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GP Farms reroutes CDBG funds to PAATS

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

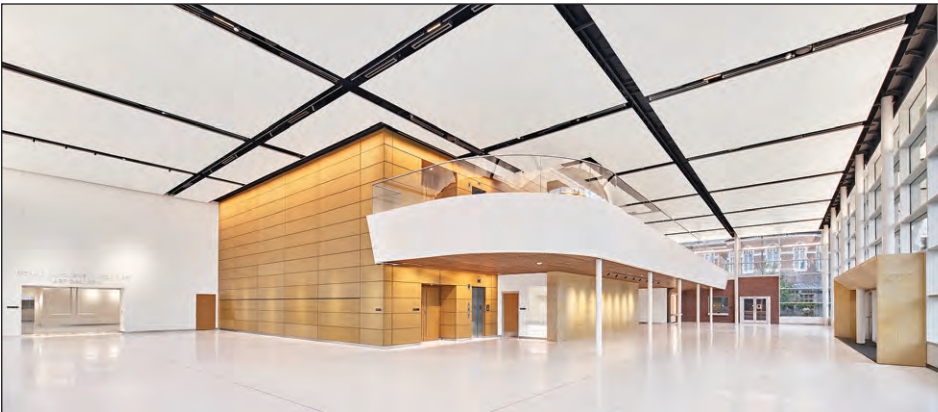
GROSSE POINTE FARMS — As a result of the senior services millage now providing \$1.1 million in annual funding to The Helm, Farms city council in April voted to allocate this year's full \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, or PAATS, which provides transportation for seniors.

The Farms historically has allocated a portion of CDBG funding — a federal program funneled through Wayne

County — to The Helm since at least 2009. Since 2019, the city's status quo has been to allocate \$14,000 to The Helm and \$6,000 to PAATS.

"Last year, city council instructed administration to look at alternative entities to allocate the annual CDBG funding to in light of the senior millage passing and taking effect," Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Derrick Kozicki said. "In response, we researched and determined the additional monies to PAATS would be the most practical way to allocate the money that

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Above, the curtain is set to rise during grand-opening events for the Schaap Center this weekend. Left, the lobby is ready to be filled with patrons upon the center's opening.

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Kroger in compliance

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Cutouts of fruits, vegetables, pizza and florals took their place in the Kercheval-facing windows of Kroger in The Village last month, serving as a quiet sign of compromise between the city and store.

The designs effectively bring the national retailer back into compliance with the city ordinance of which it has been in violation since January 2022, when a remodel of the location included placing tall freezers along the windows.

The ordinance in question requires transparent windows to make up 70 percent of the facade of storefronts in The Village, which city planners say is important to encourage walkability, vibrancy and engagement in a downtown district.

The city struggled to throw the book at the gro-

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Grand-opening events this weekend

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's been a long time coming, but the time has finally come for the grand opening of the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and the Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery.

The state-of-the-art facility is pulling out all the stops to celebrate its official unveiling this weekend.

A grand-opening gala begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and features an opening reception and remarks; live performances from Grosse Pointe Theatre, Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Opera, Eisenhower Dance

Detroit and Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit; an afterglow and behind-the-scenes tours of the multi-million-dollar facility.

A grand-opening matinee begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17, and includes a reception and the performances. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Guests of both events also will be among the first to see a curated collection of American art in the temperature-controlled Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery, as well as a sculpture exhibit presented in partnership with the Marshall

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Arts center returns city's \$400K

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Some \$400,000 the city paid for sewer upgrades associated with construction of a performing arts center is flowing back to city coffers.

"This is a huge gift to the city," Councilman Tom Caulfield said. Action dates to February 2025.

City council at the time entered into an agreement with the Urban Renewal Improvement Foundation, owners of the soon-to-open 49,000-square-foot Schaap Center for Performing Arts, to provide \$400,000 of \$1 million required to separate a combined storm-sewage line under lower Jefferson.

"The project was completed in 2025 and has taken the load of another area of combined sewer in Grosse Pointe Park off our Jefferson Pump Station," said City Manager Nick Sizeland in a report to city council May 11.

Along the way, the foundation successfully applied for \$1.7 million in state support, which the Grosse Pointes' State Sen. Kevin Hertel placed in an appropriations bill.

"From funds appropriated, \$1.7 million must be awarded to Grosse Pointe

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The Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery, prior to the current American art installation.



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A portion of the Marshall Fredericks installation.

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M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum. “The Schaap Center has been created to serve as a gathering place for the region and a home for creativity, expression and connection,” Paul Schaap wrote in a message to the community. “Just as importantly, it is a home for our arts partners, providing a place where organizations can grow, collaborate and expand their audiences for generations to come. The generosity and trust of our supporters have allowed us to create

something lasting that belongs to the entire community.” Sitting on just more than 2.4 acres at the edge of Grosse Pointe Park, the 49,000-square-foot building is weeks away from hosting its first full-scale production. Grosse Pointe Theatre’s “Cinderella” will be performed June 5 to 21. The 435-seat arts center features top-of-the-line lighting and acoustics, gathering spaces with wine bars and concessions, energy-efficient design elements, sustainable storm-water solutions and year-round community programming.



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Paul Schaap

Tickets to the May 16 gala are \$250 each. Tickets to the May 17 matinee are \$50 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Patron Service & Hospitality Manager Amy Ricker at a r i c k e r @ s c h a a p c e n t e r . o r g or (586) 945-3638.

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Beware of fake court notices

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Law enforcement agencies are warning of a new scam involving traffic fine warnings made to look like they come from Wayne County District Court. The fake notices are being distributed mainly by text and claim the recipient is in violation of one of three things: ♦ failure to pay a road toll, ♦ a parking violation or ♦ speeding. Michigan doesn’t have any toll roads. Furthermore, outstanding traffic or parking violation fines issued in the Pointes, if not paid on time, are handled through each city’s respective municipal court rather than district court. The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety

Department posted a copy of the fake on its Facebook page, reminding people not to scan the QR Code, call any phone numbers or provide personal information. Several commenters on the post said they had already received the texts and were suspicious because they came from area codes in New Mexico and Florida. “We’re doing everything we can to educate people,” Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. “With this AI stuff, it’s hard to tell unless you look closely at it.” The document contains threatening language such as “mandatory compliance order” and “final enforcement notice,” with claims of late fees, court costs and suspension of driving privileges. Wayne County District Court in a press release said, “The scam message

falsely uses the court’s name, address and a fake payment website. The court does not send payment demands by text and any official notices to appear are sent through U.S. mail. To verify a real case or citation, contact the 36th District Court directly at (313) 965-2200.” The Michigan State Police took a humorous approach on its social media in warning about the scam, writing, “The toll road fine scam is working its way around the state again. In fact I just got one on my work phone. Not sure if I should pay the fine to myself or wait and arrest myself?” Separate texts that appear to come from the Michigan Secretary of State claim the recipient’s license will be suspended if they do not pay outstanding fines and include a fake website at which to make a pay-

ment. The MSP noted government agencies, including courts and police departments, will never contact people via text or a phone call regarding outstanding fines. Kosanke added his department last month also received calls from concerned residents over what they thought was correspondence from the IRS asking for banking information in order to electronically deposit tax refunds. “I talk to a lot of groups and hand out booklets on how to avoid fraud,” Kosanke said. “We can’t reach everyone and unfortunately people panic when they’re caught off guard.” Public safety directors from the other Pointes said they were aware of the Wayne County scam, but not aware of any of their residents falling for it.

City backs up Schaap sewers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — If a performing arts center opens this weekend as scheduled on lower Jefferson, it will operate under a binding maintenance agreement with the city regarding stormwater management. “There is no immediate direct cost to the city associated with the agreement,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager, during the May 11 city council meeting. “The property owner remains responsible for maintenance of the stormwater system. However, if the owner fails to perform and the city is required to step in, the city could incur future administrative, legal, enforcement and maintenance

costs.” “If we have to go in there, are there mechanisms for us to recover costs?” Councilman Brent Deaver asked Sizeland. “Yes,” Sizeland said. City Attorney Dan Kelly added, “There is the ability to recollect any costs associated with the city if (the center) doesn’t meet its obligations.” “Yet another step in the right direction,” concluded Mayor Michele Hodges. Primary long-term responsibility for the center’s stormwater system is the property owner, the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation. Foundation members are set to celebrate years of multimillion dollar fundraising and a flurry of construction with a grand opening

gala Saturday night, May 16, of the more than 400-seat A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery on Jefferson between Maryland in the Park and Alter Road in Detroit. “Urban Renewal Foundation is responsible for maintaining the Schaap Center SWMA (stormwater management system),” according to an outline of the agreement the council approved without dissent. “The Park has agreed to assume responsibility for long-term maintenance if (the) Urban Renewal Initiative fails to perform.” Terms align with a county stormwater ordinance.

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Park to support the Schaap Performing Arts Center,” according to the legislation, which the governor signed into law last October. Fast forward to this

week. Money the city put toward the sewer project came home to roost. “Through many months of work and in good-faith negotiations between the foundation and city, we have an agreement that \$410,000 of the \$1.7 million appropriation will be kept by

the city and added to the water-sewer fund,” Sizeland said. “We’ll be able to put that into other infrastructure projects.” The extra \$10,000 pays for the time city administrators and auditors spend on the project. Sizeland said URIF representatives Paul

Schaap and Jaime Rae Turnbull were crucial to the negotiations. “We had many conversations,” Sizeland said. “This is another good-faith gesture (showing) we can work together with the Schaap Center and have great things happen.”

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was going to The Helm, because PAATS is already receiving CDBG

dollars.” This made the most sense for city administration, given the stipulations on how CDBG funds can be spent. They are intended for low- and moderate-income areas of the community, where 51

percent or more of the households earn less than 80 percent of the area’s median income — of which the Farms does not apply — though senior services also are applicable. While barrier-free access projects would be

an allowable alternative use of the funds, placing a single sidewalk ramp would require an engineer to look at the location and for the city to submit for historical analysis through the state, among other procedural requirements. “For \$20,000, it makes more sense to give it to an entity that’s already able to do the paperwork and is familiar with the process and provides a service to seniors, but also individuals with limited mobility,” Koziacki said. City council approved the allocation as part of its consent agenda Monday, April 13.

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Book chronicles lives of the 185 Pointers who died in military service

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

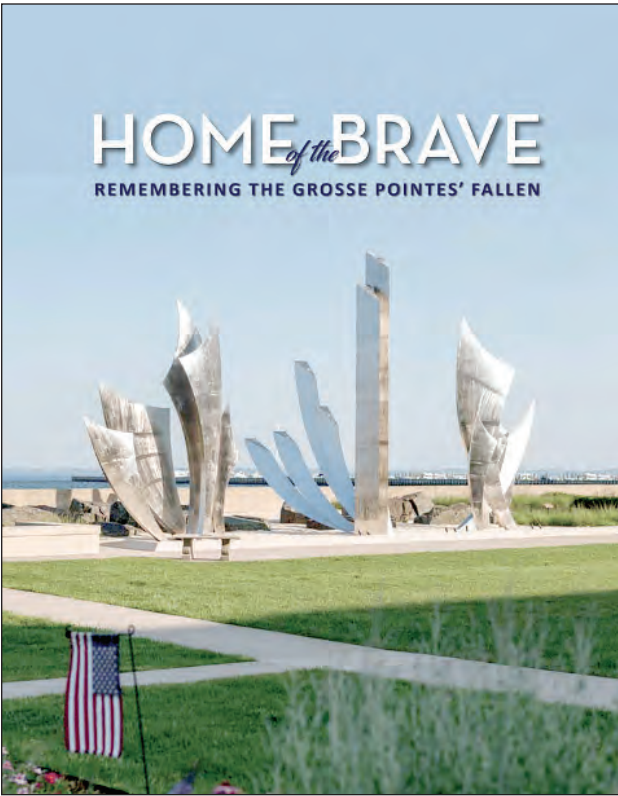
GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In World War II, when many educated Grosse Pointers of a certain socioeconomic status likely could have found ways to serve the country in a non-combat environment, many of the 136 who died in the war entered service voluntarily, including several dozen who served as officers.

“When you’re doing this research for a very, very long time, you do tend to notice patterns,” said author Lisa Lark, who has spent the last 16 years researching the lives of fallen service members. “And I will say that having this many officers from World War II — if they were officers, they would have had to enlist — indicates a significant level of patriotism from within the Grosse Pointe community.”

Lark spent the last several months chronicling the life stories of the 185 men from Grosse Pointe who died in military service from the Civil War through the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The result, a biographical book titled “Home of the Brave: Remembering the Grosse Pointes’ Fallen,” will be published in partnership with The War Memorial Monday, June 1.

“It’s always a privilege to be able to tell these stories and my goal is to make them more than a name on a plaque,” Lark said. “If you think about how many times members of the Grosse



Pointes have probably been to The War Memorial and they’ve walked past these plaques and they’ve seen all these names. It’s just human nature; we don’t really stop and register much unless you have a personal connection or you knew someone.”

“Home of the Brave,” gives a glimpse into the lives of each name found on a plaque within The War Memorial — and then some.

“No one is around who knows exactly what the process was to put the names on those plaques initially,” Lark said. “It seems to be that there was just a simple request in the newspaper that if you have someone who should be included, send in the names.

“... So we tried to identify any names that

maybe were not included on the plaques and we did find some service members who did need to be added to our list.”

Within the book, readers will find Peter Rivard — from the family for which the local street is named — who fought at Gettysburg and later was fatally wounded in another battle during the Civil War.

There’s also Navy Officer Benjamin Marsh Jr. and fellow service member John C. Auld, who both died in the attack on Pearl Harbor. The remains of Auld, who went by Jack, were not identified until 2018, using a DNA sample from his nephew.

And there’s Albert Schwaller, the only identified Grosse Pointer to have died in World War I.

He lived in the Farms

Author talk

Author Lisa Lark will discuss her research for “Home of the Brave: Remembering the Grosse Pointes’ Fallen,” during a free seminar at The War Memorial from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

Attendees will learn more about the research process, hear stories of some of the Pointes’ fallen heroes and discover how to access military records for genealogical purposes. A short question-and-answer opportunity will follow. Complimentary copies of “Home of the Brave: Remembering the Grosse Pointes’ Fallen” will be provided to all seminar attendees. Learn more or register at warmemorial.org/events/vetconnectmay2026.

and had been in the Army around two years when he died in France of pneumonia.

“With the exception of the unfortunate six from Iraq and Afghanistan, every death was more than 50 years ago,” said Lark, who made every effort to track down the personal stories of each man, in particular their lives in the community prior to entering service.

Aside from accessing military records and online genealogy databases, Lark scoured every issue of the Grosse Pointe News from 1942 to 1945; sifted through several decades of University Liggett School archived yearbooks; worked with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society to identify the homes these men lived in; and spoke with their nieces and nephews for family stories and access to old



Lisa Lark

scrapbooks.

“There was one young man from the Vietnam War named William Toth, who died very, very early in the war in 1964,” Lark said. “And after he died, his mother had a stained glass window placed in his honor at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. That window is still there.”

Lark even discovered an uncanny personal connection during her research — that of John Farley, who went by Jack and came to the Detroit area to work for Ford before falling in love with a young woman from Grosse Pointe.

“One of the first places he lived when he was in the Detroit area was an apartment complex in Dearborn and that same complex was actually my first apartment after I got married,” Lark said. “It was a building across the street, but it was the same complex that was still standing in 1999 when I lived in it and he lived in it in the early

’40s.”

In speaking with Farley’s grandson, Lark further learned he wanted to join the Navy and become an officer like many of his friends, but was disqualified because he was color-blind.

“Rather than continuing to work for Ford, he enlisted in the Army and was a private (during WWII),” Lark said. “He had a Yale degree and a Harvard MBA and just because he was color-blind, he was a regular Joe private and died as such.”

“Home of the Brave” further contains the stories of men whose fathers owned service stations, worked as teachers or were employed as maintenance personnel or gardeners at private homes in Grosse Pointe.

It also contains prominent figures such as Henry F. Chaney Jr., grandson of Russell Alger and the only person to be born at what

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, MAY 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 19

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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cery chain, however, given it was partially at fault for the freezer placement making it through the remodel process in the first place.

At the time Kroger’s team was acquiring the necessary permits, a city inspector gave approval for what the configuration would be inside the store, without realizing it would put it in violation of ordinances for the building’s facade.

When Kroger was told to move the freezers after the fact, it initially countered with an offer to hang plastic fruit in the windowscape.

“Here we have a smaller footprint (than Kroger big box stores),” said an attorney representing the Kroger Co. of Michigan at that time. “And so to be able to offer the full selection of products to the customers, we have to fit



The window displays are meant to activate the storefront for passers-by.

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a lot in a small place. And here, we do have some cases that are obstructing the windows so that we can offer products.”

City council rejected the plastic fruit concept in April 2023, almost exactly

two years ago, and since has been pressing Kroger for a more aesthetic concept to activate the long stretch of Kercheval facade.

What is placed now is a visual end to nearly four

years of back and forth.

“It’s brighter, it’s livelier, it’s something to look at,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said, “and in that case, I think it’s as good a compromise as we could have come up with.”

Correction

The story “Drug dealer in Woods overdose cases sentenced to prison,” published in the May 7 edition of the Grosse Pointe News should have said Aerian Porter-Craig, 34, pleaded guilty last August to two counts of distributing fentanyl and cocaine, each punishable by up to 20 years in prison. In exchange, two counts of distribution of fentanyl and cocaine causing death, punishable by up to life in prison, were dropped.

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A 25-year-old Detroit woman, upon being discharged from a local hospital at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, took her prescribed medication and left without paying the co-pay.

Thwarted getaway

A 38-year-old Detroit woman was arrested as she fled The Village on a bike at 6 p.m. Friday, May 8, after stealing \$1,400 worth of clothing from a Kercheval store.

Botched bonfire

A 25-year-old Riverview man was arrested for arson at 11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, after drunkenly pouring an accelerant onto a bonfire in a backyard in the 700 block of Rivard, causing it to explode and leaving several birthday party attendees with injuries. An investigation is ongoing.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Tantrum

For slamming his cane into shelves and threatening to return with a gun when he was refused service at a Mack gas station at 11:24 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, a 66-year-old Detroit man was arrested for trespassing.

Public destruction

Surveillance footage showed a white man walk up to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch at 11:53 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, and knock over two planters and three recycling bins, as well as pull misting hoses out of place and rip one in half. He then can be seen crossing Fisher, where he bent an electrical

box post into the ground.

Smashed windows

There was nothing of value inside a vehicle that had its window smashed overnight into Friday, May 8, in the 400 block of Allard.

Two individuals in hooded sweatshirts were captured on a neighbor's home security footage leaving the property at 12:31 a.m.

The window of a vehicle in the 300 block of Hillcrest additionally was smashed at 12:58 a.m. the same night. Home security footage showed two suspects arriving in a black Chrysler 300.

Raining pipes

While conducting heating and cooling work on the roof of a building along Kercheval at 10:35 a.m. Friday, May 8, workers reported a PVC pipe fell and left minor dents and a large gouge on the hood of a vehicle parked below.

Gun scare

A 31-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 4 p.m. Friday, May 8, after he was spotted walking along Moross and crouching to momentarily point a loaded gun at passing cars.

Officers discovered the gun was stolen and the man is prohibited from carrying a pistol.

Drunken

A 58-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for operating while intoxicated, after being pulled over for speeding 42 mph on Mack at 9:34 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

Fears realized

A 65-year-old Detroit man told the officer he did not want to get arrested, when he was pulled over for an illegal U-turn at Mack and Gateshead at 8:53 p.m. Sunday, May 10.

When the officer asked why he would get arrested, the man said he was drunk, for which he indeed was arrested.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood

alcohol content to be 0.22 percent.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Asleep at wheel

At 4 a.m. Thursday, May 7, a patrol officer awakened a 26-year-old male resident who had been reported asleep at the wheel of a vehicle stopped in the intersection of Nottingham and Hall Place, next to Trombly Elementary.

The driver, a Park resident, smelled of intoxicants, according to police.

He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for drunken driving.

Gear stolen

A landscaper was working in the 1000 block of Maryland shortly before 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, while an unknown thief stole a RedMax leaf blower and Stihl edger from his truck.

The loss totaled \$800, according to investigating officers.

“The owner observed a red Nissan or Infinity with a black bumper parked by the truck as he worked,” police said. “When the vehicle left, the items were missing.”

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

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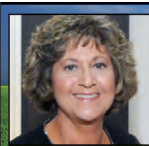
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“(The ordinance) requires stormwater control systems to be maintained in perpetuity to ensure the systems function properly as designed,” according to a council resolution.

“The stormwater system includes storm sewers, manholes, catch basin, water quality structure, an underground detention system and an outlet control structure,” Sizeland said.

A maintenance schedule requires mainly annual, but in some cases bi-annual, inspection of system components.

“Maintenance calls for regular inspections, debris and sediment removal, vegetation management, structural repairs and related upkeep to protect proper drainage and continued operation of the system,” Sizeland said.



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- Best Caterer
- Best Family-Friendly Restaurant
- Best Mac & Cheese
- Best Onion Rings
- Best Submarine Sandwich
- Best Salad
- Best Ice Cream Soda
- Best Breakfast Sandwich
- Best Cake
- Best Coffee
- Best Smoothie

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- Best Barber
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- Best Pet Grooming Service
- Best HVAC Company
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- Best Place to Buy Make-Up
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OUR VIEW

Too lenient

Those of a certain age will remember “Baretta,” a mid-1970s TV show starring Robert Blake as Detective Tony Baretta. It had a rather catchy theme song that included the line, “Don’t do the crime if you can’t do the time.”

As we reported last week, the woman accused of selling deadly doses of fentanyl-laced cocaine to three Grosse Pointe Woods residents in 2023 was sentenced to 210 months, or 17.5 years, in prison.

Essentially less than six years per victim. Possibly less depending on parole. Not long enough.

Aerian Porter-Craig, 34, pleaded guilty last August to two counts of distributing fentanyl and cocaine, each punishable by up to 20 years in prison. In exchange, two counts of distribution of fentanyl and cocaine causing death, punishable by up to life in prison, were dropped.

The three victims, including two sisters, were found deceased June 10, 2023, just blocks apart. The sisters were eventually identified in the media by their father as Antoinette Calbone, 27, and Angelina Calbone, 23. The male was Michael Artley, 31.

For readers who missed the story, according to a criminal complaint filed by the FBI in federal court before Porter-Craig’s arrest, one of the sisters and the male victim were found dead at a house on Canterbury Street, while the other sister was found a few blocks away at a house on Edmundton Drive. The Wayne County Medical Examiner said the two victims on Canterbury died of fentanyl toxicity, while the one found on Edmundton died of fentanyl and xylazine toxicity. Xylazine is an animal tranquilizer.

The FBI examined the cell phones of Porter-Craig and the victims during its investigation. The complaint says the FBI believes the victims died late the night of Friday, June 9, 2023, within minutes of ingesting the drugs.

The FBI said Ms. Porter-Craig texted the male victim and the sister found on Edmundton in the early morning hours of June 10, 2023, asking if they were OK after another customer contacted her at 12:30 a.m. that day, saying he used a test strip on cocaine she sold him that showed the presence of fentanyl.

That could be one reason the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan agreed to the plea deal. The government apparently looked at that information and concluded it was not Ms. Porter-Craig who added the additional drugs to the cocaine, but rather someone farther up the distribution chain from her. It has become a common practice among dealers to cut cocaine and other drugs with things like fentanyl to make their supply last longer, thereby making more money off extra sales. It obviously is a deadly game.

Hopefully, authorities were able to get some good intel from Ms. Porter-Craig as part of the deal in order to make more arrests, first and foremost who she bought the drugs from.

Substance use disorder is a serious matter, but there is help for those willing to seek it out.

Here are some examples:

In the wake of the 2023 incident, the group Face Addiction Now — formerly Families Against Narcotics — became much more visible in the Pointes. Less than a month after the deaths, some 100 people attended a free Narcan training at the Woods community center put on by FAN and were given free doses.

Narcan — the most common brand name of naloxone — is a nasal spray. An overdose starts with a lack of oxygen to the brain, which leads to unconsciousness and then the person stops breathing. A dose of Narcan releases the opioids from the body’s receptors, allowing the person’s brain to remember how to breathe again.

The City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe South High School assistant softball coach Carley Pax and her husband, Alex, adopted a dog named Riley about six months ago. Alex Pax has brought Riley to around four softball games this year, including one about a week ago against Lake Shore. At one point, Riley spotted Carley Pax by first base and watched her through the fence as she coached the runners. Riley watched for a good part of the inning before another dog got her attention.

GUEST OPINION By Sheila Tomkowiak

Bills threaten to upend local control

Increasing the supply of housing, in all communities, is a worthy goal. High home prices, climbing interest rates and low housing supplies are making home ownership more difficult and pushing rents higher.

The housing crisis didn’t get to this level in a straight, simple line. It’s a thorny problem that resists one-size-fits-all solutions, but that is exactly what is being considered by the Michigan Legislature in a package of bills that should alarm every property owner — and renter — in the Grosse Pointes and throughout Michigan.

These bills, with bipartisan sponsorship, threaten to upend local control of zoning regulations across the state. Should these bills pass, you could find yourself living next door to a home with an accessory dwelling unit in the backyard — or even in the front yard. The bills would allow tiny houses and mobile homes on a mere 1,500 square feet of property, a fraction of the 7,000-square-foot average in the Pointes. Multi-unit buildings, lot sizes, dwelling sizes, parking requirements, even setback rules would no longer be controlled by local elected officials, amounting to a free-for-all for developers.

As Lansing Mayor Andy Schor said at a press conference in February, “Zoning is not just red tape. It’s a tool we use to ensure that growth is sustainable, that our roads and sewers can handle new density, that our communities evolve in a way that respects the residents who call them home.”

These bills do not take into account whether

local sewers can handle the increased load of more toilets, whether stormwater runoff will be negatively affected or whether roads can accommodate more street parking. By disconnecting the historic alignment of land use and infrastructure planning, the bills jeopardize our ability to protect public health and safety.

I am sure the supporters of these bills will accuse us of NIMBY-ism, a desire that the problem be addressed anywhere but here. Those accusers might be surprised to learn that in the City of Grosse Pointe, one-third of our housing units are multifamily.

Most of the Pointes were developed before World War II, before free-ways and sprawl. Our communities boast a wide variety of housing styles from larger estates to 1800s cottages, smaller duplexes and bungalows. That our smaller homes have risen in price is not a call to cram more units into the green spaces we have worked to carefully preserve.

In fact, an unintended consequence of these new policies is plain to anyone who can think ahead: With no more restrictions on setbacks, developers would be free to buy up our more modest housing, raze it and build lavish, lot-line-to-lot-line McMansions, effectively reducing more affordable housing options.

All of our cities have master plans that were crafted by listening to residents. Folks in the City told us loudly and clearly that they want us to preserve our older, varied housing stock. They strongly rejected allowing accessory dwelling units in backyards. They were wor-

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Department has a vending machine that distributes free Narcan and the Woods Public Safety Department has a state-of-the-art drug disposal kiosk, courtesy of Rotary International, that removed more than 500 pounds of pharmaceuticals from the community last year.

All five public safety departments in the Pointes, as well as Harper Woods, participate in FAN’s Hope not Handcuffs program.

It allows anyone struggling with addiction to walk into any participating police department

and seek help without fear of being arrested. A representative from FAN will come and get the person and take them to treatment.

Participation is voluntary. If a potential participant decides not to continue, they are allowed to leave without threat of force in an effort to detain them. Departments also agree not to use the situation to collect drug intelligence or the source of any drugs relinquished.

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, call FAN at (833) 202-HOPE.

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0%	10%	20%	30%	50%	20%	10%
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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Lovers of finer things can find out about this sculpted pair of geese when the Schaap Center and its art-accented lobby opens this weekend. Officially the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts and Richard and Jane Manoogian Art Gallery, the facility occupies 49,000 square feet and includes a more than 400-seat auditorium on Jefferson between Maryland in the Park and

Schaap Center is here



Alter Road in Detroit. Talk of building a performing arts center in the Park goes back more than a quarter century. With the center, organizers and donors made it a reality. Their goal is scheduled to be realized with a \$250-per-ticket grand-opening gala 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Above, Steel uprights and crossmembers provide mutual support in an open and unrepentant celebration of strength, functionality and culture.

On the bill are a reception, remarks, performances and behind-the-scenes tours. The next day at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17, a grand-opening matinee is scheduled with a reception and performance. Tickets cost \$50. I'll attend the Saturday night gala to report on things. Maybe someone on stage will actually break a leg. One thing's certain. No fat ladies will sing. Saturday is all about beginning.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

POINTERS TURNING DEAF EAR TO PLEA FOR BLOOD DONORS: The Young Adult Committee for Blood Donor Recruitment at the War Memorial Center is very much puzzled and not a little desperate over the lack of cooperation received from local residents. Despite widespread publicity and appeals to civic organizations and various groups, it was announced on Tuesday that not more than 80 persons have volunteered to be donors. More than twice this many are needed to make the project a success.

POINTERS PLAY LEAD ROLES IN REACTIVATING SYMPHONY: The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is to be reactivated through a plan which is the brainchild of

John B. Ford Jr., of East Jefferson Avenue, a former member of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Pledges of \$10,000 per year for three years have been obtained from a number of Detroit corporations to be added to funds supplied by the city of Detroit and the Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, which will provide the more than \$400,000 needed annually to maintain the orchestra.

KEEP SHELDEN AT HELM OF MEMORIAL: The newly elected board of directors at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Center held its first meeting in the Memorial Center for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Alger Shelden, president for the last two years, and who has been a leader in the movement since its inception, was prevailed upon to accept the presidency for a third year.

1976

50 years ago this week

VARIETY OF ITEMS WILL BE OFFERED AT AUCTION HELD AT ROSE TERRACE: Third- and fourth-hand furniture, plus jewelry, chandeliers, rifles and bathtubs will be sold to the highest bidder at an auction slated to be held at Rose Terrace. While the items to be sold are "used," they aren't exactly in the same category as Uncle Sid's only-worn twice galoshes.

GPVIEWS SUBJECT OF OBSCENITY: The passage of an anti-pornography ordinance by the Harper Woods Council sparked a request from a Woods resident for a similar measure to be approved in her city. Citing the furor which developed over the showing of "A Clockwork Orange" at the Woods Theatre, Mrs. Elaine Griffith, of Roslyn Road, said that was a few years ago and times are changing very quickly.

SURPRISE EEL RECEIVES BREAK: Eight-year-old Ted Metry made a sucker out of an eel recently. While on vacation with his parents, Frederick and Alice Metry, at Hilton Head, S.C., Ted caught an eel by using a bologna sandwich as bait. The two-foot black eel put up a bit of a struggle, but didn't go so far as to shock the Defer School third grader. Ted threw the eel back only after his parents promised to send pictures of his trophy to "Sports Illustrated" magazine.

2001

25 years ago this week

PATTERSON PARK GETS SPRINKLER SYSTEM: The lawns of Patterson Park should remain green this year despite the heat of summer. Workers were scheduled this week to begin installing a \$20,588 underground sprinkler system in the park's manicured picnic area.

Work should be finished before Memorial Day weekend.

POINTES PREPARE TO FEND OFF MOSQUITOES, WEST NILE VIRUS: They're small, annoying and a part of every Michigan summer — they're mosquitoes. But this year there's a danger that they also might be lethal carriers of the West Nile virus, a form of encephalitis that hit the East Coast last year and might be heading to Michigan.

GP HISTORY IN 2ND PRINTING: A book of hometown history isn't wasting time on shelves. "Grosse Pointe: 1880-1930," released last month, already has entered its second printing. Supplies are dwindling of the 2,100 copies released four weeks ago.

2016

10 years ago this week

PIT BULL BAN TO REMAIN: A city ordinance banning pit bulls will remain in place following a discussion by the city council that met as a committee of the

whole Monday, May 9. At issue was a request by a resident to amend the city's dog ordinance containing a "breed specific" ban on pit bulls and focus instead on a vicious dog ordinance regardless of breed.

NEW HOME, NEW SHOW: It's been just more than a week since the Grosse Pointe Artists Association moved into its new home at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Now, the organization invites the community to a grand house-warming party by way of its 78th annual Member Show. The GPAA, formerly the Grosse Pointe Art Club, has showcased the work of local artists and students since its first exhibition in 1929.

STACK POOLE NAMED TEACHER OF THE YEAR: Brian Stackpoole, Grosse Pointe North High School's television production teacher, was named Teacher of the Year by Digital Arts Film and Television, the organization responsible for the Michigan Student Film Festival, the nation's longest running student film festival.

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ried that unleashing development would ruin the unique fabric and character of our community. Should these bills pass, we would have no ability to enforce the will of our residents.

It's not just the communities most often accused of NIMBY-ism that are pushing back against this legislation. These bills are being opposed by the Michigan Municipal League, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, Michigan Townships Association and mayors and councils

from the U.P. to the Ohio border. We all agree that more affordable housing is a good thing. We simply don't want to give up local control to get it. If you agree, please contact your state senator and representative, Sen. Kevin Hertel and Rep. Veronica Paiz, to let them know your opposi-

tion. There are better ways to address the problem of affordable housing and they must be considered in light of the capacity and needs of the unique communities that stretch across our state.

Sheila Tomkowiak is the mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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Not dispatch, a patch

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After 115 years, the city’s public safety department has a uniform patch.

“When I started in 1991, I was told it was just tradition that we didn’t wear patches,” Director Ken Werenski said. “Our uniforms have always been dark and look similar to the Detroit Police Department and they never had patches, although now they do.”

Known as the first public safety department in the country, it was created April 11, 1911. According to a history section on the department’s website, the

Shores was incorporated as a village April 3, 1911. The first council meeting was held the following week at the home of George Osius, the first president.

The council that night approved hiring a marshall and two patrol officers, along with buying a hose cart and hose. Verbal agreements were made with Detroit and the Farms to render and receive what today is known as mutual aid on structure fires.

Today, all members of the department are certified as police officers, firefighters and paramedics and the Shores is the only one of the Pointes to fully operate its own ambulance service.

Werenski said officers over the years submitted ideas for a patch but they never were approved. He also said John Schulte, his predecessor, designed a patch, but department members voted against it.

“Eventually, some officers approached me and said they wanted a patch because three of the other Pointes have them,” Werenski said. “This leaves the City as the only one without a patch.”

Werenski said he was at the Grosse Pointe Public School System community luncheon last month and saw John Alcorn, the City’s public safety director.

“He saw my patch and shook his head,” Werenski laughed, “and said, ‘You’re putting

pressure on me.’”

The Shores’ patch is patterned after a plaque hanging in the department’s lobby that Schulte designed.

“It has a clean, fresh look,” Werenski said. “It’s not busy or loud with a lot of colors.”

As with most uniform patches in Michigan, it has elements of the state flag, including the word “Tuebor,” which is Latin for “I will defend,” along with an elk, a moose and an eagle holding an olive branch in one talon and a sheaf of arrows in the other. Those worn by patrol officers have silver trim, while the command staff’s patches have gold trim.

Werenski said patches are popular among officers to trade at conferences and he receives



letters each year from officers asking for one.

“I just mailed one last week to an officer in Bingham Farms who grew up here in the Shores on Duvall,” he

added. “He said our department inspired him to become an officer. He met a girl in college and followed her to her hometown rather than moving back here.”

Shred papers May 16

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A park pass is needed to enter Windmill Pointe Park and drop off paper for Shred Day, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16.

The park is at the foot of Windmill Pointe Drive. No appointment is needed. Just a city-issued

resident park pass and documents to be destroyed.

Park officials bill the event as a “day to safely dispose of your sensitive documents.”

Questions are directed to (313) 822-5100, Ext. 204.

All in for bike safety

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Melon-minded cyclists got a graphic tip on keeping their noggins intact during the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation’s Bike Safety Day.

“Highlights included a melon drop demonstration that shows what can happen when a bike rider’s head, represented in the demo by a melon, is not protected by a bicycle helmet,” said Bob Bury, a foundation trustee.

“We threw out a melon without a helmet on and let it get splattered all over the parking lot,” said demonstrator Rick Teranes, an owner of Bikes, Blades & Boards. “That was a big hit with kids.”

“Guests learned the importance of wearing a bicycle helmet every time they ride,” Bury said.

More than 200 bike riders from the Park attended the event



COURTESY PHOTO

Public safety officers conducted safety checks during the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation’s free bike safety event Sunday, May 3, at Patterson Park. Officers licensed more than 150 bikes.

Sunday, May 3, at Patterson Park.

“Public safety registered over 150 bikes,” said Tom Caulfield, Park city council’s liaison to the foundation. “Kids were able to climb onto a fire truck. Bikes, Blades & Boards checked everybody’s bikes, repaired them as necessary, pro-

vided free inner tubes if needed, did safety checks on brakes and made sure chains were oiled.”

Folks from Sweet Pointe Candy Shoppe gave free ice cream. Fairfax Market provided free soda.

Three winners of a raffle for adults received gift cards from Bikes, Blades

& Boards, Fairfax and Sweet Pointe.

“We handed out over 200 free sets of bike lights sponsored by the foundation,” Caulfield said.

“It was a great opportunity to help ensure safe biking in our community and connect with residents who may not be familiar with the foundation that has supported a number of major initiatives since 1984,” Bury said.

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is an independent, privately funded, tax-exempt charity. Its mission is to enhance the lives of Park residents.

Among the projects Bury noted are grants to business districts, funding for the extreme emergency relief valve to reduce flooding risks, major capital improvement projects at Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks, and the Lavins and Tompkins Centers.

For more information or to join, visit grossepointeparkfoundation.org.

Making the Makeover

THE GROSSE POINTES — Pointers wanting to police Detroit streets and alleys may do so this weekend during the annual Motor City Makeover.

The Makeover is a voluntary, blight-busting city of Detroit event that takes place in separate parts of the city on three different weekends during May. Efforts this weekend focus on the Eastside.

From 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 16, Pointe residents are invited to participate in the joint-city cleanup and beautification effort.

Park officials plan to marshal volunteers at the former Pitters property,

2226 Alter Road in Detroit at the corner of Vernor.

“Join us for a day of community spirit and environmental stewardship at our city clean-up event,” according to a Park notice. “Let’s come together to create a cleaner, greener community.”

Volunteers have two options. They can show up and get to work or register with the city of Detroit to receive supplies, according to information posted at detroitmi.gov.

For more information, visit motorcitymakeover.org or call (313) 224-4415.

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Kroger thieves stock restaurant inventory

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Detectives last month arrested a couple who for several months allegedly have been stealing from metro Detroit Kroger locations to supply inventory for a restaurant on East Warren in Detroit, keeping its overhead costs

down.

“The male suspect was the manager there,” said City of Grosse Pointe Detective Mike Narduzzi, who headed the operation to identify and arrest the 50-year-old Harrison Township man and 53-year-old Harrison Township woman.

The couple, who are former Grosse Pointe residents, are suspected of stealing from regional Kroger stores approximately 80 times in the last few months and have been charged with continuing criminal enterprise, a 20-year felony, through the Wayne

County Prosecutor’s Office.

They hit The Village location 10 times, Mack location in the Woods four times and the 8 Mile and Harper location in Harper Woods 11 times. They’re also tied to Kroger thefts in Harrison Township, St. Clair Shores and Roseville.

“They would do what’s called skip scanning,” Narduzzi said. “They would load up their basket with whatever they wanted, scan a few items, pay for a few items and then just walk out with the rest.”

A preliminary estimate

by Kroger of the monetary value stolen is close to \$18,000.

“Kroger came to me with their allegations and requests to help identify these people,” Narduzzi said. “The Kroger asset protection team did a great job.”

The couple told detectives not all of the stolen items were for the restaurant’s inventory. Rather, some went toward feeding their household.

At this time, no charges are being brought against the owners of the restaurant.

— Laurel Kraus

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED 2026/2027 BUDGET**

The Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled meeting, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2026, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2026–2027 Budget. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the Public Hearing.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 795 Lake Shore Road on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, and will also be available on the City’s website www.gpshoresmi.gov. Public Comments, oral or written on the proposed millage rate and the proposed City budget are welcome at the public hearing.

Courtney Smith, City Clerk

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Tavola Mia now open on The Hill

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — When Vesna Cadikovska-Maniac wasn't taking care of her four children, coaching track and field at the Arbor Track Club or clocking in as a cardiac surgery physician assistant at Henry Ford Hospital downtown, she spent the last four months preparing to open Tavola Mia in the former Bronze Door space at 123 Kercheval.

She and her husband, Executive Chef Mario Maniac, are colloquially known as restaurant rehabbers. They take places that are failing or struggling to break even and turn them into thriving community eateries.

It started in 2015, with French Toast Bistro in Plymouth.

"We really opened French Toast more for quality-of-life's sake because Mario used to work until 2 o'clock in the morning as an executive chef," Maniac said. "I used to work at night doing transplant surgery and we're like, 'Somebody's got to watch the kids, so let's open a brunch place.'"

The couple has since opened a total of seven restaurants, which remain open and successful today, though they currently own and operate only French Toast Bistro — Canton and Tavola Mia, which opened for business last

month.

The name is Italian for "My Table." Its logo cheekily contains nods to both The Hill and the lake, with waves coming off the 'L'.

Part of Tavola Mia's concept is to "remove the white table cloth," Cadikovska-Maniac said, clarifying they don't intend for it to be considered high-end.

"If you want to come and eat pizza and go home and your bill can be \$10, please do," she said. "If you want to come and have a coffee and a Bloody Mary in the morning and go home, fine. I wanted to open it up to anybody walking down the street."

"Now, if you want to have a fancy fish or steak

and a fancy bottle of wine, you can. Or if you want to come and have a middle-class bottle of wine, you can. It's open for people to basically have a good time."

The scratch-food kitchen makes everything fresh in-house, including its sauces and desserts — though an exception is the cannoli shells flown in from Italy.

All of the fish, steak and other meats are flown overnight from Hawaii and the Faroe Islands and are never frozen.

The owners also brought some of their most popular dishes from French Toast Bistro, including the shrimp and grits, signature French toast and signature Bloody Mary with grilled shrimp and bacon.

The coffee at Tavola Mia is sourced from Lavazza Italian Coffee, in addition to six beers on tap sourced from Full Measure Brewing Co.

"We also want to be priced right and we want, 'what you pay is what you get,'" Cadikovska-Maniac said. "We don't want people to feel like they're overpaying and not getting what they're paying for, so we're very considerate there. And that's why it's not necessarily about profits — it's about running a successful business."

In opening Tavola Mia, the Maniacs have aimed from the beginning to be an addition to the Grosse Pointe restaurant mar-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Tavola Mia's logo features hills above to reference its location on The Hill, as well as waves in the "L" in a nod to Lake St. Clair.



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Mayor John Gillooly and owner Vesna Cadikovska-Maniac hold the scissors at Tavola Mia's ribbon-cutting hosted by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Thursday, April 23.

City council approves doughnut/ice cream store

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Readers with a sweet tooth soon will have a new option after council approved a special land use permit for a combination Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' at 21043 Mack at its meeting Monday, April 20.

The building, which currently houses Healing Massage in the Woods, is on the southwest corner of Mack and Roslyn. The permit is required because it is located in an area zoned as a commercial business district.

The city's planning commission previously voted in favor and council approved it 6-0, with Councilwoman Vicki

Granger absent.

During a public hearing on the permit, Councilman Todd McCongahy jokingly asked if Mayor Art Bryant "had any influence on the placement being so close to his house," as Bryant lives two blocks away.

McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultant, recommended approval based on five criteria:

- ◆ consistency with the master plan,
- ◆ compatibility with surrounding land use,
- ◆ no anticipated nuisances,
- ◆ support for walkable, mixed-use development and
- ◆ compliance with zoning ordinances.

The 2,600-square-foot building will not have a drive-through, walk-up window or outdoor seating. Hours of operation will be 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Indoor seating will accommodate 16 people.

Bryant noted Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream, located on Mack near Kenmore, was a Baskin-Robbins several years ago. The ice cream chain is noted for its "31 flavors" branding, meaning customers could have a different flavor every day of the month. The company's website says it has more than 1,400 flavors available for franchisees to order from.

Dunkin' was known as Dunkin' Donuts until 2019.



Open for business

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE GROSSE POINTE CHAMBER

Dan Curis and Ralph Roberts have opened the Daily Jam at 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, offering breakfast, brunch and lunch from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted the restaurant's official ribbon-cutting ceremony, with family, friends and supporters celebrating Curis and Roberts on leading a third generation of restaurateurs. Find the full menu at mydailyjam.com or check them out on Instagram @eatdailyjam_grossepointe.

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By Grosse Pointe News Staff

By now, kids are already dreaming of the summer ahead, full of activities, sun and fresh air. All of that warm weather fun is just around the corner! It's time for mom and dad to make some decisions about how to make this the best, most fulfilling summer for their unique, one-of-a-kind children.

Enter this follow up directory of local summer camps! One "Camps for Kids" section was just not enough to contain all the great ideas for camps in our area. So we've followed up with a

Part 2 view of interesting and enriching camps — each designed with amazing programs to explore, where kids can create and develop skills and interests to enhance their happiness and success, possibly for a lifetime.

With so many camps to consider, it's just a matter of reserving a spot with the right one for your child. Camp rosters fill up fast — so don't delay in securing your child's place at the summer camp of your choice.

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Summer enrichment programs at U of D include chess and Quiz Bowl. Quiz Bowl camp helps students ring in before their opponent and answer in-depth questions ranging from literature to pop culture to sports. This experience is meant to hone your child's Quiz Bowl skills and prepare them to compete. You can find out more about any of these camps and programs at uofdjesuit.org

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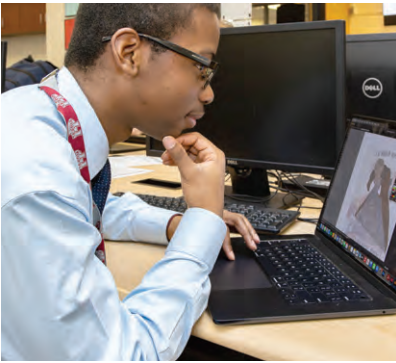
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By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

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University Liggett School upper school students, inspired by a shared desire to bring hope to children facing life-threatening illnesses, founded the ULS Kids Kickin' Cancer Club to make a lasting difference in their community. In partnership with the middle school, the club has worked to raise both awareness and funds for children confronting cancer diagnoses. This year, their efforts resulted in more than \$1,650 raised for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to support pediatric cancer research.



The children of Grosse Pointe Park municipal employees toured the city while accompanying their parents to work Friday, April 24. Highlights included visiting the public safety fire truck garage at city hall, watching a movie at the Lavins Center at Windmill Pointe Park and ending with lunch at the public works headquarters on Mack Avenue.



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Second annual Spring Sing features a cappella at its finest

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

For more than a decade, The Grunyons and Noteworthy — the area’s all-male and all-female a cappella singing groups, respectively — have successfully partnered for an annual Christmas concert.

Last May, they united for their first joint spring-time production, Spring Sing, which was equally successful.

“We tried an experiment last year and it went well,” said Pam Montgomery, a Noteworthy member since 2017. “We decided to try it again.”

The second annual Spring Sing: An Evening of A Cappella, takes place at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“We’re very fortunate to be able to do it at the Methodist church, where we have our Christmas concert,” Pam Montgomery said. “It’s a wonderful place to have a concert.”

The joint concert will include a mix of music styles, with Noteworthy’s selections ranging from the Beach Boys to Sabrina Carpenter to Aerosmith.

“We’re having a lot of fun with this concert,” Pam Montgomery said.

“We’re doing a similar program, though not



Noteworthy

quite as eclectic as Noteworthy,” said her husband, Bob Montgomery, a member of The Grunyons since 2009. “We’re also doing a Beach Boys song. Both groups wanted to pay homage to Brian Wilson, who passed away last year.”

The Grunyons also will perform “Almost Like Being in Love,” which they acquired from The Arbors, the University of Michigan’s now-defunct a cappella group.

“We have a relationship with the only one left from The Arbors,” Bob Montgomery said. “He gifted us The Arbors’ entire music collections. They’ve been good friends and partners over the years. We’re trying to, every year, put one of The Arbors’ arrangements into the Spring Sing.”

Other highlights of The Grunyons’ setlist include Tony Bennett’s “I Left My

Heart in San Francisco” and Teddy Swims’ “The Door.”

Both groups recently returned from the national Spring Sing event featuring members of the American A Cappella Alliance. There, they combined for a joint performance of “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough.” They plan to unite for the Motown hit during the local Spring Sing.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$25 at the door, cash sales only.

For tickets, visit tinyurl.com/4p2kwbh7 or scan the QR code.



The Grunyons

CMSC’s season finale: Schubert & Waghalter

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club presents the final concert of its 27th season from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 31, upstairs in the lounge gallery of The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.

This concert features Franz Schubert’s “Shepherd on the Rock” and Ignatz Waghalter’s “Violin Sonata.”

Each piece will be introduced by one of the musicians and refreshments will be served following the concert.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and \$10 for students. Purchase tickets online at bit.ly/CMSC531

For more information, visit scarabclub.org or call (248) 921-3193.



‘Sip, Shop & Stroll the Docks’ this weekend at the 37th Great Lakes Boating Festival

The 37th annual Great Lakes Boating Festival returns to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

This free event welcomes the public to “Sip, Shop & Stroll the Docks,” while browsing a variety of boats, from tenders and bow riders to cruising vessels ranging in length from 10 to 60 feet. The boat show also includes marine prod-

ucts, accessories and services, as well as demonstrations and live music by steel drum musician Lamar Woodall.

New this year, non-members are invited to dine inside the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club’s Mariners Dining Room, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. Reservations are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

Guests also are invited to tour the club itself. Tours are offered at 1 and 3 p.m. both days of

the festival. A GPYC membership booth will be situated on the east lawn.

Produced by the Michigan Boating Industries Association, and sponsored by Carbliss Cocktails and the Grosse Pointe News, the festival offers free parking and shuttle service at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, visit greatlakesboatingfestival.com/.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 14, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, Richard Elementary School, 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

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

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, May 18.

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 23.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Splitting Souls Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14.

◆ Yoga Storytime, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, May 18.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, May 19.

◆ Field Guide to Understanding Your Dog, 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: World Bee Day, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

◆ Crafternoons @ the Library, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

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◆ Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, May 18.

◆ Reader Dog, 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, May 18.

◆ PJ Storytime, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 18.

◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 21.

◆ Poetry Workshop with M.L. Liebler, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

◆ Non-Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 21.

Jardinieres

The next meeting of La Société des Jardinières will be hosted Thursday, May 14, at the home of member Madeleine Phillips. Members should bring their own lunches. Maggie Ehrlich, co-founder of TWAL, will present “The Art of Place: How TWAL Turns Communities into Design.”

Ford House

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

◆ Storytime: “Hide and Seek Ladybugs,” 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays in May.

◆ Spring Concert Over the Cove with Vanessa Carr, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 15. Tickets are \$60 for Friends, \$75 for the public.

◆ Tails in Motion at Ford House, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Admission to the event is a donation to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

◆ Lecture: Corrado Parducci: Grosse Pointe’s Own Architectural Sculptor, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 20.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

POST Detroit

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

◆ Basket Weaving:

Footed Mason Jar Baskets, 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 15. Cost is \$90.

◆ Art as Talisman: Intention Painting with Shug, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 15. Cost is \$75.

◆ Screen Print: Indigo Resist with Scarlet Crane, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Cost is \$75.

◆ Sewing: Reversible Tote Bags, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Cost is \$75.

◆ Crossword Construction with Sala & Emily of Block Party, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Cost is \$60.

◆ Intermediate Knitting: Bridge Skills, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Cost is \$50.

◆ Pajaki: Polish Folk Art, 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Cost is \$125.

◆ Drop-In Workshop: Resin Jewelry with Trice Clark, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Cost is \$45.

◆ Screen Print: Pet Portraits, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Cost is \$125.

◆ Basket Weaving: Double Wine Bottle Baskets, 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 23. Cost is \$125.

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.

◆ In Her Garden Luncheon, Honoring Marion Alger, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Tickets are \$65 each.

◆ Rhythm & Release: An Open Air Lakeside Vinyasa + Yin Experience, 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 17. Cost is \$45.

◆ An Evening of Red, White & Blue, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20. Ticket prices vary.

◆ Candlelight: Tribute to Fleetwood Mac, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Ticket prices vary.

◆ Candlelight: Tribute to Queen and The Beatles, 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. Thursday, May 21. Ticket prices vary.

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Posterity hosts visionary artist, intuitive guide

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Posterity Gallery, 17003 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, will host an unique evening of art and insight when it welcomes visionary artist and intuitive guide Wendy Fournier.

The intimate art experience takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 21, and combines art, storytelling and intuitive insight in a grounded and accessible way.

“It’s a different kind of experience, not a traditional night out,” Fournier said. “It’s kind



COURTESY PHOTOS

Wendy Fournier will lead the workshop.

of a spiritual experience.”

The St. Clair Shores resident followed a traditional path for decades,

earning a degree in physics before finding a stronger calling through fine art.

“I felt more connected to spirituality through art,” she said, “but with a scientific mind, a math mind.”

While honing her painting skills, Fournier also honed her ability to connect “to other dimensional planes of consciousness,” she said, noting that while meditating, she hears what and how to paint.

“My paintings become an extension of that experience,” she said. “I’m a bridge. Anybody

in the arts will have an understanding that we’re bridges to something greater than us. I look at my experience as a translator.”

Through what she calls an unbiased and loving lens, she translates through her paintings the images and messages that are shown to her.

“I don’t know where I’m beginning and I don’t know where I’m ending,” she said of her painting process. “My creative experience is really an act of faith. My process has two parts. One is me as a channel to bring in visual and energetic information. The other is to step back from the painting and translate and share the information.”

Her evening program at Posterity will include two halves.

The first is a pop-up gallery of her original work. She’ll talk attendees through her creative process, then focus on one painting in particular and share what “came through” while she created it — the symbolism, layers and deeper meaning behind the work.

The second half of the evening involves a gallery reading.

“I’ll be guided to share intuitive messages for a few individuals in the room,” she said. “If you’ve never experi-



“Discovering Starlight.”

enced this before, it’s very natural and conversational — nothing performative or intimidating. Even if a message isn’t directed specifically to you, it almost always resonates. The experience becomes something shared, where people receive insight, clarity and connection through what’s coming through for others.

“... It’s seeing behind the veil,” she added. “The only way to heal as a planet is to be vulnerable together, to grieve together and be hopeful together and create something together.

Having real conversations is helpful. Art is healing.”

Fournier describes her work as surrealism.

“I’m a storyteller in my painting,” she added. “I’m telling a story visually and metaphorically.

She welcomed anyone who loves art and is open to a different way of approaching art to the event. Tickets are \$55 and include wine and light refreshments. Fournier’s original works and prints will be available to view and purchase.

For tickets or information, visit posterityartgallery.com/classes.



Fournier’s “Fifth Element.”

Grosse Pointe Shores appoints trustee to GPPL Board

The city of Grosse Pointe Shores appointed Marina A. Houghton to serve as its representative on the Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees. She was sworn in at the April 23 board meeting at the Central Library. Houghton replaces Paul Rentenbach, who passed away recently. Her term will end in June 2028.

Houghton brings

extensive experience in finance, governance and executive leadership to the board. As a certified public accountant, she has held senior leadership roles, including chief financial officer positions within major healthcare systems, where she was responsible for financial stewardship, strategic planning, operational excellence and long-

term organizational growth.

“We’re delighted to welcome Marina to the board of trustees,” Library Director Jessica Keyser said. “Her financial expertise, leadership experience and longstanding commitment to the community will be a tremendous asset to the library as we continue to serve residents and plan for the

future.”

Library trustees serve four-year terms. Each Grosse Pointe municipality and Harper Woods appoint representatives to the board with one additional at-large member. Board members are responsible for hiring and evaluating the library director, as well as overseeing the fiscal management and policies of the library.



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Marina A. Houghton is the new library trustee representing Grosse Pointe Shores.

GP Soroptimists award \$10,000 to six recipients

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, or SIGP, is part of a global volunteer organization whose vision is for women and girls to achieve their individual and collective potential, realize aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

On Saturday, March 14, SIGP hosted its annual awards celebration at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. SIGP President Bette Lepoutre opened the event, affirming that the global mission of Soroptimist International is to transform the lives of women and girls worldwide through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities.

Karrie Blankenship, SIGP past president, served as mistress of ceremony. Each award winner was presented with a certificate of achievement, an award check and a yellow rose representing the Soroptimist symbol of friendship.

The first of three awards presented, the Virginia Wagner Educational Award, honors the effort of a woman



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, Allison Schulte, Ruby Award winner and founder of the Pelvic Sanctuary; and Erin O’Mara, SIGP member.

attending a college or university to earn a bachelor, master or doctoral degree. Judging is based on effort toward education, scholarship, extracurricular activities and financial need.

SIGP member and Virginia Wagner Award Chairperson Sue Madro announced that Nyla

currently is a student at Virginia State University majoring in criminal justice and intends to become a criminal defense attorney because she believes “everyone deserves strong advocacy, especially during the most vulnerable moments of their lives.”

As Terrell was unable to attend the ceremony, her mother, Dan’elle Terrell, accepted the award on her daughter’s behalf.

Next was the Ruby Award, which honors a woman who, while volunteering or working for a nonprofit that provides services to women and/or girls, makes an extraordinary difference in improving the lives of those they serve. The monetary portion of the award is given in honor of the awardee to the nonprofit organization she represents. Erin O’Mara, SIGP member and Ruby Award Chairperson, presented the award to two women.

The first-place Ruby Award was presented to Allison Schulte, in honor of the Pelvic Sanctuary, located in the Secret Garden Gallery on East Warren in Detroit. Schulte is a physical ther-

apist assistant and pelvic health specialist. She founded the Pelvic Sanctuary to bridge the gap between those who provide specialized pelvic physical therapy and those who delay seeking this type of care due to cost, limited awareness and/or lack of access to specialists. The Pelvic Sanctuary centers its work in and around Detroit’s east side and neighboring communities.

The second-place Ruby Award was presented to Brittany Watson in honor of Classy Chick Chat. Watson founded Classy Chick Chat in 2018, to provide girls and young women ages 12 to 24 with mentorship, leadership development and life skills to thrive as confident, purpose-driven adult women, positioned to lead in their communities and beyond.

The final award was the Live Your Dream Award, which assists women who provide the primary source of financial support for their families. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational, skills training or an undergraduate degree program and

must demonstrate financial need. Recipients may use the award to offset any costs associated with their efforts to attain a higher education, including books, childcare, tuition and transportation.

Mary Bryk, SIGP member and Live Your Dream Award chairperson, announced she would be presenting the Live Your Dream Award to three women.

The first-place Live Your Dream Award was presented to Brittney Elise Arnold, who is studying nursing at Macomb Community College. The 22-year-old single mother of a toddler works and attends school full time. She says she wants to become a nurse because “she knows what it’s like to need someone to care, to listen and to show compassion.”

The second-place Live Your Dream Award went to Kelsea Bumstead, who is enrolled in the nursing program at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. She is a divorced mother of four children, ages 2, 5, 11 and 13. She works part-

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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.

Elsa Avanceña Alcantara, M.D.

Elsa Avanceña Alcantara, M.D., 92, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Elsa was born Aug. 9, 1933, in Sinacaban, Misamis Occidental, Philippines, the third of five children of Mayor Sofronio Avanceña and Roberta Dominguez Avanceña. She was a resident of Grosse Pointe since 1968.

Elsa was predeceased by her beloved husband of 61 years, Dr. Lucilo “Lu” Alcantara. She is survived by her beloved children, Dr. Anthony Alcantara (Christine), Dianne Romanelli (Dr. Michael Romanelli) and Oscar Alcantara (Kimberly); and grandchildren, Adam Alcantara, Robert Alcantara, Nathan Alcantara, Annabel Romanelli, Joseph Romanelli, Lynne Romanelli, Teresa Romanelli, Jonathan Alcantara, Lu Alcantara and Asher Alcantara.

Elsa graduated from the University of Santo Tomas Medical School in Manila, Philippines, in 1957. She came to the U.S. that year to begin her training in internal medicine at Evangelical Deaconess Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis., where she met her future husband, Lu, who also was a graduate of UST and resident in the surgery department.

Elsa served as the chief of medicine and chief of staff at North Detroit General Hospital and served on the internal medicine staff at Alexander Blain Hospital. She also was a clinical instructor at Wayne State University’s Department of Medicine. Along with the love of her life and practice partner, she and Lu maintained their medical practice at Conant Clinic P.C., where they cared for the health of many families in Hamtramck for three decades. Elsa learned to speak Polish to minister the health of her “Poletown” resident patients. Elsa also was a frequent volunteer for medical missions to the Philippines.

Mimi — her nickname in later life — loved music, chocolate, playing late-night mahjong with friends, placing and pressing on six and eight and helping care for her grandchildren. She was known to succumb to bouts of uncontrollable giggling and was the longtime leader of the family’s Tetris leaderboard. She will be missed by her family, friends and colleagues around the world.

Visitation was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the University of Santo Tomas Medical School Alumni Organization, anargyroiustfmsfoundation.org/ways-to-give. Givers should note “In honor of Elsa Avanceña Alcantara”

under the “Organization” prompt.

Arrangements entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

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Yolanda Mascarin

Yolanda Irene Mascarin, 91, passed away peacefully at home Friday, May 8, 2026, surrounded by her family. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Yolanda was born Aug. 8, 1934, in Maidstone, Ontario, Canada, to Hungarian immigrants, Michael and Elizabeth (nee Sziszak) Sisak.

While still in high school, she met Telesforo “Telly” Mascarin. They were married Sept. 10, 1955, and moved to the United States for the first time in 1959, where she later became a U.S. citizen in 1970. Together, Telly and Yolanda raised four children: Catherine Keilly, Deborah Mascarin, Drew Mascarin and Susan Keane. They shared 57 years of marriage before his passing and built a large and loving family that grew to include 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In her youth and young adulthood, Yolanda excelled at both tennis and table tennis. She later instilled her passion for racquet sports in her children and grandchildren. Together, Yolanda and Telly became influential figures in local athletics; they founded the Grosse Pointe Community Ice Arena and Wimbledon Racquet Club.

For decades, Yolanda managed the reservations for Beachside Villas, the rental property owned by the couple in Sint Maarten. It wasn’t just a business to her; both guests and employees quickly became her extended family. Her love for all games, especially cards, also was passed on to her children and grandchildren. Yolanda and Telly loved their weekly bridge games, as well as their occasional trips to the casino.

Yolanda also was known for her authentic Hungarian dishes. Her handwritten recipes are treasured by her family and will remain an enduring part of her legacy.

Yolanda embodied a life of kindness, grace and respect for everyone she encountered; to know her was to love her. Above all else, Yolanda was immensely proud of her children and considered them her finest accomplishment. Her family was truly the greatest joy of her life.

Yolanda was predeceased by her beloved husband, Telly; parents, Michael and Elizabeth Sisak; brothers, Joseph, Zoltan and Louis Sisak; and daughter, Catherine Keilly.

She is survived by her children, Deborah Mascarin, Drew Mascarin and Susan Keane; cherished grandchildren, Hunter Huth (Mia), Holly Wirkus (Andrew), Jordan Musselman (Kendra), Justine Mickas (Matt), Jaylen Silvers (Mark), Jeff Musselman (Kendall),

Madelyn Mascarin, Michael Mascarin, Maggie Mascarin, Matthew Keane (Emily), Charles Keane and Samantha Keane; and 12 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her immeasurable pride and happiness.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. She will lie in state at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 15, until an 11 a.m. funeral Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Michigan Chapter, P.O. Box 10069, Detroit, MI 48210.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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Audrey A. Bardy

Audrey A. Bardy, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at home.

Audrey was born in May 1945, at the close of World War II, to Albanian parents who came to the U.S. seeking a new beginning. She enjoyed a happy childhood in Grosse Pointe, surrounded by her loving parents, two older sisters and a large extended family.

Audrey met her future husband in high school and they married after graduation. They soon welcomed a daughter and son. When her marriage ended several years later, Audrey faced the challenge of raising her two young children primarily on her own. These were formative years, marked by sacrifice and resilience, as she learned how capable she was in navigating the world as a busy single mom. She created a safe and nurturing home for her kids while also devoting time to the care of her father, who had Alzheimer’s disease, and later her ailing mother. These days were punctuated with the whirr of her sewing machine, weekly trips to the library, the radio sound of Ernie Harwell and the Detroit Tigers and lots of family.

Audrey worked hard for a Master of Arts degree in education and began teaching high school English, a career that synchronized perfectly with her children’s school schedules. Eventually, she earned a Master of Library Science degree and migrated from the classroom to the library as a media specialist. She always maintained that it was important to give back to society — to be of service — and Audrey’s professional life as an educator and media specialist exemplified those core values. Former students often returned to visit her to let her know how much of a positive influence she had on them.

Perhaps inspired by her mother’s industrious hands and love of crocheting, Audrey embraced the fiber arts and she filled the house with a loom or two, heaps of yarn and sometimes a spinning wheel. She was a longtime member of the



Elsa A. Alcantara, M.D.

Eastside Handweavers Guild and later expanded her creativity into jewelry making, beading, quilting and knitting. Her artistic expression did not end there. Anyone in her home was enveloped by the warmth of an orange living room, the drama of a purple dining room, rich and colorful backdrops to showcase prints and paintings made by her sister, paintings by her daughter and sculptures by her son — and, of course, her own weavings.

Audrey eventually moved to a home up the same street in Grosse Pointe that featured a beautiful yard. She loved enhancing the gardens there, tending the earth and shaping the landscape. She became a Master Gardener and joined the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club. Her efforts earned her a Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Award for her yard.

A curious and adventurous spirit, Audrey also traveled widely, including to Canada, Mexico, China, Europe, Central America and across the U.S. She celebrated her 70th birthday with her daughter on a safari through Kenya and Tanzania, where she fell in love with the majestic and playful elephants.

In her later years, Audrey moved to Columbus, Ohio, to bring both herself and her sister, whom she cared for, closer to family. They settled into a senior community where Audrey lived independently while continuing to look after her sister in memory care. There, she formed deep new friendships and a cherished sense of connection and found the perfect place to live out the rest of her life. Of course, she painted her living room yellow.

Audrey possessed a joyful laugh and was kind, loving and dependable. She always showed up for her children’s endless baseball and basketball games, her parents when they needed care, her sister when her health began to fail, her family and her friends. For birthdays, holidays or just a regular day, Audrey would be there. She would celebrate successes, a new pet, a graduation, a wedding, a career and a passion. Most of all, she found a way to celebrate every person, even if they were at a loss as how to do so themselves.

Audrey is survived by her older sister; her daughter and son; her nephew and his family; many great-nieces and nephews; and cousins in Boston, Italy and Albania.

A funeral service will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/donate, to help protect and care for elephants in Kenya.

Arrangements entrusted to Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service in Upper



Yolanda Mascarin



Jill Mavis Rastelli

Arlington, Ohio, schoedinger.com.

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Jill Mavis Rastelli

Jill Mavis Rastelli, 63, passed away suddenly May 7, 2026. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, cherished sister, loyal friend and compassionate caregiver. Jill lived a life rooted in faith, kindness, humor and an unwavering devotion to those she loved.

Jill was born Sept. 24, 1962. She is survived by her beloved husband, George Rastelli; children, Giorgio and Jaclyn Rastelli; sisters, Joy Mavis Jolly (Mike) and Nancy Mavis; in-laws, Cesar (Sharon), Guido (Mary) and Bill Rastelli; and many adored nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Ellis and Jackelin; siblings, Richard and Jackie; and in-laws, Alfeo and Maddalena.

Above all, Jill treasured her husband, children, family and friends. She was a steadfast advocate for her children, enthusiastically supporting them from the sidelines throughout the years and being a mainstay in their adult lives. Her love and pride in her family were evident in everything she did.

Jill was known for her joyful spirit, deep faith, conservative values and compassion for others. She had a remarkable sense of humor and a gift for bringing people together. Jill found joy in gardening and took pride in creating welcoming spaces for family and friends to gather both in Grosse Pointe and Harbor Springs. Her Caesar dressing and Christmas cookies were appreciated by all who knew her.

A true card enthusiast, Jill always was ready for a game and especially loved contract bridge, whether playing at the kitchen table or at duplicate tournaments. Jill achieved the distinction of Life Master. Her quick wit and competitive spirit made her a favorite at every table.

Jill was staunchly conservative, smart, kept herself informed and was always ready and willing to debate.

Professionally, Jill dedicated many years to elder care; her warmth and kindness touched countless families. She was deeply committed to serving others and generously volunteered her time at her children’s schools. She also served on the boards for Detroit Industrial School and the Assistance League of Southeast Michigan at



Audrey A. Bardy



Logan Celeste Keller

Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Jill was held in the highest regard by all who knew her and will be dearly missed. Her legacy of love, faith, service and generosity will remain in the hearts of her family and many friends.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 14, before a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Henry Ford Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Ste. 28, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Arrangements entrusted to D.S. Temrowski and Sons Funeral Home.

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Logan Celeste Keller

Logan Celeste (nee Mayo) Keller, 35, passed away peacefully Saturday, May 2, 2026, after a courageous battle with heart disease. She was a beautiful daughter, devoted mother and loving friend.

Born June 22, 1990, in Grosse Pointe Woods, Logan was the beloved daughter of Noel Mayo and Dr. Victor C. Mayo. Logan was known for her vibrant spirit, infectious laugh and passion for horseback riding, swimming, music, pets and gardening. She brought immense joy to the people she met and her determination to never give up was an inspiration for everyone who knew her.

Logan is survived by her daughter, Mackenzie Keller; heartbroken parents, Noel Mayo (Andrew Creamer) and Victor Mayo (Linda); brother, Justin Matthews (Victoria); uncle, Ken Mayo (Lisa); and cousin, Krista Mayo. She was predeceased by her grandparents, Albert and Ardis Chester and Celestino and Pauline Mayo; and cousin, Kyna Barnett.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 14, with a celebration of life at 7 p.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, heart.org/donate.

Arrangements entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

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Aurelia Michaels

Aurelia Michaels, 87, of West Bloomfield, died Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Aurelia was the beloved wife of 63 years of Dr. Alvin Michaels; cherished mother of Linda Michaels (Brian Bullock) and Andrew Michaels (Zhuang); treasured grandmother of Rachel Michaels (fiancé, Parker), Matthew Michaels, Katie Michaels, Ryan Michaels and Joseph Michaels; special sister of Frank Verbeke Jr. (DeAna); sister-in-law of Dennis Michaels (the late Judy); adoring aunt of Kerri Lynn Kapich, Trey Verbeke (Marlyne), Robert Michaels (Lisa), Ken Michaels (Andrew Weaver) and the late Gary Michaels; and dear daughter of the late Frank and the late Elizabeth Verbeke.

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

Arrangements entrusted to The Ira Kaufman Chapel, irakaufman.com

Dr. Edward Shine

Dr. Edward Shine, 82, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at home in Southbury, Conn. He was a former resident of the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park.

Edward was born July 17, 1943, in New Haven, Conn., to Jeremiah and Mary Shine.

Edward graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees from Fairfield University in 1965 and 1967, respectively. He then graduated from John Charles Meditz College of Arts and Sciences at Fairfield University in 1971. He returned to school almost two decades later and



Aurelia Michaels

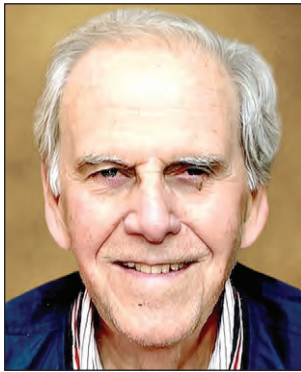
earned a Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University in 1992. In 1985, Ed was appointed principal of Grosse Pointe South High School. He became deputy superintendent in 1989, followed by superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public Schools in 1990. He was the first superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools to be appointed from within the school system. After leaving Grosse Pointe in 1996, Ed was appointed superintendent of Rye City School District in Rye, N.Y., before retiring in 2012.

Edward enjoyed reading, listening to music and spending time with his family, especially his six grandchildren.

Edward is survived by his wife, Madeline Shine; daughters, Christine Shine and Marykate Shine Springer (Dan); son, Brendan Shine (Mara); grandchildren, Joaquim Rangel, Maddie Rangel, Danny Springer, Christopher Springer, Andrew Springer and Easton Shine; sisters, MaryAnn McDonald and Theresa Salafia; and brother, Jack Shine.

He was predeceased by his parents Jeremiah and Mary Shine (Richardson); and brothers, Jerry Shine, Dan Shine and Denis Shine.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, P.O. Box 61420, Staten Island, NY 10306,



Dr. Edward Shine

bit.ly/48oL3k9.

Arrangements entrusted to Carpino Funeral Home in Southbury, Conn.

Sally Bett Knight

Sally Bett (nee Gibson) Knight, 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 2, 2026, at home in Grosse Pointe.

Sally was born Dec. 23, 1935, in Jacksonville, Ill., to June L. and Ernest A. Gibson. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald W. Knight.

Sally is survived by her daughters, Rebecca Hodge and Denise Atkerson; grandchildren, Emily and John; great-grandchildren, Blake and Cameron; and stepdaughters, Patricia Merenda (Doug) and Terry Knight.

She had many family ties in Goreville, Ill., where she lived for 20 years before moving to Michigan. She enjoyed watching, tending and sketching the wildlife that visited her flower boxes. She cherished her canine companions throughout the years, was an avid reader and took many memorable trips with her lifelong best friends from Jacksonville High School in Illinois.

Sally lived a quiet, fulfilling life and touched the hearts of many. Not a day goes by where she is not loved and missed by her family and friends.

The family will hold a private memorial at the



Sally Bett Knight

end of May.

Memorial donations may be made to Paws Place Adoption Center, 52 Dogwalk, Anna, IL 62906, bit.ly/4tHDI7f.

Arrangements entrusted to Blue Funeral Home in Goreville.

Ardyth Zeunen

Ardyth Zeunen, 94, a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 30, 2026.

A vibrant force of nature, Ardyth was the beloved wife of the late Lee Zeunen and devoted mother of Carin Blatt and the late Gretchen Zeunen. She also was a cherished "Granny" whose warmth and spirit extended to her grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of friends who became like family.

Known for being fun-loving and exceptionally generous, Ardyth also was a principled human rights activist who always stood up for what she believed in. She had a keen eye for beauty and spent years avidly collecting art and antiques. When she wasn't hunting for treasures, she often could be found at a bridge table or engaged in a lively card game with friends. She had a great love for cinema, a deep passion for reading and never missed an opportunity to celebrate life's moments with a glass of champagne.



Ardyth Zeunen

Her heart truly belonged to "up north." She found endless joy in her home and life in Good Hart, Mich., where she spent many of her happiest days.

A burial service will be held in July at Island View Cemetery in Good Hart, where she will rest in the landscape she loved so dearly.

Ardyth's legacy of laughter, advocacy and elegance will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Margaret Ann Grady

Margaret Ann (nee Kramer) Grady, 95, passed away Monday, April 27, 2026.

Margaret was born March 19, 1931. She was the beloved wife of the late E. Daniel; devoted mother of Daniel (Carol), Kevin (Cathy), Nancy Hames (Douglas) and Kathy (Clif); loving grandmother of Sarah, Daniel (Cassie), Courtney (Alex), Kimberley (Matt), Michael (Megan), Matthew and Marc (Megin); cherished great-grandmother of Ava, Jonathan, Daniel, Luke, Scarlett, Madison, Nicholas and Hudson; loving sister of the late Bill (Irene) and Jim (the late Pat); and dear sister-in-law of the late Marilyn, Norma, Donna and



Margaret Ann Grady

Sharon.

Margaret was the cornerstone of her family and the heart behind their traditions. She had a gift for turning every house into a home, no matter where life took them. With unwavering devotion, she cared for her husband and each of her children, always putting family first. She loved Detroit, Grosse Pointe and traveling with her family and dear friends. She always enjoyed her Wednesday card games with her friends.

Her children credit Margaret's deeply rooted Catholic faith, love, guidance and steady presence for growing into the people they are today. She was, in every sense, the "CEO" of their family, always leading with strength, grace and endless dedication.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 28, until a 10 a.m. funeral Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Inurnment at the church columbarium will immediately follow the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Henry Ford Health St. John Foundation, 1 Ford, Ste. 5A, Detroit, MI 48202, henryford.com/development/priorities/st-john-priorities/giving-form.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Speaker to present 'Moving past fear' Saturday, May 16

International speaker Lisa Troseth, a practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing, presents her talk, "Moving past fear — to healing," at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 282 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The talk will focus on universal healing precepts found in the Holy Bible, especially in Christ Jesus' life and teachings, showing how they are available for anyone to understand and experience through the lens of Christian Science.

The talk is free, open to the community and sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Troseth has been a Christian Science practitioner for many years, helping people daily through this scientific approach to prayer. She travels from her home base in Nyack, N.Y., to speak to audiences around the world as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship.

For more information, visit christiansciencegpf.org or call (313) 499-8997.

DCC concert is May 16 in GP Woods

The Detroit Concert Choir presents "Sound in Technicolor" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairfield, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The 80-voice, award-winning choir will perform a vibrant concert filled with color, energy and a spectrum of choral sound.

Led by Artistic Director Michael A. Mitchell, the performance features music by Mendelssohn, Palestrina, Clausen, Hagenberg, Gibbs and others.

Now in its 39th season, the Detroit Concert Choir features singers from more than 40 metro Detroit communities,



including Grosse Pointe residents Robert Acton, Michael Auty, Landon Black, Stan Harr, Rachel Hutchinson, Judy Jogan, Joseph Lucido, Michelle Metes, Veronica Smith, and Marie Zacny.

Tickets are \$25 for

adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students and youth.

Tickets are available through Eventbrite, at detroitconcertchoir.org, by phone at (313) 882-0118 or at the door one hour before the perfor-

mance.

For more information, visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

This concert will also be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Birmingham First United Methodist Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its final Lunch, Laugh and Learn spring program Thursday, May 21.

The Michigan Rosies from the Rosie the Riveter Association of Michigan will present about the history and legacy of the Michigan women who went to work during World War II. Lunch is at noon, followed by the program.

A free-will donation will be collected at the door.

Reservations are required by Tuesday, May 19. Call (313) 884-4820.

St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a Pentecost Sunday Mass, honoring St. Clare parishioners, at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 24. For information, visit stclarem.org/100th-anniversary.

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9:30 a.m. - Worship Service
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6:30 p.m. - Worship Service

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time as a certified nursing aide and plans to become a nurse practitioner. She was unable to attend the ceremony, but has received her certificate and award check.

The third-place Live Your Dream Award was presented to Javonne Hatcher, who attends Baker College and is enrolled in the cardiac sonography program. Her long-term goal is to receive a master’s degree in cardiovascular perfusion. She is a single mother raising a 10-year-old son while working part-time as a certified nursing aide.

The ceremony concluded with SIGP member Rasheda Williams, co-chair of the mentoring program, speaking about the club’s Mentoring for Success program and Madeline Colavito Continuing Educational Award.

The Mentoring for Success program was established five years ago to provide an opportunity for SIGP members to stay engaged with the club’s educational award recipients through a mentoring relationship. The role of the mentor is to encourage, motivate and support the mentee as needed, until she completes her degree and/or reach her career goals.

SIGP has created two initiatives as a direct result of the Mentoring for Success program. The first is the Madeline Colavito Continuing Education Award, named in honor of former SIGP



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Brittany Watson, Ruby Award winner and founder of Classy Chick Chat.

member, Madeline Colavito. It provides \$500 to SIGP award recipients each year they continue in school until graduation.

A second initiative is the Awardee Associate Level of Membership, which encourages award recipients to participate in SIGP activities, as well as identify other potential candidates to apply for SIGP awards.

Mentoring for Success is open to all Soroptimist members and winners of the Virginia Wagner Educational or Live Your Dream awards.

SIGP demonstrates its year-round commitment to helping women and girls reach their educational goals in other ways. Each year, SIGP

funds up to five young women attending high school in Grosse Pointe to attend preparatory classes for the ACT/SAT tests used for college admission. In addition, SIGP annually sponsors up to five young women to attend the St. Anne’s Secondary School in Ghana, Africa.

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that accepts donations throughout the year. Meetings occur the second Wednesday of each month. To attend, email grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com. For more information, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org. Members need not live in Grosse Pointe.



From left, SIGP President Bette Lepouttre; Live Your Dream Award winners Javonne Hatcher and Brittney Elise Arnold holding her daughter, Londyn; and SIGP member Mary Bryk.

Indian Village Home & Garden Tour is June 6-7

The Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour Committee presents the 50th anniversary Indian Village Home & Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 6, and 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, June 7.

The tour encompasses three streets just east of Belle Isle: Iroquois, Seminole and Burns, located between Jefferson and Mack. The tour includes five historic homes, three gardens, two churches and one school, as well as an in-progress update on the conversion of a midcentury church into a residence.

This is the historic Indian Village neighborhood’s 131st anniversary.

Celebrating 50 years, the Indian Village Home & Garden Tour is the second oldest historic home tour of its kind in Michigan, preceded only by the Marshall Michigan Historic Home Tour. Homes in the historic district were built between 1895 and 1926.

The Centennial Garden at Seminole and Charlevoix will host food trucks and provide an area to rest and refresh.

Tickets are \$40 and available to purchase each tour day at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. For advance tickets, visit tinyurl.com/35zfyt6.

For information, visit historicindianvillage.org.



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Saving lives

On Wednesday, April 29, the Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe welcomed Jennifer Margraf, executive director of Kevin’s Song.

Founded in memory of Kevin Francis Urso, Kevin’s Song is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives through suicide prevention education and offering hope and healing to survivors. The organization provides vital training and resources to schools and faith leaders across Michigan to help build informed, supportive communities.

Pictured from left are Rotarians Trevor Karty, Amanda DeVeaux and Ron Vitale, Margraf and Rotary President Jackie Dale.

Golf outing benefits The Helm

The community is invited to enjoy a day outdoors in support of The Helm.

The eighth annual Fore The Helm Golf Outing takes place Monday, June 22, at Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods. Henry Ford Health is the lead sponsor of this event.

Event registration begins at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. for this four-person scramble-style event. All golfers receive a boxed lunch, use of a cart for two, entry into contests, heavy hors d’oeuvres following the event and four drink tickets to use throughout the afternoon-long event.

Prizes will be awarded for low score for men’s, women’s and mixed teams, as well as men’s and women’s closest to the pin. A separate putting contest

is available as well.

Cost per golfer is \$300 or \$1,200 per foursome.

Not a golfer? Purchase a \$60 ticket to the afterglow for hors d’oeuvres, cocktails and mingling.

“Anyone of any age is welcome to participate in this event in support of our senior population,” The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall said. “It’s a great way to enjoy some fresh air, camaraderie and fun competition.”

Participation is limited, so golfers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. For more information about sponsorships or to register, contact Sara Roberts at sroberts@helmlife.org or (313) 649-2100.

EVENTS:

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◆ Memorial Day, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, May 25.

◆ VetConnect Seminar Series with Lisa Lark, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27.

◆ An Evening with David Syme, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for students and veterans.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its Scholarship Night event at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, the evening of Wednesday, May 20. New Rotary member Laurie Bunn speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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 “Lilly” is shown at noon Friday, May

22. Cost is \$4.

◆ Field trip to Orchestra Hall for “Songs of America,” 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 29. Cost is \$55 for transportation and the show.

◆ Lunch & Learn: A Visit to Argentina and Morocco, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, with facilitator Jim Creighton. Cost is \$10.

◆ Lifestyle Series Chapter One: Get Rooted, Live Well with Dr. Gupta, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4.

◆ Bocce Club, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 4.

◆ Electronic Device Tutoring, noon to 3 p.m. the first and third Fridays of each month.

◆ Conversational French for Beginners, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays, beginning Jan. 20.

◆ Conversational French for Intermediates, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays, beginning Jan. 20.

◆ Young Onset Parkinson’s Support Group, 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. the second Tuesday of

each month, with facilitator Angela Ferrara.

◆ Low Vision Support Group, 10 to 11:30 a.m. the third Monday of each month.

◆ Blood Pressure Screening, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month with Mary Jo Fresard of Sunrise Senior Living.

◆ Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group, 5 to 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, with Carolyn Van Dorn of Nursing Unlimited.

GPAA

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

◆ Woodblock notecards with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, June 6 to 20. Registration deadline is Thursday, May 21.

Optimists

The Lakeshore Optimist Club welcomes Ashley Batt, with the Bryson and Baker

Batt Foundation, to its meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 311 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are welcome to hear the speaker and learn about the club. Email slicari54@gmail.com.

Live music

Planet D Nonet, with special guest Camille Price, will perform 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, May 24, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Admission is \$10.

Planet D Nonet will perform its fifth annual concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Social hour begins at 3 p.m.

Harper Woods Library

The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts an antique sale from noon to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, in its soon-to-open Heritage Room. The sale will feature vintage clothing, original paintings, ceramic items and more. Proceeds benefit

the Friends of the Harper Woods Library.

Right to Life

The 34th annual Bid for Life auction and dinner takes place Tuesday, June 23, at The Vintage House, 31816 Utica, Fraser. The theme is America’s 250th birthday; red, white and blue dress is encouraged, but not required. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a family-style dinner is served at 7 p.m. The event includes live and silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$55. Proceeds benefit the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. To RSVP, donate an item or for information, call (586) 774-6050, email macombbrlm@rtl.org or visit rtl.org.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1976 will celebrate its 50th reunion Sept. 19, at MotorCity Casino Hotel. The event features a casual dress code, food stations and a cash bar. For more information or to RSVP, visit gpnclas- sof1976.com.

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Detroit Zoo’s Fred and Barbara Erb Discovery Trails grand opening is May 23

The Detroit Zoo will celebrate the grand opening of Fred and Barbara Erb Discovery Trails Saturday, May 23, marking the debut of a new seven-acre experience designed to immerse guests in interactive adventure and deeper connections with animals and nature. “Fred and Barbara Erb Discovery Trails is a joyful new addition to the Detroit Zoo and a wonderful way for families to experience the zoo together,” said Dr. Hayley Murphy, executive director and CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society. “This is a place where guests can touch, climb, play and explore while making meaningful connections with animals and the natural world and every person who enters this space will come away with a new appreciation for the world around them.”

Spanning seven acres and designed as an interactive, family-first destination, Erb Discovery Trails brings the zoo to life in new ways to move, explore and discover. Families and guests of all ages can brush goats, be up close to burrowing owls and prairie dogs, soar to new heights on an elevated trail, explore multi-sensory pathways and encounter animals from fresh perspectives.



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Guests will be able to get up close to burrowing owls in the new Erb Discovery Trails.

Additional activities, such as a stingray touch experience, will be available for an added fee.

Every part of Erb Discovery Trails is intended to help guests get closer to nature through play, movement and hands-on discovery. Animals who will call this

area of the zoo home include alpacas, anteaters, bamboo sharks, burrowing owls, bush dogs, chickens, donkeys, goats, prairie dogs and stingrays.

“That sense of connection is at the heart of Erb Discovery Trails,” said Randi Hamilton, the

DZS’s chief experience officer. “It invites guests to slow down, look closer and be active participants

in their experience, creating moments that are fun, memorable and meaningful. We believe

those moments can inspire a deeper appreciation for animals, nature and conservation.”



Bush dogs can be spotted in the new Erb Discovery Trails.



Stingray Cove is another new feature of the Erb Discovery Trails.

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Making nice with playground moms

Dear Gabby: I’m a new mom and lately I’ve been trying to get out of the house more by taking my baby to the local playground. I thought it would be a nice way to meet other moms. Instead, I feel like I’ve stumbled into some kind of “Glamazon” social club I don’t belong to. There’s a group of mothers who always sit together. They’re polished, put-together, chatting easily while their kids play. Meanwhile, I’m over here alone, in last year’s leggings, trying to keep spit-up off my shoulder. They don’t say anything outright, but they don’t include me either. It’s hard not to feel judged — or invisible. What should I do to fit in? Or is this just how it is? — Out of Place in the Park

Dear Out of Place: There’s a particular kind of loneliness that shows up in motherhood. It’s like you’re alone, but never alone. The children take so much out of you that it’s sometimes difficult to muster up the energy to break into a new group. Regarding the “Glamazons,” remember you’ve likely just wandered into a group that already has its rhythm. Timing usually has a lot to do with bonding mothers. You just need to put in a little bit of effort to see if they’ll open up. They likely don’t even realize they are being exclusive. And if they do, you’ll soon find out and can move on. Next time you’re feeling bold, approach the mom gang, smile and say hello. Maybe even pay a compliment or bring something to share. Even though it seems like they should be the ones welcoming you, they likely will realize they’re the ones who have been missing out on gaining a new friend. — Gabby

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A 44-year friendship at risk over \$4

DEAR ANNIE: I have had a close friend for 44 years. We have been through marriages, children, illnesses, holidays, losses and all the ordinary ups and downs that come with a friendship that lasts nearly half a century. That is why something very small has hurt me more than I expected. Recently, I was very ill for three weeks with vomiting, then bronchitis, and I ended up in the hospital over Easter. Because I was still recovering, I asked this longtime friend if she would pick up a box of tea for me. It cost \$4. A few days later, we met at bingo, and she brought me the tea. I thought I had smaller bills, but when I looked in my purse, I only had two \$20 bills. I got up to go to the canteen to make change, but another friend offered to break a \$20 for me. As soon as I sat back down, my friend leaned over and said, “Did you get the change for the \$4?” It wasn’t just the words. It was the tone and the look on her face. It felt as if she thought I might not pay her back. I was stunned. In 44 years, I have never failed to repay her or anyone else. I am not someone who “forgets” debts, even tiny ones. I was also feeling fragile after being so sick, which may be why this hit me so hard. Still, I cannot shake the feeling that she doubted my character over \$4. I paid her, of course, but now I feel awkward and hurt. Part of me thinks I should let it go because it was only \$4. Another part of me feels that after 44 years of friendship, she should know me better. How do I process this without turning a small moment into a big fight? Should I say something, or should I chalk it up to a bad tone, a bad day and a very unfortunate cup of tea? — Steeped in Hurt

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Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

You were sick, tired and tender, so her tone landed hard. She may have been rude, or she may simply have been focused on the money in an ungraceful moment. Say gently, “I know it was only \$4, but the way you asked made me feel like you didn’t trust me. That hurt.” Then stop talking and let her answer. Long friendships survive little bruises when both people are brave enough to name them and kind enough not to enlarge them. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dear annie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2026 CREATORS.COM

Looking for a casual, laid-back bar, ‘Old Pony’ is the place

Sometimes the smallest of restaurants are the ones that surprise you the most, offering the best specials, happy hour seven days a week, \$5 burgers that are still in your hands after two bites, martinis under \$10, five kinds of french fries, family friendly and beyond affordable. Giddy up! Let’s ride into Old Pony Martini Pub. In 2017, Green Zone Pizza was out and Old Pony was in. Nestled at 17008 Kercheval Place, facing Notre Dame, the pub seats just fewer than 80 patrons between its bar seating and high-top tables. In 2019, Feras Nahhas purchased this location from a friend who was the first Old Pony owner and also previously owned Feras’s other bar/restaurant location, Moose’s Martini Pub on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn. Feras has more than 18 years of business experience and has been in the bar industry for 10-plus years. “Great food that is affordable is what we do best,” he said. This is what he prides himself on in this industry. I’m pretty sure he’s nailed it. Old Pony is a casual, laid-back, local bar. “We have a small menu that is done right,” said bar manager and bartender Bobbie, who arrived to The Mitten State in 2017, from NYC. “I have been with Old Pony since the day it opened. I immediately was hired and stayed ever since.” Her longevity, coming to work in a new restaurant in a new city, tells me ownership is doing something right. And, according to social media and the general public, Bobbie is doing something right as well, as many patrons continue to return because of her friendly service and attention to detail behind the bar. She’s definitely a local favorite bartender and I got to pick her brain on all things Pony. First up, the menu.



Mushroom and Swiss burger, single cheeseburger and double cheeseburger with hott fries.

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“It’s been said that we have the best cheeseburgers in town,” she said. “We offer our single with lettuce, pickles, onions and Pony Sauce (house-made Thousand Island dressing). Our double burger comes the same way.” A new addition to the burger menu is a mushroom and Swiss burger. They also offer gluten-free buns for their sandwiches and have a falafel burger as a vegetarian option. In the chicken sandwich department, they cover all that’s important: grilled, crispy and Nashville hot. It

is hard to go to Old Pony and not have a cheeseburger, but they make one heck of a crispy chicken sandwich. They’ve also got chicken wings. I know several people who go to the Pony just for their wings — bone-in or boneless, with your choice of seasoning: buffalo, garlic, barbecue, plain and hott, “with two Ts; it’s extra spicy,” Bobbie said. All of the above pair well with everyone’s favorite, french fries. If you thought you only had one option, you’re wrong because the Pony might have the most options of fries in the area: golden (regular), chili cheese fries, truffle fries, garlic dill fries and, yes, hott fries, with two Ts. I am a fry gal, but when you throw



Truffle and garlic dill fries, onion rings and loaded tots.

If potatoes aren’t your thing and onion rings are, you’ll be pleased with these, I promise. And I’m pretty sure I heard this spring they added chips and queso to their list of sides. I guess there’s only one way to find out. Most of the sides are vegan/vegetarian friendly too. And you can’t overlook the chocolate lava cake, served with ice cream as a dessert.



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

The kitchen is open 3 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, making them one of the latest open kitchens in the area. Here’s where Old Pony really stands out — the happiest of happy hours around, every day of the week. “Our happy hour is extensive,” Bobbie said. She’s not joking. From 3 to 6 p.m. daily, get \$5 cheeseburgers, signature martinis for \$8.50, mules for \$7, bottled and canned Miller Lite and Blue Moon for \$3.50, wine for \$7 and, during brunch from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, mimosas and Bloody Marys are just \$5. Bobbie tells me their most popular signature martini is 99 Problems, a consistent favorite since opening day. Along with their signature cocktails they also have seasonal cocktail menus that come out four times a year. They just released their spring cocktail menu, “Sip into Spring,” with some refreshing cocktails that absolutely go with the theme. The Pink Pony Club See FOOD, page 5C



Sip into spring cocktails.



The Old Pony.



Nashville hot chicken sandwich, wings and crispy chicken sandwich.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



The Amazon Basics Reusable Silicone Baking Cups officially have changed the after-school mood in my house, which is saying a lot.

That window of time when everyone walks in starving and slightly unwell is real. I've been trying to get ahead of it by baking healthier options like banana chocolate chip muffins and those home-made bacon and Gruyère egg bites that feel like a Starbucks dupe. The prob-



lem was never the food. It was the presentation. My kids were not interested in something that looked like it had been wrestled out of a muffin tin or eaten

straight out of a pan. These baking cups solved that instantly. They're made from food-grade, BPA-free silicone and are completely non-

stick, so everything pops right out cleanly — no knife, no crumbling, no ruined muffins. They're oven safe, dishwasher safe and hold their shape really well, which makes baking feel a lot less chaotic. The size works perfectly for standard muffins or egg bites and the 24 pack means there are always enough on hand.

What I didn't expect is how much more my kids would actually eat when the food looks contained

and ready to grab. Something about the individual cups makes it feel like a real snack instead of something I threw together at the last minute. I also can drop them right into bento boxes to separate snacks or different options without everything mixing together.

It's a small upgrade that makes a noticeable difference. Less waste, less complaining and way more of the good stuff getting eaten.

I give this an absolute 5 out of 5 alligators. You can find them here: <https://amzn.to/4eHkef5>

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Mediterranean couscous with lemon and tahini

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This week, I'm using couscous as the base for a light and refreshing side dish that's perfect for your next barbecue. Couscous is a small pasta made from semolina flour. It can either be pearl-sized, known as Israeli couscous, or much smaller granules commonly used in North African cooking. This recipe calls for the smaller, granular size.

I used to make couscous regularly because it comes together so quickly and acts as the perfect canvas for almost any flavor combination. All you have to do is pour boiling water over it, cover it, and let it sit for about five minutes. Once fluffed with a fork, it becomes light, airy and tender. It's also a nice change from rice.

I stopped making it for a while once the kids started eating what we were eating and I realized just how impossible couscous is to clean up.

Those tiny grains somehow end up everywhere and are nearly impossible to pick up with a sponge or broom. For the most part, and thankfully, the kids are much neater eaters these days. Keeping food on their plates, however, is still a work in progress.

This dish is packed with Mediterranean-inspired flavors. Toasted almonds, dates and olives create a crave-worthy sweet-and-salty combination, while chopped fennel and red onion add a fresh crunch.

I also mixed in chickpeas for extra heartiness and protein. A couple handfuls of peppery arugula and fresh parsley bring brightness and balance to the dish. It's delicious served cold or at room temperature, and while the arugula softens slightly, it still holds up beautifully to the dressing. The dressing is a simple lemon vinaigrette with tahini paste. You

could skip the tahini paste but I love the subtle sesame flavor and richness it gives. Plus anyone who has ever made hummus before probably has a jar tucked away in the back of their pantry.

Extended-family cook-out season has begun and Memorial Day is right around the corner. So amp up your pasta salad game with this fresh take.

- Cheers, Mombeau
- Mediterranean Couscous with Lemon and Tahini**
Serves 4-6
- ¾ cup dry couscous
 - 1 cup boiling water
 - 2 tsp olive oil
 - 1 cup fennel, chopped
 - 3-4 medjool dates, pitted and chopped
 - 1 15oz can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

- ¼ cup red onion, finely chopped
 - 6 large green olives, chopped
 - ⅓ cup toasted, sliced almonds
 - 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
 - 2 cups arugula
- Lemon Tahini Dressing:**
- Juice of 1 lemon
 - 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 tsp tahini paste

½ cup olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Add the couscous to a bowl and pour the olive oil and boiling water over the top. Cover with plastic wrap and let it



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steam for about five to seven minutes. Uncover and fluff with a fork. Add all of the ingredients to a salad bowl. Pour the dressing over and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

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It was November 1991 when the 60 Minutes "French Paradox" episode aired. Correspondent

Morley Safer said the French have a lower rate of heart disease than do Americans, which scientists attributed to regular wine consumption.

The program said that the French eat much more fat and smoke more than do Americans, yet they have a lower rate of heart disease

mortality. In the United States, where wine plays a smaller role in the average diet, heart disease is the No. 1 killer.

Since the program focused on the benefits of red wine in protecting the heart, sales of red wine rocketed ahead, causing a huge shortage of inexpensive red wines by every major company.

The increases in all wine sales continued since that episode, but in the last three years, some health scares from people who are not medically trained have frightened casual consumers of wine. Sales have declined sharply.

This has caused a

shake-out in the wine business. Large wineries have reported major sales declines; smaller wineries have gone out of business or been forced to merge with wealthier firms. Wine production is down.

And because wine is a perishable product, huge amounts of decent table wines are now beginning to fade. Many are available for sale at deep discounts. In general, this has not affected prices for the best wines, which appeal to wealthy wine collectors.

The first places to consider are fine wine shops. Many are closely monitored by in-house

experts, most of whom know which wines are still fine but beginning to fade. Such wines need to be moved and occasionally are put into "bargain bins."

The phrase "bin end" is occasionally used to refer to wines that are being closed out. Indeed, Bin Ends is the name of a Massachusetts wine retailer that specializes in discounted wines, which says it has 60 wines priced at \$12 or less.

But its website notes, "Due to state law, we are unable to ship alcohol outside the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Costco has been at the forefront of discounting

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FOOD

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includes raspberry vodka, triple sec, lime, cranberry and cotton candy. The Blueberry Sangria has Smirnoff blueberry vodka, simple syrup, triple sec and lemon, topped with white wine and soda water. De lime in de coconut has Captain Morgan coconut rum, lemonade, lime and blue curaçao, topped with soda water.

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Local golfer chases major dreams with PGA Championship appearance

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In 2013, Grosse Pointe Shores native Ryan Lenahan was one step away from qualifying for the U.S. Open, but lost in a playoff that kept him out of the tournament. He thought his dreams of playing in one of golf’s major championships were dwindling,

but it would just take another decade for them to be realized. Fast forward to 2026, and Lenahan is getting ready to compete in the 2026 PGA Championship at Aronimink Golf Club in Pennsylvania, his second consecutive year starting in the tournament. “I grew up playing golf at the Country Club of

Detroit and I had so many putts on the putting greens to win the Masters and play those scenarios out in my head,” Lenahan said. “... The major was something I always wanted and when I came so close in 2013, it stung and it bothered me. ... It’s incredible that the PGA of America gives us the opportunity where 20 guys can qualify for a major. Last year, when I qualified, I was so excited to live out that childhood dream. Fast forward to where I am now and to say that I’m going to have two major championship starts under my belt, that means everything to me.”

Lenahan, who serves as the director of instruction at South Lyon’s Walnut Creek Country Club, qualified for this year’s PGA Championship by finishing tied for 10th place at the 2026 PGA Professional Championship at Bandon Dunes in Oregon April 29. He makes his return to major championship golf after competing at last year’s PGA Championship at Quail Hollow Club. He may have missed the cut in last year’s



COURTESY PHOTOS

Grosse Pointe Shores native Ryan Lenahan gets ready to tee off at the 2025 PGA Championship. He will make his second career major tournament start at the 2026 PGA Championship beginning Thursday, May 14, at Aronimink Golf Club in Pennsylvania.

PGA Championship, but it was still a dream come true for Lenahan to experience one of golf’s biggest stages. Lenahan has played his way into being one of the PGA professionals who get to play alongside some of the best golfers in the world from the PGA Tour at a major champi-

onship. Last year’s experience gave him a taste of what to expect, which has helped make Lenahan more confident in his approach to the big week this time. “It was helpful to get a feel for the environment,” he said. “When you walk out of the locker room, you see

how many people there are and you’re essentially a fish in a fish tank. I was able to take that experience and feel like I know how to practice and prepare to get ready for the week. ... I’m able to kind of feed off of that from last year and know

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Agnone steps up when South boys lax needs it most

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Watching Eugene Agnone play lacrosse for Grosse Pointe South, it looks like he has been a natural at the sport for a long time. In reality, he was in eighth grade when he first decided to give lacrosse a try. The sport stuck with him right away, and Agnone’s path to being a star for the Blue Devils’ boys lacrosse program began. “I was really a big baseball guy growing up,” he said. “My friends at St. Paul told me I had to try lacrosse because I loved football, so I might like this. ... I ended up

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ATHLETE
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Eugene Agnone
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doing it, and after that first day of practice, I fell in love with it.” Agnone worked his way through the ranks at South. He began on JV as a freshman, then moved up to the varsity team as a sophomore and flashed his potential as a part-time starter. Last season was Agnone’s breakout year, becoming a Division 2 All-State honorable mention and scoring 43 goals as a junior. That mark has already been surpassed by Agnone during his senior campaign, with 52 goals in 18 games. He reached 100 career goals for the Blue Devils in South’s dominant 13-5 win against Dakota Thursday, May 7, a game in which Agnone finished with six goals. Clearly, Agnone does not need much help when it comes to shooting and scoring ability. His main focus this season has been on becoming a more physical and elusive player, making himself a better all-around athlete on the field. “I really honed in on working on my dodging,” Agnone said. “I felt like that was the one area of my game where I was lacking. ... I worked at that really hard all offseason and I feel like it’s helped me



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Eugene Agnone (No. 12) celebrates with teammate Jack George after scoring one of his six goals in South’s 13-5 win against Dakota Thursday, May 7. really excel as a player Blue Devils this year in this year.” a spring that has been Agnone has been a driving force for the

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South boys lacrosse nets big wins before playoffs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

When Grosse Pointe South varsity boys lacrosse started the fourth quarter against Birmingham Seaholm Monday, May 11, the Blue Devils trailed 12-7. South could have taken the loss and turned its attention to the playoffs beginning later in the week, but that would have been uncharacteristic of the resilience the team has shown this spring, battling through

losing streaks and injuries to some of its key players.

Instead, the Blue Devils pulled things together and rallied, shutting Seaholm out in the final quarter while climbing back for a 13-12 win for their fifth victory in the last six games of the regular season.

“We’re kind of coming together at the right time in terms of health,” South boys lacrosse head coach Justin Macksoud said. “...

They’ve realized how resilient they are. They look at themselves and know that they’re good in their own right. As a team, they’re playing more together and it makes up for the losses of some of these injuries. They believe in themselves and every guy is stepping up right now.”

One of the biggest absences South had to fight through part of the season was the loss of goalie Luke Parent, who recently made his return

and stepped up to make over 20 saves in Monday night’s comeback win. Another hero in the comeback was Jackson Kean, who finished the game with four goals, including three in a row that helped tie the game late in the fourth quarter while South had a man-up advantage. Chris Bejin helped finish things off with the game-winning goal with just over two minutes left. Eugene Agnone added four goals as well, and Colin Cotton went a perfect 29 for 29 in faceoffs.

The comeback victory over Seaholm was the third in a row for South. The first two both came last week on the road against MAC Red Division rivals. The Blue Devils dominated Eisenhower Tuesday, May 5, winning 22-9. They followed that effort with a 13-5 victory at Dakota Thursday, May 7.

The focus for South now shifts to the playoffs. The Blue Devils get to play the regional tournament on their home field this year and will face U of D Jesuit in the first round.

South and the Cubs are familiar foes when it comes to the playoffs, with the Blue Devils winning last year’s post-season matchup. South knows any playoff game, especially one against a rival like U of D Jesuit, is going to be tough. The team wants



Sophomore Bennet Walsh looks to make a pass for South against Dakota.

to remain focused on the fundamentals and remember that even though it ended the regular season on a high note, the playoffs are all that matter now.

“We’ve got to come back down to earth and take care of business against a team we’re familiar with and a team we beat last year,” Macksoud said. “... Right now, the message is to get back to basics.

Passing and catching. We’ve been moving the ball around on offense, where at times it looks like I’m watching a college team out there. ... We know we can do big things, but we have to take care of what’s in front of us.”

South hosts U of D Jesuit at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, in the first round of the Division 2 regional playoffs.



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South’s Colin Cotton, right, lines up for a faceoff against Dakota Thursday, May 7. The junior recently surpassed 550 career faceoff victories with the Blue Devils.

ATHLETE:

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challenging at times. However, momentum seems to be picking up for South at the right time. Agnone scored six goals in South’s win over Dakota last Thursday, May 7, and contributed heavily again with four goals in a thrilling 13-12 comeback victory against Birmingham Seaholm

Monday, May 11.

“Eugene has an aspect to him that not a lot of kids have, where he’s one of those kids that coaches would say he has some dog in him,” South boys lacrosse head coach Justin Macksoud said. “Since he was a freshman, when he was on JV, he didn’t care who you were, he was going to beat you...He has that thing in him where he won’t be denied. It’s an

attack mindset...He’s a great athlete and a great lacrosse player. It’s the best combination you can have.”

With the playoffs right around the corner, Agnone hopes that recent momentum is a good sign for him and his teammates. He is part of a deep and tight-knit senior class for South this year, a core group made up of friends who have been close since long before

they got to high school, and there is nothing they want more than to punctuate their legacy with a strong playoff performance.

“We want to win the region,” Agnone said. “... That’s been the big goal this year, to make a deep playoff run. ... We have some good momentum going. With momentum and getting some players back from injury, I think we’re going to have a pretty

good squad going into the playoffs.”

Teammates like Jack Cotton and Jack Smith, who help run South’s attack along with Agnone, are part of that core group of seniors. The way Agnone sees it, none of what he has accomplished in his time at South would have been possible without the guys who have had his back along the way. They push each other, motivate each other and know exactly how to complement each other’s games on the field.

No matter when or how the season ends for South, Agnone takes pride in knowing everything he has accomplished has been with his teammates and best friends by his side.

“I’m only a good player because of my teammates,” he said. “The way they move the ball and play off the ball when I have it, it all just makes me better as a player. They also lift me mentally and lift the whole team up. Without them, I wouldn’t be the player I am today.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 4, 2026

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except councilmember Toussant.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) to excuse Councilmember Toussant from tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) to receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 20, 2026.
- 3) to open and close the Public Hearing on the levying of a 17.0 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 135033 through 135129 in the amount of \$508,597.55 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,703.33 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of May 2026. (3) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$6,380.50 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (4) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$36,379.05 for professional services during the month of April 2026. (5) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$7,270.77 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of March 2026. (6) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$20,675.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs and one stump removal. (7) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,351.00 for lawn restorations at various homes following main breaks, stop box repairs and tree removals. (8) approve payment to EJ USA INC. in the amount of \$7,132.26 for purchase of various water system repair parts including, stop boxes, ball valves, and coupling parts. (9) approve payment to Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone PLLC in the amount of \$32,300.00 for legal services in conjunction with the CWSRF Revenue Bond.
- 2) to direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 17.0 mills on the taxable value of all lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods to defray the costs to continue maintenance and operations of police and fire (8.50 mills for police and 8.5 for fire).
- 3) to accept the bid submitted by PK Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$91,296.456 for the 2026 Pavement Striping Project, #180-396.
- 4) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$358,313.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2026.
- 5) to introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12 Article 1, Section 12 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances - Licenses in the City of Harper Woods,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 6) to introduce and place for first reading an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances - Nuisances,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Published: GPN, May 14, 2026



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Agnone has scored 52 goals this spring for South boys lacrosse, bringing his total to 106 over the course of his three seasons with the Blue Devils’ varsity team.

North, South softball get rolling as postseason approaches

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The point where every game becomes crucial is quickly approaching in softball season. The postseason is on the horizon and the teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South are looking for leaders to step up and make big plays as the games themselves get bigger. Last week saw not as much action on the softball diamond as usual, but there were still some exciting moments for the Norsemen and Blue Devils to kick off May.

Grosse Pointe North
The Norsemen’s week started with a MAC Red Division showdown against Henry Ford II Thursday, May 7. North had home field advantage, but was unable to keep up in a high-scoring matchup that ended with the Falcons on top 14-7. Freshman Ava Gerardi had a big game for North despite the loss, getting three hits and knocking in three RBIs.

North then headed into the weekend to host a doubleheader against Divine Child Saturday, May 9. The Norsemen got back in the win column with a victory in game one of the doubleheader, dramatically winning 7-6. Divine Child jumped out to an early 6-2 lead after two innings, but North mounted a comeback. Kate Stemmler drew a walk with the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning that tied the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South freshman Vivian Lindow makes the final out at first base in the Blue Devils’ 4-3 win over Marine City Monday, May 11.

game 6-6. The next batter was Carina Jensen, who let a wild pitch go by that helped Victoria Mangol come home to score the winning run. Addison Moses pitched all seven innings in North’s win, giving up four earned runs on eight hits with six strikeouts. Game two of Saturday’s doubleheader was another close one, but North was on the losing side this time, falling to Divine Child 8-7. Gerardi once again shone at the plate,

bringing in two runs on three hits in the loss. The loss to end Saturday’s doubleheader brought North’s record to 7-11 this spring. With just a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season, the Norsemen know there still is room for improvement and are confident the leadership will be key to getting the team into top form as the postseason approaches. “Our captains do a great job rallying their teammates, so we want them to keep up their

leadership,” North softball head coach Amy Zaranek Gaidis said. “They’ve really grown close as a team and support each other no matter what.” North visited Eisenhower after press time Tuesday, May 12, and hosted Detroit Western International Wednesday, May 13. The Norsemen are in action again Thursday, May 14, going on the road to take on Chippewa Valley.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils were

able to get some rest last week, playing fewer games than usual in what is normally a busy season. South made a road trip to face Warren Woods - Tower Thursday, May 7, in a game where the Blue Devils’ bats were dominant, making quick work of the Titans in an 18-1 victory. Avery Lollar led the way with five RBIs on three hits. Mackenzie Waterson, Mackenzie Simon, Bizzy Carswell and Sophia Husek all had multiple RBIs as well. Husek also was

the game’s winning pitcher, needing just three innings and striking out seven batters while surrendering only a single run and hit. The Blue Devils rallied for a 4-3 win at home over Marine City Monday, May 11. Marine City took a 2-0 lead in the third inning, but South was able to make its way back, with the rally being punctuated by a two-run home run by Madison Iverson in the bottom of the fifth inning to give South the lead and eventually the win. South visits Lake Shore at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14. The Blue Devils head to Canton over the weekend to compete in the Michigan Challenge Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17.

University Liggett
After two big wins to start the week last Monday, May 4, in a doubleheader against Riverview Gabriel Richard, the Knights’ offense struggled against Regina last Friday, May 8. Liggett’s bats had trouble stringing hits together in a 15-0 loss.

The Knights looked to bounce back Monday, May 11, going on the road to face Lutheran Northwest. However, Liggett came up just short in a close 8-7 loss. Constantina had three RBIs and three hits, including a two-run home run, in the loss. Liggett heads across town to face Grosse Pointe South for a doubleheader Monday, May 18, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

South girls lacrosse rallies ahead of playoffs

By Meg Kelly
Staff Intern

Grosse Pointe South varsity girls lacrosse showed out in a busy early May stretch, battling back from an early deficit to earn a tie with Lake Orion before delivering consecutive dominant wins over Utica Eisenhower and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

The week began Monday, May 4, with a

6-6 tie against Lake Orion in a game suspended in the third quarter due to weather conditions. South was falling behind, trailing 5-1 after the first quarter, but responded before halftime to even the score at 6-6. Lyla Hampton led the offense with four goals, while Wells Webber and Stella Fry each added one to the scoreboard. “Our girls have done a really good job of getting

themselves to be a much better team than they were a few years ago,” South head coach Shaun Hampton said. “It was nice to be able to see girls get punched in the mouth in the first quarter, then step up in the second quarter and get us back to playing our game.” South carried that momentum into Tuesday, May 5, defeating Utica Eisenhower 17-2 with an eight-goal performance from Lyla Hampton. The Blue Devils followed with another win Thursday, May 7, shutting out Lakeview 25-0.

This season, Lyla Hampton has anchored South’s offense, recording 124 goals and 44 assists. In net, goalkeeper Jordan LeBlanc has been steady for the Blue Devils, posting 173 saves and averaging 8.25 saves per game.

As the postseason nears, Shaun Hampton



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South’s Stella Fry, pictured in a game against Grosse Pointe North, scored for the Blue Devils against Lake Orion as part of the team’s comeback to tie the game Monday, May 4.

said continued growth will come down to execution and communication on both ends of the field. “Communication on defense and making sure that we’re playing a team defensive game,” Hampton said. “Sometimes we get a bit quiet down there from a communication perspective. Let’s get back to our core and who we are and make sure that we are

communicating. The games we play best, we have lots of assists, so we want to make sure that we are working together and setting ourselves up for success.” South opens postseason play at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at home in the Girls Lacrosse Regional 3 matchup against Clinton Township Chippewa Valley.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purpose of considering a special land use at 20481 Mack Avenue (Parcel ID: 007-03-0039-001). The subject site is zoned the C, Commercial Business District where a Miscellaneous Business Establishment (a proposed off-ice hockey training facility) is considered a Special Land Use.
All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwmn.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmn.us.
For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at (313) 343-2426 or e-mail: building@gpwmn.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 05/14/26

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**
NOTICE TO BIDDERS –CITY TREE REMOVAL: Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: City Tree Removal – July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Paul Antolin
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 5/14/2026

South, ULS baseball squads come out on top in week of crosstown rivalries

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the history and tradition of baseball at Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School, it is always special when two of those teams get to meet on the diamond. Baseball fans in the Pointes were treated to a couple of

strong day on the mound for Liggett to earn the win, pitching four innings without allowing a hit and striking out seven batters. Liggett kept rolling after that, taking down Royal Oak 5-1 Friday, May 8. Ravi Hines tossed six innings with eight strikeouts and only one hit and one run allowed. The Knights

Catholic League playoffs. For North, the loss to Liggett was followed by another loss in the third game of a MAC White Division series against St. Clair Thursday, May 7. The Norsemen lost 4-1, with the only run of the game scored on an RBI single hit by Caleb Butler in the fourth inning.

North then headed downtown to face South at Comerica Park Saturday, May 9. It was the end of what was a tough week for the Blue Devils. South suffered shutout losses in back-to-back days earlier in the week, losing 1-0 to L'Anse Creuse North Tuesday, May 5, and 4-0 against De La Salle Collegiate Wednesday, May 6.

South also suffered a 9-1 loss to L'Anse Creuse North in the final game of their MAC White series Thursday, May 7. The Blue Devils bounced back against the Norsemen on the major league field last Saturday, however, winning 5-1 over North.

The game was scoreless until the fifth inning, when DJ Edwards put North in front with an RBI double that brought in the Norsemen's only run. South rallied to answer back in the top of the sixth inning.

Nick Ogden brought in two runs with a triple to give the Blue Devils the lead, which was followed by an RBI single from Alex Foote to make the lead 3-1. South added two more runs in the seventh inning on a



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Freshman Miles Quinn delivers a pitch for Liggett against Grosse Pointe North. Quinn earned the win while throwing four hitless innings.

fielder's choice and an error to round out the victory. Seven different pitchers for the Blue Devils combined to allow just two hits and one run with 11 total strikeouts.

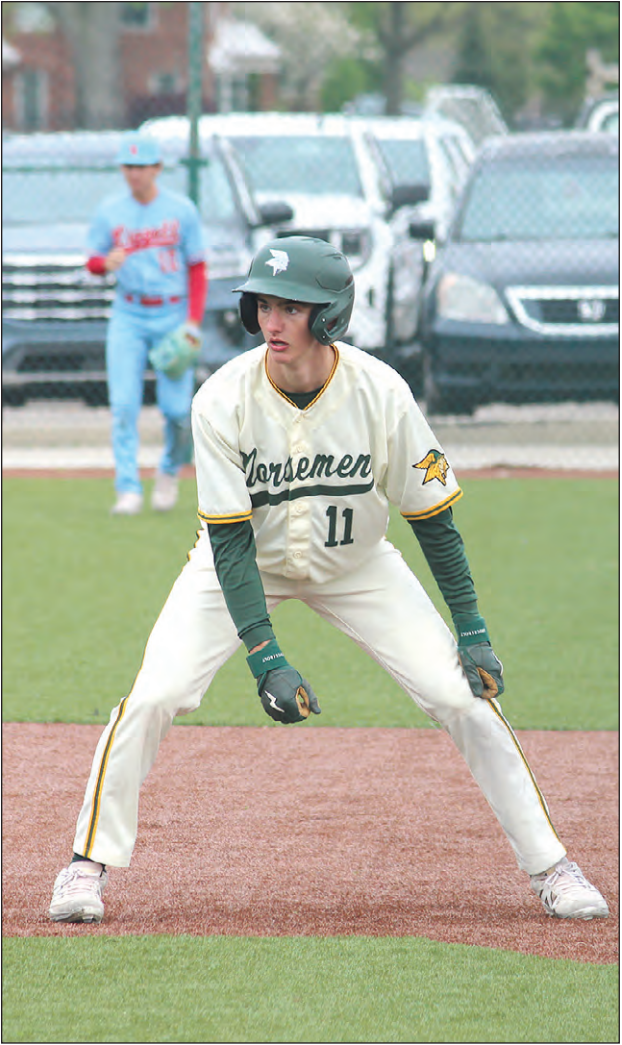
Up Next
South visited Utica after press time Tuesday, May 12. The team returns home to

host the Chieftains Thursday, May 14, at 4 p.m. The Blue Devils will make a road trip to Central Michigan University Saturday, May 16, for a pair of games against Mt. Pleasant and Grand Ledge.

North hosted a doubleheader against Anchor Bay Wednesday, May 13, after press

time. The Norsemen visit the Tars Thursday, May 14, for a third game. North is on the road again Monday, May 18, taking on De La Salle.

Liggett welcomed U of D Jesuit for a doubleheader after press time Wednesday, May 13. The Knights head on the road to face Divine Child Saturday, May 16.



North's Luke Bruveris takes a lead from second base against Liggett Wednesday, May 6.

crosstown rivalry matchups last week, including one on the major-league field at Comerica Park, as the teams battled for bragging rights in the final month of the regular season.

The first crosstown showdown was Wednesday, May 6, when Liggett visited North. The Knights came into the game red hot and extended their winning streak by defeating the Norsemen 5-2.

Liggett broke onto the scoreboard first in the third inning. Ravi Hines brought in the game's first run with an RBI double and Kanaan Taylor brought him home shortly after with a two-run double to give the Knights a 3-0 lead. The Knights added to their lead in the fourth inning with a two-run home run by Javion Gray.

Both of North's runs were scored in the fifth inning thanks to a two-run double hit by DJ Edwards. Freshman Miles Quinn enjoyed a

also earned a 10-1 win over Cardinal Mooney Saturday, May 9, in the quarterfinals of the

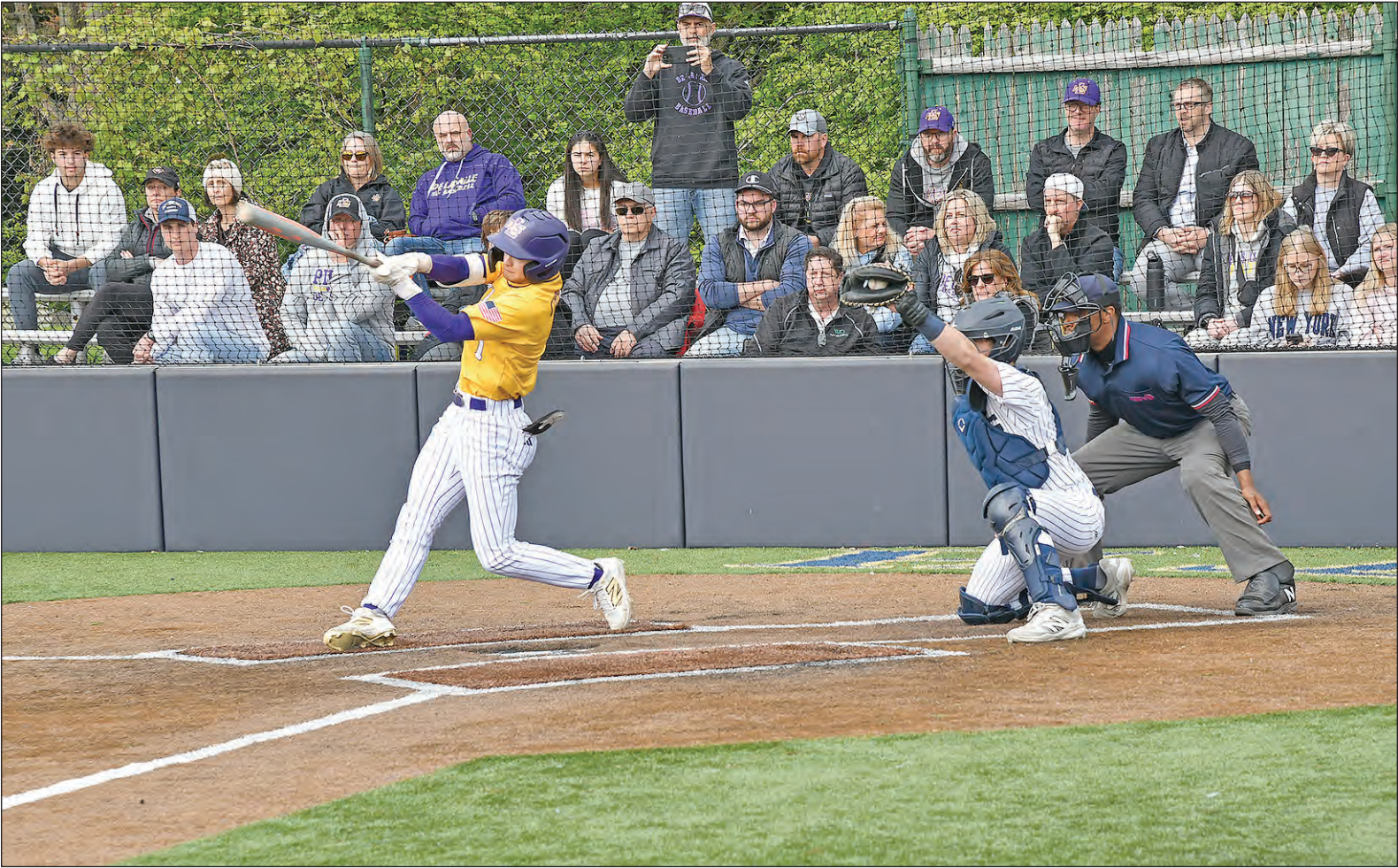


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South catcher Charlie McPartlin snags a strike against De La Salle Wednesday, May 6.



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Knights bounce back with win over Oakland Christian

The University Liggett School varsity girls soccer team earned a dominant 6-1 win at home over Oakland Christian Monday, May 11, giving the Knights a much-needed win after losing its last two prior games. Eleanor Szafarczyk scored twice, while Jazmin Diaz, Sophia Carson and Lea Abdul-Nour contributed to the scoring as well. The win brought the Knights’ record to 3-7-1 this spring. Liggett heads on the road for its next game Thursday, May 14, taking on Lutheran Northwest.

Above left, Liggett freshman Bebe Noeker battles for a loose ball against Oakland Christian.
Above right, Eleanor Szafarczyk (No. 15) hugs teammate Sophia Carson after her goal to give Liggett a 3-0 lead in the first half.

GOLF:

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how to prepare and be ready. It was a good opportunity to get my feet wet in the major championship scene, but this year, it’ll feel a little different since I’m used to it.”

Getting the chance to compete in a major championship once again is an opportunity for Lenahan to reflect on how he got here. He earned All-State honors twice as a golfer at

Grosse Pointe North in the early 2000s before playing college golf at the University of Nebraska.

Lenahan has turned the game he loves into a career and a way to bring his dreams to life. Those dreams began on the courses in Grosse Pointe and everything he learned through countless hours on the links in his hometown is still with him as he heads to the major stage.

“I spent countless hours at the golf course working on my craft and

perfecting my game,” he said. “When I qualify for a major championship, it isn’t just the work I put in the week leading up to it. It stems from back when I was a kid and working really hard and developing my game. ... Every time I go back to Country Club of Detroit and play, it gives me a warm feeling because it literally is where I spent a lot of my life.”

The 2026 PGA Championship at Aronimink Golf Club begins Thursday, May 14.

South tennis uses doubles depth to top Knights, North earns big win over Jackson

By Meg Kelly
Staff Intern

Depth and resilience was essential in a competitive afternoon of high school varsity girls tennis Wednesday, May 6, as Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School split the singles matches before South pulled ahead with a dominant performance in their doubles play.

Liggett opened the match strong at No. 1 singles, where Sonya Jayakar defeated Katelyn Strong 6-4, 6-2. South responded at No. 2, with McKella Florence delivering a 6-0, 6-0 win over Iris Wimmer.

The middle of the lineup featured the most competitive matches of the day. At No. 3 sin-

gles, Liggett’s Nina Shanidze rallied after dropping the first set to clinch a win over McKenzie Florence 3-6, 6-4, 10-7 in a third set tiebreaker. South responded at No. 4, where Lillian Novack competed with Olivia Boggs in another three-set contest, 6-4, 4-6, 12-10.

With the singles split, the match shifted into doubles where South secured all five flights. The No. 1 team of Grace Vollmer and Andia Nazarko led the way with a 6-2, 6-0 victory. South continued to control the play at No. 2 through No. 5 doubles, including a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins to claim the team win.

Grosse Pointe North

The Norsemen followed with a strong performance Saturday, May 9, against Jackson High School, earning wins across multiple flights despite a pair of defaults.

In singles, Laila Aslam and Emma Dombrowski each recorded victories for North. Dombrowski won 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4 singles, while Aakanksha Nagori added a 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 2.

Jackson picked up a win at No. 3 by default.

In doubles, Jackson claimed a close match at No. 1, defeating North 6-3, 7-6 (0). North responded by winning the remainder of the flights, including straight-set victories at No. 2 and No. 3, along with a victory at No. 4.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lenahan, right, and his sons, Parker and Mason, with 2025 PGA Championship winner Scottie Scheffler.

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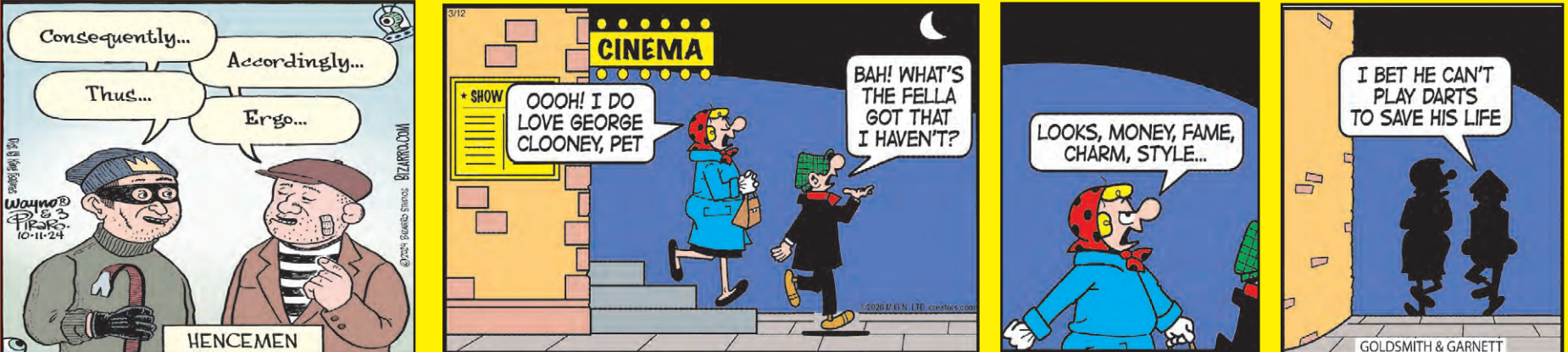


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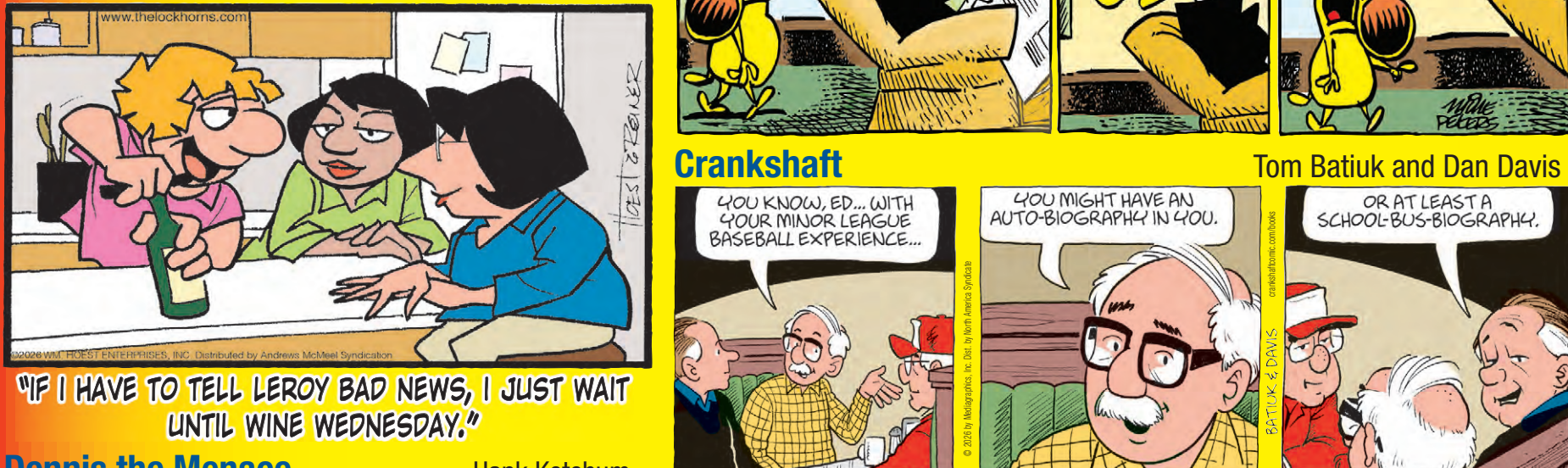


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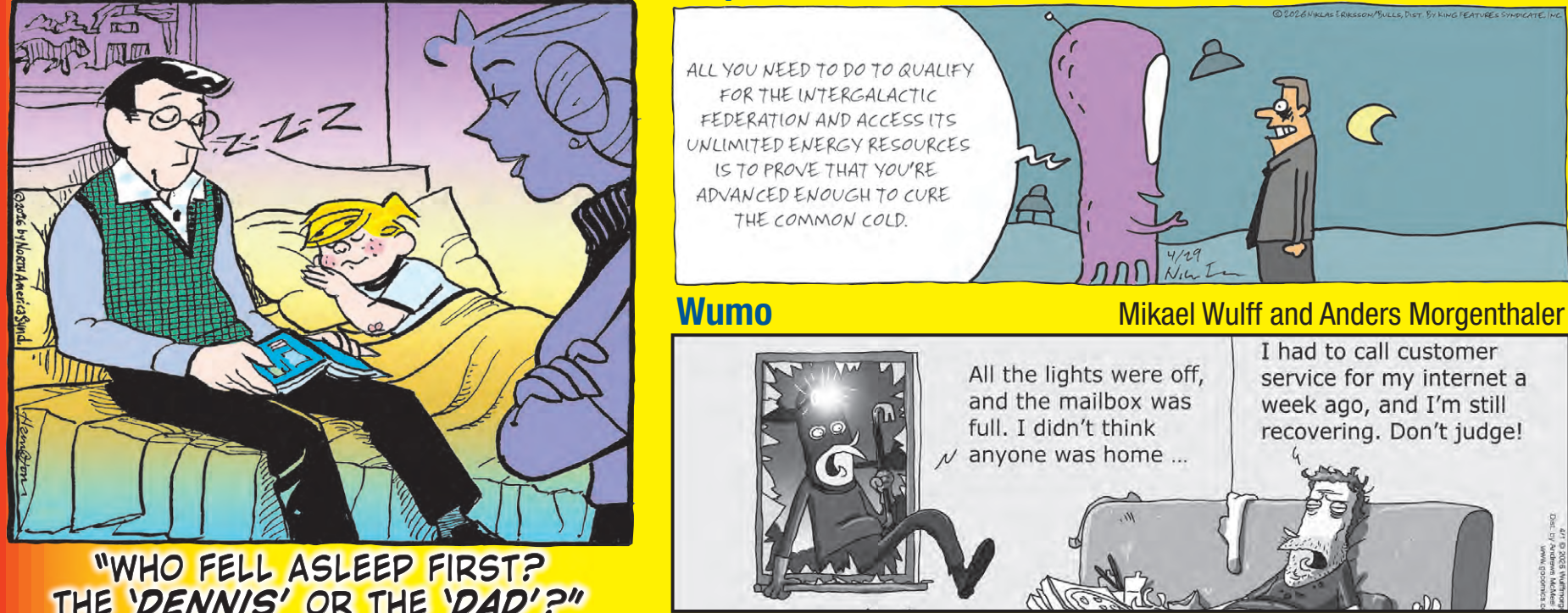
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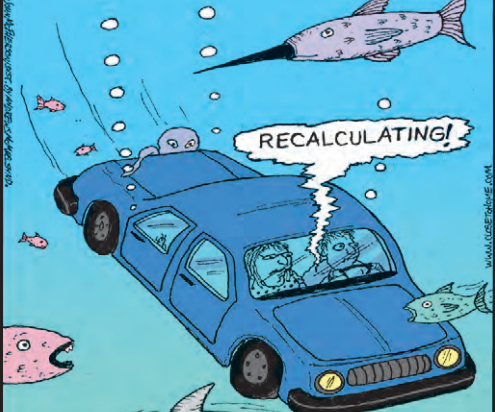
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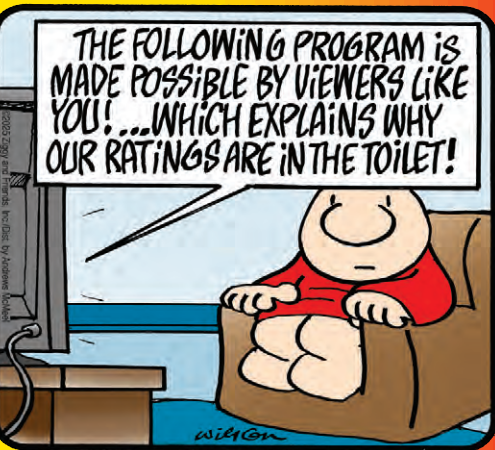
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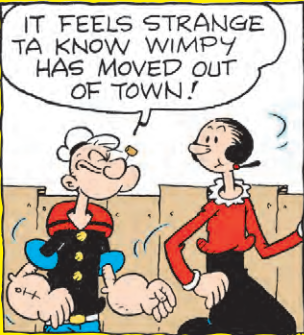
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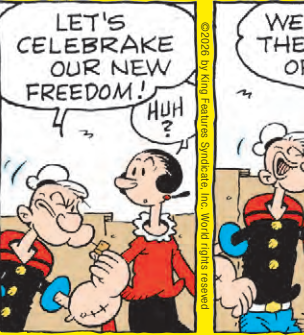
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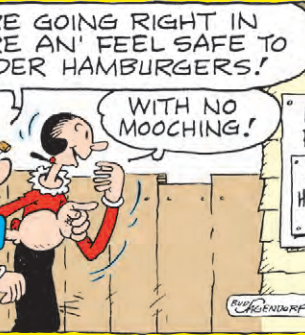
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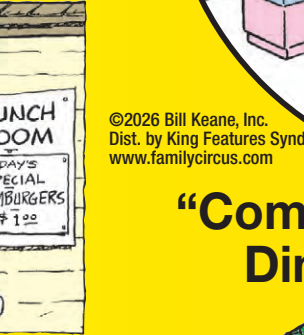
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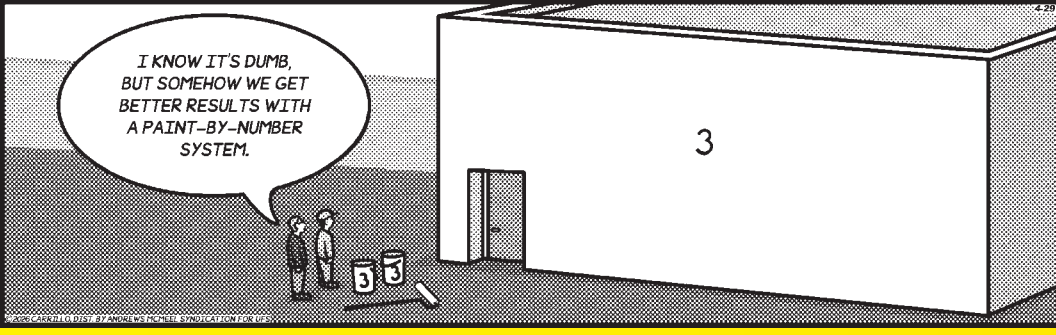
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HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Whether it's games, meets or matches, school spring sports in the Pointes are in full swing and the Grosse Pointe News is here to bring you all the action. Some of the week's biggest hits and highlights from include:



POINTERS SHINE FOR UM CLUB BASEBALL

Four former baseball standouts from University Liggett School — Ryan Jones, Jack Jones, Jackson Fetter and Jake Martin — helped the University of Michigan club baseball team to another strong season. The Wolverines advanced to the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) Great Lakes Regional Tournament last week, where they made it to the championship game before losing 4-3 against Wisconsin Sunday, May 10.

COURTESY PHOTO

KNIGHTS FALL IN CATHOLIC LEAGUE FINAL

The University Liggett School varsity boys lacrosse team met Divine Child in the Catholic League Cardinal Division championship last Friday, May 8, where the Knights suffered a 12-6 loss.

Liggett bounced back to end the regular season with a 16-7 win against Grosse Ile Monday, May 11. The Knights host Grosse Pointe North in the opening round of the Division 2 regional playoffs Friday, May 15, at 4:30 p.m.



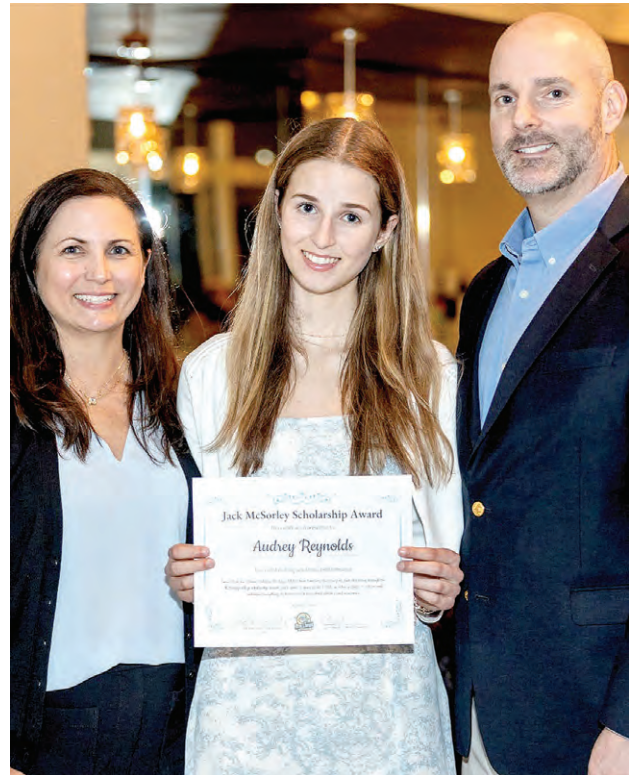
PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

RED TEAM REIGNS SUPREME IN BEER LEAGUE HOCKEY

The Red Team took home the title of champions in the ESH Thursday Night Beer League hockey season. The team included: Conner Albrecht, Bobby Barrett, Derrick Beers, Justin Kovacs, Chris Lewandowski and Eric Werner.



COURTESY PHOTO



REYNOLDS EARNS 2026 MCSORLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Detroit Bulldogs and the East Side Youth Sports Foundation awarded the 2026 Jack McSorley Scholarship to Grosse Pointe South senior Audrey Reynolds. Reynolds began her hockey career with the Bulldogs and went on to serve as a captain of South's varsity girls hockey team.

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