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Enrollment opens for Helm’s adult day center

Open house is May 1

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Helm Wilson Day Center in The Village is now accepting applications to enroll as it prepares to launch a limited pilot group of participants Wednesday, May

13. The adult day program is designed for residents of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods ages 50 and older, who are living with cognitive decline and various forms of dementia including Alzheimer’s. It will operate 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

“Even though this seems like this happened really fast, there’s been a great deal of years of work,” said Krista Siddall, executive director of The Helm. “We worked with Harvard University and we worked a lot with Rush University in Chicago to create a Caring for Caregivers program. “We’re implementing

some of the most notch research and programming that we could find. Everything from the layout of the building to the logistics, support, engagement, participation, staffing is meant to serve our participants and serve our caregivers, which ultimately serves the community.” An open house, planned noon to 4 p.m. Friday,

May 1, serves as an opportunity for community members to tour the center, meet staff, learn more about the program and explore enrollment opportunities. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce the same day also will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. for the space at 648 St. Clair, which the Helm is sub-

leasing from Henry Ford Health. “It’s really a beautiful space,” Siddall said, adding construction of the 3,500-square-foot interior was led by Russell Development. “It’s full of light. We have a lot of really big windows.” The main room will feature group activities, See HELM, page 2A

City loses \$21.6 million stormwater separation grant

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It’s official. The City of Grosse Pointe

will not receive an unprecedented \$21.6 million federal grant, nor undertake the mammoth stormwater separation project the grant was intended to fund. The golden opportunity, which the city pursued in response to the catastrophic basement backups in summer 2021, fell to the classic contenders — time and money. More specifically, inflation of construction costs, which skyrocketed the estimated \$29 million project to \$52.6 million, and government shutdowns, which compromised the city’s ability to adhere to the strict timelines that come with federal grants and state loans. At this point, the city would have needed See GRANT, page 5A



Charlevoix business owners gather around the city’s engineering consultants Thursday, April 15, at The Charlevoix restaurant to hear the latest plans for the roadway’s streetscape renovation starting this week.

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BRAD LINDBERG

Mixed emotions at start of streetscape project

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Charlevoix business owners covered all points of the compass by voicing doubt, optimism, confidence and indifference during a pre-construction meeting city officials held four days prior to the dis-

trict’s streetscape scheduled to start Monday this week. “We’re happy this is happening, but the manner in which it’s happening is not pleasing at the moment,” said Brian Czerny, owner of The Charlevoix bar and restaurant, about the city’s preparations and public

engagement entering the five-month streetscape renovation project. Czerny said he and more than a dozen of the district business owners learned during the meeting, Thursday, April 15, that elements of the construction process, such as accommodating public motor vehicle parking

and pedestrian access, haven’t been regimented; that those and similar matters critical to minimizing interruptions to commerce will be determined as needed while work proceeds. “Figuring it out as it goes is not how I do See PROJECT, page 4A

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Woods about done with water meter upgrades

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — More than 6,800 water meter reading devices have been replaced in the past eight months, although a few homeowners are refusing access to their property. City council earlier this month approved a resolution that would allow customers to opt out if they agree to pay a fee.

“Under this agreement, the property owner would be responsible for a \$65 fee each time the water meter must be physically read by a DPW employee,” Public Works Director Jim Kowalski said in a letter to City Manager Sue Como. “This fee covers the cost of the employee wages, vehicle operation and the time required to manually obtain the meter reading.”

Meters are read every two months, meaning those who opt out will be responsible for an additional \$390 each year, on top of water and sewer fees. “We’ve got about a dozen vacant houses that we can’t get compliance on,” Kowalski said. “And we had some people who were in Florida for the winter that we’ve finally been able to connect with and get their meters upgraded.”

He added there is one homeowner who refuses to sign the opt-out agreement or let DPW workers in to replace her reader. “She said she’s afraid of the radio frequency the reader gives off,” Kowalski said. “But the old ones give off a signal 24/7, while the new ones only send a signal twice a day for eight seconds each.”

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Jack Kendall
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McKinley is planned to be redirected at the alley to meet Mack at a 90-degree angle via swapping the roadway with Village Market's current parking lot.

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Village Market moves forward with McKinley intersection swap

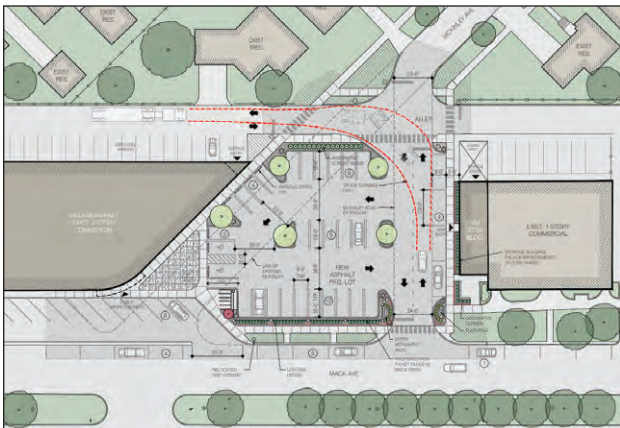
By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — After two years of honing several iterations of a plan to re-configure the Mack and McKinley intersection, Village Market last Monday received city council's blessing to proceed via preliminary site plan approval.

"This is much, much better than it was before," Councilman Joe Ricci said, echoing similar comments from other council members.

The plan — which still requires final site plan approval, separate approval from Wayne County and a memorandum of understanding with the city — centers on a land swap, whereby McKinley would be redirected at the alley to meet Mack at a 90-degree angle via swapping the roadway with Village Market's current parking lot.

"The turn onto McKinley from Mack at an acute angle is an issue," said David Schervish with Schervish Vogel Architects, which is leading the project.



PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN DRAWING COURTESY OF SCHERVISH VOGEL ARCHITECTS AND THOMAS ROBERTS ARCHITECT

The preliminary site plan for the land swap of McKinley and Village Market's parking lot was approved by city council last week.

"Parking being detached from the market certainly causes a lot of issues in terms of pedestrian circulation, auto circulation, conflict, safety — and then the parking lot itself needs to be reorganized, redone, instead of having such a random parking situation."

The preliminary site plan also calls for the alley/McKinley intersection to be a four-way stop.

"The idea is to try to eliminate this kind of a raceway effect into the neighborhood and by having the bend and four-way stop, I think

that really starts to address that issue," Schervish said.

Aside from the speeds of motorists cutting through to Mack, residents on McKinley have voiced significant concern about semi trucks which deliver to Village Market constantly traversing down their street.

"Right now, semis come in off of Moran, make a right turn down the alley and unload, but then getting out is problematic because you can't make that acute turn on the existing McKinley to get to Mack," Schervish explained. "And so the

semis are generally forced to back out or make a left turn into the neighborhood. We really wanted to confront that issue and we know it's a pressing issue with every one of the neighbors."

By way of remediation, the site plan enables semi trucks to make a proper right turn from the alley onto McKinley and, doubling down, adds a no-left-turn sign from the alley onto McKinley.

The current iteration allows for two-way semi traffic in the alley, meaning they could also turn left from McKinley into the alley and exit onto Moran.

Council could at a later stage require the alley to be one-way from McKinley to Moran, though a concrete show of whether it would be in the city's best interest to do so was not yet established last week.

As for Village Market's parking lot, which now would abut its building, design plans remove angled parking and ultimately increase the lot capacity from 21 spots to 29.

Factoring in angled parking in front of the

market and spaces along the street, there would be a total of 50 spots.

As the plans move forward, the city and Village Market will need to sign a memorandum of understanding, addressing factors such as the intent for the cost to be borne by Village Market, who would oversee construction and the details of the land swap.

"What's being proposed is vacating the existing roadway on McKinley and shifting that roadway onto property which is currently owned by Village Market," City Manager Shane Reeside noted. "It would be a land swap where that property would become part of the city's infrastructure and the vacated street would become a parking lot essentially, with various easement agreements for utility easements and so forth that would give the city the ability to service our infrastructure within that property."

The preliminary site plan for Village Market's land swap was approved by council 6-0, Monday, April 13, with Councilman Lev Wood absent.

State fighting fed demand for Wayne Co. ballots

State officials are pushing back against a demand from the U.S. Department of Justice seeking access to Wayne County's ballots from the November 2024 election.

A Monday press release from Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel called the request "as absurd as it is baseless."

A letter from the DOJ sent Tuesday, April 14, to Wayne County Clerk Kathy Garrett seeks "all ballots (including absentee and provisional), ballot receipts and ballot envelopes" and cites the 1960 Civil Rights Act.

"The Department of Justice, including the Civil Rights Division, is authorized to investigate and prosecute individuals who may have registered to vote or voted in violation" of the law, the letter continues. It goes on to say the request is "based on this history of fraud convictions and other allegations concerning the election procedures in Wayne County" and asks the materials be produced in 14 days.

"Michigan's elections are safe and secure, and any attempt to suggest otherwise is an attempt to take away Michiganders' constitutional right to vote," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in Nessel's press release. "More than 1,600 locally elected clerks across Michigan ensure that every citizen can vote and have their vote counted."

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socialization opportunities, enrichment programming and lunch. There is a reading nook, as well as

a fitness area carved out. A tactile room will create space for crosswords, puzzles, card games and interactive mind games to aid mental acuity, while an arts and crafts room invites painting, clay, col-

ored pencils and building activities.

A quiet room offers respite should the participant feel overstimulated or just need a little time to themselves.

On the caregiver side, the building also contains three staff offices, a volunteer service room, kitchenette area for staff and a nook for a caregiver library, which holds a plethora of resources for the participants' caregivers.

"We understand the need for caregivers to have respite, especially when they're caring for someone who may have a

memory impairment," said Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, director of The Helm Wilson Day Center. "I have personal experience and professional, as far as supporting people who have memory impairments and watching the caregivers go through the process of caring for them. I'm glad to be a part of this to provide the support for both caregivers and participants."

Uhlig-Johnstone, who has been with The Helm since 2011, will lead the program, alongside support and wellness specialist Allie Short — serving as the onsite social worker — and program and activities specialist Linda Tocco. All three are certified dementia practitioners.

The program's cost is \$79 per day — which includes lunch and a snack — for residents of

the City, Farms, Park, Woods and Harper Woods.

Residents of the Shores, which was the sole city not to pass the senior millage, may still participate, but will be charged an equitable cost of \$200 per day.

"Without the millage, we would not have been able to open a facility like this," Siddall said. "Because of the millage, we have completely offset the cost of this, as well. In-home care, for instance, is a minimum of \$35 per hour."

While the day center ultimately will accept up to 20 participants per day, it will begin with a limited group of eight participants, of which openings remain.

An intake process includes an assessment in the space and determination whether the person is a good candidate for the program, which is staffed at a 1-to-3 ratio.

Interested caregivers should call (313) 882-9600.

More information may be found at helmlife.org/wilson-day-center/.

The Helm Wilson Day Center is named for Mary Wilson and the late Ralph Wilson.

"They have always supported the older adults in the Grosse Pointe community and they have been supportive of us through this whole process," Siddall said.



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The War Memorial celebrates nation’s 250th anniversary with An Evening of Red, White & Blue

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The War Memorial’s largest fundraising and celebration gala, An Evening of Red, White and Blue, takes place 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

Following the success of 2025, which heavily focused on restoration of the historic Alger House, this summer’s gala honors the country’s 250th anniversary.

“There are different movements and moments in our history that have really helped write our American story,” said Meredith Hanoian, director of fundraising and development. “And we are happy to honor our nation and its 250 years, but also to engage in our community to continue building a better future for everyone.”

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour in the historic Alger home, before guests will be led by fife and drum to The War Memorial’s ballroom.

There they’ll be treated to a four-course menu, curated by Executive



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War Memorial President and CEO Maria Miller, left, with board director Chuck Huebner and his wife, Laura, during a previous Evening of Red, White & Blue.

Chef Joe Paxton to be a sensory journey from sea to shining sea.

Entrees will start in the Eastern seaboard of America, traverse through the South, touch on the Midwest with steak and potatoes and settle in the Pacific Northwest.

“The experience of the sit-down dinner is how we’re really telling our story this year,” Hanoian said. “Come prepared to eat, enjoy and experience this place through the meal, entertainment and experience together.”

The evening continues with a live auction featuring a number of exclusive

experiences and items including:

- ◆ private tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts, including a behind-the-scenes look at the new Georgia O’Keeffe exhibition, as well as refreshments and lunch with a curator;
- ◆ private dinner with War Memorial Executive Chef Joe Paxton;
- ◆ Detroit sports package, which includes tickets to the Red Wings, Pistons, Lions, Tigers, University of Michigan football and Detroit City Football Club;
- ◆ a pair of earrings from edmund t. AHEE Jewelers;
- ◆ custom suit from Carl Sterr men’s clothing in Birmingham;
- ◆ dinner tickets to the National Medal of Honor Gala, which this year takes place in Detroit;
- ◆ a spa day gift certificate to Girlie Girl Salon & Spa;
- ◆ and a winter getaway at Lake Charlevoix.

The evening concludes with an afterglow in the Alger House featuring

live entertainment, casual nightcaps and Americana desserts such as apple pie and brownie sundaes.

“We’re very excited to celebrate our American heritage through dessert, as well as throughout the dinner,” Hanoian said.

Tickets are on sale until Friday, May 8, and may be purchased online at cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/warmemorial/tickets/rwb or by scanning the QR code below.

“One of the exciting things that we’ve done this year is that we actually have included a reduced ticket for veterans,” Hanoian added. “We really want to honor those who have served our country on this special year.”

Tickets are \$250 per person for the general public or \$200 per person for a veteran and their guest.

Sponsorship opportunities also remain available through Friday, May 1.

Proceeds from The War Memorial’s An Evening of Red, White and Blue support the nonprofit’s mission, which spans veteran support, community programming, historic preservation and much more.

“Our current mission is to honor those who served, enrich the community and deliver exceptional experiences,” Hanoian said. “This encompasses our two-fold purpose: to support veterans and military service members and honor their sacrifices, as well as to be a community hub for arts, culture, education, enrichment and celebration.

“Our Red, White and



This year’s honorary co-chairs are Fred and Veronica Alger.

Blue celebration is an annual reminder of The War Memorial’s commitment to strengthening our community.”

The 2026 gala is co-presented by Jeffrey Smith and Lisa Vallee-Smith, as well as Mary and Ron Lamparter.

Honorary co-chairs are Fred and Veronica Alger.

“We are forever grateful to them for all they have done for our organi-



The auction is a highlight of An Evening of Red, White and Blue.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, APRIL 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education closed session, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Spring Plant Exchange, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Windmill Pointe Park.
- ◆ Spring Fest at Chene-Trombley Park, noon to 3 p.m.

Public input invited on museum concept

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, hosts a community conversation at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, to gain public input regarding efforts to incorporate more elements of a living museum into its framework.

An optional tour takes place 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by a focus group from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Attendees will be led by Joseph Hines, an interpretative planning consultant and principal at Project Arts & Ideas, to gather feedback on what the community expects, values and envisions for The War Memorial’s museum experience.

Plans, which still are in their infancy, may include wayfinding sig-

nage throughout the campus, plaques to label artifacts and the history of spaces in The Alger House and pamphlets to serve as a self-guided tour.

“‘Museum’ is the best term for what we’re hoping to do,” Meredith Hanoian, director of fundraising and development, said previously. “And that’s really to continue all of the beautiful programs we’ve had before with lectures, author visits, historical exhibitions, bringing people in and educating them, but in a more strategic sense.

“We actually will establish our collection and inventory. We’ll take care of the items. We might acquire new things that tell our story.

And so (we’re) just trying to figure out what stories we have to tell here and give a voice to our campus and the people who’ve lived here, the people who visit, so

when guests come, they can walk through and understand who we are and learn something.”

The initial work is being funded by several grants.

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The resolution council passed also allows the city to shut off service and pursue legal action in cases of noncompliance.

“This protects us in the future and gives us options in case we need to shut off the water or issue a citation,” Kowalski said.

Council last July approved spending slightly more than \$2.2 million to replace all meter reading devices for residential and commercial properties.

“We’ve been thinking about this for the last few years and budgeted for it,” Kowalski said at the time. “The current readers have a lifespan of about 15 to 20 years and are getting harder to read.”

He added the new readers will give more accurate usage information. The old transponders relayed readings via a series of four antennas.

“The farthest one south is at city hall, so it’s getting harder to get information from the south end of the city,” Kowalski noted, “like the neighborhoods near the (Henry Ford St. John) hospital.”

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Young entrepreneur building squeaky clean startup

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

For recent Grosse Pointe South grad Jack Kendall, his new venture is about more than just earning money. It is about building something of his own, learning what it takes to run a business and spending time with his dad.

His new endeavor is Great Lakes Clean Team, which offers residential trash can cleaning. It's a service that solves a problem the Kendalls experienced firsthand and plenty of homeowners around here know all too well — dirty, gross garbage bins with that unmistakable scent, especially in the summer. The idea, like many, was born out of necessity and solves a problem.

"I knew I didn't want to deal with that awful smell in the garage and figured others didn't either," Kendall said.

After doing some research and realizing nobody covered the Grosse Pointe area with such a service, a lightbulb went off.

"We could do this together," Kendall said of the moment he and his dad realized the idea had potential.

While many college-age students spend the summer working a typi-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Jack Kendall proudly stands with his new Great Lakes Clean Team truck.

cal seasonal job, Kendall is helping launch a company from the ground up with his dad, Sean Kendall, and getting a crash course in entrepreneurship. He currently is taking online classes and plans to study business at Wayne State University this fall, but this spring and summer, his focus is on learning the details of running a small business.

Right now, that means driving the truck, cleaning cans, helping manage operations and getting firsthand experience with the realities of starting from scratch. While his father assists with some of the sales, marketing and business plan-

ning, Kendall is taking the lead on operations.

"In the future, hopefully it'll just be me out there driving the truck," he said. "I'll have the schedule, have everything down, flying in and out of houses."

Both father and son say the early work has been rewarding. For Sean Kendall, who has spent years in consulting, marketing and business development, the business offers something he rarely found in office life: immediate results.

"It's instant gratification," he said. "You see something dirty, then you see something clean after and you're like, all

right, done. It's a good service with a good sense of accomplishment."

Before they even had

the truck on the road, the father-son business partners worked on the business plan and also spent weeks dropping off fliers, following garbage pickup routes and placing promotional notes on trash cans to spread the word. They are confident once people see their neighbors use the service, the business will snowball.

Now, with their custom-built cleaning truck ready to go, the two are focused on showing people that the Clean Team business is more than a novelty. The truck is equipped with a 625-gallon water tank, built-in pressure washers and an impressive lift system that flips trash cans into place, where spinning heads clean and sanitize them with water heated to 200 degrees. The pro-

cess takes just a few minutes and leaves the cans clean and fresh. The Kendalls also will focus on identifying and reaching out to potential business partners, such as lawn care companies and waste management services. They hope to eventually expand into commercial dumpster cleaning, hire employees and grow beyond the bubble. But for now, they are focused on the Pointes.

Kendall lives in Grosse Pointe Farms and when he isn't busy getting his new business off the ground, he loves to play golf, fish and work out.

"I love living on the lake," he said. "After the long winters here, being on the boat with friends and family is the best thing ever."



Father and son point out all of the bells and whistles on their new truck.

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things," said Czerny, part of the district's scene since 2018.

Also located in the four-block work zone, Aaron Wittacker, owner of GPH Services home renovations and repair, said he shares concerns about vehicle access and parking restrictions during construction.

"We are losing some parking and parking is already tight in this area," Wittacker said. "That said, the (streetscape) concept they came up with looks beautiful."

Architectural renderings of the finished product feature a curbless roadway, wider sidewalks, more landscaping, safer crosswalks, pocket parks, public art, bicycle lanes, street furnishings, runoff-capturing bioswales and water features.

"It's admirable what they're doing," Wittacker said. "If it pans out that



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A rendering of a post-construction street festival in the Charlevoix commercial district of Grosse Pointe Park.

way, it will be an asset and nice area for the city."

"The road will be closed to vehicles and constructed in two segments, Alter to Lakepointe first, then Lakepointe to Beaconsfield," according to a written plan of work by Cindy Paparelli, assistant city manager. Separating construction

into two phases is intended to prevent the entire four-block stretch of road from being closed for the duration.

Renovating the Charlevoix business streetscape is an initiative of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, which encompasses the district.

Czerny is on the TIFA board. His appointment began after almost all

streetscape planning was completed.

"The project is going to do a lot for the community," he said during the meeting, held at his business. "My main concern is parking in general — for employees, customers and residents. How customers are going to get to my business is concerning. How are people going to pick up carry-

out? The idea that we're starting (construction) in a week and we don't have answers right now is my main concern."

Some \$1,811,344 of construction's \$3.8 million total cost comes from a federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. TIFA, designed to capture a portion of property tax increases in the district to stimulate economic development, is paying \$573,586. The roughly \$800,000 balance comes from the city for road work.

"It looks like a good plan," Wittacker said. "It seems they're going to execute it well. We'll see."

Tony Vassallo, owner of Park Barbers, has been in business since November at the upper end of the district, the section comprising phase two of construction.

"I'm going to be affected less than anyone on the street," Vassallo said. "Most of my clients walk to the shop."

His parking needs amount to one or two spots.

"I'm open during the day when there's not as much traffic and demand for parking compared with restaurants and bars that are busy at night," he said. "And I don't get deliveries."

Steve Dothage is most laid back of all.

"I don't get too worked up," he said.

He plans to open Millie Lou's Pretzel Co., on Charlevoix mid-summer. He and his wife currently operate out of their house in the City of Grosse Pointe in compliance with the Cottage Food Law.

"We'll be in phase two," Dothage said. "We probably will have opened a month before the street gets shut down."

He expects walk-in traffic to be a "decent" portion of his customer base, but he also sells on the wholesale level and fills orders for corporate parties.

"(Construction) is going to be painful for everyone for a few months, but, hopefully, it's all worth it," Dothage said.

The underlying desire of people attending the meeting was for more parking in the district.

"Charlevoix is the only street without a public parking lot," Czerny said. "Mack Avenue has them. Kercheval has them. Even Jefferson has off-street spaces. We're in a tough spot here."

At any given time, his business is staffed by 10 employees who park in the company lot across the street.

"One of my concerns is how many other people are going to be parking in my private parking lot that I pay a lot of money for?" Czerny said.

"I believe (the city) is looking at expanding parking," Wittacker said.

City Manager Nick Sizeland said one long-term opportunity is negotiating parking access on an undeveloped, privately owned lot in the district.

Less likely concerns are a house and neighboring lot the TIFA owns.

"The house is in bad shape," Sizeland said. "It will have to be demolished or someone will have to buy it and fix it up. I'm hoping to get a business project out of it for further development."

One day before the meeting of business owners, city officials hosted the latest of many public sessions on the topic at city hall.

"People were excited as well as concerned about traffic congestion's impact on the community," Sizeland said.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Attempted theft

The rear driver’s side window of a vehicle in the 17000 block of Mack was shattered between 8 p.m. Monday, April 13, and 9:30 a.m. the next morning.

The ignition was punched and the steering column damaged, which is indicative of attempted theft.

Fraud

While the account owner was a patient at a local hospital Thursday, April 16, \$2,500 fraudulently was transferred from their Bank of America account. Multiple other transfers were attempted at the same time.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Theft

Between 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, and 9 a.m. the next day in the 1300 block of Berkshire, someone stole a black canvas gym bag containing Beats headphones, exercise clothing and a black Kate Spade wallet containing credit cards and identification.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

See ya, bye

A man living in the 1200 block of Three Mile Drive, advertising an iPhone ProMax on an internet marketplace, found a prospective buyer in the form of an unknown man driving a white sedan.

“The (owner) handed the iPhone to the suspect while the suspect remained seated in his vehicle,” police said. “The suspect drove away with the phone without providing payment.”

The theft happened Tuesday, April 14, and represented a \$600 loss to the victim.

Burglar charged

A man wanted for burglary, possession of crack cocaine and additional outstanding warrants was arrested last week for the nighttime theft of barbecue supplies displayed in front of Park Place Market in the Charlevoix commercial district.

“A surveillance camera showed (him) on a bicycle (at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, April 16),” police said. “(He) took items from outside the store. (He) was located in Detroit, arrested and

charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office.”

The man is 56 years old. Police didn’t list his city of residence.

Got away

An unknown driver speeding 55 mph on eastbound Mack at Berkshire kept going when a patrol officer tried to conduct a traffic stop at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 16.

“The vehicle (a gray Dodge Durango) fled north of Mack into residential streets,” police said. “Pursuit was terminated.”

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Bitcoin fraud

A 41-year-old resident on Ballantyne was scammed out of nearly \$27,000 Tuesday, April 14, after receiving a phone call from someone claiming to be a federal agent who told her she was facing arrest for

missing jury duty in Illinois.

The woman deposited \$10,000 in a Bitcoin kiosk in Detroit and another \$16,971 at one in St. Clair Shores. She filed a police report around 6 p.m. that day after the suspect demanded another \$50,000.

—Ted O’Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Erratic driver

After a caller reported a vehicle on Chalfonte near Moross for driving erratically and appearing to leave the roadway at 4:17 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, a 65-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was pulled over and arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Disorderly conduct

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for disorderly conduct at 10:12 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, after urinating on the wall outside a business at

Mack and Moross and attempting to punch the owner.

Stolen Jeep

A 2024 burgundy Jeep Grand Cherokee with the keys forgotten inside was stolen from Edgemere between 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, and 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

While tracking the stolen vehicle, Detroit officers attempted to pull it over and it crashed, with the occupants fleeing. Officers caught and arrested the front passenger — a 24-year-old St. Clair Shores man — who has a record of multiple arrests for larceny from auto, possession of stolen vehicles and a 2018 Harper Woods arrest for carjacking.

Unlocked invitation

Criminals taking advantage of opportunity were at it again last week:

◆ Nothing was taken from a car in the 200 block of Ridgemon that was rummaged through between 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, and 7:40 a.m. the next morning.

◆ An unlocked vehicle in the 100 block of Moross was rummaged through overnight into Friday, April 17.

◆ A duffle bag was sto-

len from an unlocked vehicle on Edgemere overnight into Saturday, April 18.

◆ Sunglasses and change were discovered stolen from a vehicle in the 100 block of Lakeview Saturday, April 18.

No seatbelts

A 51-year-old Taylor man chose to lie about his identity and was arrested for obstructing police at 10:08 a.m. Monday, April 20, after the vehicle he was in was pulled over on Kerby because both occupants were not wearing seatbelts.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Intimidation

A resident in the 2000 block of Ridgemon reported receiving threatening phone calls from a contractor he hired to work on one of his rental properties after he and the man got into an argument over money.

—Ted O’Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

GRANT:

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FEMA, the granting agency, to approve not only the second year of a two-year extension it’s entitled to under the grant language, but an additional third year on top of that.

FEMA cannot approve anything, given the Department of Homeland Security has been shut down since Feb. 14.

In the same vein, the city also was relying on a pending application to the state’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a \$16 million loan, which in combination with the \$15 million voter-approved sewer separation bond, could have funded the city’s \$30 million match requirement.

“Because FEMA has not been able to communicate with us since the shutdown, we have not heard back on our extension and we were unable to meet the consistent timelines with the state on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund,” City Manager Joe Valentine

said Monday. “So that funding is no longer available to us.”

The city has no other viable avenue by which to fulfill its \$30 million match component.

“This program, while everybody was working hard to make sure it was continuing, to keep it on track — and for a long time we were doing that — right now given the circumstances that we have with FEMA, we’re unable to make this work,” Valentine said.

This also means the significant majority of the 2024 voter-approved bond of up to \$15 million for stormwater separation may never hit residents’ tax bills.

To date, the city has issued only \$1.4 million to pay for preliminary engineering and, of that, spent only \$600,000. The preliminary engineering still will serve the city going forward, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said, as it looks to other stormwater mitigation efforts.

“It’s important for people to know, the bond that was voted for, we haven’t liquidated,” she

said.

The city now will consider a more bite-sized approach to stormwater separation, as well as explore additional efforts such as transitioning catch basins to models regulated to hold more water in the street and thereby prevent it from entering the system and flooding basements.

“The next steps will be to look at a stormwater master plan for the com-

munity and develop one that we can then phase in over time to really meet the needs for the long term, but do so in a comprehensive fashion that maybe can be phased in,” Valentine said. “So we’ll have some more conversations on that going forward, but unfortunately, the strategy that’s been laid out up to this point hasn’t been able to continue, given the circumstances with FEMA.”



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Pickleball courts, maybe by fall

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Just in time to be not too late, pickleball courts at Patterson Park will be repaired and doubled in number.

“Approximately how long will this take?” Councilman Marty McMillan asked City Manager Nick Sizeland during the April 13 city council meeting. “The pickleball season is starting about now. How long will we be without pickle-

ball?”

“From what I understand, it could drag into the middle of summer,” Sizeland said.

“The courts need resurfacing, restriping, new fencing and a (doubling) of three (courts) to six to accommodate greater demand for pickleball in the last decade or so,” said Ethan Haan, finance director, in a report to city council.

“Can we make sure (Recreation) Director

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OUR VIEW

Actions have consequences

Similar to the above headline, there is a saying in politics, “Elections have consequences.”

Although the word “consequence” itself carries a negative connotation, Merriam-Webster simply defines it as “something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions,” meaning there can be positive or negative outcomes.

Take, for example, the 2022 election for the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

With a newly constituted board seated in January 2023, the majority got to work tackling several critical issues.

The first, of course, was to put an end to plans for building a health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School that was hastily rushed in the previous months and would have cost the district \$1 million, plus ongoing maintenance fees, not to mention the safety risk it posed.

Next, the board got to work on a budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year that was crucial to saving the district from financial ruin due to previous irresponsible spending of federal COVID relief dollars.

The board also made the wise decision to hire Superintendent Andrea Tuttle, one of the best things to happen to the district in years. She further brought financial stability to the district, overseeing two budget cycles that produced surpluses allowing the district to get its fund equity back into double digits.

The board election of 2024 also has brought consequences. Sadly, chief among them was the announcement earlier this year by Dr. Tuttle that she would be retiring from the district at the end of August.

As we have noted here before, it seems obvious that the new board supermajority orchestrated this. Be it through belittling, badmouthing or bashing, her leaving is indeed a consequence of Nov. 5, 2024.

We are not sure what the exact breaking point was. It could have been then-Trustee Clint Derringer pestering Dr. Tuttle at a meeting last June to the point she left early. Or maybe the laughable, performative stage show put on by four members of the supermajority during Dr. Tuttle’s review last year.

Maybe, just maybe, it was then-President Colleen Worden effectively calling Dr. Tuttle a liar at a meeting late last year during a discussion about bond projects. When Ms. Worden asked Dr. Tuttle why Trombly Elementary School was not on a list of prospective projects, Dr. Tuttle said Ms. Worden had told her not to include it.

A back-and-forth ensued, with Dr. Tuttle saying another administrator was in the room at the time of their discussion. Whomever that person was, they have not come forward.

Emails obtained by the Grosse Pointe News via a Freedom of Information Act request could shed light on the matter.

An email from Dr. Tuttle to Ms. Worden the morning of Sept. 26, 2025, regarding discussion issues for a Facilities Committee meeting the following week included Trombly and indicated “2027 use.”

Ms. Worden’s reply, about an hour later, read, “This meeting is not in accordance with the plan we discussed and that you told me you fully sup-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

A common bloom in April around the Pointes, magnolia trees burst with vibrant two-toned pink flowers that can last until early May. These trees add color to the slowly greening landscape preceding yellow daffodils and tulips in a variety of colors.

ported. Furthermore, I think it is not prudent to make Trombly a priority when there are so many other projects that are critical ...”

Another consequence? The supermajority’s decision last fall to stop posting certain emails on the district’s website.

Having seen a few emails sent to the board since then, the move is not necessarily surprising: emails essentially directing the board as to what the author(s) expects regarding policy decisions. One could almost call it a shadow board.

More recently was the supermajority’s decision to ban monetary donations from what it deems “political influence organizations.”

As many have rightly pointed out, this action was aimed solely at one group: Pointers for Academic Excellence.

PfAE, registered as a Political Action Committee, supported a slate of candidates that opposed certain current board members in the 2024 election.

It also had the audacity to offer to fund a grant proposal written by a teacher — an idea the district initially supported — to pay for transportation and pool time to provide swimming lessons to Grosse Pointe students living in the Harper Woods portion of the district. The reason being the pool at Parcels Middle School is closed and the Harper Woods students do not have access to a municipal pool the way Parcels students living in Grosse Pointe Woods or Grosse Pointe Shores do.

The group last year asked students to nominate impactful teachers for a Luminary Award and this year will award a second round of its Compass Scholarship, giving \$5,000 to one male and one female graduating student-athlete at each high school.

Not to mention the \$100,000 PfAE spent in support of passing the recent sinking fund millage and bond.

But about that political influence nonsense.

Last year the board again debated pass-

ing a resolution supporting Wear Orange Day, something advanced by the heavily political group Everytown for Gun Safety.

“I always do my best to be transparent about having political feelings and thoughts turn into actions,” Mr. Derringer said at the time. “I certainly try to respond that way when asked by community members, but I don’t think it’s accurate or in good faith to pretend that politics don’t belong in the conversation, because we all know that we bring our own politics to the conversation.”

Rules for thee but not for me, it would appear.

Another consequence of the decision to ban PfAE is that the GP Foundation for STEAAM Support has chosen to stop funding grant requests from GPPSS teachers, as we reported last week.

“This decision is being influenced by the actions of this board, specifically the policy against PfAE,” Matt Agnone, treasurer for the foundation, said during public comments at a board meeting two weeks ago. “This policy appears designed to single out one organization and one family.”

Board Trustee Sean Cotton, who also owns the Grosse Pointe News, and his family have ties to both groups.

Over three years, STEAAM awarded more than \$1.2 million in grants to 70 applicants that touched every grade level and every building in the district to strengthen initiatives in science, technology, engineering, arts, athletics and math.

Where will that money come from now? The general fund? The pockets of the supermajority? Elections, and actions, indeed have consequences.

For those interested in running for school board, the deadline to file is 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, in the Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk’s office.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus



The linguistics of laughter

My college peers and I once were tasked in a communications course to read and write an eight-page relational analysis on “The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother,” an autobiography and memoir by James McBride. On the day the assign-

ment was due, we then each had to give a brief presentation of our findings. Around the time we got through the first three or so presentations, the young man who sat next to me — we’ll call him Chris — asked, quite trepidatiously, “What happens if we didn’t read the right book?” The series of events that followed could have been prime fodder for an episode of “The Office,” if “The Office” was set in a community college

night class where the main character (me) was just there to get a low-cost filler credit to put toward a university journalism degree. Cue the professor. “What book did you read?” she asked. Chris, truly a victim of semantics, had read and written an eight-page relationship analysis on “The Shape of Water” — a fictional dark romance about a woman who falls in love with a man-shaped fish. The plot — which is altogether icky, if you

ask me — follows a mute, lonely woman who works as a janitor at a government laboratory, discovers the existence of this amphibious creature, breaks him out of the lab and takes him home to live in her bathtub. Whether it matters, the book is actually an adaptation of a movie by the same name, which won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2018. My communications professor, who had never even heard of “The Shape of Water,” pro-

ceeded to tell Chris to get on up there and present anyway. To his eternal credit, this 20-something-year-old man stood in front of a room of college students — who were all prepared to discuss racial implications in the 1920s on the bond between mother and son — and applied the social penetration theory to the main character building a bond with her future fish boyfriend by offering him boiled eggs to eat. The term “sea crea-

ture” was used several times — each time eliciting snorts of laughter more unhinged than the last. Chris laughed his way through the presentation; several students banished themselves to the hallway so as not to create even more of a disturbance with their hysterics; and I laughed, mostly silently, so hard I had to make a conscious effort not to cry. If laughter truly does add years to your life, then we all certainly had Chris to thank.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

PROGRESS REPORTS IN SOLVING CITY’S PARKING PROBLEMS: The City of Grosse Pointe reports that very satisfactory progress is being made towards the solution of the parking problem in the business district, under the leadership of Councilman John Kenower. Authority was given to him to complete the lot which the City purchased from Dexter M. Ferry Jr., behind the Grosse Pointe Drug Co., on the west side of St. Clair Avenue.

SCHOOL BOARD TO HEAR GROUP OF WOODS PARENTS’ PROTESTS OVER CHANGE IN BOUNDARIES: The Grosse Pointe Woods Council has been appointed by Mayor Leon Ratcliffe as a committee of the whole to join with a committee of residents representing a large group in the Woods who have protested against the recent redistricting of schools. Some 190 Woods

residents attended the Woods council meeting seeking to enlist the aid of the city fathers in their protest against the new boundaries.

METER-READING DOG CATCHER APPROVED BY FARMS COUNCIL: Grosse Pointe Farms’ plan for cooperating with one or more of the other local municipalities in the employment of a part-time dog catcher has had to be revamped. The Park has already made its own arrangements for snaring pooches and the City won’t evince any interest until a concrete plan is presented showing just how much time the City could expect to get from the services of such an added employee.

1976

50 years ago this week

PROPOSED FISHING PIER IN LAKE FRONT PARK UNDER STUDY: Whether a proposed fishing pier at the Lake Front Park becomes a reality depends on several decisions which will have to

be made by Woods officials. A report on the proposal from City Engineer Laurence H. Pate, viewing the necessary steps which would have to be taken before construction could begin, was referred to the Committee of the Whole and the Citizens Recreation Commission for further study.

INSTRUCTORS GIVEN SLIPS BY BOARD: In a budget-cutting effort, aimed at enabling The Pointe public schools to operate next year without a millage increase, the Board of Education announced the dismissal of 162 teachers at its April 12 meeting. The mass layoffs, the largest in the system’s history, will reduce the teaching staff by more than one-quarter, saving about \$875,000. The Board has indicated that most of the teachers would be rehired by next September if additional millage of a yet undisclosed amount is passed in the June 14 election.

PARK, WOODS, OTHER CITIES WIN STREET LIGHTING BATTLE: The Public Service Commission issued a final order regarding an increase in rates for suburban cities receiving service from

Detroit Edison. The increase it granted will raise the Park’s street lighting bill by \$10,677, according to a report made to the Park Council by City Attorney Richard Rohr. Mr. Rohr’s report revealed the PSC had recently entered the final order after Edison agreed with the cities (for the first time) that it would seek a percentage increase no greater than which it received from all customers.

2001

25 years ago this week

SHORES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW PROJECT FOR 2001: Grosse Pointe Shores board of trustees member Brian Hunt announced at the March board meeting what the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation’s project for 2001 is — a boardwalk in Osius Park. Foundation president Ron Wagner said the walk would be along the seawall, from the northern side of the parking lot to the area where the boat wells begin.

CITY VOTERS FACE

CHOICE ON PARK BOND VOTE MAY 1: After over a year of planning, City of Grosse Pointe voters will decide May 1 on whether to sell \$2.6 million in bonds for the purpose of building a new swimming pool and bath house in Neff Park. If voters approve the bond, then construction of a new pool and bath house will begin after Labor Day. The work should be completed by Memorial Day next year.

HARPER WOODS PLANS 50TH: Harper Woods will host the biggest parade in its 50-year history on April 29. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the city in 1951, more than 1,200 people and about 60 units (parade jargon for bands, floats, organizations, etc.) will roll down Beaconsfield from Beacon Elementary School to Harper Woods High at 11 a.m.

2016

10 years ago this week

TESTS REVEAL HIGH LEAD LEVELS: Ten water samples of Grosse Pointe Public School System buildings

came back with initial readings above action levels for lead or copper, the district announced April 18. Superintendent Gary Niehaus said a voluntary screening sampling was conducted over a three-day period, March 29 to 31. In light of Flint’s water woes, many schools and municipalities have started testing. Niehaus said they wanted to make sure the facilities were safe for children and staff.

METERS RILE RESIDENTS: Every homeowner knows utility companies require meters in order to bill for electrical, water or gas service. But what Woods residents want to know is why the new gas meters currently being in stalled by DTE have to be put on the front of the house. “They are an eyesore,” one resident told the city council at its Monday night meeting. “They’re big and ugly and look terrible on the front of a house.” The new meters are part of DTE’s Gas Renewal Program involving installation of new gas lines throughout the city as well as new meters on every house and business.

Bikeathon to ride through Grosse Pointe Saturday

GROSSE POINTE PARK, CITY & FARMS — The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit’s fifth annual Fair Housing Awareness Bikeathon will ride through portions of the City and Farms between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Though it will be the first time riding through Grosse Pointe, each year the center hosts the bikeathon the last Saturday in April, which is Fair Housing Month and considered the start of biking season in Michigan. About 150 bike riders

will meet at 10 a.m. at 5555 Conner to take a 16-mile bike tour with stops at significant civil rights landmarks. In the Pointes, riders will stop at the new apartments and child care center at 14901 Kercheval, the Provencal-Weir House

and the historical marker at Grosse Pointe South High School commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s 1968 speech, “The Other America.” The route will see riders traverse the length of Kercheval from Conner to Moross; Moross to

Lakeshore; Lakeshore to Fisher; Fisher to Kercheval; Kercheval to Alter; Alter to Charlevoix; and Charlevoix to Conner. Riders may register for \$50 online at fairhousingdetroit.org/bikeathon. Proceeds support comprehensive fair housing education, direct support for individuals experiencing discrimination and

trusted resources that help ensure housing opportunities are fair and accessible for all. The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, membership-based organization that supports and encourages equal housing opportunities in the greater Detroit metropolitan area.

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Sweet teeth already drooling

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — From slushies to nuts and chocolate in between, Sweet Pointe Candy is the sweetest point in town, according to owner David King.

The store’s grand opening is 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at 15129 Kercheval between Lakepointe and Maryland in the Park.

“I have two main goals,” said King, a Park resident. “One is to be a destination candy store, people coming from West Bloomfield and Livonia to visit.”

He’s making Sweet Pointe festive by installing EyeClick interactive games, plus a Wheel of Gross game in which customers spin to win tasty candies such as pomegranate and strawberry candies, or gross-out flavors like dirty dishwater and wet dog.

The EyeClick system is a ceiling-mounted projector that casts amusements and activities onto the floor. Kids can play games, such as soccer or tic-tac-toe. Adults may prefer trivia and bingo.

“The second goal is to be accepted and welcomed by the community,” King said.

To meet that objective, he plans to please all kinds of taste buds.



David King, owner of Sweet Pointe Candy, the new candy store located at 15129 Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, is surrounded by candy selections as there are over 1,000 types of candy to choose from depending on your sweet tooth preference.

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King said, “We’re going to have nostalgia candy, truffles, slushies, coffee for adults, fresh popcorn and cotton candy, ice cream, Taffy Town taffy and a lot of traditional candies, but also plant-based candies, gluten and sugar free and dye free. More high-end options than a lot of places would consider.”

“It’s always good news when people are willing to invest in our community,” Mayor Michele Hodges said. “When it’s a local individual investing, all the better. That’s how

the whole ecosystem works: When they’re investing, when we’re supporting and we’re creating, vibrancy in the community is a result.”

“The opening of Sweet Pointe Candy is another exciting addition to the momentum we’re seeing across Grosse Pointe Park’s business district,” said Danielle Hawasli, president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association. “Each new storefront, whether it’s a specialty shop like this, the return of a beloved neighborhood business

or larger redevelopment projects, contributes to a more vibrant and engaging streetscape.”

“Absolutely,” said Laura Meyer, owner of Maison Parc flower and gift shop across Kercheval from the candy store.

“When it’s a sunny day my business quadruples because people want to come out here. They want to be on our street. We (the district) have a bakery (Le Rouge Boulangerie). We have a bookstore (Coreander’s Children’s Bookshoppe). We’ve become a destina-

tion for what I call experiential — is that a word? — retail. You’re not just shopping because you’re in need of something, almost. That’s part of it, but you’re coming out for an experience.”

“Sweet Pointe, in particular, is the kind of destination-oriented retail that naturally draws people in,” Hawasli said. “Shops like this encourage visitors to linger, explore neighboring businesses and make a day out of being in our district. That increased foot traffic has a ripple

effect, supporting surrounding retailers, restaurants and services.”

“All the pieces fit together and one is better with the other,” Hodges said. “When that whole puzzle is there, that’s when you get vibrancy and traffic.”

The candy store’s grand opening is on the day of the Grosse Pointe Park Little League parade.

“We’re going to have giveaways, samples, balloons — the whole thing,” King said. “We’re trying to blend our approach and find out what Grosse Pointers like. We’re going to have a lot of new stuff. Kids love sours. There’s freeze dried. There are TikTok trends we’re going to accommodate.”

At the higher end of nearly 1,000 selections and 135 bins of bulk candy are nuts, truffles, toffees and dark chocolate.

“We’ll have specialties from all over the country,” King said. “We have gift baskets and bulk candies so people can make their own candy charcuterie for a gathering or party.”

A reservation system is set up for birthday parties.

“We have the Obie (gaming) projector (an EyeClick component) for interactive connectivity with other people through games,” King said, “everything from playing sports trivia to you name

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Woods hears legislative update

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council and others in attendance at its meeting Monday, April 13, were updated about what has been going on at the state capitol from Rep. Veronica Paiz, D-Harper Woods.

In terms of the state budget, Paiz said she has made a request in the 2026-27 fiscal year budget for the city to receive \$1.3 million to repair Cook Road.

There is a self-imposed statutory deadline for legislators to pass a new budget by July 1 each year, although it has no penalties for noncompliance. There is a constitutional requirement a new budget be passed by Oct. 1 yearly, which marks the start of a new fiscal year for the state.

Legislators missed that deadline by a few days last year, but state government did not shut down after lawmakers agreed to a one-week stopgap budget.

“I think it will be passed on time this year, if not sooner,” Paiz said, “since it is an election year.”

All 110 seats in the State House and 38 in the State Senate are up for grabs this fall, meaning legislators running for re-election will want as much time as possible to hit the campaign trail.

Paiz also said there is some talk in Lansing about eliminating property taxes, which would save taxpayers about \$5 billion a year. The proposal calls for expanding how the state’s sales tax is applied to recoup that money, but Paiz said she doesn’t think it will pass.

She also talked about her opposition to two packages of bills that have generated a good deal of local interest.

The first set of legislation would require all public school districts in the state to participate in schools of choice by forcing them to make open seats available to non-resident students.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has voted against participating in the program every year since it was introduced in 1996 and unanimously passed a special resolution against the bills earlier this year.

“Both sides of the aisle have real concerns about the idea because it undermines local schools,” she said. “At this point, I don’t think the bills can progress as they are.”

Paiz, a former Harper Woods City Council member, also said she is opposed to legislation that would take most

zoning matters away from local municipalities and centralize them in Lansing. Several local elected officials have spoken out against the plan.

Finally, Paiz said she is working on drafting legislation that would lower auto insurance rates for seniors if they pass a one-day driver safety course, as well as a licensed apprenticeship program for massage therapists.

“We think that would bring more people into the business and also help them better spot signs of human trafficking,” she said.

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(Chad) Craig gets some sort of training from the (installation) people when they’re there so he

understands how to maintain this, so we don’t run into the same thing where he said the chipping greens are not maintained because he never learned how (to do so)?” Councilman Brent

Dreaver asked.

The equivalent of a straw poll during a recreation commission open house meeting earlier this month found Park residents overwhelmingly wanting more and better pickleball access in their municipal parks.

“At the open house it was clearly a community priority,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

“It’s been a longstanding request from residents,” Sizeland said.

“This renovation will allow the city to realize stronger revenue streams

from leagues and rentals of this new equipment and provide greater access to a much-loved pastime for city taxpayers,” Haan wrote.

Pickleball is miniature tennis with shades of badminton and pingpong.

“Easy to learn but chal-

lenging to master, pickleball is accessible to all ages and abilities, offering both casual fun and competitive play,” according to “What is pickleball” on the USA Pickleball website, usapickleball.org.

Benefits of the game are characterized as a combination elixir and fountain of youth.

“It improves heart health, burns calories, enhances muscle and bone strength, is easy on joints, increases balance and coordination, boosts brain health, lengthens lifespan and provides social activity,” according to, “Is pickleball a good exercise?” posted last month on the Cleveland Clinic website.

Park council members on April 13 awarded a \$79,300 contract to Goddard Sport Surfaces of Pontiac to do the job.

“City administrators will work with the vendor on the timing of the project to see if the courts can be open for at least part of the busy summer season,” Haan said.

A separate contract for fencing boosted the total cost of the project to \$100,000.

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South students hold mock trial in Farms courtroom

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Students in Grosse Pointe South High School’s American legal systems class had their day in court Friday, April 10, when they gained the unique opportunity to hold a mock trial in Grosse Pointe Farms’ municipal courtroom.

Students had full rein of the court, committing to their roles as judge, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, defendant, witnesses, bailiff and jury in the case of “The People of the State of Michigan vs. Hoagie Reagan.”

The criminal case is a fictional portrayal and loosely based on the true story of Rubin “Hurricane” Carter — a black American boxer who was convicted of a 1966 triple homicide at a bar and spent nearly 19



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

years in prison before the convictions were overturned on account of racial bias and procedural misconduct.

“This case has all of the big, low-hanging fruit to it,” American legal systems teacher Chris Booth

said, as to why he uses it for the course. “It’s murder-based. It’s high-profile. There’s an element of racism in this trial and there’s a lot that the prosecution side can look on and debate. They definitely have a case, even though they’ve got the burden of proof there — and there’s a lot of good defense.

“I like it because I think each side can, if they argue and make a case better, I think either can have a good outcome.”

The same fictional case has been tried in the American legal systems class the two years prior, though this is the first year it was held in a real courtroom. Last year the defendant was found

guilty, while he was found innocent the year before.

Students had two weeks to prep on legal terms, their character profiles, the case background and the evidence — navigating criminal law, procedure, witness preparation and testimony and proper courtroom etiquette.

They also selected their own roles, with the high scorers on a legal systems exam earning first choice — that is, aside from the man whose life was on the line.

“I was absent on the day everyone got to pick their roles,” said AJ Zieleniewski, who portrayed defendant Hoagie Reagan. “And Mr. Booth goes, ‘I think I know who’d be perfect for this: It’d be AJ.’ So I was picked as the guy being charged with triple murder.”

Despite being volunteered, Zieleniewski embodied the role of a man with a troubled past who was adamant he had been falsely accused.

“There was a lot of preparation,” he said after taking the stand. “I had to really know the whole story and put my mind in (his place). I had to bring sympathy up to the stand.”

His preparation, and



Above, defendant Hoagie Reagan, portrayed by AJ Zieleniewski, reads a statement given to him by a prosecuting attorney. Left, the jury deliberates the case before deciding on the verdict.

certainly that of his defense attorneys, paid off as the 12 student jurors found Reagan not guilty after a short deliberation.

South students who participated in the mock trial included:

- ◆ student judge Angela Allen;

- ◆ prosecuting attorneys Zofia Tabaczynski, David Sutts and Avery Keyser;

- ◆ defense attorneys Isaac Brenner, Simon Justin and Emma Britton;

- ◆ Zieleniewski as defendant Hoagie Reagan;

- ◆ witnesses Lyla Hampton portraying Artie Johnson; Jack Ropke portraying Bill Marino; Mallory Blake portraying Patty Heart; Evelyn Wodzisz portraying Brenda Dexter; Abbey Kenyon-Guevara portraying Alanis Shout; Christian Jacklyn portraying Officer Lance Corporeal; Chloe Craig portraying Officer Lisa Ronald; Maddie Schwesinger portraying Carly Maple; Jack George portraying Woodrow Nimoy; and Wesley Roberts portraying Kirk Tiberius;

- ◆ and bailiff Gavin Hysennlari.

Supporting their efforts and providing background pointers were three local judges who also attended the mock trial — Grosse Pointe Park Judge John Parnell, City of Grosse

Pointe Judge David Draper and Grosse Pointe Farms/Shores Judge Charles Berschback.

“You’re really all very well-prepared and I will tell you guys the majority of your classmates couldn’t get up here and do what you’re doing today, so you should all be really proud of yourself,” Parnell told the students. “And just as I was telling your teacher and your school resource officer, I hope at least one or two of you draws from today and realizes this might be a thing for you, because I think for a few of you it might be a thing for you.”

Standout stars were Allen, whose two years on South’s mock trial team ensured she had no trouble commanding a courtroom and appropriately ruling on objections; Zieleniewski, who made it easy to forget he’s a Grosse Pointe high school student as he argued with prosecuting attorneys the logistics of loading a gun; and Brenner, Justin and Britton, who expertly crafted a bulletproof defense, including creating a basis for why polygraph testing is inadmissible in court and successfully getting a partial fingerprint removed from the evidence the jury could consider.

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Defendant Hoagie Reagan, portrayed by AJ Zieleniewski, reacts to the not guilty verdict.



Defense attorney Emma Britton questions her client, Hoagie Reagan (AJ Zieleniewski), while student judge Angela Allen presides over the courtroom and City of Grosse Pointe Judge David Draper observes, ready to give advice should the students need it.

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it. It has over 300 games for young and old.”

“Combined with ongoing developments along Mack, Charlevoix and Kercheval, we’re seeing a steady strengthening of walkability and overall vitality in our downtown

area,” Hawasli said. “It’s an encouraging time. Additions like Sweet Pointe help reinforce the sense that our business community is growing in both energy and appeal.”

“This part of Grosse Pointe Park has become something to do,” Meyer said. “You can go to the bookstore and they have story times. You can

come to me and put together a bud vase bar. He (King) is adding to that experience. It drives business. I get so much business from the bookstore and bakery. Even Pointe Acupuncture. I can tell when the ladies come in from Pointe Acupuncture because they’re so happy and relaxed.”

King’s traditional candy selections include some of the same sweets his great-grandfather sold in his neighborhood grocery store on Detroit’s west side during the 1930s through World War II.

Photos of the store and a short history are on Sweet Pointe’s website, sweetpointecandy.com.

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BoE: Strategic plan needs more strategy

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTE

— After six months of work, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is poised to approve a portion of a new strategic plan, but wants to see more detail when it comes to how the district will actually achieve it. The board voted last October to contract with the Michigan Association of School Boards to oversee the process at a cost of approximately \$11,000. After MASB presented the final plan to the

board earlier this month, trustees agreed it needs more work. The process started with an online survey asking what people thought could make the district better, plus listening sessions with a number of groups including administrators, teachers, students and board members. Some 55 community members representing a variety of groups then attended an eight-hour workshop in February. All of that data was turned over to the district's implementation team, consisting of building principals, central

office administrators and teachers, which mapped out a quarterly schedule to achieve first-year goals in five key areas: ♦ academics and programs, ♦ culture, ♦ personnel, ♦ communications and ♦ operations. Trustee Tim Klepp said he needs the plan to better address the "why" of each objective. "I'm not sure I could answer that question right now if a member of the public were to ask me," he said. Trustee Ginny Jeup said the board should compare the strategic

plan to one Superintendent Andrea Tuttle prepared last year. "We should look at them side by side," she said. "Her plan addressed things like enrollment, keeping buildings open and staffing." Trustee Colleen Worden said she wants to see more fine-tuning when it comes to academics. "That's the centerpiece of our reason for being here," she said. "I'd like to see more detailed and defined benchmarks." Board President Clint Derringer said he thinks the plan needs to show more rigor and asked

board members to give him feedback that could be sent back to the implementation team. The board said it is prepared to OK the mission and vision statements that came out of the work, along with a set of belief statements, which could happen at its meeting Monday, April 27. **Mission statement** Our mission is to empower all students to reach their full potential through exemplary instruction, innovative experiences and collaborative community engagement. **Vision statement**

The premier educational community where we innovate, learn, grow and thrive together. **Belief statements** ♦ Each student deserves an exceptional, innovative education that unlocks their full potential. ♦ A culture of unity grounded in respect, belonging and shared responsibility. ♦ Providing a wide range of opportunities for students to explore their interests and build self-confidence. ♦ Empowering every student to contribute positively to an ever-changing world.

GPA's Amazing Shake 2026 builds real-world skills

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Academy recently concluded its third annual Amazing Shake, an immersive middle school competition that challenges students to demonstrate poise, communication, professionalism and problem-solving through high-pressure, real-world scenarios. This year's Amazing Shake featured new experiential rounds that connected students directly with civic leaders, business professionals and creative experts. During "The Gauntlet," 66 students rotated through 20 rapid-fire challenge stations, including one-minute civic pitches to Grosse

Pointe Farms Mayor John Gillooly proposing bike lanes on Grosse Pointe Boulevard, presentations of original artwork in partnership with Schinkel Fine Art and a breaking news round in which students reported on Australia's new social media restrictions for children younger than 16. A signature highlight this year involved the top five finalists presenting fan-experience business proposals to a major Detroit professional sports organization, followed by an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the team's facilities. Eighth-grader Isabelle Elley earned the title of 2026 Amazing Shake

Champion after advancing through every round and prevailing in the final interview. The top 10 GPA students also advanced to the 2026 Amazing Shake Regional Competition, where they represented the school against peer participants from across the region. The program already has produced tangible real-world impact in previous years. Student-created concepts from prior competitions were selected for commercial rollout, including specialty smoothies sold at Beyond Juicery + Eatery locations on Kercheval and Mack and original sauces developed with Detroit Wing Co. that were produced and sold



GPA's Amazing Shake 2026 winner, Isabelle Elley.

in stores. "The Amazing Shake gives students an extraordinary opportunity to apply classroom learning in authentic, high-stakes settings,"

said Tommy Adams, head of school. "What makes this program especially powerful is seeing student ideas move beyond simulation and into the real world."

TRIAL: Continued from page 9A "All of the students who were in this case, all of the prosecution and the defense, we weren't told to say anything," Justin explained. "All of the help that we got was one big packet that had the facts and the physical evidence. So everything that we said, we got to apply and we really were able to wrap our own sense of logic around it and understand it on a deeper level than just classroom teaching, because we worked through it ourselves. "Even before I took this class, I had planned on going to law school," he added. "It's been a dream of mine and being in this situation, it's our own opportunity to find out what we're capable of."

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Thriving

Grosse Pointe mom named to Female Founders 500 List by Inc. Magazine

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since 2012, the non-profit Thrive has delivered more than 5 million school meals to hungry children in Bangladesh and the Philippines. That’s more than 15,000 meals per week and more than 3,000 meals per day to combat hunger.

The organization’s co-founders, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gina Gabel and California resident Priscilla Perry Heffelfinger, recently were named to Inc. Magazine’s 2026 Female Founders 500 List, for their work feeding hungry children across the globe and creating income opportunities for women in-country.

“It’s a real big honor,” Gabel said. “When I look at others who’ve been recognized, it’s super impressive. ... This gives us a chance to be in front of people to share our story. It’s been a community thing from the very beginning.”

The story of Thrive began when Gabel’s family moved to Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 2012.

“My husband was a federal prosecutor,” Gabel explained. “In Dhaka, the level of poverty was something I’d never experienced firsthand. It was heartbreaking, especially with the kids, who were the same age as my kids at the time.”

She recalled children caked in dirt, begging for food. She saw the same children during a school visit in one of Dhaka’s largest slums.

“I asked the school what we could do to

help,” she recalled. “They said food.”

With a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s in special education, Gabel knew students that malnourished weren’t learning. She and her friends decided to bring bananas once a week for 250 children.

They soon expanded, asking for donations through social media and emails back home, as well as to expat friends and others at the embassy.

“Our first meal was partially provided by funds from Grosse Pointe,” she said. “We had Ziplock bags with eggs, rice and pumpkin soup, and a banana. The kids devoured that little meal.”

She noticed some children not eating their eggs. One little girl said she planned to take it home to share with her family.

“I thought, ‘We cannot stop this,’” Gabel said. “This was a hunger I’d never seen in the flesh before. Not only is she hungry, but her family’s hungry and she knows she has to share this egg with them.”

After speaking with a nutritionist, Gabel and her cofounders upgraded to a meal of fruits, vegetables and proteins. What started as a once-weekly offering grew to two days, then five. Then they added a second school, then a third.

“The response from (Grosse Pointe) and Bangladesh was so great, that now we just served our 5 millionth meal and we feed 3,500 kids a day,” she said. “We have



Gina Gabel at Thrive’s first school in 2012.



Gina Gabel’s daughter, Alice, with school children in the Philippines.

donors from all over the world who give their funds, time and expertise.”

The program continued to grow. Currently, Thrive serves 13 schools in Bangladesh and four in the Philippines. This year, through a grant from the Jones Day Foundation, Thrive began offering hot meals to some of the schools it serves.

What’s more, the non-profit buys its produce from local farmers and started hiring local moms in those communities to prepare the food.

“These are the first paychecks these women have gotten in their lives,” Gabel said. “They’ve either been foraging for food or begging for it in the streets. The effect of this is now they can buy food for their families.”

“... If you feed a child, you change a child’s life,” she added, “but if you employ a mom, you feed a community. That is generational change.”

In addition to impacting students and families, Thrive has affected entire communities. Gabel recalled taking a rickety boat to an island to visit a school and hearing its inhabitants before ever reaching land.

“There was cheering and music and people with signs saying, ‘Thank you, Thrive,’” she said. “Everyone came out for us — the villagers, the department of education, the ministry of health, government officials. They gave speeches saying we are part of the fabric of their community. We’ve served the school on that island every day for five years. We’re showing those kids there’s a world outside of this island, which they’re probably never going to leave, where people care about them and are making the island healthier.”

Gabel said Thrive works closely with the communities it serves, enlisting help locally to ensure sustainability. Paid personnel in Bangladesh and the Philippines help Thrive operations run smoothly.

“That has allowed us, in 13 years, to only miss three days of meals,” she said. “That’s through a massive terrorist attack, COVID, political unrest and weather conditions, solely because we have such a strong local base.”

The numbers

Thrive meals contribute to up to 50 percent of a child’s daily nutritional needs. They’ve also boosted the chances of children showing up to school.

“We have 95 to 100 percent attendance rates,” Gabel said. “One native tribe, just on the promise we’d start to deliver meals, the first day, their enrollment doubled. The first year, all of their sixth graders were going on to seventh grade. That had never happened before at that school.”

During COVID, Thrive provided family food packs.

“We’d feed the whole family for month,” Gabel said. “They would pick up food and educational materials. If we didn’t provide food, the kids had no incentive to (get their homework).”

When the program expanded to the Philippines, Thrive founders further realized it’s not just about the meals, but about the education.

“Adding the moms (to cook hot meals) has been so cool to watch take shape,” she said, “their involvement in their kids’ education and spending time with their kids while in school and earning money.”

Thrive hopes to feed 10,000 children daily by 2028.

“I want to feed as many kids as I can,” Gabel said. “There are schools on the waitlist and other schools beyond that.”

“... Hunger is a huge problem, but it’s a basic need with an easy solution,” she added. “It’s \$10 a month, on average, to feed a kid. Childhood hunger seems so massive. How do you make a dent in it? If you feed one child, you’re literally



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Mercy, a Thrive mom, cooks at Katatubo Village, Philippines.



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‘Emergence’ opens mystery book series, ‘A Wicked Brew’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

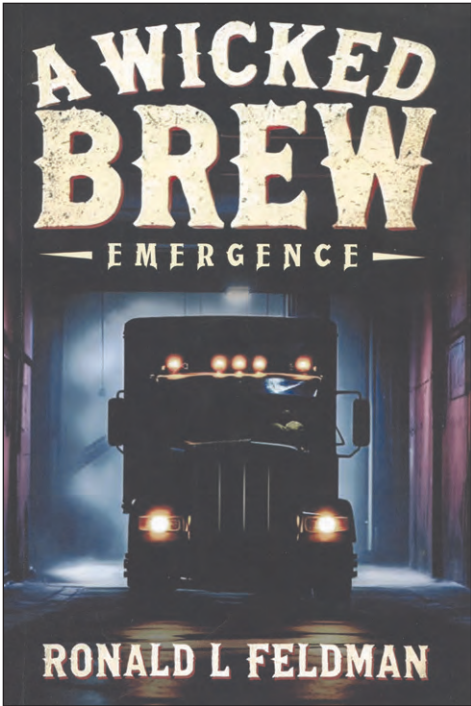
Ronald Feldman is spending his retirement years adding intrigue to a career he left behind more than a decade ago. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident spent decades in the beer distribution industry, first as a Teamster driver-salesman and union steward, later as vice president of a major Detroit distributor. Last fall, he released his first novel, “A Wicked Brew: Emergence.”

“They say write what you know,” Feldman said. “The only thing I know that I feel comfortable writing about is the beer business, through my days as a beer truck driver.” While based on his experiences, the book is entirely fictional and set in the aftermath of Detroit’s 1967 riots. “There’s a guy who is struggling to figure out who he is,” Feldman said of protagonist Josh Stone. “He’s married to a college-educated woman; he’s not. He’s blue collar, but he’s crossing into white collar by getting a degree. He gets this job driving a beer truck and right away he sees the corruption. His route is in the worst



Ronald Feldman, the author of the “Wicked Brew” mystery series.

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parts of the city.” Amid warehouse thugs, union corruption, mistreatment of the immigrant population and brutal antisemitism, Stone must navigate a city unraveling from racial tensions and organized crime, Feldman

added. He based a few characters on the personalities of real people, he said, but several parallels are drawn between Feldman and Stone. Like Stone, the author was a medic in the Army, served as a union steward and was robbed as a truck driver. A natural storyteller, Feldman got a taste for writing after his 2015 retirement, creating content for The Unhinged Road, a travel website that took readers to off-the-beaten-path places around the world. When he started cutting back on content, a friend said he missed Feldman’s writing and the way he described things, then

urged him to write a book. “I’d fantasized about something like that,” Feldman admitted. It took him five years to write “Emergence,” because he and his wife, Karen, continued to travel and work on the website. It took another two years to write his second and third books in the series, “A Wicked Brew: Rude Bwoys” and “A Wicked Brew: Death by Bog,” which likely will be published this summer. A fourth installment — with the working title, “A Wicked Brew: Get to the Pointe” — also is in the works. While “Emergence” is set in Detroit, his other novels take readers to Jamaica and Ireland, before returning to the Grosse Pointes. “I like learning about different places, extracting what other people

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 23, Lakeview High School, 21100 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, Holy Innocents-St. Barnabas Parish, 26100 Ridgmont, Roseville.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 30, Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcrossblood.org.

GPAA

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

- ◆ Studying the Eclipse with Donald Cronkhite, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 23 to May 7.
- ◆ Woodblock notecards with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 6 to 20. Registration deadline is Thursday, May 21.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

- ◆ The movie “Everybody’s Fine” is shown at noon Friday, April 24. Cost is \$4.
- ◆ Springtime Basket Making, noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28,

with Deb VanderLinde, The Basket Mak’r. Cost is \$65.

- ◆ Dance Fever for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, April 28 to June 4, with instructor Andreas Browne.
- ◆ Thrift Store Adventure and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 30. Cost is \$10 for roundtrip transportation to the Full Circle Thrift Store, followed by lunch at Sindbad’s.
- ◆ Health for Her at The Helm: Sexuality and Intimacy as We Age, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30. The program is presented in partnership with The Family Center.

HW Library

The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts its spring book sale 1 to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. More than 5,000 books, hundreds of deleted books and old records will be available for the first time. Fill a Friends tote bag for \$5. For information, email spunky981@comcast.net.

Library

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

- ◆ Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Community Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25.
- ◆ The Work of

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THRIVE:

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changing the life of a child, for \$10 a month. It’s an easy solution at a microlevel with all these amazing ripple effects.”

In Grosse Pointe

To assist with raising funds, Gabel has created a Thrive Youth Council at Grosse Pointe South High School. “It’s 15 to 20 kids who do pitches around town,” she said. “They’ve raised \$15,000 on their own. We’ve been able to add 240 more kids than we had before they started fundraising for us. We’ll pitch to anyone who wants to hear from us.” The Thrive Youth Council is available to visit organizations and businesses in the community.

“Every parent wants their kids to realize the greater world,” Gabel said. “This is a great way to do this. “... We’ve had success with small gatherings at people’s houses,” she added. “Or I’ll just come and share our work. We’re so close with the schools that, some of them, we’re able to Zoom in with the moms cooking or with the classrooms.” Supporting Thrive is an easy buy-in, Gabel said. “It’s \$10 a month at the individual level. At the corporate level, you could sponsor a school. Churches are sponsoring schools. Families can sponsor a school.” A month of support for



Above, Thrive recipients in Bangladesh. Right, Thrive recipients in the Philippines.



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an entire classroom is \$250. A month of support for an entire school is \$1,000. “I can’t imagine being a kid and not having food, but also being a mom and not being able to provide,” said Gabel, a mother of three. “I can’t imagine not having a consistent way to nourish kids. Knowing these kids are getting one healthy meal a day is such a relief. “When we go, we do home visits,” she continued. “We ask what the needs are. They just want their kids to be healthy, happy and educated. We see it in every house we go to. That’s what I want for my kids, too. There

are commonalities with basic parenting needs and I’m super lucky to be able to help another mom out.” Gabel thanked the Grosse Pointe community for its continued support. “I never realized how easily philanthropic this community is,” Gabel said. “I’ve always known it, but I’ve never experienced it. I’m super honored people care enough.” For more information or to make a donation, visit thrive-global.org.



Above, from left, Grosse Pointe South Class of 2020 grad Maura Shine; Mercy, a Thrive mom cook; Etta Gabel, a seventh grader at Brownell Middle School; and Grosse Pointe South Class of 2020 grad Anne Muawad, during a trip to the Philippines. Below, Thrive-employed moms prepare meals for students.





PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

This strip of businesses on Kercheval will host a spring market, which kicks off this weekend and runs through June 13.

East Village business owners host spring market, launch campaign

Kickoff is this Saturday, April 25

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A bundle of businesses along Kercheval in Detroit are teaming up to celebrate spring while driving economic growth and community engagement in Detroit’s East Village neighborhood.

The East Village Spring Market kicks off 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in the 9900 block of Kercheval — the home of Vesey Lane Goods, Grandeur Cru Wine Shop, Redesign & Restoration and Moonlight Arts Collective.

“These doors were the first to open in this building,” said Robin Wilson, owner of Vesey Lane Goods. “Now we have business neighbors. We had a holiday market last fall that was a success, so this spring market is our second collaboration. We’re activating all our spaces. ... This is an opportunity for all our businesses to shine.”

The spring market offers curated shopping, interactive workshops, pop-up vendors and local cuisine from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, April 25 to June 13.

With support from ProsperUs Detroit, the opening event will feature a Tacos Hernandez food truck. The first 60 people to arrive between 3 and 5 p.m. will receive a meal ticket for two free tacos.

The same offer by Tacos Hernandez will be made for the closing-day event, Saturday, June 13.

Wilson — a greeting card designer, children’s author and visual artist — got her start taking handmade greeting cards to market events. Now she hopes to offer the same opportunity to other new businesses without storefronts.

During the opening event, several pop-up vendors will be on hand, including Taqwa Safiya, Epic Infants, Earth Goodness and Aligned Designs.

“We’re creating opportunities for other small businesses who do not have a brick and mortar yet,” Wilson said.

The event also marks the launch of the Buy the Block campaign, a grassroots initiative which encourages visitors to invest directly in the neighborhood by supporting small, independently owned businesses.

Participants are invited to spend at least \$25 at each participating business.

“Our businesses are not only places to shop,” Wilson said. “They are destinations — spaces where creativity, culture, community and entrepreneurship meet. Through the Buy the Block campaign, we are shaping the narrative of our block and contributing to the artistic and cultural vibrancy of East Village.”

To register for the East Village Spring Market, visit veseylanegoods.com/upcoming-events/east-village-spring-market

Vesey Lane Goods
9920 Kercheval

Vesey Lane Goods is a stationery shop that offers handmade greeting cards, gifts, fresh flowers and home decor items.

“On our shelves, we have more than 20 local artists’ works represented,” said Wilson, noting that every item was carefully curated, from Michigan honey and locally crafted teas to handmade soaps, pillows and jewelry. Biographies of each artisan are displayed with their work so customers know where the goods come from.

“Every quarter we have a new art exhibition, too,” Wilson added.

Currently displayed is “Marked: The Stories our Scars Tell,” which features artwork by Grosse Pointer Joan Witte, among other artists.

Vesey Lane also serves as a community gathering space, offering monthly events and space for rent. The first and third Fridays of each

month, for example, Wilson hosts a Community and Connection Salon from 5 to 7 p.m., welcoming guests to guided conversations on various topics.

Wilson also launched The Villages Legacy Project, a three-year initiative committed to recording 100 oral histories to preserve the lived experiences, memories and narratives of East Village and neighboring communities. She’s in talks with her alma mater, the University of Michigan—Dearborn, to preserve them.

“It’s indicative of what we do here,” she said, “not only the quality of the goods, but also preservation — preservation of family, but also community preservation.”

A series of enlarged photos in the shop pay homage to her mother, grandparents and great-grandparents. Quick to share the stories behind the photos, Wilson credits different members of her family for her innovation, love of the outdoors and entrepreneurial spirit.

“We’re more than stationery,” Wilson said. “This is a living archive not only for my family, but for the community. The community narrative is extremely important and deserves to be preserved.”

The shop’s tea and coffee station is a draw to the business, which also offers baked goods from LeRouge Boulangerie in Grosse Pointe Park.

“People come in and shop, or some simply purchase tea or coffee and sit and talk with their friends or family before they go on their way

again,” Wilson said. “I try to make it so all people feel really welcome. This is warm and safe place to be.”

Grandeur Cru Wine Shop
9916 Kercheval

Next door to Vesey Lane is Grandeur Cru Wine Shop, owned by vintner Tiffani Patterson. “This is the only licensed winery with a tasting room in the city of Detroit,” Patterson said.

Grandeur Cru opened just more than a year ago and not only makes wine in house, but also offers Paint & Sip events, networking, mixology classes, karaoke, poetry nights and other gatherings.

“For the spring market, we will have a Mother’s Day sugar scrub class where people will make their own sugar scrub and sip wine,” Patterson said.

Also during the opening event, The Creole Cluck will provide creole dishes from the Grandeur Cru kitchen, which regularly features flatbread pizzas, salad and charcuterie.

Events like the spring market are in her wheelhouse. Patterson, who was a Motor City Match Round 27 grant winner, wants Grandeur Cru to be a community hub. It was part of her pitch during the contest and is something she tries to accomplish through Vision & Vino Networking events.

“We have learning sessions about how to move forward with your business,” she said. “... I’m a product of community learning over the years and I’d like to have the opportunity to share that

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Chittenden & Kotting, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: Earth Day Clean Up, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

◆ Belle’s Brave Bookclub, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

◆ Crafterhours — Adult, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 27.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 28.

◆ Gettin’ Crafty with Miss Mo, 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25.

◆ Anime-Style Character Drawing Lab, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

◆ Miniature Painting Class, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

◆ Heritage Collection Building: Boxes in the Attic — Digitize Your Collection, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 27.

◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 30.

◆ Pizza & Panic: A Teen Scary Movie Club, 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

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

◆ Jazz Brunch featuring Dave Bennett, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 26. Tickets are \$80 general admission, \$95 VIP.

◆ War Memorial Museum Community Listening Session, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28. Registration is requested.

◆ Middle School Dance: Under the Stars,

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30. Cost is \$22 before April 27, \$25 after.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Jennifer Margraf, executive director of Kevin’s Song, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, unless otherwise noted. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org or RSVP to maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Free Community Yoga, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in April.

◆ It’s Not You: Identifying and Healing from Narcissistic People, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

◆ Health for Her: Sex & Intimacy as We Age, 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday, April 30, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Chorus

The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus presents its spring performance, “Broadway Revival,” at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Lake Shore High School, 22980 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door, for adults; \$10 for children ages 4 to 12; and free ages 3 and younger. Visit scscommunitychorus.org.

Optimists

The Lakeshore Optimist Club welcomes Diane Charles, with Furniture Bank of Metro Detroit, to its meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are welcome.

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OBITUARIES

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

Daniel Joseph LaLonde

Daniel Joseph LaLonde, 72, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at home Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

Dan was born Oct. 31, 1953, in Mount Clemens, to Joseph O. LaLonde and Veronica (nee Bauer) LaLonde. He was the eighth of 11 siblings, including Ann Herrmann (Tom), the late Suzanne Larabell (Larry), JoAnn Morandini (the late Bill), Timothy LaLonde (Beatrice), Bernadette Tayler (the late Bruce), Peggy Vandenbossche (John), the late James LaLonde (Kathy), John Paul LaLonde (Milissa), Mary Bellore and Joseph LaLonde (Julie).

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia, with whom he shared 30 years of marriage. Together, they built and managed LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists and proudly served the Grosse Pointe communities for more than 30 years. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Holy Cross High School, Dan excelled in basketball and football. He earned a vocational degree from the Hobart Institute of Welding and pursued courses at Michigan Technological University before discovering his true passion for diamonds and gemstones. In 1979, he completed the prestigious Graduate Gemologist program at the Geological Institute of America in-residence campus. He then founded Honolulu Gem Lab in Hawaii and regularly traveled to California and Alaska to perform work for banks and trusts. He quickly became one of the island’s most respected gemologists.

Dan returned to Michigan in the mid-1990s, when he met Cynthia. The two soon joined forces to create LaLonde Jewelers. Over his 47-year career, he completed nearly 17,000 appraisals, an extraordinary number that few gemologists ever approach.

Dan was deeply devoted to the Grosse Pointe community. He served many years as president of The Hill Association. He loved boating on Lake St. Clair and was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. One of his proudest accomplishments was receiving the Excellence in Business Award from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Dan was a masterful storyteller who could hold any room spell-bound with tales from his adventures. He shared many of those experiences through his popular bi-weekly email newsletter, “The Gem Expert,” of which he published more than 200 issues. His quick wit and sly sense of humor were infectious. Above all, he will be remembered by his loved ones as a genuinely kind man who was always ready to help someone in need. He leaves behind a wide circle of friends who will miss him dearly.

A funeral Mass was held April 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. He was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20542 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225, gpaas.org/donate, or The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, helmlife.org/get-involved/donate/.

A r r a n g e m e n t s entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Luke Ambrose Rebain

Luke Ambrose Rebain, 74, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2026.

Luke was born June 24, 1951, in Detroit, to Roman and Estelle Rebain. He grew up in St. Clair Shores and graduated from Saint Gertrude High School. Following high school, he proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1973. He later attended Macomb Community College, where he earned an associate degree.

Luke met the love of his life, Carol Hoffman, while they were in high school. The two were married in 1973. They lived in Detroit early in their marriage before settling in 1986 in Grosse Pointe, where they built their life together and raised their son, Brian.

Luke worked as a tool and die maker for a number of small shops throughout his career. In retirement, he devoted himself to the many hobbies he enjoyed, including photography, painting, puzzles, model ships and woodworking. He especially loved sailing and boating with his family and grandchildren. He also cherished time spent at Carol’s family cabin in northern Ontario on Lake Superior, as well as the many road trips he and Carol shared over the years, beginning with tent camping and later traveling by trailer.

Above all, Luke was devoted to his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Carol; son, Brian (Rachel O’Byrne); cherished grandchildren, Graham and Corrina Rebain; sisters, Nicolette Ellinghausen and Romeyn Rebain; and many sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral Mass with military honors took place April 21, at St. Ambrose Parish, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph-Detroit, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207, thecapuchins.org/donate.

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Joy Charlene Emery

Joy Charlene Emery, 96, a former longtime resident of metro Detroit, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 8, 2026, at Crestview Villa in Escondido, Calif.

Joy was born June 16, 1929, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Irene Bressette and Charles Karn. In the mid-1930s, she moved to Los Angeles with her mother, who was an actress. Her stepfather was screenwriter Robert Hardy Andrews, whose career in film and television was part of the creative world that shaped Joy’s early life.

Joy attended Marymount High School in Los Angeles and then attended Smith College in Northampton, Mass., for two years before returning to Los Angeles, where she lived until her marriage to C.N. Ray.

Joy’s professional life reflected her deep commitment to the arts. While living in Detroit, she became director of the J.L. Hudson Gallery at the now-defunct J.L. Hudson department store. When the gallery closed, she ensured its legacy would endure by donating its exhibition files, printed materials and artists’ correspondence to the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution. She then became the first full-time director of the Detroit Artists Market and was the director of Gryphon Gallery in Grosse Pointe Farms. In 1989, she founded the Joy Emery Gallery, also in Grosse Pointe Farms, and for two years mounted well-received exhibitions featuring both local and international artists. Art critic Marsha Miro once wrote in the Detroit Free Press that Emery “rather fearlessly ferreted out lesser known art of the 19th and 20th centuries,” and “brought together local artists in shows with challenging themes.”

Her marriage to Ray ended in divorce. Her second marriage to Judge John C. “Jack” Emery Jr. brought partnership and adventure until his death in 1993. In the early 1990s, they rented a vacation home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. After Jack’s passing, Joy made San Miguel her permanent home and became an active and spirited member of the city’s large expatriate community. She was known for her civic engagement, including protesting the opening of a Starbucks on the city’s historic main square and supporting the renowned El Charco del Ingenio Botanical Garden.

In 2020, Joy returned to California. She first lived with her stepson, Geoff Emery, in Pacific Palisades and then moved to Crestview Villa in Escondido.

Joy is survived by her sons, Chris, John, Tom and Matthew Ray; stepchildren, Jamie, Kathleen and Geoff Emery; five grandchildren; half-brother, Colman Andrews; and half-sister, Merry McDonnell.

In her final years, Joy found pleasure in her



Daniel Joseph LaLonde



Luke Ambrose Rebain



Joy Charlene Emery

quiet routines, including reading, watching old films on television (sometimes unexpectedly encountering a movie her mother had appeared in or her stepfather had written) and savoring chocolate chip cookies and other treats sent by loving family members.

Joy will be remembered by all who knew her for her independence, lifelong devotion to the arts and principled convictions.

Karla Lea Stone

Karla Lea Stone, 62, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2026. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Karla was born July 29, 1963, to Robert and Diana Slanker. She grew up in Fowlerville with her parents and sister, Teresa Spalding (nee Slanker). She attended Fowlerville High School and later moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she earned a bachelor’s degree in computer science at DeVry University and fell in love with the man she spent the rest of her life with, Anthony “Tony” Stone.

Together, they built two homes and raised three children, Danika McGandy, Shelby Stone and Jacob Stone, who were the lights of her life. They will forever miss Karla’s warm heart, nurturing spirit and love for the holidays.

A remarkable person with many gifts, Karla enjoyed turning the most ordinary occasions extraordinary and making special occasions magical. She was a brilliant chef. Her elaborate birthday cakes were as beautiful as they were delicious, and those who were lucky enough to taste her cooking found it impossible to pick just one favorite recipe. She loved animals but they loved her even more. She was a friend to everyone she met and made everyone feel at home when in hers. Karla enjoyed taking walks with friends, spending time at the lake or in the garden and traveling with family.

Being a grandmother was one of her greatest joys. To Adler, her “jelly-bean,” and Blake, her “ginger snap,” she was a constant source of comfort and love. She showed up in every way that mattered. She taught them — simply by the way she loved — how to care for others and make people feel truly special.

Karla’s warm heart, compassion and limitless patience built the foundation for a loving family that will not only be forever grateful to have had her in their lives, but also will cherish her memory as long as they live.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, until a 12:30 p.m. service at the funeral home.

The family will be



Karla Lea Stone

establishing a garden at a local park in Karla’s memory. Donations may be made to the family at the visitation or funeral service.

A r r a n g e m e n t s entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

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Mary Alice “Marty” Jennings

Mary Alice “Marty” Jennings, 95, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2026, at home with her family and dedicated caregivers by her side.

Marty was born Oct. 5, 1930, in Detroit, to Joseph and Mary (nee Timassey) Kropf. On Feb. 23, 1952, she married John Jennings at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Together, they raised six children and were active in the church, as well as at St. Joan of Arc and St. Lucy Catholic churches. They lived in Grosse Pointe Woods for 62 years.

Marty graduated from Dominican High School on Detroit’s east side and continued her education for many years. She obtained a bachelor’s degree from the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities and a master’s degree from Norwich University at the age of 58. She then worked as an addiction counselor at Positive Images, a residential treatment center for women in Detroit, for 18 years.

Marty lived a life defined by her deep love for family, unwavering faith and lifelong commitment to empowering women. She was a woman of compassion, intellect and purpose and left a lasting impact on all who knew her.

As a devoted wife, Marty shared a life of adventure with John. They traveled the world as members of the Nomads Travel Club and carefully documented each country they visited. They shared a love of exploration, curiosity and different cultures.

Marty had a lifelong passion for reading. Through book clubs and dinner gatherings with friends, she found joy in meaningful conversation and the exchange of ideas. Even as her vision declined, she continued reading until the very end.

Her faith in Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of her life. Marty began her service as a volunteer chaplain in local hospitals alongside her dear friend, Helen



Mary Alice Jennings

Berns. Their shared calling eventually led them to serve as Catholic chaplains at DMC Detroit Receiving Hospital through the Archdiocese of Detroit. In both solemn and joyful moments, Marty brought comfort, compassion and spiritual guidance to countless individuals and families.

Marty’s kindness extended beyond traditional ministry. In her spare time, she and Helen brought smiles to others by dressing as clowns and singing at nursing homes, spreading joy and laughter wherever they went.

A passionate advocate for women, Marty dedicated her life to encouraging strength, independence and opportunity. She believed deeply in the power of women supporting one another and found her own inspiration among intelligent, driven and compassionate peers, especially as an associate of the Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills. Professionally, she made a profound difference as an addiction counselor, helping women at Positive Images rebuild their lives and reunite with their children after struggles with addiction.

Marty will be remembered by her loved ones for her generous spirit, deep faith, sharp mind and unwavering belief in the potential of others. Her life was a testament to faith in action, love in abundance and the enduring power of compassion.

Marty was predeceased by her first child, Susan, who died shortly after birth; husband of 60 years, John; eldest son, David; brothers, Joe and Bill Kropf; all of her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and all but one cousin. She nearly was the last of her generation.

She is survived by her children, John (JoAnne), Mary Jo, Robert, Joseph (Kim) and Thomas; grandchildren, Colleen, Adam, John (Ashley), Brittany (Chris), Olivia, Joey, Mary, Nevaeh and Athena; great-grandchildren, Chris, Brian and twins Mia and McKenna; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Mercy, 30201 Orchard Lake, Ste. 115, Farmington Hills, MI 48334, sistersofmercy.org/donate/.

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Janis M. Jevons

Janis M. Jevons, 97, passed away at home Thursday, April 16, 2026, with family by her side.

Janis was born Oct. 3, 1928, in Detroit. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 62 years, William Jevons. She was proud of and dearly loved her four daughters, Kathleen, Deborah, Cynthia (Gary) and Kimberly (Matthew); four grandchildren, Andrea (Nick), Heather (Nick), Thomas and Emily; and four great-grandchildren, Anthony, Nico, Vera and Ellis.

Janis graduated from Southeastern High School in 1946, then attended Wayne State University, where she met the love of her life, Bill Jevons. Two years later, Janis transferred to the University of Michigan and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. After graduation, she worked as a medical technologist. She and Bill were married Nov. 25, 1950, at Faith Lutheran Church in Detroit. They resided in Grosse Pointe Woods since 1961.

Janis found great joy in traveling the country with Bill and their daughters in their Dodge Motorhome. As a Girl Scout leader, she experienced many fun adventures, including traveling to Mackinac Island, Mexico and Europe. Janis also was very active at home and was especially fond of golf, walking and reading. She was very involved with her church, especially Women of the Church, Faith Circle and Altar Guild.

After supporting her husband through medical school, she became actively involved in the Michigan Medical Auxiliary and eventually served as president. She and nine of her friends also started an investment club that met monthly and lasted more than 25 years.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. She will lie in state 9 a.m. Saturday, April 25, until a 10 a.m. funeral service at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, with the Rev. Sean Motley officiating. She will be interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial donations may be made to the Altar Guild at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Arrangements entrusted to A.H. Peters



Janis M. Jevons

Funeral Home.

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George Tecos Sr.

George Tecos Sr., 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 14, 2026. He leaves behind a legacy defined by dedication, integrity and a deep love for those closest to him.

George was born June 29, 1935. Over the course of his long and meaningful life, George experienced profound personal and professional accomplishments and earned the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

He approached life with quiet determination and a strong sense of purpose. He built a life marked by resilience, generosity and unwavering commitment to his values. Whether through his work, friendships or everyday interactions, George made a lasting impression on those around him, always offering wisdom, kindness and a steady presence.

Above all else, George's greatest pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara; sons, Peter (Olga) and Bill (Gina); cherished grandchildren, George (Kaylynn), Maria, Eleni and Niko; brother, Kosmas (Michaela); and nephews, Jason and Viktor. He found immense happiness in watching his family grow and flourish. His love for them was evident in all he did.

George will be remembered by his loved ones not only for the life he built, but for the love he gave so freely. His legacy lives on in the hearts of his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by them.

Visitation was held at Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral service was held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080, go.assumption.org/stewardship; or the Hellenic Museum of Michigan, 67 E. Kirby, Detroit, MI 48202, hellenicmi.org/support.

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George Tecos Sr.



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Beverly Ann Zimmermann

Beverly Ann Zimmermann, 90, passed away peacefully Friday, April 17, 2026.

Born Sept. 20, 1935, to Jessie and Edward Watson, Beverly was raised in Detroit and attended Cass Technical High School. She earned a degree in accounting from Wayne State University, then began her professional career as an accountant with Michigan Consolidated Gas.

In September 1964, she married Alan Zimmermann. They shared many happy years together. Beverly had a deep passion for the arts and travel. She was a gifted and prolific painter and found joy and expression through her work. As a proud member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Painters, she shared her creativity with others and formed lasting friendships. She also loved music and spent countless hours tending to her garden.

Beverly will be remembered by all who knew her for her kindness, strength and artistic spirit. She leaves behind a legacy of love in her family and beauty through her art.

She is survived by her beloved sons, Erich and Kurt; and grandchildren, Jessie, Ella, Meghan, Zachary and Katie. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Alan Zimmermann, who passed away in 1999.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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St. Paul to host 1st-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis Sneaker, jeans drive runs until May 3

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church will be the host site for a first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint.

A first-class relic is a physical object associated with a saint. The relic of St. Carlo Acutis will arrive at St. Paul Thursday, April 30, and be displayed until Tuesday, May 12.

"We'll be posting times for people to come and venerate the relic," said Tricia Kesteloot, director of evangelical charity and service. "To venerate something is showing an expression of respect and reverence to it."

Acutis died in 2006, at age 15, and was canonized in 2025.

"He was known for being an everyday kid," Kesteloot said, noting he was born in London, England, and raised in Milan, Italy. "He loved playing soccer and tennis and saxophone. He loved eating ice cream with his friends. And he loved to wear sneakers and blue

jeans.

"On the flip side, he loved Jesus and went to Eucharist and Mass every day from the time he was 7 until he died at 15 from leukemia," she added. "He also was devoted to caring for the poor and elderly."

To make the relic's presence unique for students at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, Kesteloot decided to play off Acutis's love of sneakers and jeans by hosting a sneaker and jeans drive. The public is welcome to contribute new or clean and gently used sneakers and jeans for any age.

Collection boxes will be available in the church's gathering space and the school, now through Sunday, May 3.

Sixth-grade students are creating sneaker artwork, which will decorate the collection boxes. Each drawing will include a saintly quote Acutis used, such as, "All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies," "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan" and "Life is a gift and we don't have to

waste it."

All donations will be given to the Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's Center for the Works of Mercy.

"When I was their age, nobody was talking about saints," Kesteloot said. "This is wonderful exposure, having them to get know who this saint was. When you make it fun and relatable, it's something they'll not only remember, but they'll carry it forward and use it in the future."

St. Paul will host another Acutis-inspired opportunity during Project Lunchbox, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2.

"Because St. Carlo Acutis was so devoted to the poor, we're making 300 bag lunches to donate to several organizations," Kesteloot said.

For more information about the relic and opportunities to venerate, as well as making a donation to the sneaker and blue jean drive or volunteering with Project Lunchbox, visit stpaulonthe lake.org/st-carlo-acutis.



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Health talk

The Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods Coalition, led by The Family Center, welcomed Sen. Kevin Hertel Friday, April 17, to talk about "Kids Over Clicks" and kratom legislation.

The coalition meets monthly to prevent substance misuse and promote mental health through action, education and collaboration. For more information, visit familycenterhelps.org/coalition.



From left, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer and Grosse Pointe South School Resource Officer Jim LaBeau, Hertel and South senior Simon Justin.

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think and do there and weaving that into other stories," he said. "... Because of our travels, I can write about places without having to check Wikipedia. We've been to every country in Europe, four or five countries in Africa."

He's also contemplating an origin story for his protagonist, "for the reader who follows the series and wonders,

'Where did this guy come from?'"

Feldman drove a beer truck for eight years while taking night classes at Wayne State University. During that time, the distributor he worked for was sold. When he graduated with a degree in psychology, the company's new owner, Walter Wolpin, offered him several jobs, but Feldman turned them down until he received an offer he couldn't refuse: director of operations.

"I worked for him for 40 years," he said. "I dedicated the book to him. He provided me the opportunity to become who I am, to realize who I am."

"Emergence" is available on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com, as well as can be ordered through independent bookstores. Feldman plans to make an audiobook available as well.

For more information, visit ronaldfeldman.com.

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National Bike Month kicks off at Patterson Park May 3

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, in collaboration with the city of Grosse Pointe Park, invites Park residents to kick off National Bike Month at Patterson Park from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3, with a free bicycle safety clinic. The team from Bikes Boards and Blades will check tires, chains, adjust seats and offer safety tips in preparation of safe biking this summer. Park bicycle licenses and bike lights

will be provided free of charge, while supplies last, along with refreshments courtesy of Fairfax Market and Sweet Pointe Candy Shoppe. Additionally, adults may enter a free raffle to win a \$75 gift certificate from Bikes Boards and Blades, a \$50 Fairfax Market gift card or a \$25 gift card from Sweet Pointe Candy. “The GPPF is pleased to support this family-friendly event,”

said Jay Kennedy, foundation president. “It’s a great opportunity to get ready to enjoy the beautiful streets and parks of our community by bike.” National Bike Month is celebrated every May to showcase the health, environmental and community benefits of bicycling. Established in 1956, communities across America celebrate special events including National Ride a Bike Day on May 3, along with Bike to

School Day and Bike to Work Day. During the month-long celebration of bikes and the people who ride them, Grosse Pointe Park and cities across the nation are called upon to get as many people riding as possible. Since 1984, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, an independent nonprofit tax-exempt organization, has supported numerous projects throughout the community,

including grants to Park business districts and the implementation of the extreme emergency relief valve to reduce flooding risks, as well as major capital improvement projects at both parks, the Lavins and Tompkins centers, Park movie theaters and more. The foundation is funded entirely by donors. Learn more and become a member or donor at grossepointeparkfoundation.org.

MARKET:

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with others. I want to create experiences and give them a feel of moving forward.”

Like Vesey Lane, Grandeur Cru also hosts art exhibitions and currently features the work of Detroit artist Phillip Simpson. In conjunction with the exhibitions, Patterson offers tours of the city through her transportation company, Grand Trolley.

“At the beginning of each month, we’ll gather here, then take the trolley on an art tour in Detroit,” she said. “May 2 is going to be the first one. Since Phillip Simpson’s art is here now, we’ll go to his murals around the city and to see work from other Detroit artists.”

Patterson said she hopes to bridge the gap between Detroit and Grosse Pointe by offering to run the trolley into the Pointes to shuttle residents to Detroit for tours.

“I want to connect the two communities,” she said. “We’re so close, we’re sisters, we’re neigh-

bors. I want everyone to feel welcome, do some shopping and see what’s going on.”

Redesign & Restoration 9912 Kercheval

Next to Grandeur Cru is Redesign & Restoration, owned by Lisa Milton, whose shop features an array of unusual merchandise, from vintage finds to artisan decor.

“I do redesigned vintage furniture and accessories and I offer workshops,” she said. “The products I use to redo furniture, I sell and use for the workshops to teach people how to use them so they can do this at home.”

Her business began in 2009, when Milton painted furniture and sold it on Craigslist. She graduated to a storefront on Mack, then moved to a location on Jefferson, where she currently houses her inventory.

The Kercheval location houses her retail shop and hosts hands-on workshops in furniture painting, decor redesign, stamping, transfers and finishing techniques,

among others.

“I have a lot of workshops planned during the market,” Milton said, noting a children’s workshop will be among the offerings. “I have events normally every month, but I’ll have more during the market.”

“People can stop in and learn what the shop is about,” she added. “We’re creating an experience for people.”

Part of that experience is Twelve 12 Coffee Company, housed inside Redesign & Restoration.

“Redesign & Restoration and Twelve 12 Coffee is something to experience, just like consuming art,” Twelve 12 owner Denitra Gregory said. “This is a place of escape from what’s going on in the world. Come in and escape, slow down, take your time, take in what’s in the store. What this coffee does is give you permission to slow down.”

Twelve 12 will host a Coffee & Compliments station during the market.

“It’s a regular pop-up where you get a cup of coffee and leave a com-



pliment, or you can take a compliment,” Milton said. “It’s nice to have people come in and interact. They can sit down, talk about design. It’s a nice experience for people.”

Moonlight Arts Collective 9908 Kercheval

Redesign & Restoration joined the block last October and was joined a month later by Moonlight Arts Collective, which rounds out the spring market storefronts.

“This is an exercise of art in all its forms,” Moonlight CEO Robin Osborne said. “We have all the analogue things people enjoy — puzzles, books, records. The name

‘Moonlight’ came about because of how multifaceted people are, like an accountant who comes home from work to make music.”

The business was founded by Brandon Boyd, lead singer of Incubus, who also is a visual artist. It started as an eCommerce company during the pandemic, Osborne said.

The Detroit shop features a variety of artwork made by “moonlighting” artists, including a painting by Sam Farrar of Maroon 5, a collage created by Boyd and actress/model Heart Evangelista, as well as other pieces of traditional art by people whose day jobs are outside the art world.

A series of wall hangings, for example, was created by someone trained in medicine who felt unfulfilled until she found a creative outlet through art.

“We’re still integrating into this neighborhood,” Osborne said. “We’re learning alongside the community what Moonlight means to the community. It’s been an interesting journey.”

During the market, Moonlight will welcome a variety of pop-ups, including family-oriented events in May, as well as a candlemaker in June.

Osborne also pointed out the soon-to-bloom Amend Community Garden taking shape around the corner from Moonlight.

“There will be free produce and flowers for the community over time,” she said.

“I want to be a community space where people can exercise their creativity,” she added. “We’re creating a walkable community. That’s part of why I moved to Detroit, to bring my expertise. It’s been a long journey, but it’s exciting.”

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GPCC spring concert features first-time collaboration

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus opens its spring concert, “Let Us Sing You a Story!” with a piece inspired by an actual story written by a 5-year-old and his siblings.

The program, which begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, includes several spring-themed songs, as well as one created through a partnership with the Sing Me a Story Foundation.

“They contacted us last fall,” said Sandra Mengel, chorus president. “They partner ensembles with composers and kids who wrote stories.”

GPCC was paired with Jaiden, a boy who receives services through the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. He and his siblings, Layla and Khaiden, wrote “Mickey’s Adventure to the Farm,” which Grosse Pointe Community Chorus Director Kayvon Kashani-Gharavi used as inspiration to compose a song.

“I ended up taking their story and making it into a narrative instead of a story — a snapshot of what was happening on the farm,” he said. “Then I whittled it into a poem.

“The way I compose, everything we do as singers is in service to the story,” he added. “That’s how I approached writing this piece.”

Because the story is set on a farm, for example, the composer researched bluegrass fiddle music, then determined how to translate that into piano music.

“With bluegrass and

country, there’s often a statement and an instrumental fill,” he said. “So there’s a lot of back and forth — a group statement, a solo response. There’s a lot of singing through phrases in the poem.”

In the story when the group takes a tractor ride and gets lost in the woods, the music slows and becomes dramatic, he added.

“Then the violin comes into play and leads them back to the farm,” Kashani-Gharavi said.

“Often the composer is not part of the chorus,” Mengel explained. “The composer is usually a third entity who writes the song and sends it to the chorus. In this case, Kayvon said he’d write it.”

The composition took months to piece together. Kashani-Gharavi accounted for every pitch, rhythmic value, lyric, dynamic contrast and note involved. He wrote parts for soprano, alto, tenor and bass, as well as the piano accompaniment, to be performed by Ron Pietrantoni.

“It was a slow process,” said Kashani-Gharavi, who also is a full-time vocal coach and is conducting Grosse Pointe Theatre’s current production of “Matilda.” “I’m very familiar with the capabilities of the chorus, so it’s not an overly complex piece. I wanted to make it something they’d all pick up quickly and easily.”

To commemorate the partnership, the GPCC created a keepsake book



detailing the kids’ original story, Kashani-Gharavi’s notes and lyrics, as well as the song itself.

The remainder of the spring concert will include a selection of music that focuses on rebirth, renewal and positivity.

“In December, we had some Christmas music, but I wanted to focus mainly on winter, on the feelings associated with the season: It’s getting darker and colder, everyone’s hunkering down,” Kashani-Gharavi said. “... Now this concert, I’m flipping it. Instead of dark and gloomy, now it’s all about rebirth and rejuvenation, good memories.”

The lineup includes “Michigan Morn,” “The Coolin,” “Apple Tree,” “Sleep” and the French “Dirait-on.”

“The choir may not love it when I pick French music, but I love singing in a foreign language,” Kashani-Gharavi said. “It gives a glimpse into

another culture.”

“Come to the Woods” is an 11 1/2-minute song and “the most challenging song this choir has done to date,” he added. “It’s a narrative of experiencing a heavy rain thunderstorm. It’s a musical representation of what we all did as kids: Opening the door and standing in front of the screen to watch the sky open.”

The concert continues with “Only in Sleep” — one of the director’s favorite choral pieces of all time — “Earth Song,” “I Believe in Springtime” and “Peace Song.”

The latter was written by Kashani-Gharavi’s graduate school professor at Westminster.

“The text is simple,” he said. “There’s so much energy, so much back and forth between voices. It’s a long, sweeping, lyrical statement.”

The spring concert marks the GPCC’s first time performing at Grosse Pointe North. The larger space was necessary to accommodate the growing choir’s nearly 80 members.

The group is expecting a larger audience as well, with the addition of the young authors, their family and friends, as well as representatives from Penrickton, who will receive recognition during the hour-long program.

Tickets are \$20, \$5 for ages 12 and younger, and may be purchased online at grossepointecommunitychorus.org/event-list or by scanning the QR code, right.

The partners

Penrickton Center for Blind Children is a non-profit that specializes in working with legally

blind children, ages 1 to 12, who have at least one additional handicap. It offers five-day residential, day care and consultation/evaluation services. Its individualized programs are designed to promote independence in all aspects of daily living. For more information, visit penrickton.org.

The Sing Me a Story Foundation works with dozens of partners throughout the country. Its purpose is to bring a voice to children in need by combining their imaginations with the talents of songwriters to create stories and songs for others to enjoy.

“The Sing Me a Story website is impressive,” Mengel said. “They store all the songs that have been written, so it’s a platform for composers, a platform for agency partners.”

It also keeps a log of every story written, as well as a list of songwriters. For more information, visit singmeastory.org.



ASK THE EXPERTS By Kaitlin Arnold, LPC

The benefits of stepping back

This is part two of a three-part Ask the Expert series on the parenting book “1-2-3 Magic” by Dr. Thomas Phelan. To borrow a copy of the book or read more from The Family Center’s Community Book Discussion panelists, visit familycenter-helps.org.



Want to improve your relationship with your children?

“1-2-3 Magic” by Dr. Thomas Phelan suggests four ways to do that: sympathetic listening, not overparenting, one-on-one fun and solving problems together.

These can be implemented when your children are quite young and continue to help during their teen years. As a mental health therapist, I know these approaches work. As the mom of a toddler, I know none of us gets them right all the time and that’s OK.

In this piece, I will focus on not overparenting — knowing when to let your child think for themselves. It is avoiding unnecessary, corrective, cautionary or disciplinary comments which can make a child feel unsure, apprehensive and aggravated.

My daughter and I attend Bizzy Bees, along with a lot of other children, at the Neighborhood Club. My natural inclination is to be within arm’s length of my daughter so if a conflict arises with another child, I can intervene. However, Dr. Phelan explains my message is not, “I’m here to help if you need it.” Rather

it’s, “There’s not much you can do without my close supervision and direction.”

So, I am trying to back away some, often sitting on bleachers toward the side. I tell my daughter where I am. She can find me if she needs support. I am close enough to address any unsafe situation. If she is not sharing and other children choose not to play with her, that changes her behavior more quickly than if I tell her to share. By not overparenting, our children learn to manage situations, think and make decisions on their own — skills vital to their development.

The approaches described in “1-2-3 Magic” take time and practice. The change can feel overwhelming. Start by focusing on just one approach. See the difference and then try another.

Kaitlin Arnold, LPC, is the founder and therapist at Finding Your Balance Therapy. She helps individuals and families dealing with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues develop positive coping skills, navigate and gain confidence in dealing with stressful situations.

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Casserole conundrum: The proper use of good taste

Dear Gabby: As you know, in Grosse Pointe we do a lot of entertaining — book club, couples

dinners, team gatherings for our kids, you name it. There’s a woman in our circle who is kind, well-



meaning and very eager to contribute. The problem is ... her contribution. She brings the same homemade dish to every single event. I won’t name it, but imagine something involving seafood, mayonnaise and some other ingredients I cannot identify. Without fail, she places it front and center, urges everyone to try it and then watches closely for our reactions. No one likes it. Not a single person. We all take polite bites, offer vague compliments and then quietly dispose of

the rest when she isn’t looking. It has become a running (private) joke among the group, but also a source of dread every time we host. I feel terrible because she is genuinely nice and I don’t want to hurt her feelings. But I also don’t want to keep pretending. Is there a polite way to stop this? Or is this just the price of maintaining harmony in polite society? It is THAT bad that I was compelled to write this letter. — Seafood Nightmares in the Shores

Dear Nightmares: You are kind to recognize her good intentions. She isn’t trying to sabotage dinner; she’s trying to belong. Unfortunately, her casserole has

become less of a contribution and more of a recurring guest no one invited. The solution is not honesty of the “no one likes your dish” variety. That would be unnecessarily hurtful and unlikely to produce the gracious outcome you’re hoping for. Nor is continued silent suffering required. Instead, take control where it is both acceptable and expected: the hosting. The next time you invite her, be specific. “We’ve got the food covered, but I’d love if you could bring a bottle of wine” or “Could you handle dessert?” Most people are relieved to be given direction and it gently removes her signature offering from the rota-

tion without making it the issue. If she insists — “I’ll bring my usual!” — you can respond warmly, but firmly: “That’s so thoughtful, but we’re all set on food this time. I’m counting on you for the wine.” Repeat as needed. Politeness, like her casserole, sometimes requires consistency. And if, on occasion, the dish still appears? Not the end of the world. You don’t have to love the casserole to appreciate the cook.

— Gabby

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Standing firm with family

DEAR ANNIE: My husband has three children from his first marriage. For the first 20 years of us being married, everything was great. But the last 15 years have been hell with two of the children. They became super religious and political to the point they are always pushing their way of life on us.

We told them to stop, that we have our own religious and political beliefs and to please accept us for who we are, and we will be respectful of what they think. It’s been 14 years since and we’ve had no contact with them. A few weeks ago, they popped up in a horrible

way. I won’t go into detail, but it was disturbing, disrespectful and intrusive. How do we get them to stop and leave us alone? — Stressed Out With Stepchildren

DEAR STRESSED OUT: Fourteen years of no contact is a boundary — and you’re entitled to keep it.

There’s no need to rehash old arguments or defend your beliefs. A clear, united message — “We are not interested in contact. Please respect our wishes” — is enough. Then don’t engage. No replies, no explanations. If they continue to intrude, document

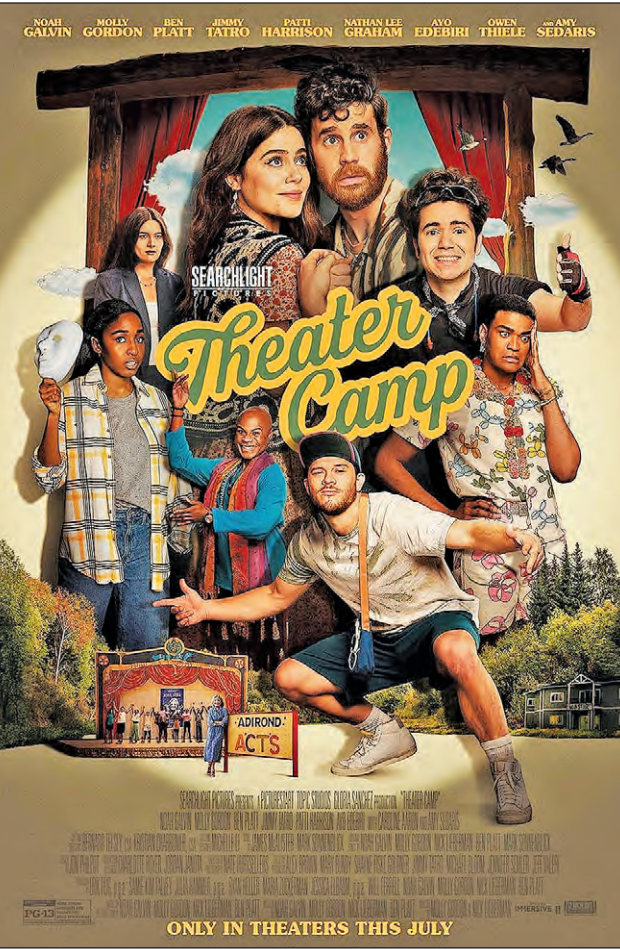


Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

everything and consider stronger measures, including legal ones if necessary, to protect your peace. You can’t control their behavior, only your response. Sometimes

the strongest response is no response at all. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2025 CREATORS.COM



MOVIE REVIEW
“Theater Camp”
2023 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 32 min
★★★★☆

The dictionary defines the word mocumentary as: “a movie or television show depicting fictional events but presented as a documentary.” They could add: “See Christopher Guest.” My first exposure to this genre was the comedian’s brilliant, groundbreaking film “This is Spinal Tap,” a movie about the exploits of a fictional band of clueless musicians. It reminded me of several friends from back in the day, so it hit quite close to home. I’ve been a huge fan of his work ever since. And I’m always on the lookout for similar, well-done mocumentaries.

“Theater Camp” follows nicely in that tradition. It’s a hilarious set

up about a summer camp for aspiring young actors. Camp AdirondACTS is set in Upstate New York — an idyllic setting for this wonderful film. It’s reminiscent of “Waiting for Guffman,” which also featured a remarkable cast. Here we’re treated to stars like Molly Gordon, (“Book Smart,” “Shiva Baby”), Ben Platt (“Pitch Perfect,” “Dear Evan Hansen”) Ayo Edebiri (“The Bear”) and Jimmy Tatro (“California King,” “Home Economics”). Gordon and Nick Lieberman directed and co-wrote the film along with Platt. Camp AdirondACTS was founded by Joan Rubinsky, played by Amy Sedaris. Just as the kids are gathering once again for a summer full of fun and education, Joan falls into a coma and has to be hospitalized. This puts the direct-

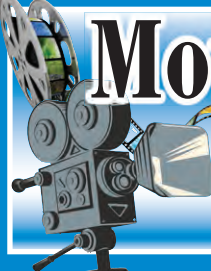


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Above, Molly Gordon as Rebecca-Diane and Ben Platt as Amos Klobuchar in the 2023 movie “Theater Camp,” written by Noah Galvin, Molly Gordon, Nick Lieberman and Ben Platt and directed by Molly Gordon and Nick Lieberman.

Left, movie poster for “Theater Camp.”

ing duties on the shoulders of her son, Troy (Tatro). He’s a clueless tech bro who knows absolutely nothing about running a camp or the world of theater — sort of a lovable lug. He means well and even though he’s a bit of a dork, he’s determined to keep the camp in the black. When he’s approached by Caroline (Patti Harrison), a representative of a local bank, he’s informed the camp is behind on the rent and may soon face foreclosure. She’s just licking her chops to tear the camp down and develop the property. That simply makes Troy try even harder to keep the camp afloat. That’s just one of the story arcs the film focuses on. The other is about the teachers and students working together to put on a new play. For this year’s pro-



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”



duction, they decide to write and stage a musical about the life of the camp’s founder. They come up with the name “Joan, Still” and they’re off! The film tends to focus more on the teachers than the students, which I think is a shame. There are some super talented kids in the movie and it wouldn’t have hurt to give them more screentime. But that’s a minor complaint. The film then focuses on the various classes the kids participate in. One of the instructors is Janet Walch, played brilliantly by Ayo Edebiri, who lies about her experience on her resume. For some unknown reason, she trains the kids in stage combat, even though she has no idea what she’s doing. It’s one of the funnier bits in the film. Another one involves the team of Rebecca-Diane (Gordon) and Amos (Platt). They were once aspiring actors who, due to their lack of success in the theater world, ended up as teachers at the camp. During a rehearsal, Rebecca-Diane notices something odd about one of the young girls on stage. She whispers to Amos, “She’s using.” At first we think she’s referring to drug use, but as it turns out, it involves a “tear stick,” which, when applied under the eyes, makes one cry. After scolding the kid she says, “Tear sticks are doping for actors. Do you want to be

the Lance Armstrong of theater?” The movie is just full of hilarious bits like this. They’re so rapid fire that at times I found myself rewatching some parts more than once to catch something I may have missed. The film overall has a manic pace to it. It’s a little chaotic and jumps from one scene to another, almost at random. You definitely get a sense that even though the cast was working with a script, a fair amount of the dialogue was ad-libbed. The jerky, handheld camerawork also gives you a feeling of the madness that accompanies just about every stage production. I must confess I was involved in a play when I was a senior in high school. I did it just to try something new and am glad I did. I could tell a lot of the kids involved in the production were a bit nerdy, but they also were a tight-knit group who had each other’s backs. It made me a little jealous that they had this special bond. This helped me relate to some of the kids in the movie. But it’s such a sweet, funny and heartfelt film I think everyone will enjoy it. If you’re not smiling by the end, I’ll be very surprised. If you like “Theater Camp,” here are a few of my favorite mocumentaries you might get a kick out of: “Best in Show,” “For Your Consideration,” “Borat: Cultural Learnings of

America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan,” “Cunk on Life” and “Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping.” Currently streaming on Hulu and to rent on Prime, Apple TV, YouTube, Fandango, and other services.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually buy it!

If you have any movie 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: moviejunkiebrat.blogspot.com.

We Tried It!

The tiny toothbrushes I refuse to travel without

by Anna Lizer

There is absolutely no feeling I hate more than not having brushed my teeth. One time this feels unavoidable is during long travel days. I'm talking about those full family road trips to Florida where, by the end of the drive, everyone is surrounded by empty water bottles, Goldfish crumbs, half pajamas/half real outfits and unfortunately, bad breath. It happens. But it doesn't have to.

Colgate Wisp travel toothbrushes have become one of those small things I always keep on hand now. They are single-use mini toothbrushes with a built-in toothpaste bead, so you can brush your teeth anywhere without water. You



just use it and toss it. No sink, no rinsing, no planning ahead. They are surprisingly effective for something so small. The bristles feel like a real toothbrush, the minty toothpaste freshens your mouth quickly and the

pick on the end helps remove anything stuck in your teeth after snacks or coffee. They leave your mouth feeling genuinely clean, not just masked with mint. What I like most is how easy they are to stash everywhere. I keep a few in my carry-on, my car, my purse and basically anywhere I might end up stuck for hours without a toothbrush. They are perfect for travel days, long

meetings, after coffee, before school pickup or anytime you want a quick reset. You can find them at just about any drugstore or on Amazon — and once you start carrying them, you will not want to be without them. They're a definite five out of five alligators. Consider this your gentle reminder to brush your teeth, even if you are currently sitting in a car sur-

rounded by snack wrappers and questionable life choices. We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointe-news.com.



One-pan miso chicken with gnocchi

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Miso is a Japanese paste made from fermented soybeans. It's salty and deeply savory and I love using it in chicken marinades or adding it to salad dressings. Both soy sauce and miso come from fermented soybeans, but the main difference is that soy sauce is liquid, while miso is a thick paste with a slightly deeper, more complex flavor. This recipe uses white miso, which is the mild version. It doesn't have to be limited to Asian cooking, either. I recently came across a New York Times recipe for gnocchi tossed in miso butter with asparagus and greens. It looked so good, I decided to build on the idea and add chicken to turn it into a full one-pot dinner. This is pure comfort food, balanced with a fresh hint of lemon and bright, crisp asparagus. There are a few steps to this dish since asparagus cooks much faster than chicken. First, I marinate the chicken

with plenty of garlic, lemon and miso paste. Then, I sear it in a cast-iron braiser or oven-safe skillet with a lid. Because miso burns easily, I keep the heat at medium, being careful not to burn the skin while still rendering out some fat. Next, I flip the thighs and cover the pan to finish cooking. Covering the pan helps the chicken cook more quickly and allows the juices to collect, which is perfect for building the sauce later. Once the chicken is done, I saute the gnocchi and asparagus together, then add miso-lemon butter along with the reserved chicken juices. It all comes together into a rich, savory brown sauce that's honestly hard to beat. You can find miso at Trader Joe's in the Asian section or in the refrigerated section of most grocery stores. It's usually sold next to the tofu. Venture into miso territory for your next culinary creation. It really is an umami game changer.

- Cheers, Mombeau
- Miso Lemon Butter Chicken with Gnocchi and Asparagus**
- 6 bone-in chicken thighs (about 3 lbs)
 - 4 tbsp white miso paste
 - 4 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 lemon
 - 1 tbsp olive oil
 - 1 bunch of asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces on the bias
 - 16 oz package gnocchi
 - 2 tbsp butter

In a medium bowl, mix together two tablespoons of miso paste, half of the garlic and the juice of half of the lemon. Toss in the chicken thighs and massage the marinade onto the meat. Cover with plastic wrap and set in the fridge for at least 30 minutes. Preheat your



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oven to 400 degrees. Heat a cast iron braiser or oven-safe skillet with a lid over medium heat with the olive oil. Place the chicken thighs in the pan, skin side down. Cook for about two to three minutes. The miso burns easily so be careful. Flip the chicken then cover with a lid. Place in the oven for 20 minutes or until the

internal temperature is 165 degrees. Take out of the oven and take the lid off. Remove the chicken and place in a bowl along with the accumulated juices to rest. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining miso paste, lemon juice and garlic. Place the pan over medium heat and add the butter. Once melted, add in the gnocchi and stir to coat.

Brown for a few minutes before adding in the asparagus. Stir in the miso, garlic and lemon mixture. Then pour in the accumulated juices from the chicken. Scrape the bottom of the pan to loosen up any bits and cook until the asparagus is crisp and green, about three minutes. Serve on a platter with the chicken thighs laid over top. Enjoy!



Sweet or dry – or flabby

Decades ago, a German winemaker pulled a label-less bottle of riesling from a fabric bag, pulled the cork, and asked me to taste it. It was a time when most imported German rieslings were sweet and the winemaker asked me, "How much sugar do you think this wine has?" The wine was tart, but I knew that dry German wines could have up to 1 percent residual sugar. And with high acid, some wines could taste like licking a lemon. I suspected a trick was afoot. So, I guessed it had 2 percent to 3 percent sugar, about 20-30 grams per liter. In most cases such a wine would be slightly sweet. The winemaker chuckled. "It has 80 grams!" he said, 8 percent. I was stunned. I had never tasted a wine with 8 percent sugar that was so dry. He then went into technical details to explain why this wine tasted so dry. It had, among other things, high acid and low pH. Both conditions left the wine tart.

I never forgot the lesson. It led to further study of German rieslings, which helps me explain all sweet wines. As a result, I soon learned that asking wine store clerks and restaurant personnel whether a wine is dry or sweet often is no help. Few such people have any real understanding of the word "dry." There are two wines in the market today, a well-regarded Napa Valley chardonnay and a popular pinot noir. Neither is inexpensive. Most average consumers (those who drink perhaps a glass of wine every two months) would say they are dry. To my palate, both are sweet. The rules about what's dry and what's not can be daunting, mainly because many wineries do not want to tell consumers what's in their wine. Ask any winemaker or tasting room pourer: "Does your chardonnay have sugar in it?" Most will say "no" so fast you think you're talking to a politician. Ask the same people if their cabernet has sugar and the

answer will probably be the same: "Cabernet with sugar?! Of course not!" And yet a lot of California wine is too sweet for me. Either they have sugar or they have acids that are too low and pH levels that are too high. It's the dirty little secret that California wineries never want to talk about. But wines from New York, Michigan and other cooler climates typically have better acidity. Cooler climate wines start out with better acids. Some of the driest wines you'll find are European — Sancerre or Pouilly-Fume (Loire Valley sauvignon blancs), Silvaner (a German or Alsace white wine), Chablis (a French chardonnay) and German rieslings. Many popular pink wines (varietal rosés) have traces of residual sugar, which appeals to a broad swath of U.S. consumers. But since few such wines actually state that a rose is dry, many consumers are left without a clue. As a rule, rose wines from the south of France are made with just faint traces of residual sugar, perhaps 5 grams (a half-percent). To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2025 CREATORS.COM.

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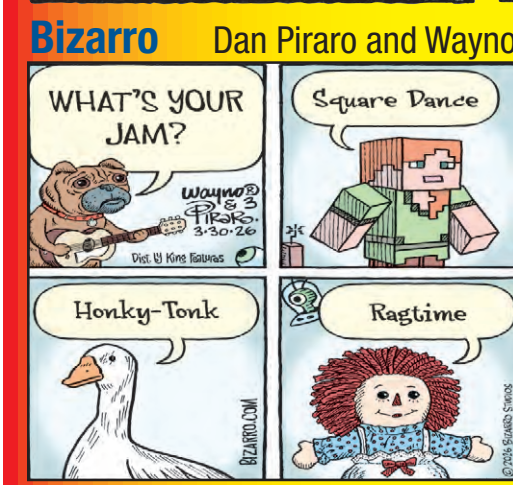


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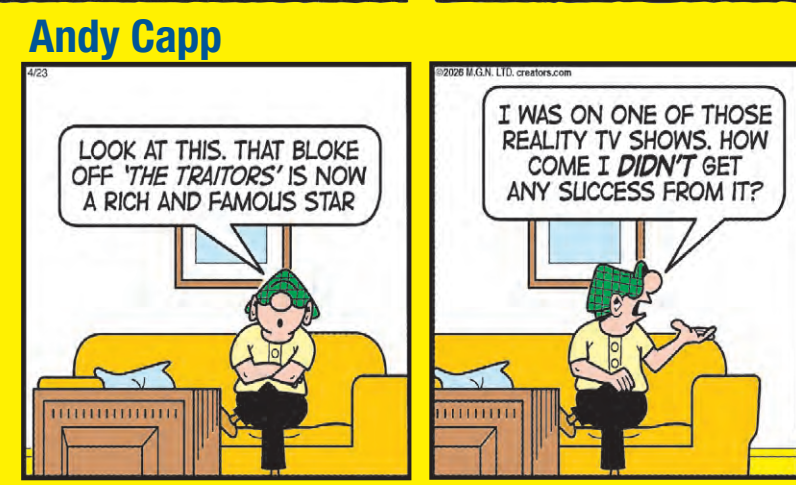
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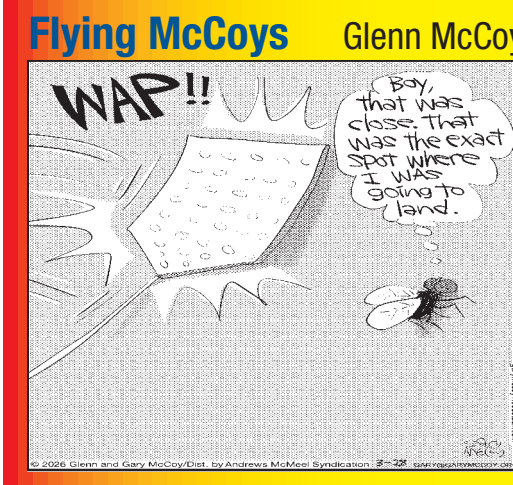
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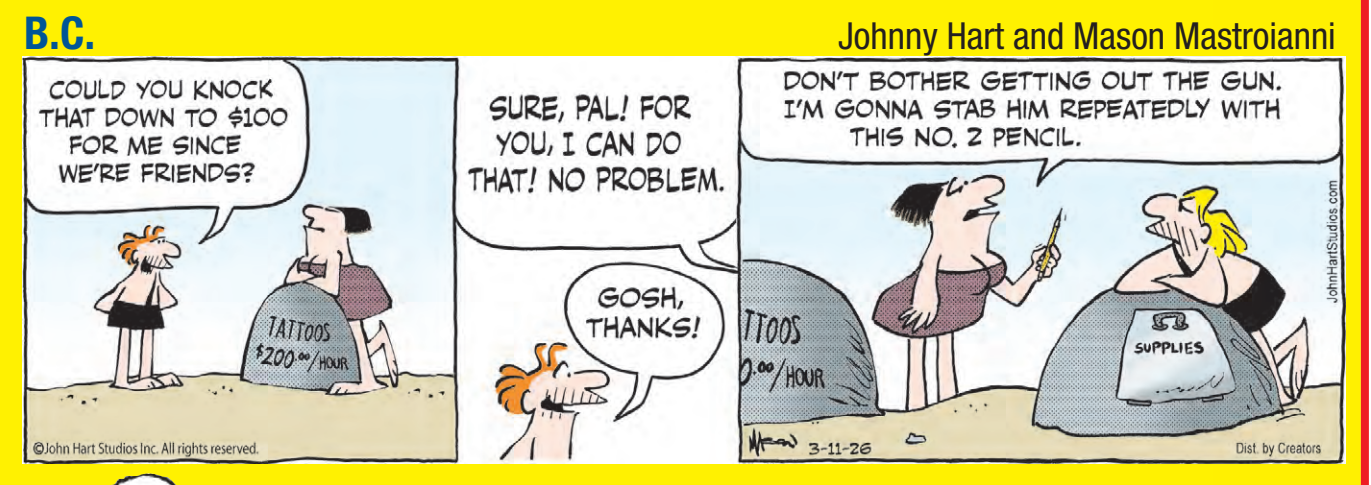
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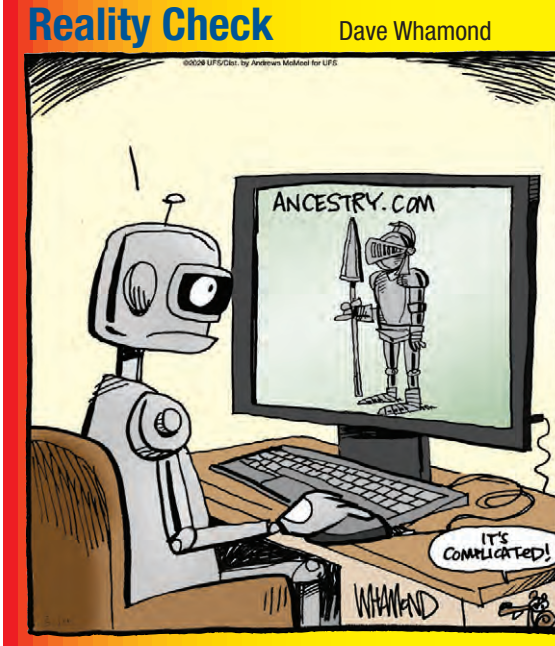
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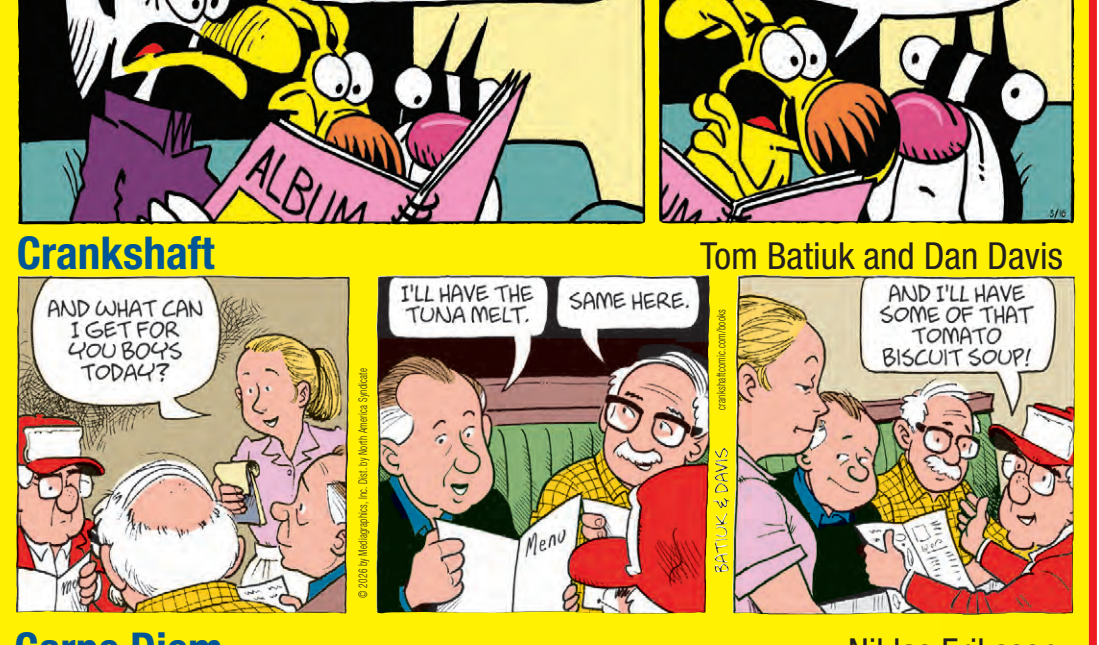
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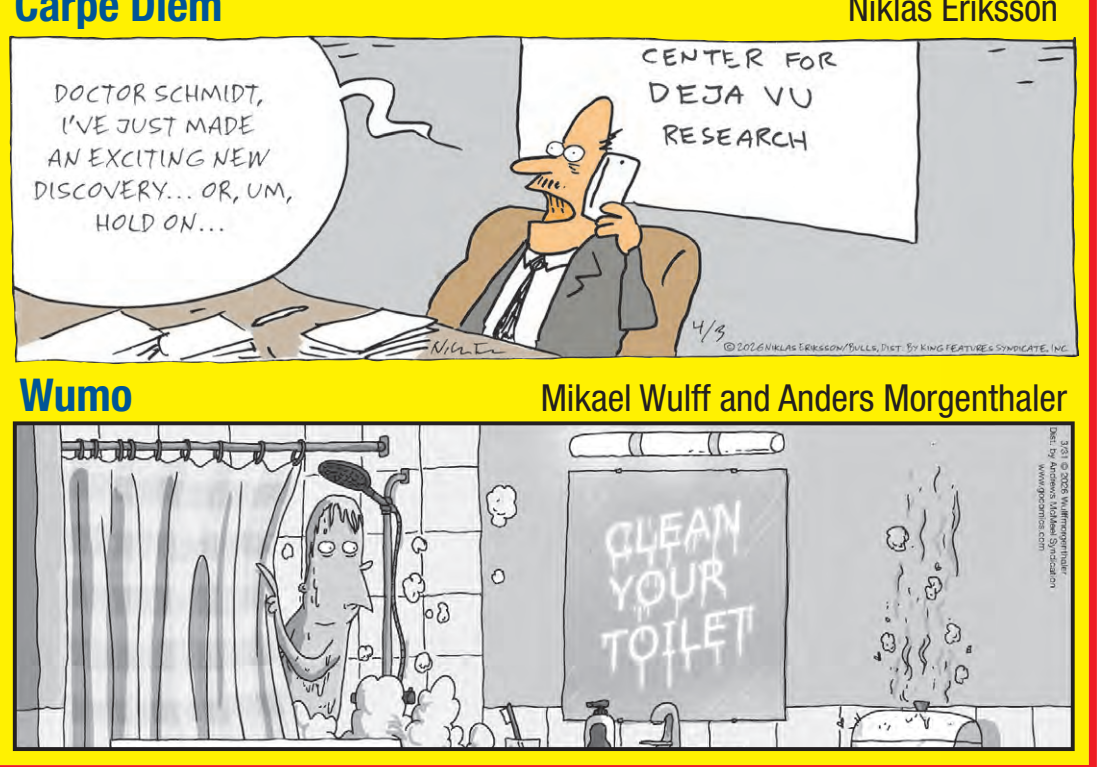
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Weekly Challenge

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Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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Pointe Word Search

Find the words on the left in the puzzle below.

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CALCULATOR
COINS
DOLLAR
DESIGN
EURO
FOREIGN
MONEY
PESOS
POUND
YEN

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Moon Alert: Avoid shopping and important decisions from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. EDT today (12 p.m. to 1 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from CANCER into LEO..

Happy Birthday for Thursday, April 23, 2026: You're compassionate, intellectual and inquisitive. You enjoy talking to people and have a strong sense of justice. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities! Take action and initiative and define your goals.

♋ CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

This is the classic day to meet someone unusual — perhaps a friend or an acquaintance in a group setting. Quite likely, they will introduce something unusual or unexpected into your world. Tonight: Check your money.

♊ ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Keep your eyes open, because it's possible that you can get richer today. The bottom line is that unexpected gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way today. Keep your pockets open! Tonight: Socialize!

♈ TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This is a favorable day because the Sun, Venus and Uranus are all in TAURUS, and your ruler Venus is lined up with unpredictable Uranus. Unexpected events and exciting new experiences might occur! Perhaps a new relationship with someone. Tonight: Relax at home.

♉ LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today you might encounter an unusual authority figure. Quite possibly, this conversation will make you feel restless. But it also might inspire you in some way. Stay open to all possibilities. Tonight: You win!

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Someone unusual might enter your world who introduces you to new ideas and a greater sense of freedom. Tonight: Enjoy quiet time.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You're high-viz today! People notice you more than usual. Quite possibly, something unexpected will occur that causes this. Certainly, this is the kind of day where you can benefit from the wealth and resources of someone else. Tonight: Be friendly.

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Don't be surprised if someone close to you makes an unusual suggestion today. They might have news about potential travel plans or something to do with higher education, medicine or the law. Whatever it is will likely please you. Tonight: You're noticed!

♏ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your work routine will be interrupted today by something unexpected. But it could be pleasant. New equipment, unexpected assistance, work-related travel or unusual people appearing in your world are just some examples. Stay on your toes! Tonight: Explore and learn!

♏ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

New romance or an unexpected flirtation with someone who is "different" might occur today. Meanwhile, today holds all kinds of fun-loving opportunities. Live it up! Tonight: Check your finances.

♏ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stock the fridge, because spontaneous get-togethers and surprise entertaining might occur for you. This could be related to your work or something to do with a pet. It's an interesting day! Tonight: Cooperate and listen to others.

♏ PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Keep your wits about you today, because this is a mildly accident-prone day. However, it's an exciting day. You will see new places, meet new faces and have thrilling new ideas. Parents should keep an eye on their kids to avoid accidents. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY

Actor, wrestler John Cena (1977), actor, author Kal Penn (1977), actor Dev Patel (1990).

Contract Bridge

A MISSING DAMSEL SEARCH

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K Q 5
♥ A 6 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ K 9 6 3

WEST

♠ 10 3
♥ J 9 5 4 2
♦ J 10 8 6 3
♣ 4

EAST

♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ Q 10
♦ 9 7
♣ Q 7 5 2

SOUTH

♠ A J 6
♥ K 8 7
♦ K 4 2
♣ A J 10 8

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 6 NT
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Assume you're declarer at six notrump and West leads the jack of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

You start out with 10 top tricks — three spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs — and your only chance is to pick up two more tricks in the club suit. Looking at all 52 cards, this is a very simple task. You just take two finesses against East for the missing queen and chalk up your slam.

You now have a sure thing, as long as you exercise one final bit of care. With the K-9-6-3 of clubs in dummy opposite the A-J-10-8 in your hand and two finesses through East needed, you must lead the jack or ten of clubs to the king and return the nine for a finesse through East. Since you have preserved the eight in your hand, you are able to retain the lead in dummy to repeat the finesse and thereby bring in the slam.

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by Steve Becker

Universal Crossword

Edited by Anna Gundlach April 23, 2026

ACROSS

1 Cutting tools

5 "For real, though?"

9 Country south of Libya

13 No, in German

14 Name that's an anagram of "nomad"

16 Update that may begin with a demo

17 Wight or Skye

18 Desirable pancake batter features

19 Skyrim lodgings

20 Planetary zones of "extreme" cold

23 Uptick

24 Ambient composer Brian

25 Florida theme park

29 Yearly movie event in Canada's largest city

31 Satisfy, as an appetite

33 Astonishment

34 Apt name for an enjoyer of toilet humor

36 1964 Beach Boys hit

39 Buckeyes' sch.

40 Tree goop

41 "This _____ over!"

42 Belt out with some vocal chords?

46 Spanish aunts

49 Lustrous fabric

50 Thailand, formerly

DOWN

1 Quick cuts

2 Famous fable writer

3 Possible question from someone getting their first tattoo

4 Enter on the sly

5 South Asian rice cake

6 Pesto or chimichurri

7 Great

8 Outermost paint layer

9 Like well-cooked fish skin

10 Cooped-up clucker

11 _____ Arbor

12 Bobs and weaves, for short?

ACROSS

15 Hush-hush org.

21 "Zebra" on the field

22 Academic paper reviewers

26 Yellow ribbon at construction sites

27 Part of MYOB

28 Actor Danson

30 Italian automaker

32 Biome that often borders tundra

34 Writes hurriedly

35 Org. concerned with fall protection

37 Map device on a dash

38 Prov. next to Manitoba

40 Yemen's capital

DOWN

43 Community centered around drilling

44 "What a bad hiding spot!"

45 Altimas and Sentras

47 Vowel markings

48 Some sound systems

51 "The Simpsons" bartender

54 Sound of a spilled bowl of pancake batter

55 Animal that hangs in trees

57 With scenes not seen in theaters

58 Whole lot

59 The Browns, on a scoreboard

60 Photo _____ (PR events)

61 That girl

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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4/16 Solution

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Loaded With Carbs by Daniel Hrynick

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By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

As spring moves along, the varsity softball teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School are reaching the heart of the season. League play is in full swing and it's time to begin building momentum with big wins, which each team was able to pick up last week.

Grosse Pointe North
What ended up being a strong week for North started with a loss Tuesday, April 14. The Norsemen hosted Dakota in a MAC Red Division matchup where North fell 10-5. Addie Moses finished with three RBIs on a pair of hits in the loss. Things picked up for the Norsemen a couple of days later, though, as the team earned its first MAC Red victory of the season Thursday, April 16. The win came on the road at Henry Ford II, where North put away a close 7-6 game. Down 2-0 in the fourth inning, a three-run home run by Sy'Rai Winbush

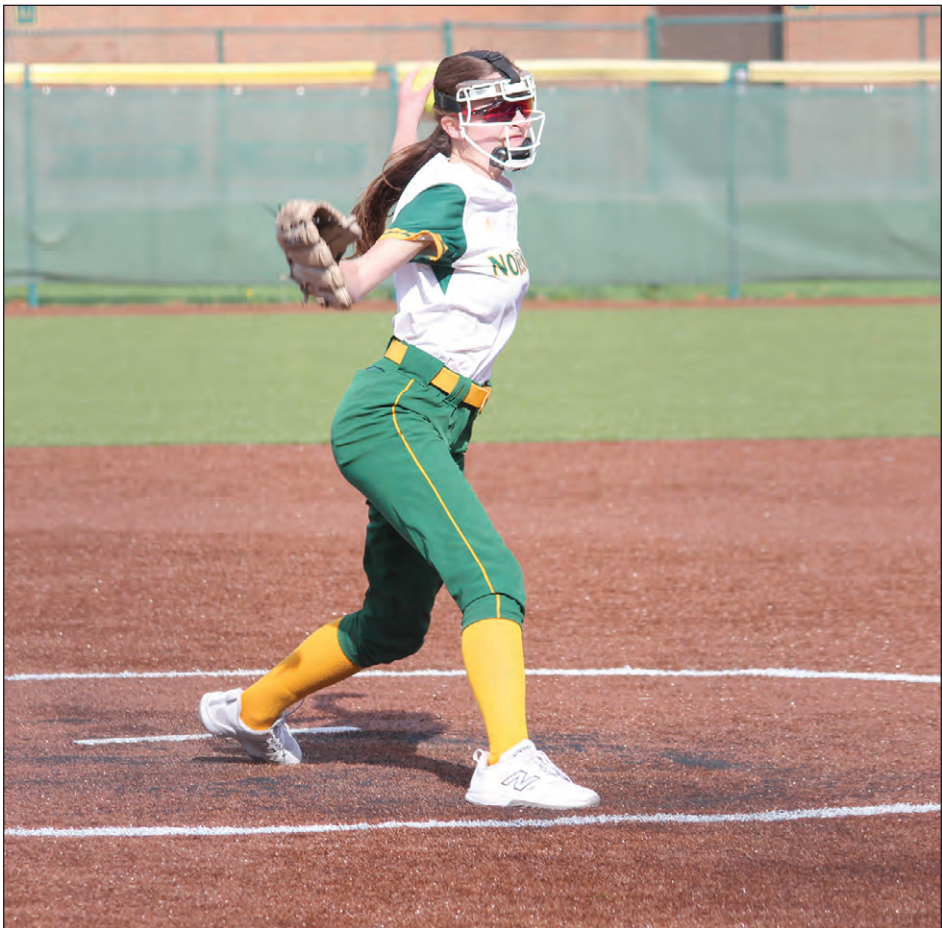


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North sophomore Emma Barr winds up for a pitch against Lake Shore Friday, April 17.

put the Norsemen in front. The lead was extended to 5-2 in the fifth inning with a two-run shot over the fence by Victoria Mangol. The Falcons began to storm back, eventually tying the game 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth inning. Mangol came through in the clutch again for North in the seventh inning, bringing

attempt with a runner in scoring position to end the game in the bottom of the seventh. Getting their first win in league play was something the Norsemen saw as a stepping stone to more success as the season goes on. It is something the team has been preaching in the early weeks of the season — building on the good and learning from the bad. “One big thing that we’ve been trying to impart is building on success,” North softball head coach Amy Zaranek Gaidis said. “... We’ve been talking a lot to them about how there are a ton of mistakes all around the game. ... I think they do a really good job recovering from mistakes and not letting those things keep them down.” North built on the win with another victory Friday, April 17, this one coming at home against Lake Shore 7-3. All three of Lake Shore’s runs were scored in the first inning, putting North down early. It took a few innings for North’s bats to wake up, but once they did, the Norsemen did not look back. A two-RBI single by Winbush in the fourth inning tied the game and a two-RBI hit by Ava Gerardi right after put North in front. Emma Barr earned the victory on the mound, pitching a complete game with six shutout innings while surrendering just four hits. Both of North’s young pitchers, Barr and Moses, earned wins last week, which is the kind of positive sign North is hoping for in the development of its sophomore pitching duo. “Addie and Emma have both been working really hard and doing a great job,” Zaranek Gaidis said. “It’s been fun to be able to dig into more of the strategy of pitching with them, rather than just throwing the ball across the plate. They’ve been really responding to that well.” North hosted Eisenhower after press time Tuesday, April 21. The Norsemen are at home again Thursday, April 23, facing Chippewa Valley at 4:30 p.m.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Danielewicz ready to lead as South’s senior ace

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Jack Danielewicz was an integral part of the 2025 season — one of the strongest seasons for Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball in years. The pitcher helped power the Blue Devils with a 0.87 ERA his junior year as South made its way to the Division 1 state final

four. Now, more than anything else, making it back to the final four is the biggest thing on Danielewicz’s mind his senior season. Other accolades might be nice, but nothing else matters if he and his teammates cannot finish the job that was started last year. “It’s difficult not to focus on personal goals or stuff like All-State, but

when I think of what I really want, I want Grosse Pointe South to go on a run,” he said. “I want to take care of business in East Lansing this year, because that was a heartbreak last year and we need to go out on top. ... We always discuss the road there and it’s in our minds now that it’s possible to make it there and go on a run. We had a phenomenal team last

year, but we believe the team this year can do just as incredible things. We trust each other and push each other to keep that goal in mind.” After his performance last year and helping South reach championship weekend in East Lansing, Danielewicz is again one of the top arms for the Blue Devils this spring. As a senior captain, he has only gotten a couple of starts so far, but has managed a 1.93 ERA and 21 strikeouts through three starts. Danielewicz gets things done on the mound with intelligence rather than just velocity. He might not have the fastest arm, but he can attack hitters with movement and always have them guessing. He worked on his velocity leading up to the season, but what Danielewicz believes he has finally

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Jack Danielewicz
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Danielewicz pitching during Grosse Pointe South baseball’s season opener against Detroit Western International April 6.

Ace for the Blue & Gold

- 1.93 ERA and 21 K through 3 starts in 2026
- Finished 2025 season with 0.87 ERA
- Senior captain for South varsity baseball

perfected is the one pitch in that has become his bread and butter. “I took about five years, starting during the pandemic, working on a changeup,” he said. “It never really felt right, but right before last season, I started using it in practices and bullpen sessions and that turned out to be a game-changer. I had some struggles sophomore year in my few opportunities on varsity and I had a lot of question marks around what my future would look like. Ever since I’ve developed that pitch, I’ve used it a substantial amount and it helps me get out of

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Liggett boys lacrosse rolling through early matchups

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School varsity boys lacrosse team hit the ground running to start this season and has not slowed down much since. The Knights have won seven of their first eight games, with some milestone victories coming last week.

Last week started strong for the Knights with a win on the road

over Bloomfield Hills Thursday, April 16. Liggett went on the road and managed a 15-6 win behind six goals from senior attack Nick Gould. The Knights built a 7-1 lead early, but Bloomfield Hills narrowed the deficit to 7-4 by halftime. However, Liggett came out strong in the second half to earn back the momentum. A goal early in the third quarter by Landen Maltby, one of his three in the game, put

the Knights back in the driver's seat as they cruised to the win. Luke Slanec had three goals in the win as well, while Mac Costanzo added a goal and five assists. Slanec, Costanzo and Gould make up the heart of Liggett's attack. Their work combining for over 60 goals so far this season is a testament to how strong the chemistry is within this veteran Knights team.

"We've really picked it up and a lot of it has been the familiarity with these players being together for so long," Liggett boys lacrosse head coach Mike Costanzo said.

Coach Costanzo had his moment in the Knights' next game, a dominant 20-3 win at home over Troy Athens Saturday, April 18. Liggett battled through the rainy conditions to win its seventh straight game of the season, with the victory also being the 200th in Costanzo's coaching career.

"This is a special team and they've helped me get to all these wins," he said. "It was so nice to get to share it with them. ... It was pretty surreal. Those moments don't come along very often, so it was a very cool experience to get to share with them."



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett boys lacrosse team celebrates with head coach Mike Costanzo after earning his 200th career coaching win when the Knights defeated Troy Athens 20-3 Saturday, April 18.

Mac O'Reilly led with five goals in the blowout win to help his coach reach that milestone. Gould scored four times, while Costanzo and Griffin Marchal each added a hat trick as well.

The momentum of Liggett's winning streak to start the spring was halted Monday, April 20. The Knights hosted Divine Child in a Catholic League showdown and rematch of last year's Division 2 regional semifinal playoff game, when Liggett was eliminated by the Falcons. Divine Child served as a roadblock again for the

Knights, handing Liggett its first loss of the season, 16-8.

The loss may sting now, but the Knights know they could get another shot at beating the Falcons in early May during the Catholic League playoffs. A loss at this point in the season also serves as a learning opportunity, giving the Knights a look at what can be improved if their hopes of winning a Catholic League title and making a run in the playoffs are to be realized.

"Going over some defensive schemes and some man-up and man-

down situations are very important to our success going forward," Costanzo said. "We need some consistency in who we're putting out there and that might be key going forward."

Liggett visited Ann Arbor Greenhills after press time Tuesday, April 21. The Knights make a trip across the border for the weekend for an exhibition matchup against Toronto's Upper Canada College Saturday, April 25. The team returns home Tuesday, April 28, hosting Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard at 5 p.m.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett's Luke Slanec tries to maneuver around a Divine Child defender Monday, April 20.

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some difficult situations. I can pretty much throw it with my eyes closed."

From struggling as a sophomore to thriving as a junior and now leading as a senior, Danielewicz has grown into the kind of player the Blue Devils need him to be. There is still plenty of time left in this season before he heads to Ann Arbor to study at the University of Michigan, but it is clear Danielewicz is going to be one of the driving forces for South if the

team wants to compete for a state title this spring. Being a senior leader for a team like South might be seen as a big responsibility, but Danielewicz has confidence in himself to lead because he knows his coaches have confidence in him.

"I'm incredibly blessed with this coaching staff at South," he said. "It's hard to find a high school team led with so much experience. Everyone conducts themselves before, during and after a game to try and help us players in every way possible. They push us as

students and as athletes."

"(Jack) is a tremendous team player and a tremendous pitcher for us," added South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum. "He's lights out most of the time and is just a very smart pitcher. He doesn't throw in the mid or upper 80s like a lot of guys do, but gets guys out by being a pitcher. He keeps people off balance and is a very smart pitcher, as well as a very smart student. ... He's a captain, he's a leader and he's a great team guy all around."

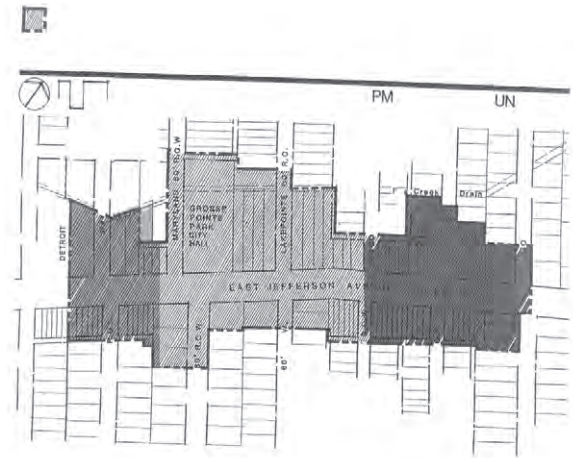


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Danielewicz on the mound for the Blue Devils against Hartland in last year's Division 1 state semifinal in East Lansing.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

During its regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Council on May 11, 2026, the City Council will be conducting a public hearing at 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230, that will begin at 7:00 p.m., local time. The public hearing will be conducted to hear comments and recommendations on a proposed ordinance to amend the Development Plan for the City of Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") and to extend the duration of the tax increment financing plan for 30 years. **THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT DOES NOT INCREASE ANY TAXES OR PROPOSE ANY NEW MILLAGES.** Maps, plats, and a description of the amendments to the development plan, including the method of relocating families and individuals who may be displaced from the area, are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, which is located at the address provided above. **THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DO NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES BEING RELOCATED OR DISPLACED.** At the public hearing, all aspects of the amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans will be open for discussion. The area to which the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans apply in relation to highways, streets, streams, or otherwise is shown on the shaded area of the map provided below:



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South baseball outlasts North in rivalry week, Liggett navigates early ups and downs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week was packed with action on the baseball diamond around the Pointes. Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North got to see plenty of each other throughout the week in a rivalry series to begin MAC White league play, while Liggett found itself with highlights and tough losses in some challenging early-season matchups.

South-North

Much of last week’s action in the Pointes was dominated by rivalry matchups. North and South faced off throughout the week, with the Blue Devils earning bragging rights by coming out on top in every matchup. After a dominant 22-3 win for South to open the series Monday, April 13, the Blue Devils hosted North the next day Tuesday, April 14. The result was the same, a win for the Blue Devils, but Tuesday’s game was closer and more evenly matched, with South outlasting North 4-3 in a 13-inning thriller. Neither team got on the board until the sixth inning. North struck first on an RBI single by DJ Edwards. South answered back in the bottom of the sixth with a

couple of runs to take the lead. The back-and-forth continued in the seventh inning, when the Norsemen moved in front 3-2 on a sacrifice fly and an error. Brendan Stafford’s RBI single for South in the bottom of the seventh inning tied the game at three runs apiece and sent things into extra innings. After a couple of innings of the teams trading runs, the offenses went silent again. It took almost another full game’s worth of extra innings before a decisive run was scored, with South’s Quinn Steinhebel bringing in the winning run on a sacrifice fly. “It was just one of those crazy games,” South baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum said. “Charlie Michelotti and Alex Foote threw great that day and we were able to pull it off in the 13th.” The Norsemen and Blue Devils met again Thursday, April 16, for a doubleheader at UWM Field in Utica. Only the first game of the doubleheader counted toward the MAC White Division standings for both teams, with South taking game one 19-6. North jumped ahead early, leading 3-1 after two innings. However, it was all Blue Devils after that, with a big third inning for South spark-



South freshman Gordon Williams earned the victory on the mound in South’s first game against North Thursday, April 16.

ing a rally that led to a blowout win. Drew Brown helped lead South with three RBIs while going 3-for-4 at the plate. Charlie Michelotti, Charlie McPartlin, Dane Lezotte, Drew Hess and Stafford all had multiple RBIs as well. Freshman Gordon Williams earned the win on the mound, pitching five innings and surrendering seven hits with three earned runs. Lorenzo Dichio had a 3-for-3 performance at the plate with an RBI for North in the loss. Following the trend of the week, the second game Thursday, after the lopsided win for South, was a much closer matchup. The Blue Devils earned another win to sweep the doubleheader, but won a closer game 5-4. Trailing 4-1 in the top of the fifth inning, North rallied a comeback. An RBI single by Caleb Butler helped ignite the rally, with two more runs coming later in the inning due to an error to bring in the tying runs for the Norsemen. With the game tied 4-4, Hess was the hero for South in the bottom of the sixth inning, bringing in the winning run with an RBI double to propel the Blue Devils to victory. After some rivalry wins throughout the week, South welcomed Detroit Edison for a double-

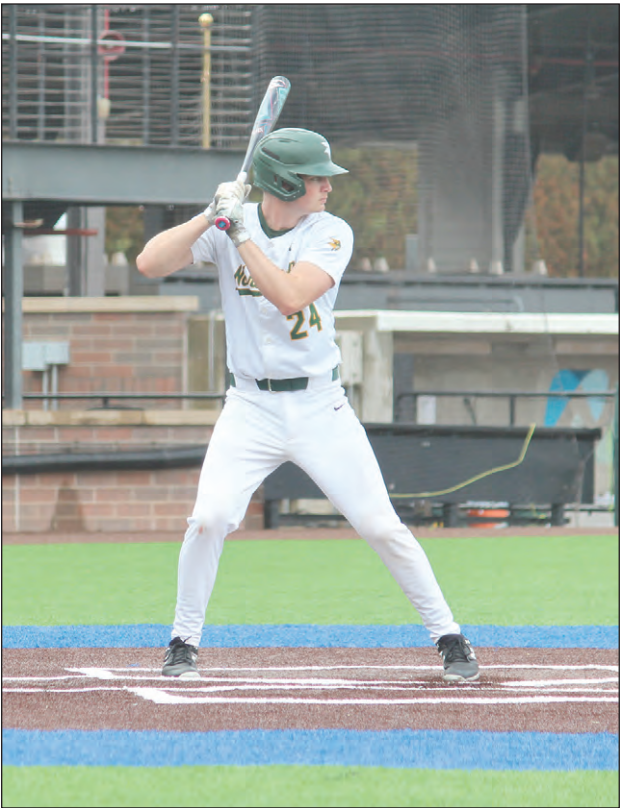
header Saturday, April 18. It was a tough Saturday for the Blue Devils, as the team lost both games to Edison by scores of 12-0 and 3-0. It was not the best ending to the week for the Blue Devils, but the team is still first in the MAC White Division standings after one week of league play. There might still be some questions South needs to answer about how some pieces fit in the lineup, but with plenty of baseball left, the Blue Devils are confident the answers will find them. “Our lineup is always a work in progress,” Griesbaum said. “... We’re still a work in progress in terms of a couple of positions, but that will work itself out. It always does.” The Blue Devils earned a MAC White win on the road at St. Clair Monday, April 20, taking down the Saints 3-2. Hess had an RBI on two hits, while Jack Danielewicz threw a complete game with 10 strikeouts over seven innings. South hosted St. Clair after press time Tuesday, April 21. The Blue Devils face the Saints on the road again Thursday, April 23, at 4:30 p.m. For North, a doubleheader Saturday against Wyandotte Roosevelt at home seemed to be refreshing for the team after a week of games

against its rival. North swept the Bears in the doubleheader, winning the first game 7-5. Edwards brought in a pair of runs on three hits. Jacob Sahadi got the win on the mound, throwing six innings and surrendering three earned runs on three hits. North’s offense exploded in game two of the doubleheader, winning 19-7. Trevor Lipscomb hit a pair of home runs and finished with four RBIs in the win, while Jacob Jaracks had three RBIs as well. The Norsemen made it three wins in a row with a MAC White victory at home over Utica Monday, April 20. The win came in dramatic fashion, with the game going to extra innings tied 4-4. In the bottom of the ninth, Lipscomb launched a two-run home run over the left field fence to give North a walk-off victory 6-4. North visited Utica after press time Tuesday, April 21. The Norsemen host Utica again Thursday, April 23, at 4 p.m.

University Liggett

The Knights began last week with a doubleheader at home against Lutheran North Tuesday, April 14. Liggett and the Mustangs split the doubleheader, with the first game going to the Knights 3-1. Alex Nicholson and Marc Abdul-Nour each had an RBI for the Knights in the opening win of the doubleheader. Kanaan Taylor had a gem of a game on the mound, going all seven innings and allowing just one run on four hits with 10 strikeouts.

Taylor followed up with a strong performance at the plate in game two of the doubleheader, bringing in two runs on two hits with his bat in a 6-4 loss for the Knights. Sam Van Culin and Liam Kurtz also had RBIs for Liggett in the loss. The Knights bounced back with an 11-5 win against Grass Lake the next day Wednesday, April 15. Van Culin helped lead the way with four RBIs, with Miles Quinn bringing in a pair as well. Javion Gray threw five innings and allowed two earned runs with six strikeouts. The weekend was not as kind to the Knights, with the team dropping two close games in a doubleheader on the road at Jackson Lumen Christi. The first was a 7-6 loss for Liggett, ending on a walk-off bunt by Lumen Christi. Van Culin continued his big week with three RBIs in the loss. Game two of the doubleheader was another close game that ended in a walk-off for the Titans. Lumen Christi rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull off the comeback and win 9-8. Liggett’s offense dominated early, with Gray bringing in four runs on two hits and Quinn adding a home run. However, Lumen Christi’s late rally was punctuated by another walk-off bunt to seal the comeback and the win. Liggett hosted Divine Child in a doubleheader after press time Tuesday, April 21. The Knights are home again Thursday, April 23, taking on Bloomfield Hills at 4:30 p.m.



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Edward Macaulay steps up to the plate for North against South at UWM Field Thursday, April 16.



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Butler signs with Schoolcraft

Grosse Pointe North senior Caleb Butler, surrounded by his varsity baseball teammates, signs his letter to play college baseball at Schoolcraft College Wednesday, April 15.

City of **Grosse Pointe**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED
2026 CITY PROPERTY TAXES
AND 2026-2027 BUDGET**

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230, will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue, on the proposed 2026 City tax levy and on the proposed 2026-2027 City budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall (17147 Maumee Avenue) beginning April 24, 2026. Telephone 313-885-5800.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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

Christopher Hardenbrook,
City Clerk

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Blue Devils dominate girls lax rivalry

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls lacrosse earned a huge win over rival Grosse Pointe North Monday, April 20, taking down the Norsemen 24-4. Lyla Hampton, Margaret Blake and Wells Webber all had four goals each for South in the victory.

Above left: South’s Lyla Hampton and North’s Alexandra Dobbs wait for the ball to come down after the opening faceoff Monday, April 20. Above right: North’s Twila Shappy-Behn chases after South’s Stella Fry.

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Grosse Pointe South
Last week was another busy week for the Blue Devils and another week where plenty of offense was displayed. South hosted Warren Woods-Tower for a MAC Blue Division showdown Thursday, April 16, and made quick work of the Warriors with an 18-2 win in just three innings. Mackenzie Simon had four RBIs on two hits, while Courtney Cowan

brought in a pair of runs with her bat as well. Sophia Husek threw all three innings, allowing two runs on two hits while tallying nine strikeouts. South’s offense kept rolling into the first of three games for the team Saturday, April 18. The first game was a matchup against cross-town foe University Liggett School, with the Blue Devils dominating with a 10-0 win. Simon, Makenzie Waterson and Madison Iverson all finished with a pair of RBIs. Iverson pitched four

scoreless and hitless innings as well, finishing with eight strikeouts. The Blue Devils lost their second game Saturday, falling 7-5 against L’Anse Creuse North. Iverson and Piper Obermok had two RBIs each in the loss. South bounced back to finish Saturday with a 9-7 win over Birmingham Seaholm. Obermok had a massive performance with five RBIs on two hits, including a two-RBI double in the fourth inning of a shortened game to help give the Blue Devils the win.

South visited Marine City after press time Tuesday, April 21. The Blue Devils return home Thursday, April 23, hosting Lake Shore at 4:30 p.m. **University Liggett**
The Knights began last week with a pair of big wins in a doubleheader against St. Catherine Tuesday, April 14. Liggett won game one of the day 13-2 behind a three-RBI performance from Constantina Bournias, with Isabel Nihem striking out nine batters in

five innings to get the pitching victory. Liggett looked even more dominant in the second game of the doubleheader, winning 23-6. The Knights took advantage of St. Catherine’s mistakes, with the Stars tallying five errors to help Liggett score 23 runs on just seven hits as a team. Another doubleheader was in store for the Knights Thursday, April 16, this time against Marian. Liggett dropped the first game 12-8, with Norah Nordin having three RBIs in the loss.

The second game was a better result for the Knights, as Nihem powered the offense with three RBIs on the way to a 10-1 win. Luna Coyro had a strong pitching performance in the game two win, allowing just one run on two hits over five innings. After Liggett’s 10-0 loss to South Saturday, April 18, the Knights fell in their second game of the day against Seaholm 8-4. Liggett visits Toledo Central Catholic for a doubleheader Thursday, April 23, beginning at 4 p.m.

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Track squads continue strong start to spring

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Many of the top athletes from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North have had a hot start to the track and field season this spring. This past week continued that trend, with some Blue Devils and Norsemen putting up strong performances to help their teams to impressive finishes.

The week started with both North and South's boys and girls teams meeting in a tri-meet with Port Huron Northern Monday, April 13. Both of South's teams earned victories over all of their opponents and North's girls team earned a 73-58 win over Port Huron Northern as well.

Both schools were represented Saturday, April 18, at the Warrior Classic in Woodhaven. The girls teams for South and North both finished the day in the top five, with the Blue Devils earning second place and the Norsemen fifth. North's boys squad made it into the top 10 out of 20 teams, finishing in ninth place.

For South's girls team,

Evie Baer and Morgan Duff finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 200-meter race. Duff, Ciagra Pongratz, Calisse Budek and Olivia Colt took second place in the 1600 relay. Duff also earned a second place finish in the long jump and Pongratz was second in the 100 hurdles.

Freshman Eleanor Pilsner also had a strong day for South. She took second in both the 1600 and 3200 races, as well as helped South's 3200 relay team to a second-place finish along with teammates Colt, Rylee Piornack and Morgan Costello.

"We were hoping for a top-five finish at this excellent track invitational," South girls track and field head coach Steve Zaranek said. "To score points in all 12 track events along with three of the field events was another display of this team's amazing depth."

North's girls team saw senior Quinn Notebaert help lead the way to the Norsemen's top-five finish. She was second in the 300 hurdles and second in the 800 relay with teammates Kimora Laster-Walker, Kayli



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Grosse Pointe South's varsity girls track and field team raced to a second place finish out of 24 teams at the Warrior Classic Saturday, April 18.

Johnson and Maliyah Jones.

Johnson also earned a top-10 finish for North by placing sixth in the 100-meter dash. Nia Ruiz took second in shot put, while Jessica Atchison took second in pole vault for the

Norsemen.

Frank Jackson had one of the best finishes of the day for the North boys squad, taking second place in the 100 hurdles. Parker Persyn was fifth in the 200, and Sam Parish helped the Norsemen with his sixth-place finish in the 800.

North hosted a dual meet against Henry Ford II after press time Wednesday, April 22. Both the boys and girls teams for the Norsemen are set to compete in the Yale Relays, hosted by Yale High School, Saturday, April 25.

South's girls team will compete in the Steve Johnson Relays at Warren Mott Saturday, April 25. The same day, the boys will compete at the Railsplitter Invitational hosted by Ypsilanti Lincoln.



Boys golfers swing into spring

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The varsity boys golf teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School have returned to the links to tee off the spring season. Golfers from all three schools took plenty of swings in different matchups last week, with early milestones for some adding excitement to the beginning of the season.

South and North met Friday, April 17, for a three-team match with Eisenhower at Gowanie Golf Club. The Blue Devils came out on top in the end, with a first-place team score of 141, or just one over par, for the nine-hole matchup.

South's Ben Bieri had the best score of the day,

shooting a one-under 34. Right behind him was teammate Charlie Thomas with an even-par 35, and Marty Wayman and Will Gryzenia both shooting 36.

North finished third in the match with a team score of 167. Aidan Burney and Alejandro Delgado tied for the team's lowest score at 41, while Evan Michalski shot a 42.

The Norsemen and Blue Devils, along with Liggett, all competed at the Lake Orion Invitational at Indianwood Golf and Country Club Monday, April 20. The Norsemen finished 11th in the team standings and Michalski tied for fifth individually with his 18-hole score of 73.

South, which only had

a partial squad representing the team at the tournament, finished 17th. Ben Bieri had the team's lowest score of the day at 83. Liggett was 18th as a team and junior Charlie Laethem cracked the top 15 on the leaderboard with a 76.

The other half of South's squad competed Monday at the Saline Hornet Invitational at Travis Pointe Country Club. The Blue Devils were ninth overall to end the day, with Wayman helping lead the way by shooting a 79. Sophomore Max Knowlton finished with an 83.

North, South and Liggett are set to compete in the McIntyre Invitational Monday, April 27, hosted by the Blue Devils at the Country Club of Detroit.

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Above, South's Marty Wayman stands over a putt during a match against Grosse Pointe North and Eisenhower Friday, April 17.



South's Charlie Thomas, left, and Tyler Collins from North walk the course together at Gowanie Golf Club Friday, April 17.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed 2026-2027 City Budget

The City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026-2027 City Budget, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the City Hall at 90 Kerby Road, or as otherwise posted at the City website at: www.grossepointefarms.org.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.

The proposed Budget is on file in the Office of the Clerk for public inspection during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and is also available on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the proposed Budget:

GENERAL FUND	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS	
Municipal Court	\$ 418,190
General Government	1,986,160
Public Safety	8,890,880
Public Works	4,505,750
Parks & Recreation	1,595,080
Contingency	50,000
Transfer - Other Funds	3,561,590
Total	\$ 21,007,650
MEANS OF FINANCING	
Taxes	\$ 16,283,100
Licenses & Permits	508,210
Federal and State Grants	75,000
State-Shared Revenue	1,174,670
Charges for Service	2,045,770
Fines/Forfeitures	283,000
Interest Income	357,400
Other Revenue	80,500
Fund Balance Appropriation	200,000
Total	\$ 21,007,650

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

DERRICK KOZICKI
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

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