different, but in a way they’re similar,” he added. “We both like impressionistic art.”

Schippert, a Grosse Pointe Park resident, is a self-taught, post-impressionist, landscape oil painter. He first learned to paint by recreating his favorite works by Van Gogh. He uses color and brushwork to transform reality, taking creative liberties to portray the best version of his subjects.

“I remember why I fell in love with art in the first place,” Schippert said. “I was 20 years old; my father had just died. I watched a documentary on Van Gogh’s work and saw potential of what I could be.”

When Schippert began his artistic journey, he focused on the western U.S. for inspiration. The last year and a half, he’s taught himself to paint with oils, intentionally focusing on composition through brush strokes and color.



Angelo Sherman at work in his studio.

He takes inspiration from Cezanne’s clouds, DaVinci’s trees, Gauguin’s imagination, Van Gogh’s thick layers of paint, among others.

“I use their ideas, not their art,” he said. “I think about each artist in a different way.”

Lately, he turned to local landscapes, including Grosse Pointe gardens, for inspiration. He bases his paintings on photos he’s taken.

“I’m in there with my camera trying to find fantastic images,” he said. “... I don’t need to come up with something. Nature is right here. It’s powerful. I feel like I’m treasure hunting when I’m walking around the neighborhood.”

“To be from here and have all this beauty is

inspirational,” he added. “I walk around, take pictures of everything and make it work.”

Like Schippert, Sherman taught himself to paint by recreating the works of the old masters that hung on the walls of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The Detroit-based, mixed-media artist at times incorporates discarded paper, cloth, metals and other found objects into his work. Before and after the pandemic, he has been working on a variety of series depicting sports, art in the city, abstract nudes, cartoons, landscapes and other topics he finds interesting.

His work is distinct in style with textures and movement of various subject matter.

“This will be sort of a retro show,” Sherman said, noting his work will include abstract and realism paintings. “I decided to show some of the work I had done during the pandemic. There will be a lot of portraits.”

Sherman said he’s inspired by “just about everything,” but he calls on his past as a guiding light.

“I draw back my childhood when I need inspiration,” he said. “I remember seeing different musicians and different athletes — Muhammad Ali, Otis Redding, The Temptations,” he said.



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Angelo Sherman’s painting of Jack Johnson vs. Jim Jeffries for the heavyweight championship in 1910.

“As a kid I was not exposed to those types of entertainers. Being a black person on television was not common.”

Schippert praised Posterity Gallery owner Michelle Boggess-Nunley for hosting the exhibition.

“Michelle is my mentor,” he said. “She’s our gateway to fine art. ... This show is not about Angelo or I, but about what Michelle brings to this city. This is

a treasure nobody’s aware of. They’ll see it when they walk in the door.”

He said the exhibition is for all art enthusiasts and he hopes people bring their children to expose the younger generation to art.

“I’m excited about the way people will feel about this,” Schippert said. “They’re seeing something for the first time that doesn’t exist.”

“... I’m trying to create my brand,” he added, noting his goal is to someday exhibit his work in the DIA. “You are seeing the very beginning of that brand.”



Will Schippert

“For me and Will to collaborate, we’ve been paired together four times,” Sherman noted.

“In the art world, when you collaborate it’s like a boxing match. Instead of canvas on the floor, it’s canvas on the stretcher.”

While there haven’t been any TKOs, he said, “We’ve been doing draws. Everybody likes our work.”

View more of Schippert’s work online at willschippert.com/artistportfolio.

View more of Sherman’s work at facebook.com/shermstudio or youtube.com/@shermstudio1957.



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“I had been contemplating for months how to best depict the Mackinac Bridge, which is such an iconic landmark,” Schippert said about his painting, “Take Me Anywhere.” “There’s this wonderful spot just before you cross into the Upper Peninsula, where you can walk along the sand beneath the bridge — it’s the perfect vantage point.”

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Painting pays homage to veteran’s service

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Joseph Dewey and Carole Everts were engaged when he was sent to fight in the Vietnam War. They exchanged letters to keep in touch and he sent numerous photographs to her while he served overseas.

One of the photographs — along Highway One between Nha Trang and Cam Rahn — caught Everts’ eye. The lifelong painter felt inspired to recreate the scene on canvas.

Her painting is the latest addition to the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s Vietnam War exhibition, open through Veterans Day, Nov. 11, in the Patriot Gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Though the war took its toll on both of them and their engagement ended, the pair have remained friends for decades.

“We met in high school,” Dewey said.



PHOTOS BY TOM SHERRY

Above, Joe Dewey and Carole Everts sit with the painting Everts created based on one of Dewey’s photos from Vietnam. Right, Checkpoint Charlie, near Cam Rahn Bay, February 1969.

“She was the first girl I ever kissed. When I came back, I was changed. She was changed.

“Now we’re old and feeble,” he added with a smile. “We need each other.”

Dewey, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, was a specialist fourth class

and has plenty of stories about his time in Vietnam, each of them punctuated with his sense of humor.

When asked how long he served, he said he didn’t keep track, but he was there “14 months, six days and three hours.

“... There were lots of weird times over there,” he said. “(Each day) was 23 hours and 55 minutes of pure boredom punctuated by, ‘What the hell is going on?’”

Dewey recalled several escapades serving as an MP, including being attacked by a general’s dog while protecting said general’s property; patrolling a beach and imploring women to keep their tops on; walking a pipeline to make sure no one poked holes in it to procure good cooking oil.

The stories he shares are on the lighter side.

“He’s always upbeat,” Everts confirmed.

To which Dewey responded, “It’s all fibs, lies and tall tales.

“... War is no good,” he added. “It’s the result of failure of diplomacy. What was nice about World War II was you knew who the good guys were and who the bad guys were, not like Korea and Vietnam.”

Everts, who lives in the West Village, called Vietnam “a different kind of war,” noting snippets of the war were televised.

“She had it worse off than I did,” Dewey said. “She watched TV ... the spectacular scenes of GIs being bandaged and flown off. She was worried, along with the thousands of other loved ones and parents. It was easier over there than it was over here.”

“You’d see men’s faces as they were being carried away,” Everts recalled. “My friends’ brothers were killed over there. That was really hard, too. But Joe finally came home.”

In addition to her painting, Everts has contrib-



Dewey’s Vietnamese friend, February 1969.



A swatch of Highway One, between Nha Trang and Cam Rahn, the source of Everts’ painting.



Above, Dewey on highway patrol, February 1969. Left, Everts and Dewey were engaged Oct. 18, 1968.

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The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its 46th annual Grosse Pointe Run at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The popular event includes 5K and 10K runs, a 5K competitive walk, 5K wheelchair event, 5K leisure walk and one-mile fun run. It serves as the club’s biggest fundraiser.

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary is part of Rotary International, one of the largest service organizations in the world.

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Chamber connecting community with August events

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will offer two big events next month, each of them gaining momentum as popular community gatherings.

The fun begins at the Grosse Pointe Art Festival, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, in The Hill district on Kercheval.

“The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to be entering the fifth year of the Grosse Pointe Art Festival with over 100 vendors,” said Abigail Turnbull, membership and events coordinator. “This includes our exhibiting sponsors, artists, crafters and activity tents.”

The festival will showcase art in a variety of mediums, Turnbull noted.

“This year will have artists who paint, draw, commission custom pieces, create pottery, are master carpenters and more,” she said. “This year there is an increase in artists that make jewelry using unique upcycled materials and we are excited to



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Last year’s well-populated Grosse Pointe Art Festival. The chamber presents this year’s event Aug. 2.

have some interactive vendors, too, allowing guests to make their own charm bracelets and floral bouquets, to name a few.”

In addition to the array of artwork, visitors will be able to dine at restaurants on The Hill during their regular service hours. Other options will be available as well.

“Schultz Concessions will be returning with crowd favorites like popcorn and fresh lemon-

ade; the Spice and Tea Exchange of Grosse Pointe will be offering fresh teas to cool off in an afternoon pop-up and we have some more surprise offerings brewing, too.

“New this year, The Hill is a social district,” she continued. “This allows visitors over 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages from Bronze Door, Dirty Dog, Flyleaf and Luxe in to-go-style cups to take out and

enjoy while walking around the Grosse Pointe Art Festival.”

The Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department will close Kercheval Avenue to traffic during the festival, which is free to attend. Free parking will be available in the surface lot behind The Hill, between McMillan and Muir, to allow ease of access.

“This event is a summer staple that’s fun for

the whole family,” Turnbull said. “The Grosse Pointe Art Festival is a showcase of local talent and allows guests to support their neighbors while enjoying the talent of local bands with entertainment all day long. We strive to have a variety of vendors and pieces of art that sell at a variety of prices to allow for there to truly be something for everyone. The local focus also brings an emphasis on

Grosse Pointe and Detroit-themed pieces, something unique to the Grosse Pointe Art Festival that you can’t find elsewhere.

“There’s always room for more beauty in life,” she added, “and supporting local artists is an easy way to spread smiles.”

A second chamber-sponsored August event is the third annual Nonprofit Mixer, which takes place 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The event brings community members together with non-profit leaders and local businesses for networking and sharing ideas.

“We are currently accepting nonprofit applications,” Chamber President Jenny Boettcher said. “Last year, 31 nonprofits participated. Those nonprofits reflect the broad range of needs and services available in our community and surrounding areas.”

The event is open to the public and free of charge.

“Everyone is welcome to attend this free event,

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Diaper drive

Right to Life of Michigan’s Macomb Educational Resource Center is hosting a diaper drive during the month of July. The organization is collecting diapers and baby wipes to help local crisis pregnancy centers and baby pantries. All size diapers are needed, especially sizes 4 to 6. Donations may be dropped off at 27417 Harper, St. Clair Shores. For information, call (586) 774-6050 or email MacombRLM@rtl.org.

GPA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32

AREA ACTIVITIES

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

- ◆ Art from the Gardens, featuring the artists and garden owners who participated in last month’s Grosse Pointe Garden Center Garden Tour, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 17.
- ◆ Colored-Pencil Basics with Saveria Giovinazzo, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, July 25, and Aug. 1, 8 and 15.
- ◆ Explorations in Abstraction with Valerie Allen, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday,

Sept. 20 and 21.

- ◆ Encaustic and Collage Workshop with Candace Law, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Ford House

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

- ◆ Storytime: “Maybe Something Beautiful,” 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in July.
- ◆ Gardens & Recreation Guided Tour, 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays in July.

- ◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Dancing Queen — An ABBA Salute, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 18. Ticket prices vary.
- ◆ Pilates, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Admission is \$10 for Friends of Ford House, \$12 for the public.
- ◆ Lake Fest, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$7 for ages 3 to 12.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, July 18, Henry

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Through its 501(c)3 foundation, the club supports many international projects, but also works hard to make a difference locally.

In 2024, the club raised scholarship money through its dedicated scholarship program, allowing it to give college scholarships to students in Grosse Pointe and surrounding areas.

The club also was able to offer support to Kids on the Go, Mason Elementary School playground, The Family Center, Ghana sewing machines, Distinctive College Prep: Harper Woods families, Guatemala Literacy Project, medicine safe disposal kiosk, One Voice girls’ choir and others.

There are many ways to sponsor the race — buying a mile marker, becoming a scholarship sponsor, donating food or water to the race or making a monetary donation. All sponsors will appear on special pages in the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Magazine, as well as on social media in

September.

The deadline for sponsors has been extended to Tuesday, July 29.

Checks may be made payable and mailed to Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Foundation, P.O.

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DIA’s Inside Out Art exhibition hits the Pointes

By Meg Kelly and Donna Zetterlund
Special Writers

Art is everywhere in the Pointes! For a limited time, there are 14 beautiful reproductions of famous works from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection scattered throughout the Grosse Pointes for all to enjoy through October. The DIA Inside Out Art experience, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, is a way to bring art to the people in areas where they live, work and play. The culturally enriching exhibition has become a favorite part of summer.

In tandem, The Grosse Pointe News is holding an Inside Out Art Scavenger Hunt, offering prizes for those who follow the GPN’s Instagram clues to hunt down the classic works at their various locations. Players locate each of the framed reproductions, snap a photo and then post to Instagram, tagging @grossepointenews. The scavenger hunt runs through July 27, 2025 — so follow Instagram @grossepointenews.com to play.

For those who want more — artist and art historian Donald Cronkhite, a Grosse Pointe Artists Association instructor, will also be offering two classes delving into two of the pieces in the Inside Out Art exhibition. The classes will be held at The War Memorial campus at 32 Lakeshore Dr. in Grosse Pointe Farms in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association studio.

“Behind the Brushstrokes” will delve into the stories and techniques of artists Henri Gervex and Vincent Van Gogh. Participants can make a copy of their works during Thursday workshops guided by Cronkhite. The Gervex workshop runs Sept. 4, 11 and 18, while the Van Gogh workshop runs Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 and 9. For details, fees and to register, visit grossepointeartcenter.org/classes.

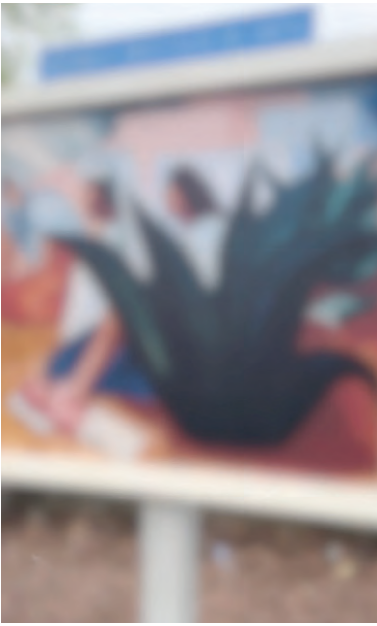
Be sure to get out and about this summer and soak up the art while you soak up the sun!

My canvas shows animals in a colorful dreamy landscape with a blue horse surrounded by trees and hills. My artist was from Germany and liked to paint nature in a unique way. Now I’m in a place where tots laugh near swings, slides and sand. I’m hung with care. Which painting am I? Where am I?



I show a quiet riverbank with trees bending near the shore, painted with bold, swirling strokes that appear to move. My artist is famous for seeing beauty in ordinary things even when his own world was far from peaceful. Now I hang near a place whirling with stories and educational books, across from where order and protection reside. Which piece of art am I? Where am I?

A small village with agave plants and dusty Mexican roads fill my frame. My artist believed in showing real life through sentimental moments and hard work. I’m hung where the smell of brewing beer and an old church align. Which painting am I? Where am I?



A woman and child sitting in the sunlight surrounded by flowers. My brushstrokes are soft and my artist loved to paint mothers during everyday child care. I’m hung outside a place that cares for smiles, across from a school filled with blue and gold pride. Which painting am I? Where am I?

I show people at a cafe in Paris, sipping drinks, lost in conversation. This artist captured such moments with grace and style. Now I hang near a grand building by the lake where people memorialize the past — and events bring the community together. Which piece of art am I? Where am I?



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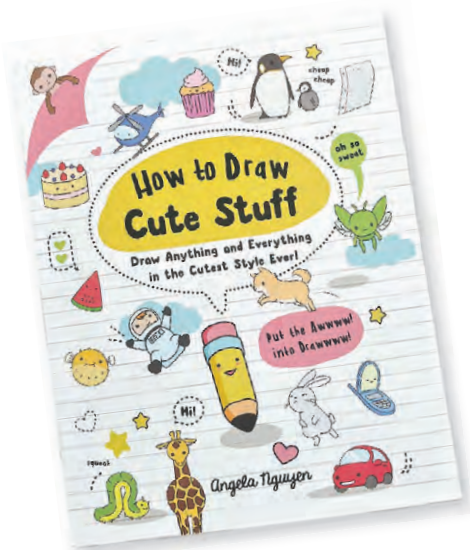
One of the many art reproductions, above, from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection featured in the Inside Out Art exhibition in the Grosse Pointes. Similar displays are taking place in cities across Michigan.

Grosse Pointe News Inside Out Art Scavenger Hunt

Email your answers to media@grossepointenews.com or follow us on Instagram and use our riddles to find the exact paintings shown for a prize! Be sure to post and tag @grossepointenews to enter to win.

GOOD LUCK!

Time to get inspired to create your own art!



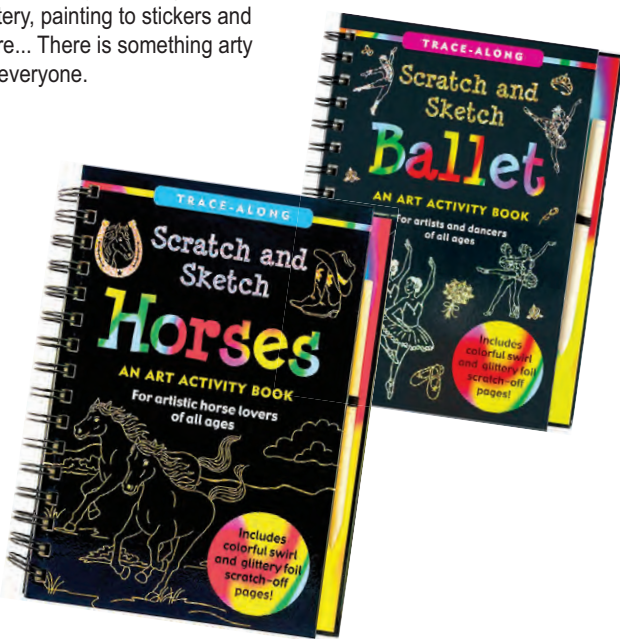
“How to Draw Cute Stuff,” above, helps kids learn how to draw the most adorable things possible. Step-by-step instructions allow kids or beginners to master the art of cuteness. A fun way to “put the Awww! into Drawww!”



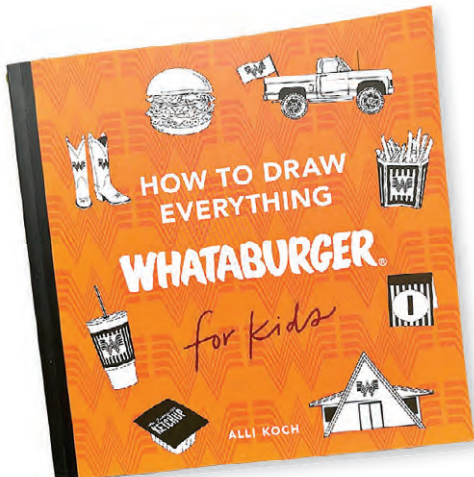
“Paint by Sticker for Kids,” above turns sticker sheets into stunning pet portraits! This mosaic-style activity book lets kids “paint” with stickers by matching numbered shapes to create 10 different pet pictures. It’s mess-free, screen-free fun that feels like magic.

Coreander’s Children’s Bookshoppe is a garden of artistic activities

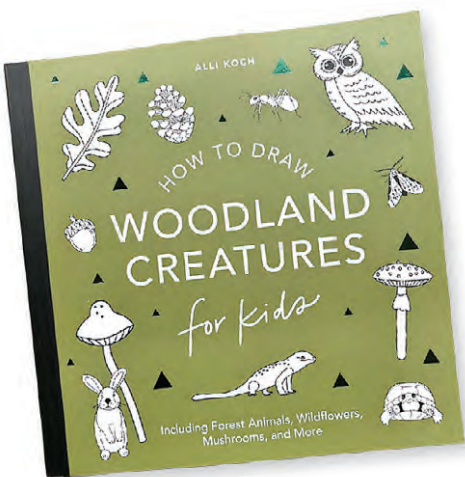
Spend some time in their aisles to see what strikes *your* creative fancy! Drawing to pottery, painting to stickers and more... There is something arty for everyone.



Scratch your creative itch! Ballet and horse themed “Scratch and Sketch” books, above, let kids trace drawings and scratch off the black coating, revealing dazzling rainbow and foil designs underneath. Artistic and enchanting!



“How to Draw Everything Whataburger for Kids,” above, celebrates the iconic Whataburger brand in a unique drawing book. Kids can learn to draw everything from burgers and fries to milkshakes and trucks. With its Texan flair and step-by-step format, it’s quirky, nostalgic, and deliciously fun!



“How to Draw Woodland Creatures for Kids,” above, helps kids explore the forest. In this nature-inspired drawing book, Alli Koch breaks down each illustration into easy steps. From owls and rabbits to mushrooms and wildflowers, kids will learn to draw. Great for young nature lovers as well as aspiring artists.



Dive into the world of the Amulet graphic novel series with this coloring book, above. Featuring beloved characters like Emily, Navin and their crew, fans can enjoy a creative way to interact with the story. Intricate linework and familiar scenes make this a must-have for Amulet fans.



This watercolor art kit, above, includes 100 vibrant colors, multiple blending options, and a complete set of brushes, perfect for both beginners and experienced artists. Whether you’re painting landscapes, abstract art, or experimenting with color mixing, this set provides endless opportunities for creativity and expression



Unleash your creativity with this all in one scrapbooking kit, above. It features a range of vintage themed papers, textured embellishments, and design elements in warm neutral tones, this kit is perfect for documenting memories, crafting thoughtful gifts, or creating aesthetic journal spreads. Ideal for beginners and seasoned crafters alike.



Bring your art to life with this fun glow in the dark rock painting kit, left. Featuring 10 smooth natural rocks, glow paints, brushes, and decals, this kit is perfect for kids and families looking for a creative activity that everyone will love. Great activity for parties, as gifts or for decorating your garden with a personal cosmic touch.



Mold and play with Crayola’s air dry clay, right. It’s a soft, easy-to-shape modeling material that doesn’t require baking or firing. This five pound tub of white clay is perfect for sculpting, crafting, and school projects too. It dries overnight and can be painted or decorated when dry.



Enjoy the world of pottery with this electric pottery wheel kit, above. Complete with sculpting tools, paints, brushes, air dry clay, and motorized wheel, it’s all you need to handcraft your own ceramic creations at home. A fun and relaxing hands-on activity for kids and adults to explore their artistic side in a tactile way.

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OBITUARIES

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Theodore Hall Fuger Jr.

Theodore “Ted” Hall Fuger Jr., 94 of Grand Rapids, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Ted was born July 3, 1930, in Detroit, to Theodore Hall Fuger Sr. and Virginia (nee Doyle) Fuger. He was raised in Grosse Pointe Farms with his brother, Brenton “Beau” Fuger. He attended Yale University as part of the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) program and was the coxswain on the rowing team. He graduated in 1953. He also climbed Mont Blanc during a summer break, an accomplishment of which he was proud the rest of his life. Ted served four years in the U.S. Navy and flew as a member of Seaplane crew VP-48.

Ted married his first wife, Mary Meade Phelan, in 1954. He obtained an MBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and settled in East Grand Rapids in 1964. Ted had a long, successful career in financial services as a securities analyst and investment advisor, most recently with Robert W. Baird & Co., and Calder Investment Advisors.

Ted married Lois Knap in 1989, and lived in Spring Lake for many years. They enjoyed traveling, including trips to Florida, a cruise to Alaska and an excursion down the Snake River. He had a lifelong love of boats, including days on Spring Lake and Lake Michigan, and building ship models. Ted also loved dogs, including his and Lois’ most recent one, Mini. Ted was a member of the University Club, Yale Club of Western Michigan and CFA Society West Michigan. He also was very active in charitable causes through St. Mary’s Catholic Church of Spring Lake.

Ted was predeceased by his wife, Lois, in 2021.

He is survived by his children, Marie Fuger of Grand Rapids, Theodore Fuger (Laura) of Elmhurst, Ill., James Fuger (Kay) of Pennington, N.J., and John Fuger (Kathy) of Grand Rapids; seven grandchildren; sister-in-law, Barbara Fuger of Dover, Ohio; and many Fuger cousins. He also is survived by Lois’ children, Lori Smith (Kevin), Kurt Lee (Mary) and Mark Lee (Bekky) and their families.

A celebration of life will be held later this summer. Memorial donations may be made to the UMRS Porter Hills Foundation, foundation.mybrio.org/donate-online.

Christopher Lee Terry

Christopher Lee Terry, 77, a resident of St. Clair Shores, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025. While Chris waged a long battle with cancer, he lived a full and active life up until a few months before his death.

Chris was born Feb. 13, 1947, the oldest of six children to Barbara and Sydney Terry, both now deceased. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, where he pledged to Delta Tau Delta fraternity and began his lifelong devotion to everything maize and blue.

After receiving a law degree from Wayne State University Law School in 1972, Chris became a highly respected litigation attorney in Detroit, where he practiced for more than 40 years. As an attorney, he was known for both his thoughtful and passionate advocacy and his integrity.

At home, Chris was devoted to his three children, whom he always led with love, patience and good humor, no mat-

ter how difficult the circumstances. He also was a beloved grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Chris picked people up when they were down, lent an ear when someone needed to talk, gave people his shoulder to cry on, shared words of comfort and wisdom or told silly jokes that made people laugh until they cried. His family says, “He was the best of us.”

Chris also was an adoring husband to the love of his life, Mary. They traveled extensively, were active members of the Detroit Athletic Club and regularly entertained friends and family for dinners, game days and all sorts of gatherings. Chris and Mary shared many special family celebrations, including graduations, birthdays, weddings and the births of three beautiful granddaughters. Their most cherished moments, however, were the quiet evenings and early sunrises they shared only with each other.

Chris leaves behind his beloved Mary; son, Chris “C.T.” Terry (Nina); daughter, Sheila Eddy (Jordan); their mother, Laura Fisher Terry Bogdan; granddaughters, Catherine, Aria and Caroline; brothers, Mark (Kathi) and Lee (Kathy); sisters, Sheila Tomkinson, Kathleen Terry and Martha Dempsey (Joe); as well as a host of cousins, nephews and nieces and their respective spouses and children. Chris was predeceased by his parents; beloved son, Patrick Terry; Mary’s parents, Albert and Rose David; and brother-in-law, Dr. James David.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 18, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. The family will begin receiving guests at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Racquet Up Detroit, 6530 Outer Drive West, Detroit, MI 48235, racquetup.rallybound.org/support-fy25/Donate.



Theodore Hall Fuger Jr.



Christopher Lee Terry



Nancy Ann Beckett

org/support-fy25/Donate. Racquet Up Detroit is a nonprofit organization that shares one of Chris’ passions — the game of squash — with children in Detroit.

Nancy Ann Beckett

Nancy Ann (nee Hitt) Beckett, 88, a former resident of Grosse Pointe, passed away Monday, June 23, 2025, in Vero Beach, Fla.

Nancy was born Jan. 14, 1937, in Detroit, to Charles and Marion Hitt, both now deceased. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School (now Grosse Pointe South). She earned some college credits before working a variety of jobs. She retired as an English teacher to immigrants in England, where she lived for many years.

As a child, Nancy enjoyed riding horses and vacationing in Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada, with her family. Nancy also loved cats and the theater and was an Off-Broadway actress in Philadelphia and New York City. She enjoyed watching television shows and films and traveled Europe extensively with her beloved husband, Denis, who was a general in the British Army. The couple met in Spain in 1971, and were married in 1978.

Nancy was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Gen. Denis Arthur Beckett; and her sister, Virginia Lee Williams. She is survived by her niece, Lee Williams (Rick Henkle); nephews, Paul Williams (Vanessa) and Bradford Williams; and Paul and Vanessa’s children, Colin and Grace.

Memorial donations may be made to Nancy’s favorite charity, Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort, Ste. 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256, bit.ly/4IRGJxY.

Nancy’s ashes will be scattered with those of her husband and beloved cat at a later date in Florida.

Dale Lee Steiger

Dale Lee Steiger, 84, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Dale was born Jan. 26, 1941, in Turtle Creek, Pa., to George and Dorothy Steiger, both now deceased. He is survived by his children, Martin Steiger (Sherilyn) and Andrew Steiger (Jane); companion, Claudia Vanderbeke; and former wife, Sue Steiger. Dale was the proud grandfather of Alex, Anna, Drew, Charlie and Benjamin Steiger.

Dale received a degree in engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 1962. His early career began at firms in Ohio and Massachusetts before he moved to Grosse Pointe in 1974, to work at the Greater Detroit Area Health Council. He worked at Bon Secours Hospital for eight years as the director of planning and new business development. During his time at Bon Secours, he played a key role in the development and construction of the Bon Secours Nursing Care Center and was instrumental in securing the hospital’s first CT scanner. Dale then moved on to St. John Health System, where he spent seven years as director of corporate strategic planning. Dale retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, where he was a liaison between BCBSM and the state of Michigan.

Dale played on the Johns Hopkins football team in college. He was a big sports fan and, while he rooted for the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings, he always remained loyal



Dale Lee Steiger

to his hometown Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates and Penguins. Dale also was a huge fan of Penn State football and always found time to watch their games on Saturdays in the fall. He instilled a love of playing sports in his sons from a young age and particularly enjoyed coaching their Grosse Pointe Park Little League teams — Purdue and the Yankees — when they were young.

Dale was an avid sailor and longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. He participated in the Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat race 17 times and loved spending his summers on the lake on his boat, Liebestraum. Dale also enjoyed golfing and skiing from his second home near Schuss Mountain in Bellaire. He was a huge animal lover, from his first dog, Muff, to his last dog, Max, and all his pets in between.

Dale was an avid reader, particularly of history, and enjoyed researching his own family history. He was the grandson of German immigrants and took great pride in his German heritage.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. Visitation will occur at 10 a.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park.

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which serves as an ideal setting for those interested in finding volunteer opportunities and discovering the impactful initiatives of local

nonprofits,” Boettcher said.

She added that there are several key benefits — for the organizations, community and potential partners or volunteers — to bringing an array of nonprofits together under one roof.

“It encourages cross-sector collaboration, increases visibility for all organizations, inspires broader community engagement, builds a stronger nonprofit ecosystem and demonstrates collective impact,” Boettcher said.

Nonprofits interested in participating in the Nonprofit Mixer may

register by visiting the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce website,

grossepointechamber.com, or calling (313) 881-4722.



Last year’s Nonprofit Mixer at Ford House drew numerous guests who learned more about the area’s nonprofits, as well as volunteer opportunities.



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‘Laughter Alley’ offers humor, insights

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Bill Harvey describes “Laughter Alley” as a “storybook for grownups” that is “a collection of essays that combine narrative with graphics.”

The St. Clair Shores resident used his comic book background to embed graphics and other visuals with essays that approach various topics in a conversational manner.

“It’s mainly about the human condition, which gives you a lot of things to talk about,” he said. “I glommed onto this format in early 2021.”

Though retired from a career in computer science, Harvey’s passion has long been creating print entertainment.

“It’s a competitive industry, but it’s what I always wanted to do,” he said. “So I did computer work at IBM and other big companies as my day job, then I’d get off work, come home and go to the art board.”

Harvey started creating comics when he was 6. His print entertainment history includes an action-adventure comic book series he created titled, “DangerWorld.” He changed course in 2008, creating the single-panel newspaper-type comic strip, “THE ODDS,” which ran through 2020.

The onset of COVID-19 changed everything, including sending Harvey into retirement from his day job. He noted the civil unrest brought about by the pandemic, the death of George Floyd, nationwide protests and other factors as what drove him to create “Laughter Alley.”

“I wanted to try a single-panel strip at the time to ease the stress,” he said. “Stress and laughter cannot coexist. These were extraordinary circumstances and I wanted to do more.

“... I went from the storyboard to the keyboard,” he added, “as a way to reach my fellow Americans, to say let’s remember humor can get us through hard times.”



Bill Harvey

Harvey leans on his childhood influences — Walt Disney, Marx Toy Co., and Jack “King” Kirby — while pursuing his passion. He spent four years piecing together “Laughter Alley.” He created more than 100 pages, which were sent to family members to lighten the mood during the pandemic. Turning the strip into a storybook featuring 16 of his favorites was a natural next step.

“I always had a feeling of putting together a book,” he said. “The whole reward is sharing the work. I’m trying to get readers; it’s not about the money.

“... I feel like I’ve been on a mission since 2021, when all the stuff was going on,” he added. “I felt just like Johnny Appleseed walking across the land, spreading punchlines instead of seedlings. There’s really nothing else I’d rather do. It gives me a sense of meaning, purpose, fun.”

“Laughter Alley” was published last month.

“It’s for thinking people who want an easy read, but some concepts can be challenging,” he said. “Then I switch to a joke. ... I pick topics as they come to me, from the human condition to the emotional range of dogs to lighten it up. Even if it’s a lighter subject, I try to give my readers deeper insight.

“Some write themselves; some I have to dig for,” he added. ““Angel Chorus,” for example, is more spiritual than religious. ... I did an essay on writer’s block when I couldn’t think of anything to write about. And when I’m taking on a topic that’s obscure, I tend to lean on alliteration. It’s pleasant to the ear, makes for an easy read.”

“Laughter Alley Vol. 2” is in the works. Harvey hopes to have it published early next year.

“I’m not done yet,” he said. “There’s more to say.”

“Laughter Alley” is available online at Barnes & Noble, Amazon and thriftbooks.com, as well as in person at Paperback Writer Books in Mount Clemens.



Quester Dona Reynolds, left, and Fox Creek Questers President Lynn Detwiler.

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Fox Creek Questers celebrate 60 years

On June 12, Fox Creek Questers #216 celebrated its Diamond Fete, marking 60 years of historic preservation and restoration within the community. The event took place at the Grosse Pointe Club and was sponsored by Frederic and Lynn Detwiler.

Members from four Quester chapters and their guests were greeted with piano music by Kelly Smith and a silent auction viewing. Lynn Detwiler, president of the Fox Creek Questers, welcomed guests. Member Shirley Hartert said grace before a French-themed luncheon was served. Guests then were treated to a presentation by Judith Coebly, state president of Michigan Questers, titled, “A Ride Through Art Deco.”

The Little Club supplied floral centerpieces and each guest received a handmade drawstring

bag sewn by Bosha Stone. The event committee included Lynn Detwiler, Kay Burt-Willson, Bonnie Medura, Shirley Hartert and Leslie Wagner.

Money raised from the silent auction contributed to the group’s historic preservation and

restoration fund.

Two grants, vintage store proceeds and individual donations allowed Fox Creek to raise more than \$20,000 for the Grosse Pointe Historical Society’s preservation and restoration projects at the 1823 Provencal-Weir House.



Fox Creek Questers Treasurer Bonnie Medura.

EVENTS:

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Ford St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 18, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 28, St. Mark Lutheran Church, 26830 West Park, Roseville. Register at redcross blood.org.

POST Detroit

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

◆ Pressed Flower Workshop: Framed Floral Art, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 19. Cost is \$85.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Glazing Trinket Trays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19. Cost is \$65.

◆ Mason Jar Basket Weaving Workshop, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 19. Cost is \$110.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Glazing Puff Pipes, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19. Cost is \$75.

◆ Hapa Zome Workshop: Eco Printing on Fabric, 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 20. Cost is \$65.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To

register for the following, visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Create with Procreate Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, July 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ GPPL @ Pier Park, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 21, at 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Wicked Singalong, 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Mystery Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 22, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Author Visit with Gary Abud: “What Color will it Be?” 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Tiny Art Workshop, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Drawing with Mari, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Takeover Night, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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:

◆ Drums Alive for Seniors, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays in July. Cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for guests.

◆ Zumba Gold, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, to Sept. 25, with instructor Sheila Gerard. Cost is \$7 per class for members, \$10 per class for guests.

◆ Field trip to Selfridge Air National Guard Base with lunch, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Cost is \$35 for members, \$40 for guests.

◆ Lunch & Learn, noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 23. Grosse Pointe Theatre’s Act II senior acting troupe will entertain. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for guests.

◆ The movie “Nonnas” will be shown at noon Friday, July 25. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for guests, and includes snacks.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Veloris Alexander, founder of RedeemHer, speaks. Email grossepointe.rotary@gmail.com.

The War Memorial

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

◆ Vet-to-Vet, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 24.

◆ Awaken Your Senses: An Evening of Yin Yoga, Massage & Sound Bath, 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 27.

◆ SummerFest Concert: Devin Scillian & Arizona Son, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30.

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra: Outdoor Summer Concert, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and veterans, \$5 for college students and free for K-12 students.

◆ Silent Book Club, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12.

◆ SummerFest Concert: Persuasion Band, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13.

◆ Shakespeare on the Rocks: “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14. General admission is \$15; VIP tickets are \$45.

Community Chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its second annual Notes & Nibbles event 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Registration is open for singers old and new. All will be treated to food and drink while singing new music. Register before July 15 online at grossepointecommunitychorus.org.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will screen for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions during a community event Thursday, Aug. 21, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Package pricing begins at \$159, but consultants are available to create customize packages for individuals. Call

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 fullotusyoga.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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Do dogs dream? We can bet they do!

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Have you ever noticed your sleeping animal twitching, making noises or moving their legs as if they are running? Just like their human friends, dogs dream too.

It can be disconcerting to new dog owners when they discover their pooches whimpering, shaking or seemingly crying in their sleep. Although there may be some rare instances when this behavior is linked to distress or pain, by and large it is a natural response in many animals when they doze off.

There is no exact way to measure what is going on in a pup's mind, say experts like Dr. Bonnie V.G. Beaver, DVM, author of Canine Behavior Insights. Yet the main reason that dogs produce noises in their sleep is that they are probably dreaming during the REM phases in their sleep cycles.

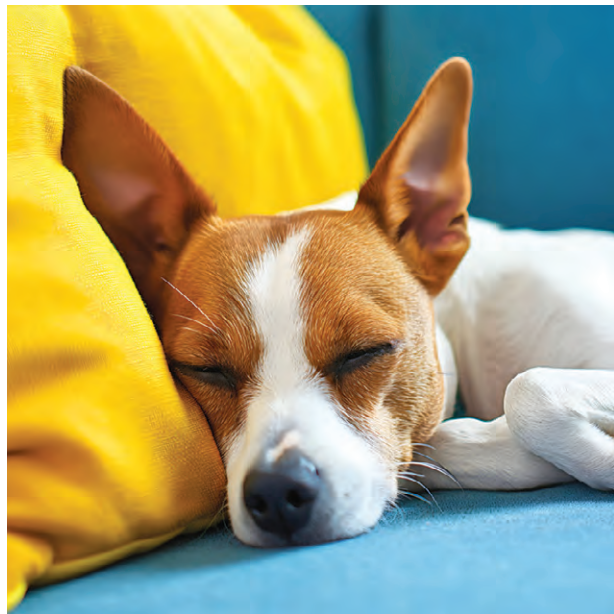
Dogs — just like people — have the potential for vivid dreams while sleeping, as evidenced by looking at dogs'

brain waves during the REM stage. During these phases, dogs may show movement like wagging their tails, twitching their paws, fluttering their jowels, or making noises like whimpers. In some cases, dogs also may bark while sleeping, says PetMD.

Pet owners should rest assured that very likely these vocalizations and movements are completely normal. It's likely all a part of the mental activity of slumber. However, if they are new behaviors or distressing ones, it could be worth a discussion with a veterinarian.

New pet owners can assume that a dog who makes noise while day napping may also do so during the night, and should not be overly concerned if they are awakened by unusual pet noises. The general consensus is to simply let the pooch be as he or she mentally travels through those REM stages. In other words, let them sleep it off.

And hope they are happily dreaming of belly rubs and fields of doggy treats with peanut butter rivers.



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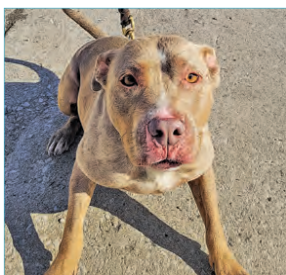
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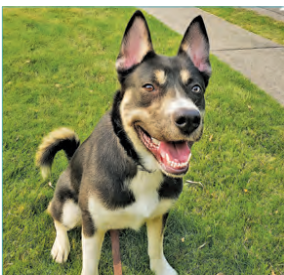
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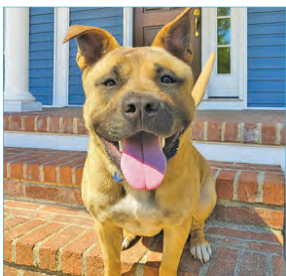
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Student’s chill business plan a cool deal

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Sonny Fillmore is obsessed with ice cream. The Grosse Pointe Park resident enjoys making it and, of course, eating it, but as of last summer, he has fun selling it, too.

“I started last year,” said Fillmore, 17, and a rising junior at Grosse Pointe South High School. “My dad and I talked about me getting a job and he said he was thinking of getting me an ice cream cart.”

Visitors to last month’s Kercheval After 6 event may have spotted him with his Sonny’s Ice Cream cart pedaling a variety of satisfying pre-packaged treats — Chips Galore sandwiches, SpongeBob popsicles, Bomb Pops, Two-Ball Screwballs, chocolate eclairs, strawberry short-cakes, old-fashioned chocolate cones and Big Dipper Chocolate Lovers cones — supplied by



Sonny Fillmore brought his business, Sonny’s Ice Cream, to the June Kercheval After 6.

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Koolies Ice Cream Distributors in Romulus. “Business has been excellent,” he said. “At the last event, we sold out of everything.” He’s easy to spot. Fillmore dishes out the treats, which cost \$4 or \$5 each, while dressed in an old-fashioned all-white uniform and standing beneath a yellow and white umbrella.

Apart from learning ways to keep his crisp uniform clean, he’s also learning the ins and outs of running a business, like investments and having proper change in the cash box.

“He’s learning about expenses, fees for the events, losses — which are melted ice cream — and taking expenses from profit, so net and gross,” said his father, Paul.

Added his mother, Janay, “He’s also learning about zeroing out the cash box. We make him put \$300 aside for the next event to replenish inventory. Then, half of his earnings go to the bank and half he gets to keep.”

Next, she added, they’ll set up an IRA for him. His savings should come in handy as Fillmore, a special needs student, dreams of one day opening his own business — an ice cream parlor with a twist.

“In a few years I want to open my own store, kind of like a Chuck E. Cheese with animatronics,” he said. “Like it was back in the day, when it was cool, before it went downhill. They had animatronics and a ball pit.”

In the meantime, his father added, “We’re dis-

cussing an ice cream truck as the next level up.”

Fillmore, who also enjoys swimming, tennis, basketball and choir, recently sweetened up a picnic at The War Memorial and later this month will return to the next Kercheval After 6.

“I’m looking at doing other events in between,” he said. “I can do private parties, too.”

To learn more about Sonny’s Ice Cream or book him for an event, call (313) 310-8300 or find him on Instagram @Sonny’s_Ice_Cream or Facebook at Sonny’s Ice Cream.



Sonny is all business as a family of customers visits his ice cream cart, while Sonny’s dad, Paul, supervises with a smile.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Tonya Rice, MA, LPC, NCC, ACS

Men’s mental health: Breaking the stigma

Men have unique mental health challenges and despite progress in mental health awareness, men still are significantly less likely to seek help for mental health struggles due to societal expectations, stigma and cultural norms that equate vulnerability with weakness.

Understanding the challenges

Men often are expected to be strong, self-sufficient and emotionally resilient, which can discourage them from expressing emotions or seeking professional help. Studies show that men are at a higher risk for depression, substance abuse and suicide, yet they are less likely to talk about their struggles or reach out for support.

Recognizing the signs

- Men’s mental health symptoms may present differently than in women. Some common signs include:
- ◆ Increased irritability or anger
 - ◆ Withdrawal from family and friends
 - ◆ Engaging in risky or self-destructive behaviors
 - ◆ Changes in sleep or appetite
 - ◆ Persistent feelings of sadness, stress or anxiety
 - ◆ Difficulty concentrating or loss of motivation

Breaking the silence

One of the most effective ways to combat mental health stigma is by normalizing conversations about emotions and mental well-being. Here are a few ways to help:

- ◆ Encourage open discussions: Create safe spaces where men feel comfortable discussing their struggles without fear of judgment.
- ◆ Promote professional support: Seeking therapy or counseling should



- be seen as a strength, not a weakness.
- ◆ Check in regularly: Reach out to male friends, family members or colleagues and ask how they’re really doing.
 - ◆ Engage in healthy coping mechanisms: Encourage exercise, hobbies and mindfulness practices that promote mental wellness.

Resources and support

- If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Consider these resources:
- ◆ National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Dial 988 for 24/7 support
 - ◆ Men’s Health Network: menshealthnetwork.org
 - ◆ Therapy resources: psychologytoday.com or allthingspossiblewc.com

Remember: You are not alone

Seeking help is a sign of strength and no one should suffer in silence. If you or someone you know is struggling, help is available. Reach out to a mental health professional, a support group or a trusted friend. Together, we can break the stigma and build a healthier, more compassionate world.

The therapists at All Things Possible Wellness Center can provide additional strategies and guidance to help you cope. For more information, visit allthingspossiblewc.com/

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Extending a helping hand
to friend with new baby

Dear Gabby: One of my close friends is having a baby this summer. I want to be there for her, but I also don't want to be overbearing. What's the best way to support her in those early postpartum weeks? — Wondering in the Woods

Dear Wondering: It's wonderful that you're thinking ahead because new moms need support, even if they don't always know how to ask for it.

One of the kindest things you can do is offer short, intentional visits, just an hour to drop in, fold some laundry, hold the baby while she showers or simply sit and chat. Those brief check-ins can be a lifeline when everything feels overwhelming. Freezer meals or DoorDash gift cards are always appreciated, especially during those foggy, sleep-deprived first weeks.

Let her know you're available for errands, a load of dishes or to be a sounding board if she needs to vent. The key is to offer help without pressure and to follow her lead on what she's comfortable with day by day.

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Love has no expiration date

DEAR ANNIE: I'm 65 years old, and after years of focusing on everything and everyone else, I finally feel ready to date again. The only problem is — I'm not sure how to go about it, or if it's even realistic at my age. I'll be honest: I have not been the best judge of character in the past. That makes me extra cautious now, especially when it comes to online dating. Every time I fill out one of those profiles, it feels less like I'm opening myself up to love and more like I'm filling out a job application. Between the high expectations, the endless question-

naires and the pressure to present myself just right, I end up logging off and wondering if any of this is worth it. I do try to meet people in real life. I go to church. I serve on the board of a local organization. I put myself out there. But so far, Romeo hasn't shown up, and honestly, I'm starting to lose steam. I know the dating world is full of "sharks" and scammers, but I also believe in the possibility of love. I just don't know where to look or how to keep my heart open without getting hurt — or feeling foolish. Is it too late to find

someone special? Or am I simply looking in the wrong places? — Tired of Swimming Alone

DEAR TIRED OF SWIMMING ALONE: First, please hear this loud and clear: It is absolutely not too late to find someone special. Love does not have an expiration date, and your desire for companionship is as natural and valid at 65 as it is at 25. That said, you are not wrong. Modern dating can feel like a strange new world, especially online. Filling out those endless prompts and uploading your best

photos can feel more like applying for a job than opening your heart. And yes, there are some sharks in the ocean. But not everyone out there is swimming with bad intentions. The good news is that your instincts have already matured. The fact that you are more cautious now means you have learned from the past, and that will serve you well. Take your time, trust your gut and do not rush into anything that does not feel right. You are also doing something very important: living a full life. You go to church. You



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

serve your community. You show up. That is not nothing; it is everything. The more you stay connected to people and activities that bring you joy, the more you increase your chances of meeting someone who shares your values. Do not be discouraged if Mr. Right has not appeared yet. Keep your heart open, your expectations

realistic and your sense of humor intact. Love sometimes shows up when we are busy doing other things and when we least expect it. You have not missed the boat. You are just waiting for the right passenger.

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

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Ever-changing menu keeps guests coming back

Miss me? Summers are busy and it's been a hot one. I'm well aware people like to enjoy their cottages, club memberships, boating and all of our amazing local public pools, but there's a new patio in town to enjoy, too. We'll get to that in a few. What happens when four guys with business and restaurant backgrounds put their brains together? They produce what is one of the most popular restaurants and bars in the Grosse Pointe area.

BJ Czerny, Nick Arrigo, Brandon Belknap and Jeff Maccagnone did a full renovation, combining three storefronts into one space. The result was The Charlevoix, an industrial-style bar and restaurant that serves up eclectic and elevated offerings of bar fare, as well as a variety of scratch cocktails, brews and bourbon. Previously, these locations housed independently owned businesses. The foursome named their new business at 14927 Charlevoix after its namesake street and opened The Charlevoix in November 2018.

The menu is definitely "eclectic," as Czerny described it. An ever-changing menu keeps guests coming back to try new things each visit. Some of the mainstays and fan favorites are the wings and po' boy sandwiches. With seven different styles to choose from, like Thai and Japanese styles for those who live on the wing edge, to the classics like salt and vinegar, a dry rub and traditional buffalo sauce, their wings have a following, so don't pass

them up. Po' boy sandwiches are not a common menu item in these parts. When you see them, there's normally only one. Not at The Charlevoix. All New Orleans-style po' boys are built on actual New Orleans-baked french rolls. Choices include shrimp, perch, New York chopped cheese or my personal favorite, the Italian beef po' boy: "shaved ribeye, that good jus, provolone & hot giardiniera." There also are seasonal styles always on rotation. Czerny said their one-of-a-kind featured items and snacks, like carrot tostadas and spam-fried rice, are among the favorites as well. The fried smashed potatoes are my personal go-to, along with the crab cake. Now I'm starving. A variety of salads and specialty tacos also can be found on the menu. Monday nights are burger nights — the only night of the week you get to indulge



COURTESY PHOTOS
The Charlevoix and The Wayburn.

in a gigantic Charlevoix burger. Flipping starts at 4 p.m. You don't want to miss out. Check social media pages to see what they're serving up, as weekly specials certainly will have your attention. Brunch? Yes, please. "We offer a rotating hybrid brunch menu on Sundays, featuring fan favorite Nashville hot chicken with Michigan cheddar and scallion waffle with jalapeño infused maple syrup," Czerny said. Wow! Sundays are definitely fun days here. Bourbon drinkers, if you didn't already know, you're

about to. The Charlevoix has quite the love for good bourbon, as Czerny shared their journey with having their very own barrel. "As we have built a strong relationship with Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, Ky., through our seven years of business, we were invited to visit in the fall of 2024 to do our own Charlevoix-branded barrel pick," he said. "The result was a hand-selected single-barrel bourbon with excellent depth and flavor that can be experienced exclusively at The Charlevoix." What an experience that was for the "Charleboyz." Their cocktail list is as eclectic as their menu. "We make scratch-made craft cocktails that aren't overly complicated," Czerny said. "Well balanced, our original cocktails feature fresh ingredients with house-made syrups and shrubs." Their house cocktail list also has some pretty catchy drink names. My



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

Charlevoix drink of choice is "Oh, You Again?" This refreshing cocktail features vodka, Dolin Blanc, cucumber, basil simple syrup, lime and aloe. Yes, aloe. While that is my favorite, Czerny said the "Hot Hot Heat," featuring jalapeño-infused tequila, blood orange liqueur, cilantro simple, lime, hot sauce and Tajin might be the most popular cocktail on the planet. Calling all spicy margarita fans, this drink is for you.



The Charlevoix craft cocktails, including "Oh, You again."

They also offer eight different tapped beers, more than 30 canned options and a full wine list and an excellent variety of non-alcoholic drinks. They specialize in making any type of non-alcoholic drink upon request, too. There's literally something for everyone to sip on. Now back to that new neighborhood patio I mentioned earlier. In 2024, during one of my visits, Czerny told me something special

was coming — something big — and he wasn't lying. The foursome discussed the idea for quite some time before finally breaking ground on what previously was their parking lot. Slowly but surely, a 2,500-square-foot patio structure was built. The guys named their new sister space, jokingly called The Charlevoix's "drunken uncle," The Wayburn, after the corner cross street it sits upon. It's under the same ownership and functions like its own entity, yet still part of The Charlevoix. "The two spaces function



Favorites: Spam-fried rice, Maryland crab cake and fried smashed potatoes.

independently, with different entrances, menus and atmosphere, but the same amazing staff rotating between them," ownership explained. While food service currently is not an option, the patio was specifically built to accommodate a rotation of food trucks and outside chefs. Draft beers, draft cocktails, frozen cocktails



Monday is burger night.



Sunday brunch: Nashville hot chicken and waffle.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



The disposable plastic cups that keep my iced coffee (and sanity) intact

Don't come at me for using plastic cups. I know they're not winning any environmental awards, but I also know I'm doing my part in a dozen other ways to reduce waste. So if I occasionally need a throwaway cup to take my homemade iced coffee from point A to point B, I'm OK with that. And honestly, these disposable plastic cups have earned a



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Fast, fresh and filling

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This light and fast pasta makes for the perfect use of Michigan's ripe tomatoes that are flooding the farmers markets. The tomatoes are grated and the sauce is raw which allows for their fresh and vibrant flavor to steal the show. This recipe is easy because the grating takes away the need for peeling and chopping. And, the only thing you have to cook is the pasta. Fresh garlic, olive oil and basil are added along with salt, which draws out the tomato flavor. It smells like the most delicious bruschetta ever made once it all sits together on the counter for a bit of time. I added Calabrian chili paste that I buy at Trader Joe's. This gives the sauce a briny and spicy zip from the peppers and seasonings. When choosing the tomatoes, pick firm, ripe, red ones. Since the sauce is raw, use the best of everything. Choose the freshly picked tomatoes and the good quality

olive oil. You'll taste the difference. If you can't find Michigan tomatoes, Roma tomatoes work well too. Begin by grating the tomato at the bottom, finishing with the stem end. You'll see that the flesh is grated away leaving the skin and stem. As long as they are whole, the tomatoes won't fall apart on you. Raw garlic is finely grated and added as well. Use two cloves for a mild garlic flavor and three cloves if you want a kick. This recipe is on repeat at our house during the summer. We love the shape of the short pasta, campanelle, because it captures just the right amount of sauce. Serve good parmesan cheese for people to add if they want. I grilled up sausages alongside and everyone was beaming with summer delight. Don't miss out on this recipe. I promise it's worthy of using Michigan's finest tomatoes.

Cheers, Mombeau

Fresh Grated Tomato Pasta

3 cups grated tomatoes

1/3 cup good olive oil

2-3 cloves garlic

2 tsp Calabrian chili paste (optional)

1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

1.5 tsp salt

1 lb short pasta (Campanelle)

Grated parmesan for serving

Begin by grating each tomato on a box grater into a large bowl. The skin should peel away along with the stem end. Discard the skin. Next, use a microplane to grate in the garlic or finely chop. Add the garlic, chili paste, olive oil, salt and basil to the tomatoes and stir. Taste for seasoning. Set aside at room



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temperature for at least 30 minutes. Next, cook the pasta, in salted boiling water, according to package directions.

Strain out the water and add the pasta to the bowl with the tomatoes. Combine the pasta with the sauce. The pasta

should soak up most of the tomato juice. Serve with parmesan cheese and extra fresh basil for garnish.

FOOD

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and a large selection of canned beers, seltzers and bottle wine service are all being poured. Also on the docket is live entertainment and more, "from DJs and bands in the summer to an exciting fall of Tigers play-off baseball, U of M and MSU Saturdays and every Lions victory as we make a run to the Super Bowl." Well, save me a seat! The Wayburn's patio boasts six flatscreen TVs, a surround sound system, "with more to come in the fall as we add our fire pits and outdoor heaters," ownership said. Fire pits and heaters? Yep, The Wayburn is a three-season patio. "Think St Patrick's Day until Thanksgiving and any of those random 50-degree days in January," they added. The patio currently seats approximately 65 people

between table seating and bar seating; however, for live events the space can accommodate 150 to 200 people. While The Charlevoix is family friendly for all ages, The Wayburn is for ages 21 and older. Kitchen hours at The



Chopped cheese po' boy and salt and vinegar wings.

Charlevoix are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. "The bar is open until people leave, generally between 11 and midnight," Czerny added. If that doesn't scream

"neighborhood bar," I don't know what does.



The Wayburn Topo Chico and Passion Play.

The Wayburn hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday. Sunday hours vary until football season. "Then we'll be open noon to whenever," Czerny said. "As with any new entity, we are learning about The Wayburn in real time with our customers right by our side. We are excited to grow and expand our offerings as we do. Swing by, relax and experience the journey with us." Follow along for updates and happenings at both of these amazing locations on Facebook at The Charlevoix and The Wayburn or on Instagram @thecharlevoixgp and @thewayburngp. *Fun Fact: The Wayburn had its grand opening May 31, with live entertainment that brought in a capacity crowd. Shout out to Grosse Pointe's own Hashtag Insecure. You guys rock — literally! As the building and cups both read: "High fives for everyone. Be nice and do good." Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

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Easy, breezy ideas for entertaining outdoors

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

Summer in Grosse Pointe is in full swing, and that means gathering with friends, enjoying warm nights, and making the most of every sunny moment. Whether you're hosting a backyard bash, heading to the lake, or planning a porch picnic, we've rounded up some of our favorite locally sourced finds to make entertaining effortless and fun. From stylish hosting staples to sweet grab-and-go treats, this guide will help you savor every last bite and breeze of the season.

Bring summer's charm straight to the table with simple yet stunning setups that blend gourmet snacking with lakefront views. Nibbling al fresco doesn't have to be complicated. With a gorgeous

grazing board from Cheese to Please you'll have something for everyone's palate.

Cheese to Please grazing boards are packed with crowd-pleasing favorites like cured meats, fresh fruit, cheeses, chocolate, and crackers. Perfect for passing around on the boat or setting out on the patio, it's an easy win for effortless summer hosting that leaves a big impression.

Pair it with individual cheesecakes and mini cupcakes from The Cheesecake Shoppe, a go-to for grab-and-go desserts that are just as pretty as they are delicious. No one can resist a bite or two of pop-in-your-mouth sweets that are perfect for taming a sweet tooth.

Top it all off with fresh tulips in a vase, classic glassware, and crisp white linens for a breezy, elevated look that's picnic-perfect.



SNACK
BUDDY

There's no place like **Small Favors** to prep for entertaining this summer! Lake Life rattan snack tray, above, holds napkins and room for crackers and other treats.



GRAZING
TOOL KIT

Small Favors’ Mud Pie charcuterie utensil set, above, is ideal for spreading, scooping, cutting, spearing and swirling all your grazing favorites. From honey and jam to cheese blocks and creamy dips — this is the Swiss Army Knife of grazing tools!



LUSCIOUS
LIME

*Brighten up your summer snack spread with this hand painted lime dip bowl, left, from the **Spice and Tea Exchange**. It’s the real deal for serving creamy guacamole, spicy salsa, sweet fruit dips, or individual snacks. The zesty lime look adds a fresh summery flair to any picnic or patio table and pairs perfectly with other colorful dishes. Also available in multiple fruit styles to jazz up your table.*

MINTY FRESH

*This Marrakesh Mint Mojito kit, right, from **The Spice & Tea Exchange** makes summer hosting smooth. With refreshing green tea, mango sugar, and citrusy spice, it transforms any gathering into a tropical escape. Yes, please!*



FLOWER POWER

*Sip in style with this insulated seamless tumbler, left, from **Village Palm**. It keeps beverages cold for hours, perfect for your summer sangria, iced tea, or chilled rosé. It is lightweight and durable, a staple for picnics with friends, or any on-the-go entertaining. Floral perfection.*

Notre Dame Pharmacy always surprises with its unique selection — like this Yankee Candle in Ocean Hibiscus from their Outdoor Collection, right. It certainly sets the scene for a relaxing, aromatic, laid back evening. Infused with essential oils and citronella, this candle not only adds a touch of island inspired fragrance to the table but also helps keep the pesky bugs at bay. The wooden lid doubles as a decorative base.



ALL-IN-ONE ENTERTAINING!

*A stylish hosting staple, this essentials collection, above, comes complete with an acacia wood board and three specialty cheese knives, a cleaver, soft cheese spreader, plus a simple baked brie recipe. “Lake Break” napkins and cups complete the cool kit from **Social Hour**. This ready-to-go set offers lakeside happy hours or casual grazing tables practicality, presentation and ease. Great to have in your party hosting arsenal.*

STIR IT UP

*These playful acrylic drink stirrers, above, from **Social Hour**, are topped with miniature drinks and instantly dress up any mocktail or cocktail. They’re reusable, charming, and make any drink feel a bit more special. These are a must-have for summer get togethers or a backyard brunch with your girls. So cute and summery.*



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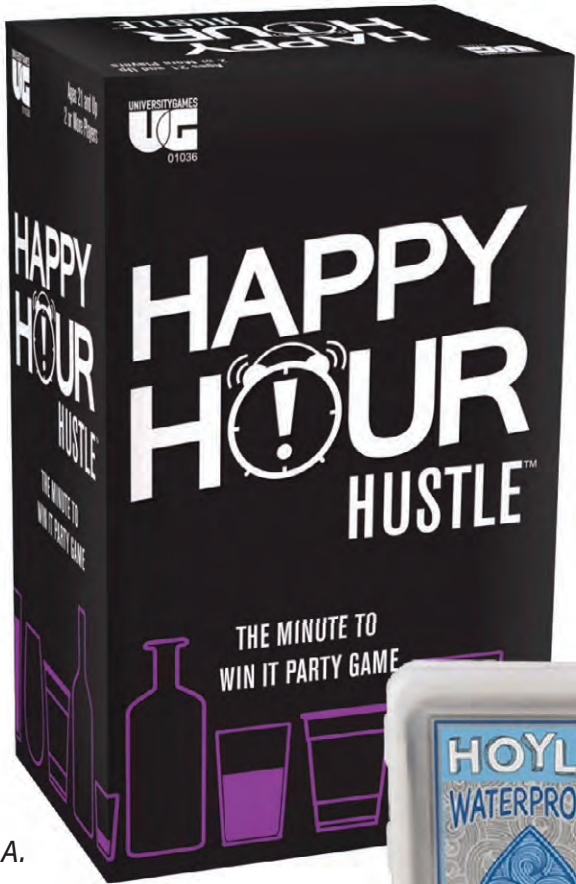
*Frosted reusable “Lake Water” cups, right, from **Social Hour** are cute, lightweight and durable. They’re ideal for everything from poolside spritzers to punch at a backyard barbecue. Guests will love the playful nod to rosé, and hosts will love the no fuss cleanup. Stock up for summer.*



BLOCK PARTY

*“A day at the lake restores the soul” wood block sign and adds a charming touch to your summer cottage, lake house, or as a picnic display. Adds whimsy to your decor and help guests feel welcome and relaxed. Doubles as a coaster for your beverages is a great conversation starter! From **Notre Dame Pharmacy**.*





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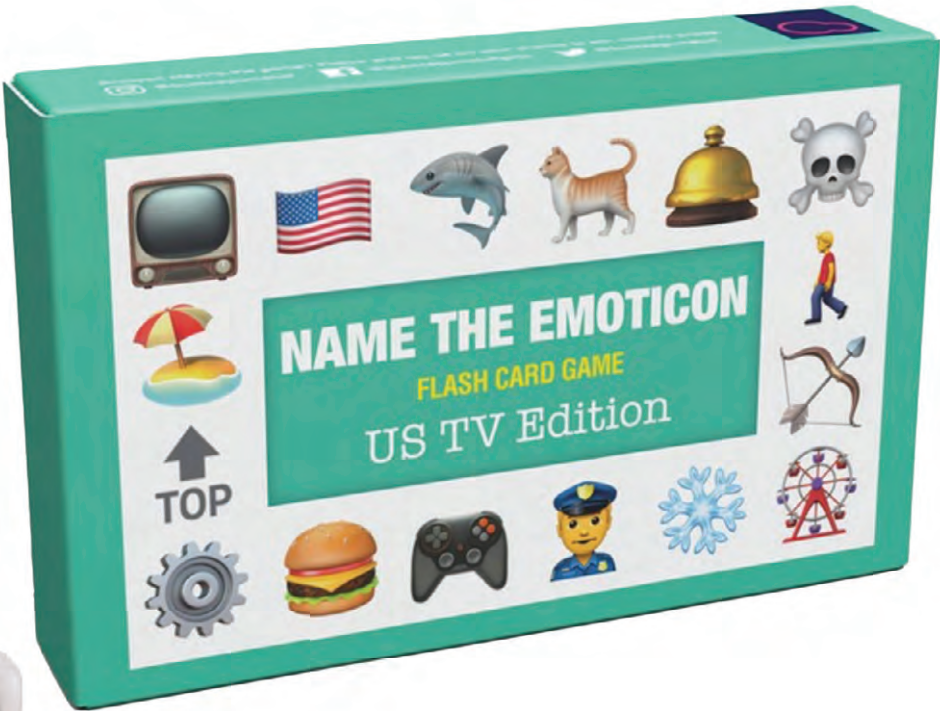
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FUN IN THE SUN

A. Happy Hour Hustle: The Minute to Win it Party Game brings high energy to your next summertime happy hour. With quick challenges and competitive vibes, it's the ultimate icebreaker for both new and seasoned friend groups. A must for summer parties, whether you're hosting indoors or taking it outside. From **Small Favors**.

B. Outdoor lovers will instantly fall in love with Hoyle waterproof playing cards. Clear and ultra-durable, they're perfect for the beach or camping, withstanding almost any wet or humid situation, like boat life or rainy days in a tent. From **Half Moon Outfitters**.

C. Turn any gathering into a game night with this emoji-inspired guessing game from **Small Favors**. Name That Emoticon is compact and creative and will guarantee laughs, whether you're at the cottage, by the bonfire, or hanging with your friends after dinner. It's great for all ages and sparks quick fun for your whole group.

D. Whatever floats your boat drink! This trio of drink floaties are just the ticket for pool and boating fun. Also work to keep beverages upright on beach sand or grass. Their colorful, fruity tropical theme adds joy to any sunny activity. From **Small Favors**.

E. This compact yet powerful Bote speaker from Half Moon Outfitters is the ultimate summer soundtrack essential. With a rugged waterproof design and the ability to float, it is made for poolside lounging, beach days, or boat outings. It delivers a crisp clear sound without worrying about water damage. A must have for hosts who want their playlists to travel wherever the party goes. From **Half Moon Outfitters**.

PREPPY AND PRACTICAL DRINK ART



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F. Hand-stitched leather can cooler with a cool coastal crab design by Smathers and Branson, keeps drinks stylishly chilled. Wherever you go it adds a preppy touch to your gathering and keeps your hands dry — but your beverage cold. From **Village Palm**.



G.

G. This cheeky needlepoint "Let's Dink" bottle opener from **Village Palm** is both playful and practical. Its wooden handle and metal opener give it a quality feel, making it a great addition to your outdoor bar set or a fun gift for your summer host. Perfect for pickleball lovers and backyard barbecue hosts alike!

PACK IT ALL IN!

H. This colorful, oversized tote from Scout is as fashionable as it is functional. Load it up with snacks, drinks, towels, kid stuff or make it a hostess gift. It is the ultimate carry all for beach days, backyard potlucks, or lake weekends. The wipe-clean material makes post party cleanup a breeze. Visit **Small Favors** to see all the styles and colors available.

TOTALLY TOTES

Scout totes are the summer carryalls for every active need. From lunch bags to beach bags, you're sure to find one to align with all your sunshine playtime events. **Small Favors** has an incredible selection of styles, patterns and colors to keep you packed and ready for wherever the warm weather takes you. Just brush off the sand and wipe 'em down to be ready for next time. Eloise Late Bloomer lunch tote, left and Ripe Stripe Weekender bag, below.

Bright, bold, and beach-ready, this coral and pink Lilly Pulitzer towel, left, from **Village Palm** is made for lounging in style. It's the perfect addition to your picnic or lawn chairs. Its oversized plush design brings both comfort and color to the poolside or for boat days. Wrap up in summer and dry off all season!

SAY CHEESE

The cute wooden "Lake Life" cheese board, below, is ready to go for home or picnic! With its own blue horizon and spreading knife, you'll be prepared for land or sea. Enjoy life and bring snacks. From **Small Favors**.

CAMPFIRE CUDDLES

Set the scene for a relaxing night under the stars or cozy up after sunset with this luxuriously soft Barefoot Dreams throw blanket, above left, from **Small Favors**. This is a go-to for porch hangs, fire pits, or gifting to your favorite hostess. It's truly the softest blanket you'll ever own, lightweight, yet warm and luxurious. Comes in several neutral colors.

ALL THE FIXIN'S...AND S'MORE!

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Ellis’ whopper caught in final week takes big prize

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

While there were clear winners of the Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic, it’s safe to say that everybody won in this friendly neighborhood competition designed around enjoying nature and good, wholesome fun. Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River certainly shone throughout the event, providing the wildlife along with relaxation and stunning backdrops for all taking part in this traditional pasttime. The photos show the sheer joy all ages experienced during a beloved summertime activity that has played out over generations.

The overall top fish of the week —as well as the entire competition —was caught in the final days of the contest, by 10-year old George Ellis II, of Grosse Pointe Park. George scored a 36” pike by boat to take the grand prize win — competing in Division C (boaters age 12 and under.) George also won the category for his 16” largemouth bass. He takes home \$200 cash

for his big overall win, plus \$100 for being the top weekly winner in his age group, \$50 top pike in his division. Not bad for a sunny day at the lake!

Division C had another winner in David Fikany, 12, owning the bass category with a 20” smallmouth.

Fishing shoreside, Division A’s (12 and under) top catches were Liam Tannian’s 24.75” pike and AC Stahl’s two fish — a 23.5” walleye and 20” largemouth bass. Each one receives \$50 per winning fish.

In the 13 and older groups, winners were led by onshore Division B’s Skip Moody with a 21” pike. He will take home \$50 for overall largest fish in his age division and another \$25 for longest pike. John Leverenz of Grosse Pointe Park won the bass category with a 14” smallmouth.

In Division D (boating adults) Ben Jacob, of Grosse Pointe Farms took top bass prize with a 19.5” largemouth caught on Lake St. Clair. Great job, everyone.

The lucky contestants to have their names picked in the random weekly prize drawing were:

- David Fikany- Lakeside Fishing gear
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 - John Leverenz - Fairway Packing Co.’s The Steak Shop gift card
 - Carter Zeldes- electronics gift
 - Ariana Stahl - Chocolate Bar Cafe gift card
 - Freddie Lucassian-- Wally’s Frozen Custard gift card
- A big round of applause for our sponsors: Underwriter Kyle Hecht of Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe and prize contributors Lakeside Fishing, Fishbones, Fairway Packing Co.’s The Steak Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, Wally’s Frozen Custard, Wilson Marine and Chocolate Bar Cafe plus our generous anonymous donor who has provided a great selection of electronics prizes.
- Thanks to all who participated and hope it added some extra outdoor fun to your spring/summer.
- Congratulations to all the winners — keep on fishing and we will see you next year!

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.
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DIVISION A ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	LIAM TANNIAN	24.75" PIKE	
2	AC STAHL	23.5" WALLEYE	
3	DAVID FIKANY	22" PIKE	
3	AC STAHL	22" PIKE	
4	AC STAHL	20" LM BASS	
5	FREDDIE LUCASSIAN	19.5" PIKE	
6	BEAU CARROLL	18" SM BASS	
6	ALEXANDER MORTON	18" SM BASS	
7	CARTER ZELDES	17.5" PIKE	
8	JAKEY ZELDES	16.5" PIKE	
9	ADRIANA STAHL	16" LM BASS	
10	DAVID FIKANY	15" LM BASS	
10	DAVID FIKANY	15" LM BASS	
10	ASHER ZELDES	15" LM BASS	
11	FREDDIE LUCASSIAN	13.5" SM BAS	
12	JAKEY ZELDES	11" LM BASS	

DIVISION B ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	SKIP MOODY	21" PIKE	
2	SKIP MOODY	18.9" PIKE	
3	JOHN LEVERENZ	14" SM BASS	

DIVISION C BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	GEORGE ELLIS II	36" PIKE	
2	DAVID FIKANY	20" SM BASS	
3	LIAM TANNIAN	17" LM BASS	
4	GEORGE ELLIS II	16" LM BASS	

DIVISION D BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

1	BEN JACOB	19.5"LM BASS	
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Congratulations winners and participants!

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Winners circle

We can't help but admire these incredible specimens — and the fishers who caught them!



Grosse Pointe Farms' Skip Moody's 21" pike, above, took top spot overall for the 13+ group and won the pike category for Division B. Moody caught a second 18.9" pike as well, showing that he has a magic touch for pike!



Liam Tannian, 12, bagged the hefty 24.5" pike, above, to win the species category for the 12 and under set. Liam is from Grosse Pointe Farms and caught the fish at nearby Farms Park.



The 23.5" walleye, above, was reeled in by AC Stahl, 11, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. AC is from Grosse Pointe Shores and also won the youth onshore bass category for a 20" largemouth bass.



John Leverenz nabbed the 14" largemouth bass, above, at the Crescent Sail Yacht Club and took the category for his division. Well done!



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Winner George Ellis II, above left, recieves his Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic grand prize from premier sponsor Kyle Hecht of Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe in Grosse Pointe Woods. Ellis, of Grosse Pointe Park, won top honors for catching a 36” pike, the overall largest fish of the competition. Many thanks to Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe for underwriting the Classic for the third straight year.



The 15” largemouth bass, above, is the catch of Asher Zeldes, 8, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Asher is from Grosse Pointe Farms.



Freddie Lucassian, 11, of Grosse Pointe, reeled in the 19.5” pike, above, at Neff Park. Great job!



Jakey Zeldes, 10, of Grosse Pointe Farms, caught the 16.5” smallmouth bass, above, at Farms Park.



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Carter Zeldes, 12, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, displays his amazing 17.5” pike caught at Farms Pier. With its beautiful markings, that is one spectacular fish!



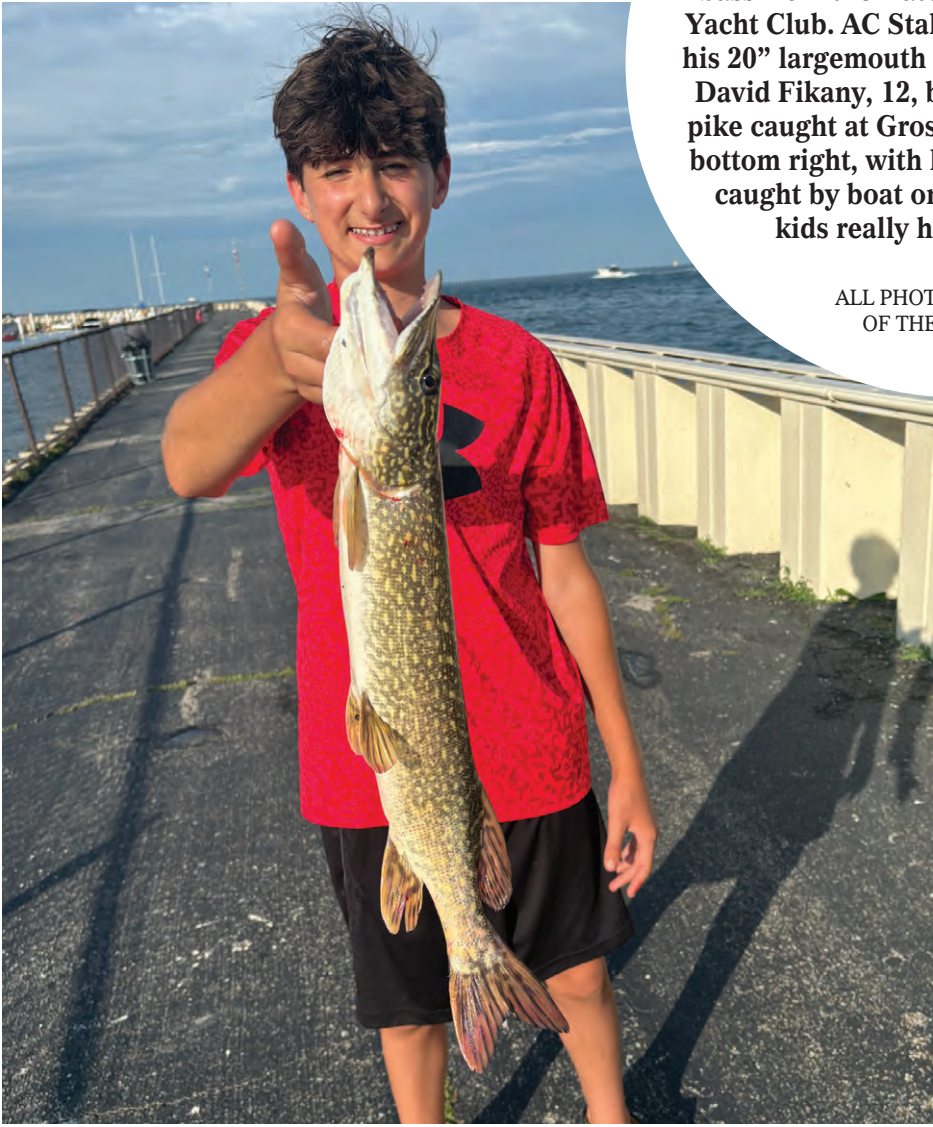
Ben Jacob, above left, caught a winning 19.5” largemouth bass to take the category. Jacob, from Grosse Pointe Farms has proven to be a winning contender through several years of the contest.



KID POWER

Adriana Stahl, 6, top left, holds her fresh catch, a 16” largemouth bass from the waters of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. AC Stahl, 11, top right, displays his 20” largemouth bass from the same spot. David Fikany, 12, bottom left, with his 22” pike caught at Grosse Pointe Park Pier, and bottom right, with his 20” smallmouth bass caught by boat on Lake St. Clair. These kids really have what it takes!

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BASS, BEAUTIFUL BASS



Skip Moody’s 18.9” smallmouth bass, above, caught at Farms Park. Moody hails from Grosse Pointe Farms.



This 18” smallmouth bass, above, was caught by Alex Morton, 11, at Grosse Pointe Farms Pier.

Many thanks

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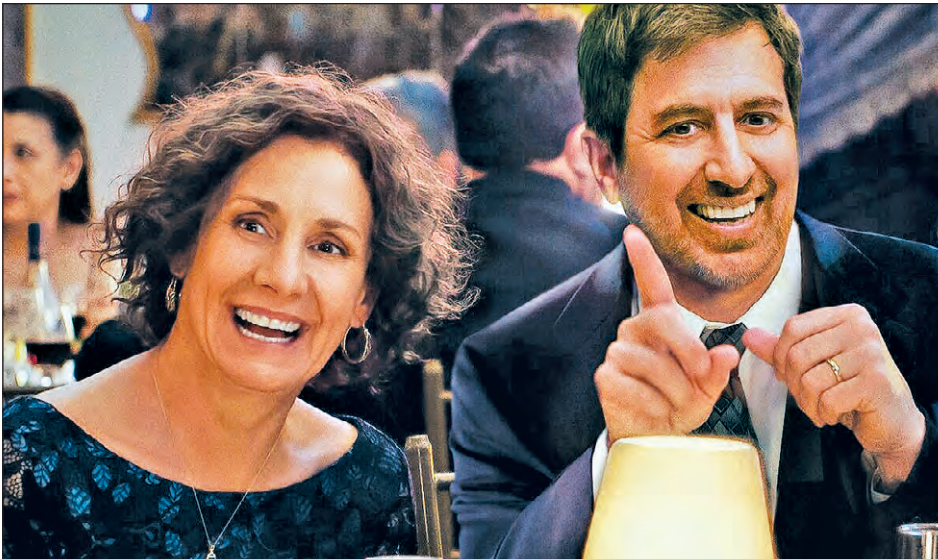
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Left, Dani (Sadie Stanley) and Sticks (Jacob Ward).



Left, Leo (Romano) and Angela (Metcalf) tour the campus.



Left, Angela (Laurie Metcalf) & Leo (Ray Romano) in the 2022 movie “Somewhere in Queens,” written by Ray Romano and Mark Stegemann and directed by Ray Romano.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Somewhere in Queens”
2022 - Rated R
1 hr 46 min
★★★★☆

Ray Romano has certainly paid his dues. He’s probably best known as the star of the popular 90’s tv sitcom “Everybody Loves Raymond.” I must confess, I’ve never seen the show but it did have a huge following. (Actually I tried watching an episode of it, but the canned laughter was so annoying, I gave up after a couple minutes). Since then, he’s made a mark for himself in countless more serious endeavors including films like “The Irishman,” “The Big Sick,” and the powerful buddy flick “Paddleton.” Now he’s taken it to the next level

with the movie “Somewhere in Queens,” which he co-wrote, directed, and starred in. It’s a heartwarming film about an Italian family in, you guessed it, Queens! Leo Russo (Romano) works for the family construction business along with his dad (Tony Lo Bianco), brother (Sebastian Maniscalco) and his nephews. You get the sense that he may have had other ambitions growing up, but working for the family was a comfortable fallback. He’s resigned to spending his days doing a fairly mindless job. Leo is a good-hearted soul who’s kind of a bumbling, lunkhead. He’s not exactly a people person and always seems to say the wrong thing at the wrong time. He just

can’t help himself. I have a feeling Romano is a bit like Leo in real life. Leo lives with his headstrong wife Angela (Laurie Metcalf) and his son Matthew (Jacob Ward), who’s affectionately nicknamed “Sticks” due to his long legs. Sticks takes after his dad in his shyness and being uncomfortable around strangers. He’s transformed into an outgoing, aggressive kid when he’s on the basketball court, where he plays for his high school team. Leo is totally devoted to his son’s career and never misses a game. He takes a bit of pride when the students chant his name before games and they even reserve a couple seats for him in the stands. Leo goes out of his way to encourage his son. Not only does he attend all his games, the two spend a lot of time practicing one-on-one on their driveway. We get the sense that Leo wants his son to chase his dreams, no matter what they are. He doesn’t want him to simply work for the construction company and take the easy way out like he did.

Two things change at the last game of the season. They’re playing a powerhouse, top-seeded



team and come oh so close to beating them. During the game Angela meets Sticks’s girlfriend, Dani (Sadie Stanley) who he’s been keeping a secret from them. Naturally, no girl is good enough for her son and it makes for an awkward confrontation. After the game, Leo runs into a talent scout in the parking lot. He’s informed that there’s an opening on the basketball team at Drexel University in Philadelphia and Sticks might have a chance at filling the spot. It’s a potential game changer (no pun intended) for Sticks and Leo’s determined to do whatever it takes to get him to the tryout and on the team.

Just as all this is happening, Dani decides to break up with Sticks. On the sly, Leo secretly arranges a meeting with her. He knows that a breakup would have a devastating effect on his son and would cause him to dash his hopes of making the team and getting a scholarship. So he makes a deal with her to stay with his son until after the tryouts at the university. It’s an uncomfortable moment in the film and it’ll make you squirm a bit.

“Somewhere in Queens” focuses on family relationships. The obvious focus is between father and son, but it also includes seemingly weekly family celebra-

tions. The extended Russo family dons their fancy attire and attends social events like weddings, anniversaries and christenings on a regular basis at their local banquet hall. Every outing is filled with laughter, good natured ribbing, awkward speeches and plenty of Italian food. Of course, there’s always a goofy DJ on hand encouraging the crowd to get on the dance floor.

The film could easily have fallen back on the standard Italian clichés. But the sensitive writing by Romano and Mark Stegemann avoided this. The dialogue was honest and believable. About the only thing that felt like a bit of a stereotype was the Italian grandma shouting “Mangia! Mangia!” every time the big family got together for Sunday dinners. But that could be excused because I wouldn’t be surprised if it happens all the time in real life.

If you’re in the mood for a sweet, honest and rewarding movie, I’d highly recommend “Somewhere in Queens.” Once again, as with many of the films I review, I’m baffled that this heartwarming film isn’t better known.

Note to parents: I think the film is rated “R” because of the swearing. I’d probably give it a “PG-13.”

Currently streaming on

Hulu and to rent on Apple

TV, YouTube, Amazon Prime, 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.

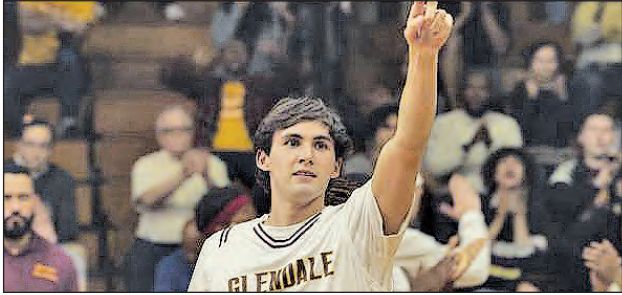
★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ 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.



Sticks points to his dad before the big game.



Sticks takes to the court.

Sticks (Ward) and Dani (Stanley) goofing around.



Leo (Romano) and Angela (Metcalf).



The whole Russo family celebrating.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

7/17 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

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

7/10 Solution

Contract Bridge

BATTLE FOR TRUMP CONTROL

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 9
♥ K J 8 3
♦ K J 9 2
♣ K 10 5

WEST

♠ 7 6 3 2
♥ 10 5
♦ 6 4
♣ Q J 9 6 3

EAST

♠ 5
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ A 10 5 3
♣ A 8 4 2

SOUTH

♠ A K J 10 8 4
♥ Q 6 2
♦ Q 8 7
♣ 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

The battle for trump control is frequently the key factor in the play of a hand. Typically, the defenders try to run declarer out of trumps by plugging away at their longest and strongest suit, while declarer at the same time attempts to resist their efforts to weaken his trump holding. Here is a typical case.

Assume West leads the queen of

clubs, covered by the king and ace, and East returns a club. Declarer ruffs and plays the A-K of trump, disclosing the 4-1 trump division. South is now in trouble and, in fact, can no longer make the contract. Let's say he draws West's two remaining trumps and then leads a diamond to the jack, taken by East with the ace.

East returns a third round of clubs, forcing South to ruff with his last trump. Declarer cashes the Q-K of diamonds but must next lead a heart. East wins with the ace and returns a club, and the contract is defeated because declarer lost control of the trump suit.

Now let's go back to the first trick and have South play the five of clubs from dummy instead of the king. In that case, West cannot lead another club without establishing a club trick in dummy. This, in turn, later prevents the defenders from effectively shortening declarer's trumps, and South has no trouble scoring 10 tricks.

It's not easy for declarer to see the necessity of playing a low club from dummy on the opening trick, but it is a play that cannot lose and might gain. The deal illustrates once again how important it is to formulate a plan before playing any card at trick one.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 8 p.m. EDT today (5 p.m. PDT). The Moon is in ARIES.

Happy Birthday Thursday, July 17, 2025: You are friendly, easygoing and sympathetic to those who are close. This is a year of service, perhaps to family. Take care of yourself, because you are a resource for others who will turn to you for guidance, comfort and courage. Time for a makeover?

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Today Mercury goes retrograde until Aug. 11. (However, if you're buying cars, phones or computers, you might want to wait until Aug. 26.) This particular Mercury retrograde will definitely attract old flames back in your world — or your thoughts or dreams. Tonight: You win!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Most of you are excellent hosts and know how to offer good food and drink to your guests. However, during this Mercury retrograde, relatives and guests could be camped on your doorstep. (You might want to rethink your ability to give your guests a good hotel experience if you want your home back.) Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Get ready for transportation delays from now until Aug. 11. This includes car and truck breakdowns, flat tires, engine problems, plus missed buses and frustrating delays. Likewise, communications will be mixed up. Appointments will be delayed or canceled. But you can finish old business! Tonight: Be friendly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You are financially sensible (mostly), because at heart, you're a saver. Be aware that Mercury retrograde is taking place starting today, until Aug. 11, in one of your Money Houses. This means checks in the mail might be late. Financial delays are likely. Tonight: You're noticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
This Mercury retrograde is taking place in your sign, which will be frustrating. Expect mixed-up communications, errors and mistakes. You might lose items or misplace things. You could miss appointments or forget about them. People from your past are back. Tonight: Learn and explore!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Although delays and goofy mistakes, along with transportation problems, are classic for Mercury retrograde, each Mercury retrograde is also an excellent time to finish old business, do research or study history. All these advantages will be yours until late August. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You are the most social sign in the zodiac, and this summer all kinds of people from your past will be popping up out of the woodwork. This has probably already started, but today, Mercury is officially retrograde until Aug. 11. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Each Mercury retrograde takes place in a different sign, which means it occurs in a different part of your chart. The Mercury retrograde that begins tonight (lasting until Aug. 11) will attract parents, bosses and authority figures you haven't seen in a while. Look sharp. Get prepared. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You are the traveler of the zodiac. (If you're not on a plane, you love to see those telephone poles flying by.) Be aware that Mercury will be retrograde from tonight until Aug. 11, creating transportation delays and glitches in your travels. However, it will help you do research and finish writing projects. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The Mercury retrograde that begins today might cause financial delays for you. However, it can also help you finish up paperwork related to estate planning, wills, inheritances and anything to do with shared property or something that is jointly held with others. This could benefit you. Tonight: Cocoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Partners and close friends from your past are appearing out of nowhere. You might run into them in person, online, on social media or in your thoughts and dreams. This is just a fact, because Mercury retrograde is taking place opposite your sign in your House of Partnerships. Tonight: Discussions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You might be frustrated by goofy errors and misplaced paperwork related to your job, your health or even a pet until mid-August because of Mercury retrograde. However, this same astrological influence will help you wrap up old business and get things done. Tonight: Check your belongings.

BORN TODAY
Actress, singer, activist Diahann Carroll (1935), comedian, author Phyllis Diller (1917), actor Donald Sutherland (1935).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 17, 2025

ACROSS

- Sunglasses, informally
- Cheer (for)
- Some varsity athletes: Abbr.
- Make oneself a burden
- Grand Ole _____
- Samosa veggie
- *Tray of American Chinese or Hawaiian appetizers
- Trail (behind)
- Chip dips
- Nike rival
- Primp
- Palindromic flour used to make chapati
- To the _____ degree
- *Spicy Sichuan dish
- Gritty layer found in Humboldt Fog cheese
- Floppy part of a dachshund
- "Ray Donovan" actor
- Schreiber
- They're cast by the sun
- Yellow-orange gem
- A clown might have a foam one
- Key above Caps Lock
- "Steal My Sunshine" band
- *Mediterranean side dish
- _____ Things I Hate About You" (1999 film)
- Little humans
- January, in Spanish
- Like a Slurpee lid
- Rented out
- Lumberjack's tool
- Two food deliveries at the same time ... and a hint to the starred clues' answers
- Anchovies container
- _____ mater
- Oaty breakfast
- Play part
- "Las Culturistas" co-host
- Bowen
- Like leaning text
- Sample, as soup
- Texter's "Get in touch"
- Smartphone download
- Extinguished
- Spain, in Spain
- Put on the market
- _____ cuff (group of shoulder muscles)

- Selects the "I agree" box, say
- Mined stuff
- Supermodel
- Banks
- Where a couple heading south might end up?
- Arm span
- Droops
- Yoga positions
- Disdainful look
- Smartphone predecessors: Abbr.
- Too hasty
- Improvement in quality
- Wings it on stage
- Most fresh
- Like a poppin' party
- Lorna _____ cookies
- Columbus sch.
- Type of relationship in statistics
- Close
- Prefix with "skeleton"
- Grocery sack
- Advice _____ (newspaper feature)
- Show the door
- Tenor Bocelli
- Poisonous
- Mined stuff
- June 1944 event
- Round before a final, informally
- Brazilian greeting
- ISP option
- Name hidden in "age limit"
- Flair of wrestling

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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7/10 Solution

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Second Helping by Sala Wanetick

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THURSDAY COMICS

Grosse
Pointe
News

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

SPIKE'S HERE!

HE IS?



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TELL HIM ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO FIND A HOME FOR HIM!



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TELL HIM ABOUT HOW SOME LUCKY FAMILY IS GOING TO ADOPT HIM...



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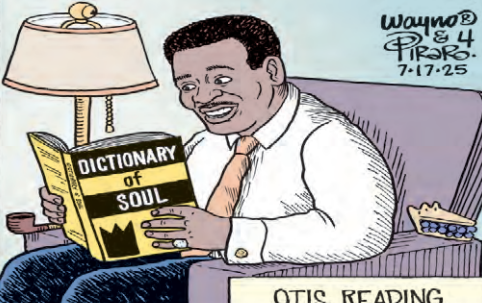
LUCKY FAMILY?



SCHULZ

Bizarro Dan Piraro and Wayno

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OTIS, READING

Wayno
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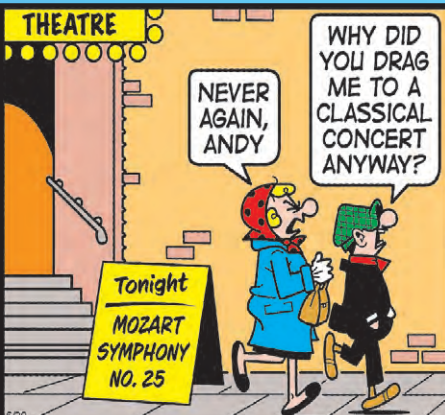
Andy Capp

THEATRE

WHY DID YOU DRAG ME TO A CLASSICAL CONCERT ANYWAY?

NEVER AGAIN, ANDY

Tonight
MOZART
SYMPHONY
NO. 25



6-21

TO INTRODUCE SOME CULTURE INTO YOUR LIFE

I KEPT SHOUTING AT THAT FELLA TO SIT DOWN BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE, BUT HE TOTALLY IGNORED ME



HE WAS THE CONDUCTOR



GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

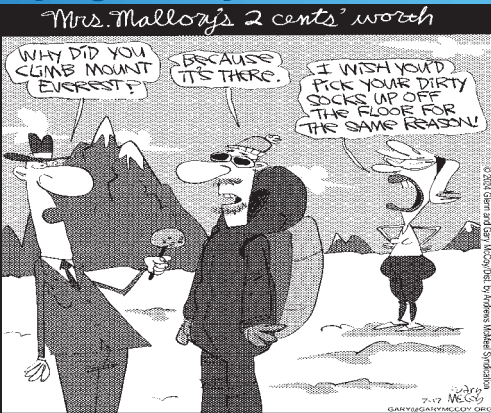
Flying McCoys Glenn McCoy

Mrs. Malloy's 2 cents' worth

WHY DID YOU CLIMB MOUNT EVEREST?

BECAUSE IT'S THERE.

I WISH YOU'D PICK YOUR DIRTY SOCKS UP OFF THE FLOOR FOR THE SAME REASON!



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B.C.

WHADDAYA SAY WE SCRATCH STORM CHASING FROM OUR LIST OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES?

AW, YOU'RE NO FUN...



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Reality Check Dave Whamond

SUPERMAN VS '80s MAN:

YEAH? WELL, I'LL FLY AROUND THE WORLD AND TURN BACK TIME!

YEAH? WELL, I'LL STOP THE WORLD AND MELT WITH YOU!



WHAMOND 7-16

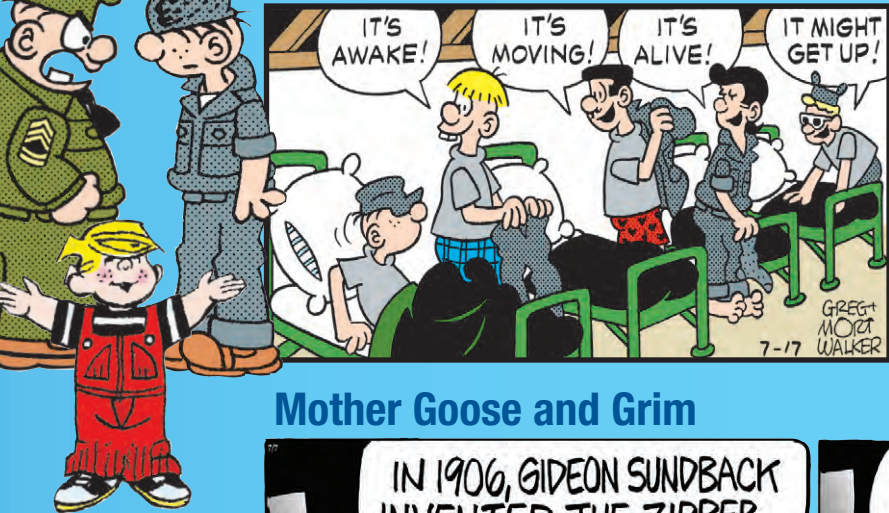
Beetle Bailey

IT'S AWAKE!

IT'S MOVING!

IT'S ALIVE!

IT MIGHT GET UP!



GREG+MORT WALKER 7-17

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

'MORNING, "IT"

GET OVER IT!

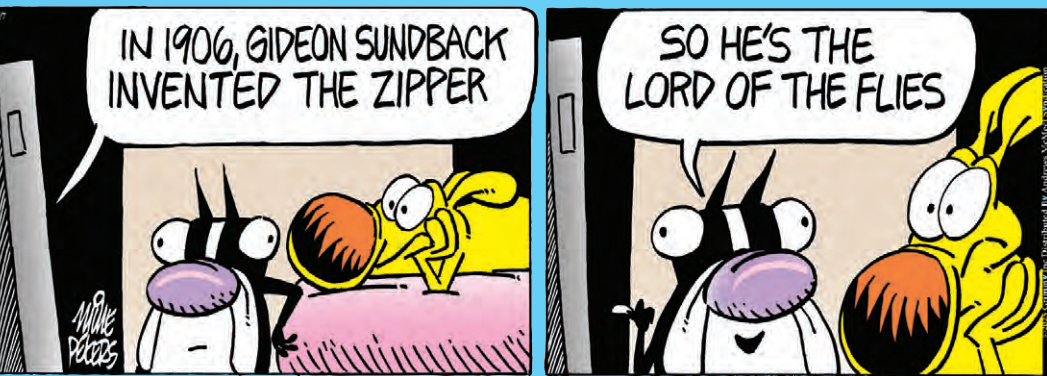


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Mother Goose and Grim

IN 1906, GIDEON SUNDBACK INVENTED THE ZIPPER

SO HE'S THE LORD OF THE FLIES



MIKE PETERS

The Lockhorns Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

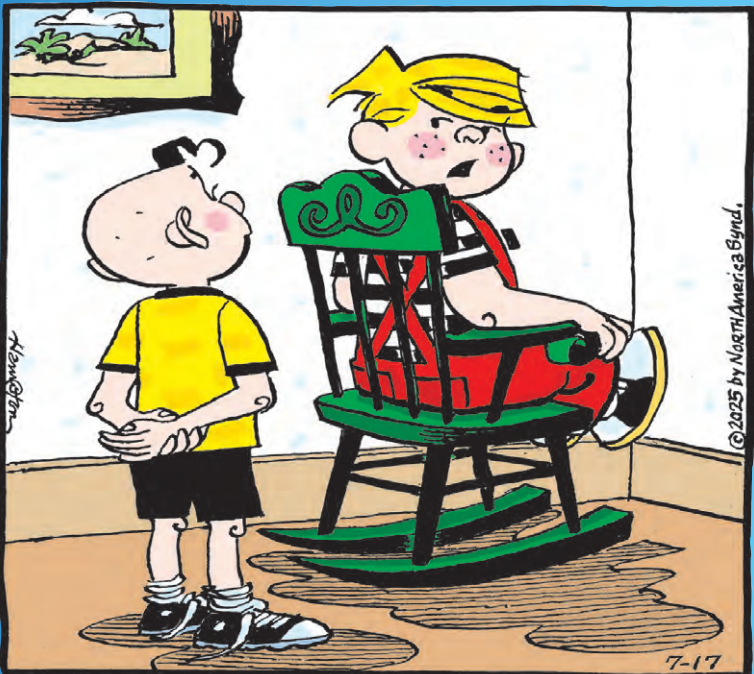


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"I'M NOT IGNORING YOU, LORETTA . . .
I'M JUST NOT PAYING ATTENTION."

Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum,
Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



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"IF YOU THROW A TEMPER TANTRUM, YOU MIGHT
GET ONE THROWN BACK AT YOU . . . JUST FYI."

Carpe Diem

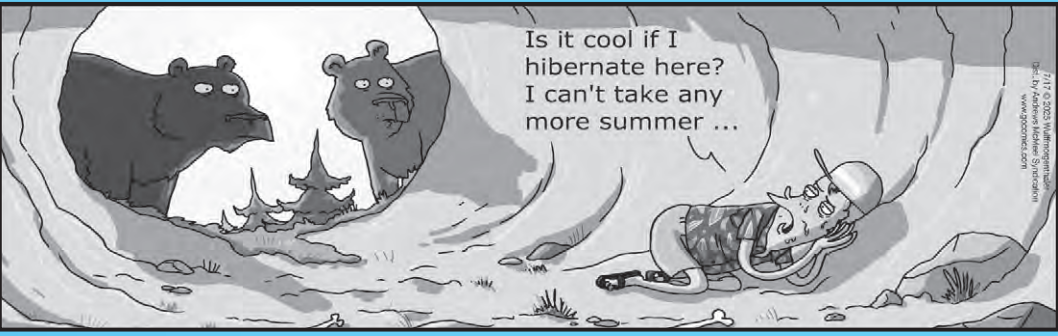
INTERNET WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU ACCEPT COOKIES.



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Wumo

Is it cool if I hibernate here?
I can't take any more summer ...



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HOW WAS THE SPINACH CASSEROLE?

Garfield

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THAT QUESTION IS BETTER ANSWERED BY MY THESAURUS APP

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DREADFUL, ABYSMAL, HORRENDOUS...

Jim Davis

Jim Davis 7-17

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YOU ARE **DESPICABLE!** YOU CAN GO TO... STOP, HAGAR!

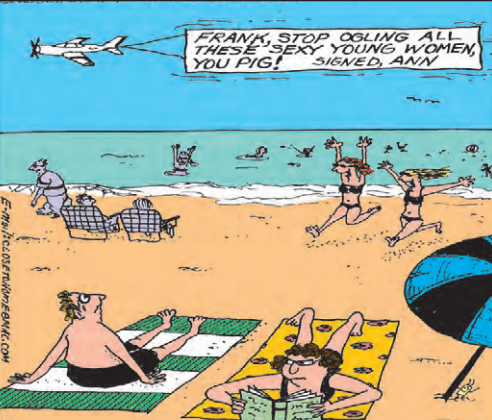
Hagar The Horrible

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DO YOU REALLY WANT TO RISK SEEING HIM AGAIN?

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



FRANK, STOP OGLING ALL THESE VERY YOUNG WOMEN, YOU PIG!

Close To Home

John McPherson



HEY, WIZ! BRING IT IN. FIST BUMP!

Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



NOW EXPLODE!

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YOUR HUSBAND'S A SHOWOFF...

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ZOO

LIONS

TIGERS

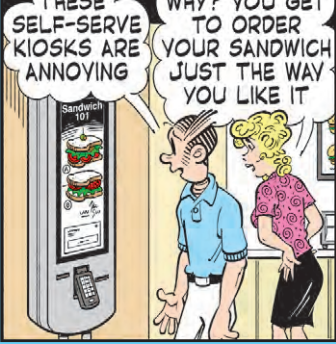
BEARS

OH MY!

Ziggy

Tom Wilson

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THESE SELF-SERVE KIOSKS ARE ANNOYING

Blondie

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WHY? YOU GET TO ORDER YOUR SANDWICH JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT

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IT'S SO IMPERSONAL! I LIKE TO TALK TO REAL LIVE HUMAN BEINGS!

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BUT I GUESS ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, HUH?

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HOLD THAT THOUGHT, HONEY... I'M ALMOST OVER BEING ANNOYED!

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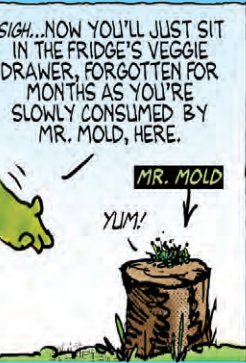
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I GUESS I CAN'T EAT YOU, CARROT...

Over The Hedge

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SIGH... NOW YOU'LL JUST SIT IN THE FRIDGE'S VEGGIE DRAWER, FORGOTTEN FOR MONTHS AS YOU'RE SLOWLY CONSUMED BY MR. MOLD, HERE.

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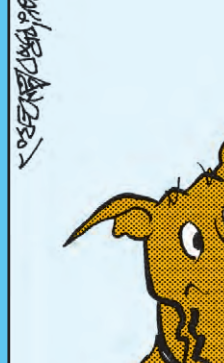
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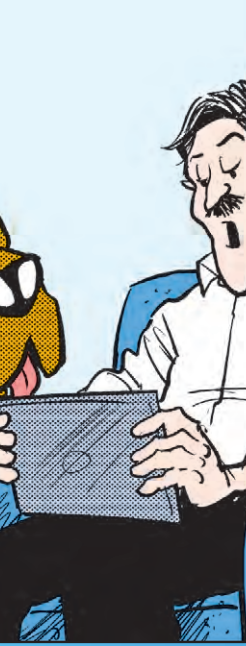
YEAH! WE'RE NASTY THAT WAY! HEH-HEH...

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REALLY, IT'S FOR THE BEST. EAT ME NOW.

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Is this video of you chasing Bigfoot real or fake?

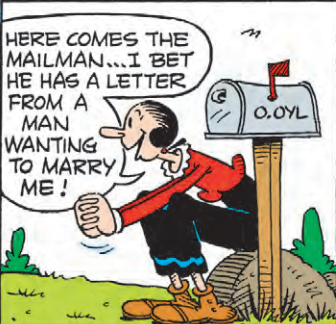
Marmaduke

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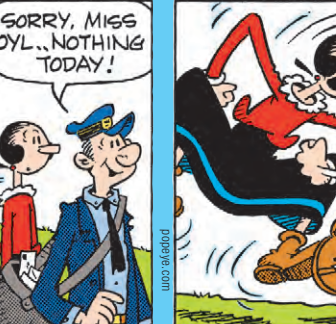
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HERE COMES THE MAILMAN... I BET HE HAS A LETTER FROM A MAN WANTING TO MARRY ME!

Popeye

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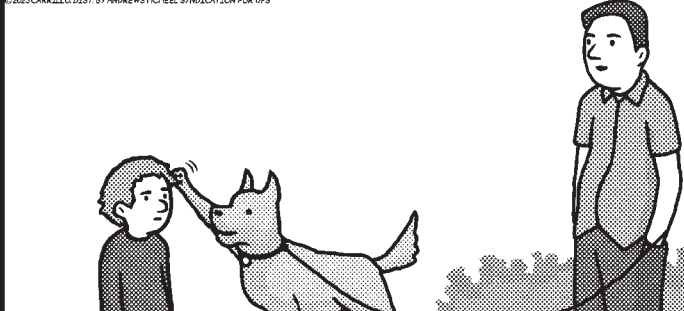
SORRY, MISS OYL... NOTHING TODAY!

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CAD! SPLAT!

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SHE THINKS SHE'S PEOPLE! AND APPARENTLY, SHE THINKS YOU'RE DOG.

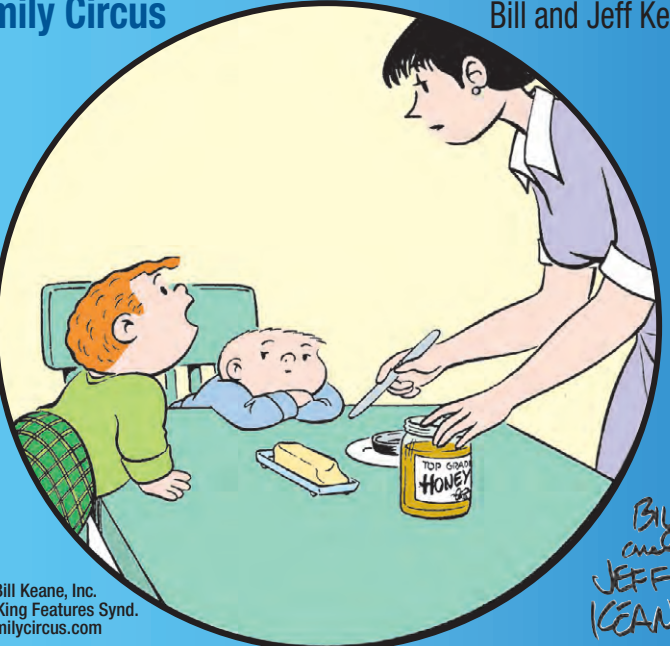
F Minus

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If bees make honey, do butterflies make butter?

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If bees make honey, do butterflies make butter?

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Strike Up the Band!



You are surrounded by idiophones! And anyone can play them!

What is an idiophone? **Idio** means self and **phone** means sound. Idiophones are instruments of solid materials that vibrate when hit, shaken, plucked, scraped, rubbed, stamped or crashed together. But who’s to say what’s an instrument?

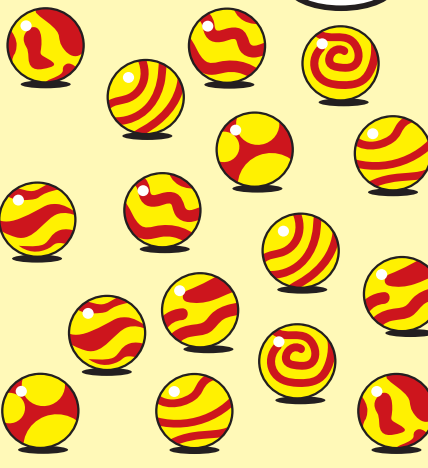
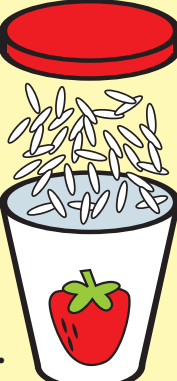
Stomping your foot on the floor turns the floor into an idiophone. Tapping a pencil on your desk uses the desk as an idiophone. Think of other things that could be idiophones.

Standards Link: Performing Arts/Music: Students perform a varied repertoire of music on instruments.

Mini Maracas

Partially fill empty plastic yogurt containers with different things: sand, seeds, marbles, uncooked beans, rice or pasta. Cap and shake. Notice the different sounds each makes.

Match the marbles.



Make a Gutbucket!

STUFF YOU’LL NEED:



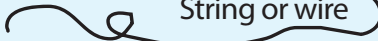
A sound box (you can use an empty coffee can, bucket or cardboard box)



Pencil or dowel



A stick about twice the height of your sound box



String or wire





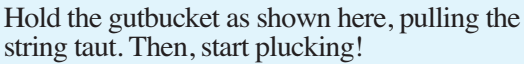
File a notch on one end of your stick. The notch will help hold the stick in place on the rim of the can.



On the other end of the stick, have an adult drill a small hole. Feed the string through and tie to secure.



Turn the coffee can upside down. Have an adult punch a small hole in the bottom of the can. Feed the string through and tie a pencil or dowel on the end of it. Set the notch end of the stick on the rim of the can.



Hold the gutbucket as shown here, pulling the string taut. Then, start plucking!

Find the differences between the two pictures.

What is a Yankee Doodle Dandy?

You know the song. But do you understand its meaning? Fill in the missing words using the Word List to discover the origins of this classic American song.

British _____ used the song **Yankee Doodle** to make fun of the American colonists during the Revolutionary War. In response, the American _____ adopted it as their _____ song. When the war began, Americans were proud to be called Yankees, and **Yankee Doodle** became the colonists’ most stirring anthem of defiance and liberty.

But why macaroni?

When the song **Yankee Doodle** first became _____, the word **macaroni** in the line “stuck a feather in his cap and called it macaroni” didn’t refer to the _____. Instead, a **macaroni** was a traveled young man who liked overdressing in very _____ clothing. So by just sticking a _____ in his cap and calling himself a “macaroni,” Yankee Doodle was proudly claiming to be the country _____ (an awkward and unsophisticated person) that the English mocked.

Word List

COLONISTS	TROOPS
POPULAR	THEME
PASTA	FEATHER
FANCY	BUMPKIN

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to determine the meaning of words.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week’s word: NOTCH

The noun **notch** means an easily cut shape like a V in an edge of an object.

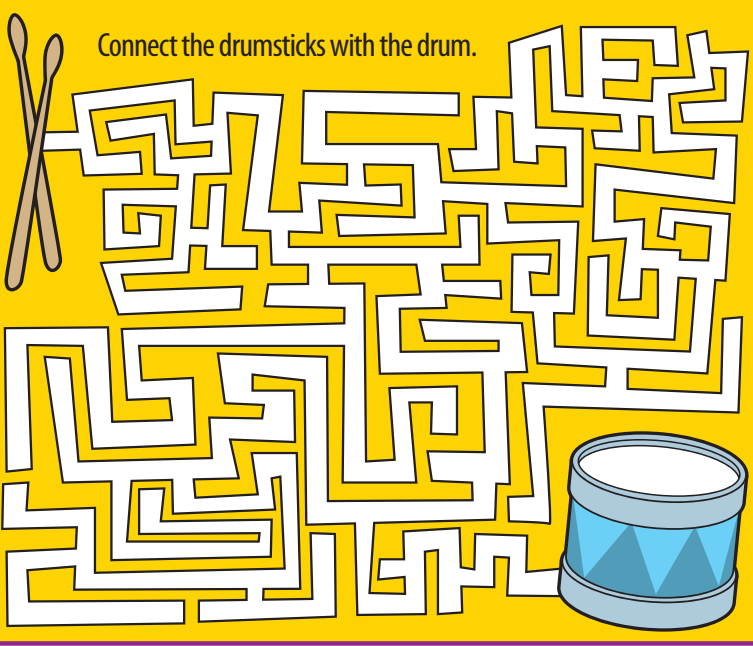
A notch in a stick will hold the string in place.

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



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Connect the drumsticks with the drum.



Double Double Word Search

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

BOX	M O D R N H C T O N
CAP	U L N S M Y W Z X C
CREATE	S F U N B U D E Y R
FILL	J I O Y O F S Y T E
MUSIC	P L S W X T H I E A
NOTCH	S L H U I J E B C T
NOTE	A X A C T R T H I E
PLAY	N B K Y N P E Q R W
RICE	D R E T A W C A P V
SAND	
SHAKE	
SOUND	
STICK	
WATER	
WET	
WIRE	

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Onomatopoeia

This refers to a word that sounds just like what it means. For example, the word **buzz** sounds like the noise it describes. Look through the newspaper for five or more examples of onomatopoeia.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify and use onomatopoeia.



Which pets can make music?

ANSWER: Trumpets.

Write On!

Summer Songs

Write a song about summer that can be sung to the tune of *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*.



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Winners crowned in 4th annual Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year Contest

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

From the first football kickoffs last August to the final outs of the baseball and softball seasons this June, fans around Grosse Pointe were thrilled by many great sports moments and performances during the 2024-25 school year. The Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the

Year contest is a way to highlight several of those amazing student-athletes who gave their friends, families and the community moments to remember this past year. Now, the time has come for four of them to be honored. This year's winners include an All-State swimmer, a courageous softball captain, a former state-champion

wrestler and the state's top girls ice hockey talent. The winners came from a group of 39 athletes from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School who were showcased individually in our Athlete of the Week features throughout the school year. These athletes were nominated by family,

coaches and the Grosse Pointe News staff to highlight their strong performances, amazing leadership and incredible achievements in their respective sports. Two winners, one male and one female athlete, were chosen by Grosse Pointe News readers, as the community made its voice heard with more than 5,000 votes cast over

two weeks. An additional male and female athlete also were chosen as winners by the Grosse Pointe News staff in the editors' choice category. Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship courtesy of the Grosse Pointe News to put toward their respective college or university. Our Athlete of the Week sponsors from throughout the year also

help make the scholarship possible. This year's sponsors include OASIS Heating & Cooling, Expert Heating & Cooling, Pointe Capital Management LLC and Shana Sine Cameron of Sine & Monaghan Realtors. To see who has been crowned the 2024-25 Athletes of the Year, see pages 2-3D.

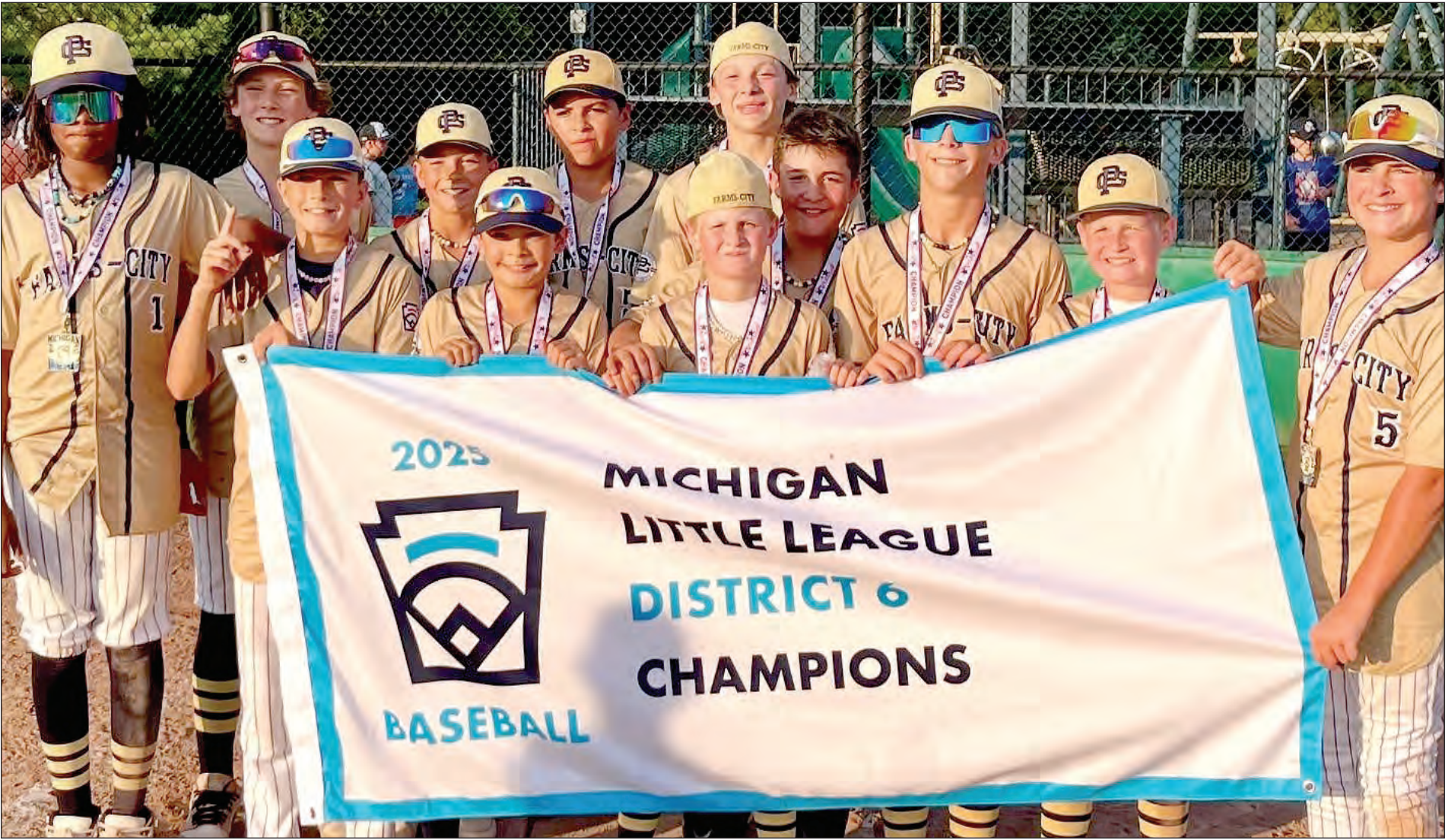


PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

Farms-City displays district dominance

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 12U team defeated Grosse Pointe Park Little League 15-8 last Thursday, July 10, to claim the District 6 championship. The 12U team, one of three teams from the Farms-City Little League to win district titles last week, advances to the Michigan Little League state tournament in Saginaw beginning Friday, July 18. For photos of the Farms-City 10U and 11U district championship teams, see page 6D. Pictured, back row: Conner Taylor, Beau Wortman, Blake Steiner, Enrique Muñoz, Grayson Winkler, Evric Arnold Front row: Zander Steiner, Felix Martinez, Cooper Getz, Gregory Nicholson, Crosby Getz, Bobby Michelotti

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their incredible
high school careers



By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter



Luna Agosta
GROSSE POINTE SOUTH | SOFTBALL

Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week
on April 17, 2025

- Caught 154 innings for the Blue Devils this spring and threw 13 runners out on 24 steal attempts
- Finished varsity softball career at South with .301 batting average, 98 RBIs and 8 HRs
- Captain of South varsity softball both junior and senior seasons

Brendan Beland
UNIVERSITY LIGGETT | SWIM & DIVE

Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week
on March 27, 2025

- Earned All-State status with two top-five finishes at Division 3 swim and dive state finals
- Finished fourth in the 100-meter butterfly and fifth in the 200-meter freestyle
- One of only two members of Liggett’s varsity boys swim and dive team





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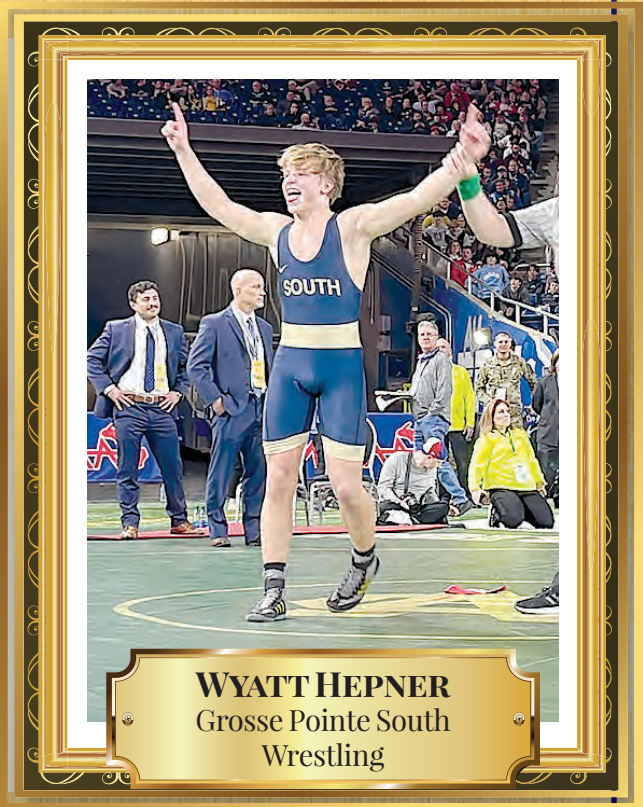


Wyatt Hepner

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH | **WRESTLING**

Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on February 27, 2025

- Finished third in Division 1 150-pound weight class at 2025 wrestling state finals
- Achieved All-State status in all four high school wrestling seasons with 165 career wins
- Won 2024 Division 1 state championship at 138 pounds, becoming the first South wrestler ever to win a state title
- Will wrestle in college at Harvard University



WYATT HEPNER
Grosse Pointe South Wrestling



JOSIE CUETER
Grosse Pointe North Hockey

Josie Cueter

GROSSE POINTE NORTH | **HOCKEY**

Featured as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week on December 26, 2024

- Named 2025 Miss Hockey by the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League
- Led all players in the state in scoring with 98 points (72 goals & 26 assists) in 28 games
- Received first team All-State honors in 2025 and named All-State in each of three hockey seasons at North



Photo of Wyatt Hepner by Mike Adzima
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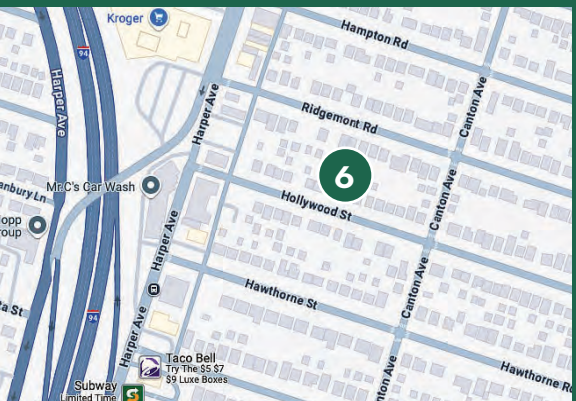
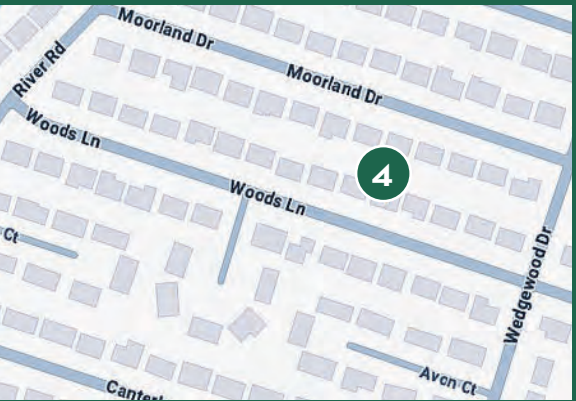
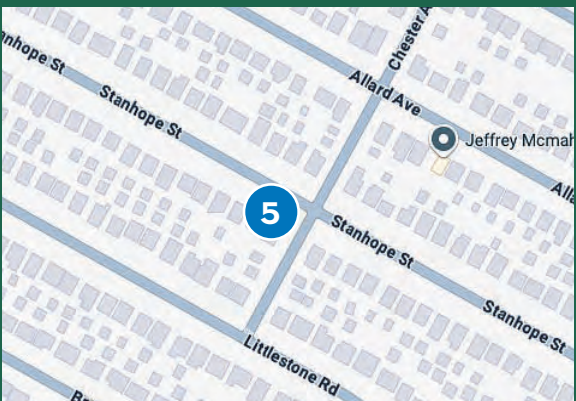
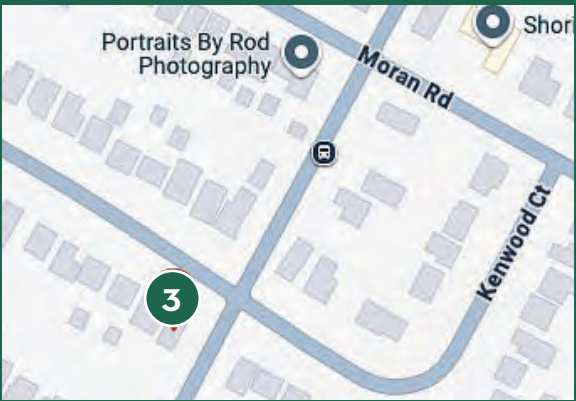
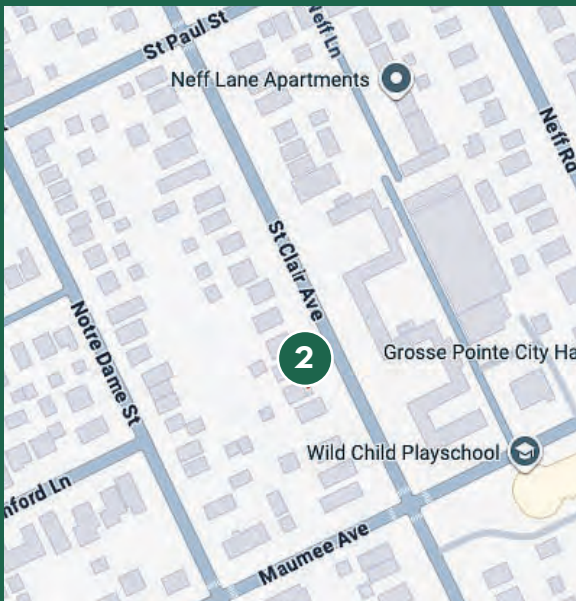
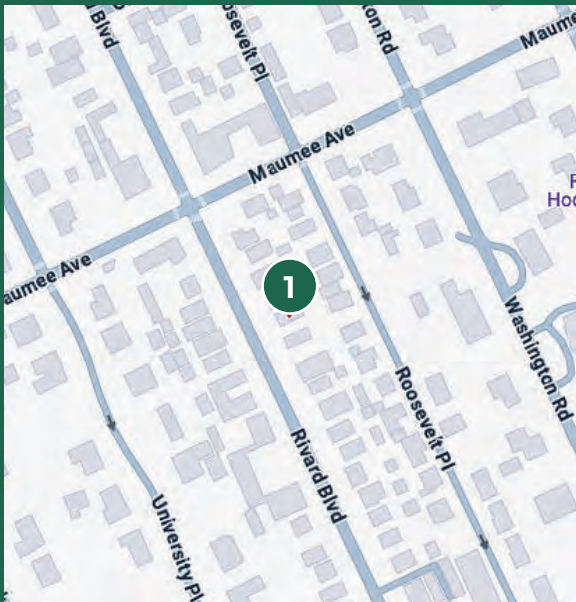
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6D | SPORTS

Boats cross finish line in 101st Bayview Mackinac race

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Boats and sailors from across North America took to the waters of Lake Huron Saturday, July 12, to begin the 101st edition of the Bayview Mackinac race. As boats began crossing the finish line Sunday and Monday, the results and top finishers in each class of this year's race started to come in.

These results are a reflection of those posted on the Bayview Mackinac race website and are the unofficial, preliminary results reported as of Tuesday, July 15. For more information and a full race results leaderboard, visit BYCMack.com.

Cove Island

Class A

- 1. Heartbreaker — Robert Hughes, Ada
- 2. Mockingbird — Chris Duhon, Key Largo, Fla.
- 3. Natalie J — Phillip D. O'Neil III, Bloomfield Hills

Class B

- 1. Eagle One — Timothy LaRiviere, Detroit
- 2. Red Herring — Fred Eaton, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 3. Trompe le Monde

— Andy Groh,
Grosse Pointe Park

Class C

- 1. No Surprise — Scott Sellers, Larkspur, Calif.
- 2. Wildcat — George Edward Kriese, Grosse Pointe Shores
- 3. Pterodactyl — Mark Symonds, Lake Angelus

Class D

- 1. Hot Ticket — Michael Kirkman, Novi
- 2. FUNTECH Racing — Charlie Hess, Birmingham
- 3. Sleeping Tiger — John Harvey, Novi

Class E

- 1. Power Trip — James/Paul Kraft, Troy
- 2. C4 — Matthew Lane, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada
- 3. Elevation — Timothy McGuire, Macomb

Class F

- 1. Good Lookin' — Mark DenUyl, Marysville
- 2. Consig — Brad D'Arcangelo, Maumee, Ohio
- 3. Bull — Michael Hendrie Jr., Chicago, Ill.

Class G

- 1. DeTour — Chuck Stormes, Grosse Pointe Farms
- 2. Smokum Too — Pete Mather,

Thornbury, Ontario, Canada

- 3. Pinnacle — Peter Torosian, Atkinson, NH

Multihull

- 1. Adagio — Matt Scharl, Bay City
- 2. Unleaded II — Etienne St-Laurent, Farmington
- 3. Ollie — Tim Walli, Bay City

Shore Course

Class H

- 1. Wind Toy IV — Rob Bunn, Grosse Pointe Farms
- 2. Shape — Everett & Cameron Benedict, Plymouth
- 3. Tar Baby — Donald Lang, Grosse Pointe Woods

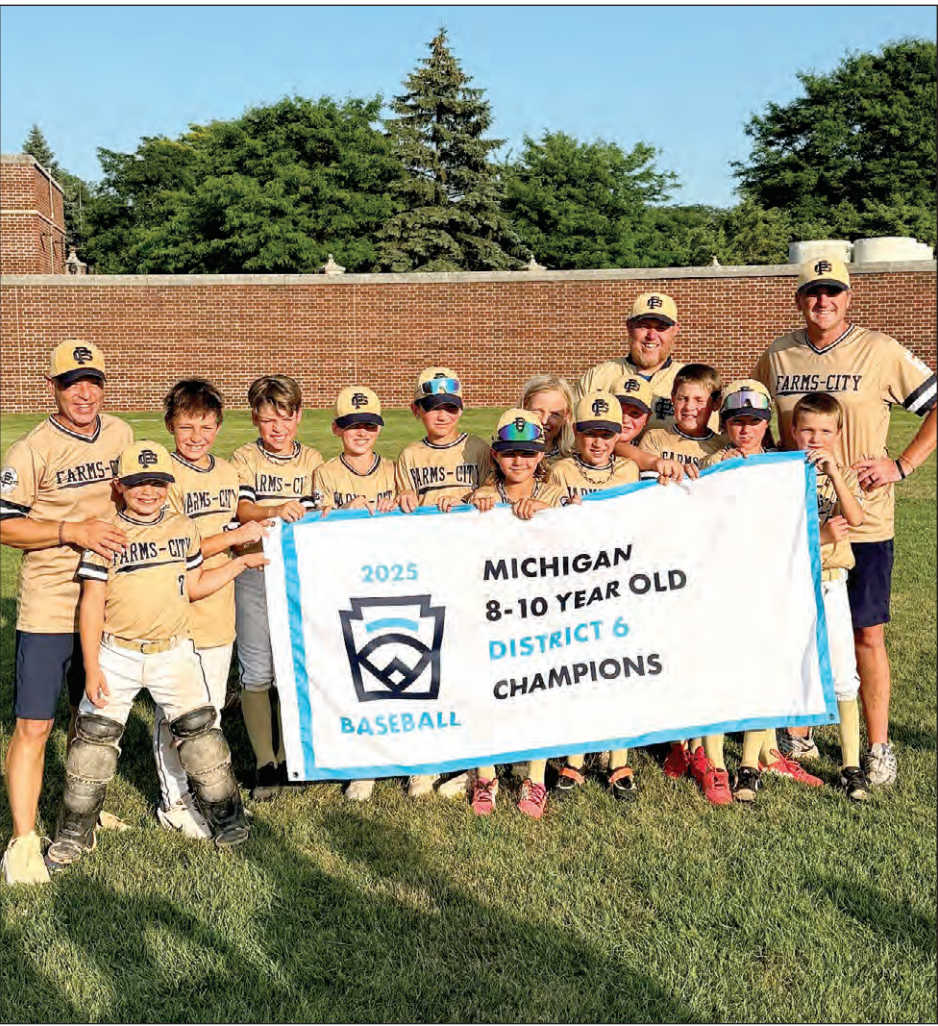
Class I

- 1. Underdog — Cameron Paine, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 2. Courage — Spencer Channell, St. Clair Shores
- 3. Siochail — Brian Geraghty, Grosse Pointe Shores

Class J Doublehanded

- 1. Riptide — John Walton, Grosse Pointe
- 2. Spageeto Byte — Steve Straub, Ypsilanti
- 3. Southbound — Alex Schock, Huron, Ohio

Farms-City teams reign supreme in district tournaments



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS-CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 10U team went undefeated in last week's district tournament, culminating in a 10-0 win over Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League in the championship game last Thursday, July 10. The 10U team will head to the state tournament in Tecumseh beginning Saturday, July 26.



The Farms-City Little League 11U team put on a dominant display in last week's district tournament, defeating Lac St. Clair 11-1 in the final last Thursday, July 10. The team begins state tournament action Saturday, July 26, hosted by Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League.

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