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Music on the Plaza kicks off next Thursday

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — As is tradition, Music on the Plaza in The Village kicks off this month with the jazz bands from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

“We’re really looking forward to building community and bringing people to The Village to enjoy an evening and enjoy our businesses,” Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said.

The free Music on the Plaza concerts take place in the St. Clair plaza next to Starbucks 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings through mid-July, with the exception of July 2.

“People tend to head out of town a little bit early or they’re getting

ready to head out of town,” Willcock said, “so we wanted to give that space around the Fourth of July.”

This year’s lineup is as follows:

- ◆ June 11, Pointe high school jazz bands;
- ◆ June 18, BandWagon, an all-styles and genres cover band;
- ◆ June 25, Detroit Social Club Blues Band, returning from last year with blues and Motown music;
- ◆ July 9, Brendon Linsley Band, a blues performer new to Music on the Plaza;
- ◆ July 16, M1 Jazz Collective, with jazz from classics to modern hits;
- ◆ and July 23, the Uniroyals, also a new

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PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Crews from the Pointes rescue a dummy from Detroit’s burn tower, an amalgamation of shipping containers used to simulate a house fire.

Pointes, HW combine regional fire training

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & HARPER WOODS — As fire crews from the Pointes and Harper Woods often respond to fire scenes within each neighboring community, working side by side under mutual-aid contracts, it made sense to combine annual firefighter simulation training with a regional approach this year.

The City, Farms, Park and Harper Woods

departments came together in May, for their first large-scale regional fire training at the Detroit Fire Department Walter P. Harris Fire & EMS Regional Training Center.

“We’re hoping to have the other two cities participate next year,” Farms Sgt. Mike Ryan said of the Woods and Shores.

The training — focused on firefighter rescue operations, live-fire suppression tactics, incident command and emergency communications

under realistic fireground conditions — was funded through the Michigan Fireworks Safety Fund.

“Every time that somebody buys fireworks, there is a fee associated with buying fireworks,” Ryan said. “Those fees all go into a state pool of money. That pool of money is then distributed to each of the counties and then we can submit for that money and we can put on trainings like this.”

Officers cycled through three different training

stations.

Combined crews from the City and Park started off in the flashover chamber, or burn box, where firefighters gear up and enter a shipping container with an active fire at one end to observe improper ventilation and the various phases of how fire reacts to different variables. Temperatures in the container can reach 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit at the ceiling.

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BoE OK’s GP News FOIA appeal

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — A specially appointed committee of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education agreed with a Freedom of Information Act request appeal by the Grosse Pointe News during a meeting Thursday, May 28.

The committee — consisting of President Clint Derringer, Vice President Colleen Worden and Secretary Valarie St. John — voted 3-0 to reverse an earlier denial of the request.

In a FOIA request dated March 26, the Grosse Pointe News asked for “Any memos from John Gierak of Clark Hill in 2025 or

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Recreation commission endorses rec plan

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The equivalent of an extra-inning session of the Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission ended last week with a 6-3 decision in favor of the city’s first five-year maintenance plan for the Parks and Recreation Department, with doubts about whether hiring a consultant to draft the plan was worth it.

“My view is different than some of yours,” Chairman Michael Hindelang said to members opposed to forward-

ing the plan to city council for possible adoption. “The next five-year plan may be different as a result of things we’ve learned in this. But this recommendation to council does make sense. The capital improvement program recommended is within the notion that it is a skeleton we hope to flesh out.”

The report assessed the condition of facilities at the city’s two municipal parks.

It effectively challenged city officials to stop neglecting the maintenance of millions of dollars’ worth of assets

either funded by taxpayers or donated to Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks, from swimming pool to gazebo.

“The document is an excellent start for the recreation department to have an actual guiding document,” Hindelang said during a special meeting of the commission May 27. “I support its approval.”

Voting to recommend — the commission is an advisory-only group — city council adopt the plan were Hindelang, Vice Chairman Paul Spratt, members Terry

Ayrault, Heather Hurley, Paul O’Donnell and liaison to the commission Councilman Patrick Gleason.

Voting no were Commissioner Howard Bouton, 30-year member Larry Haggart and Secretary James Ceuninck.

“In my view, we paid \$40,000, or whatever it cost, for a list of neglected assets,” Bouton said.

His reference was to the city retaining OHM Advisors for \$30,000 last September to shepherd the planning process and

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“We cook food at 350 to 450, and I’m going to put firefighters in a box at temperatures of about 1,100 degrees,” Lt. Brent Duxtader with the Detroit Fire Academy emphasized. “Because in the fire service now, things burn hotter faster because plastics and polymers burn so fast and they give off so much heat.”

Crews then cycled through Detroit’s burn tower, which is an amalgamation of shipping containers used to simulate house fires and victim-rescue scenarios. Simulations included an attic fire, basement fire and ladder rescue.

“What this does is it gets them the team integrity, air management, hose mitigation, and this is all just kind of part of the fire service to stay up on the game,” Duxtader said.

The third station, though not in any particular order, is indoor rapid intervention crew training.

“What the RIT crew does is they go in and get downed firefighters,” Duxtader explained. “So we teach them tricks and techniques, how to get downed firefighters from inside of houses.”

Much of RIT training could be considered a close-quarters, blind-folded obstacle course.

Firefighters, in full gear and with black-out masks making it impossible to see, must crawl through entrapment boxes filled with wires; climb down from an attic space using holes punched in drywall; and maneuver through crawl



PHOTOS BY LAUREL KRAUS

Above, the flashover chamber gives firefighters the opportunity to observe improper ventilation and the various phases of how fire reacts to different variables. Right, inside the flashover chamber, straw pallets and plywood are burned. Temperatures at the ceiling can reach 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit.

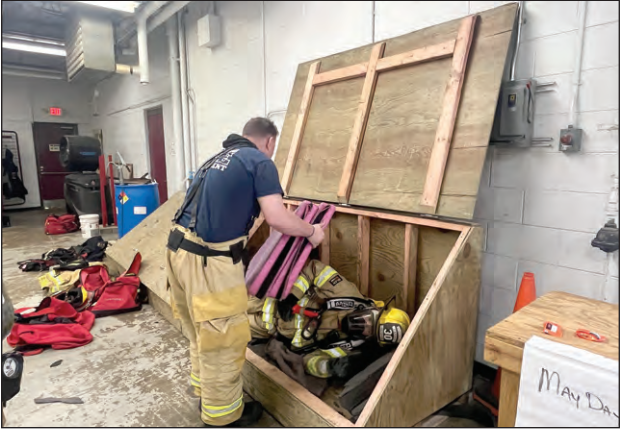
spaces where the floor suddenly drops out.

“This is a real thing,” Detroit Chief Carl Billings said. “I fell through two floors in my career.”

At another station, officers are safely trapped in a box with material piled on top of them, simulating being trapped under rubble. The goal of the drill is to physically get to their radio to call out a mayday.

“It’s quite the confidence builder,” Billings said of the RIT course. “They get used to their equipment and some of the physical challenges. This is all relative to what we do out in the field and it has happened to the guys that put this program together — real things like climbing out of the basement or going up into the rafters.”

The Pointe and Harper Woods departments hope to make the regional collaborative training their new annual standard, Ryan said.



Farms Fire Inspector Kris Desmadryl preps Farms Officer Brandon Coats for the “coffin box,” to simulate being trapped in rubble and with the goal of getting to his radio to call out a mayday.



Left, a firefighter wearing a blackout mask makes his way through the entanglement zone. Above, a firefighter climbs down from the rafters simulating kicking through drywall to climb.

Park man ID’d in Farms home invasion

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A 25-year-old Park man was arrested on home invasion charges last week, three days after Farms residents came home in the early morning

hours of Tuesday, May 26, to find him in one of their upstairs bedrooms.

Home surveillance footage later showed the suspect was on the property in the area of Grosse Pointe Boulevard and Hendrie Lane — first walking around the house

looking through doors and windows and then inside the home — from approximately 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., when he was discovered.

“The resident there asked him who he was and what he’s doing in the house and there was no response from the man that was in the house,” Farms Detective Keith Colombo said. “He just calmly got out of bed and walked out without rushing, no sense of urgency, and walked toward Grosse Pointe Boulevard and he was gone from there.”

Officers were unable to

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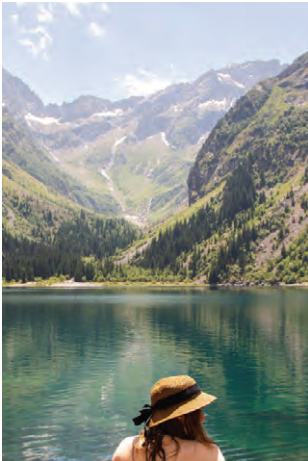
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Jamie Ding recounts his time on ‘Jeopardy!’

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

Jamie Ding has some advice for people who want to learn more trivia. Get it wrong.

Sounds odd coming from the contestant with the fifth-most wins ever on America’s favorite trivia show.

“If you get it wrong the first time, you’ll never forget the right answer when you learn it,” Ding told the Grosse Pointe News by phone from New Jersey, where he works as a program administrator for the state’s housing and mortgage finance agency.

He learned that lesson as a student at Ferry Elementary School.

“A teacher asked the class to find out what the dividing line between the North and South was during the Civil War,” he said. “I looked it up in my encyclopedia but got the answer wrong. I’ve remembered ever since it’s the Mason-Dixon Line.”

Ding’s “Jeopardy!” winning streak began with the episode that aired March 13, and ended with the April 27 show.



COURTESY PHOTO

“Jeopardy!” host Ken Jennings, left, and former Grosse Pointer Jamie Ding.

“It’s still a little surreal looking at the stats, because in the moment I didn’t realize what was happening.”

Aside from his 31 consecutive wins, Ding also:

- ◆ recorded the fifth-highest regular season earnings with \$882,605,

- ◆ tied the show record for most games with a category run at nine and

- ◆ tied host and all-time wins champion Ken Jennings for the most correct answers in a game at 45.

About that encyclopedia. Before Ding, a 2009 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, made his first appearance on the show, the Grosse Pointe Public School System posted about him on social media. One reply came from Nicole Straka Brumme, who taught physical education at

Ferry.

She recalled a time when Ding was in third grade and she asked him about his plans for the weekend. When he replied, “I’m going to read D,” she asked him what that meant and he explained “D” was the fourth book in his encyclopedia set.

During one show, Ding gave a nod to one of his North teachers, Ardis Herrold.

“We had a radio telescope on the roof of the school and every year she’d take us on a field trip to an observatory in West Virginia,” he said. “I loved that experience and we knew she really cared about us. I’m glad they left all that in (on the show) because it went kind of long.”

Another North connection is Ben Henri, a former teacher there who won the show’s Teachers Tournament in 2020 and made it to the quarterfinals in the Tournament of Champions the following year.

“I never had him as a

teacher because he taught choir and I was in orchestra,” Ding said. “But I did get to know him because he directed musicals and I was in ‘Thoroughly Modern Millie’ my senior year.”

Although Ding said he was nervous for his first show, two things put his mind at ease.

“First, it aired March 13, which is 313,” he laughed. “And one of the questions I got right was about Belle Isle, so that was a good omen. In my final show there was a clue about Sutton Foster, so it was kind of a full-circle moment.”

Foster, a two-time Tony winner raised in Michigan, is known for her work on Broadway, with one of the awards coming from her portrayal of the title character in “Thoroughly Modern Millie.”

There also was another Michigan connection on many of his appearances. Several times when writing his name on the podium, Ding would write the “M” in his name in the shape of a mitten.

“Some I didn’t draw so well, but I’m glad people noticed.”

Ding was born in Australia after his parents escaped communist China and moved to southeast Michigan when he was 6 years old.

“We first moved to Harper Woods,” he recalled. “I attended Poupard Elementary School in second grade for about a month, then got moved to the magnet program at Ferry.”

When he was in sixth grade, his family moved to Grosse Pointe Shores,

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Cruisin’ Through the Woods Family Fun Ride, all day at Ghesquiere Park.

MONDAY, JUNE 8

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Mayors Community Conversation, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Facilities Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon.
- ◆ Volunteer work day at Patterson Park, 9 a.m. to noon.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe North High School Jazz Band prepares to play during last year’s first Music on the Plaza.

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band to Music on the Plaza.

The two new bands in this year’s lineup are being sponsored by a grant from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, which additionally is sponsoring The Highballs to perform an extra concert at 7 p.m. Friday, July 24, as the kickoff to the annual sidewalk sale.

“We moved the sidewalk sale to Saturday and Sunday, but we have

to set the tents up Friday to accommodate the tent company and make sure everything’s in place and ready to go for the businesses to be able to get set up on Saturday morning,” Willcock said. “And people have said, ‘If the street’s closed, we need something,’ so (the CFSEM) was generous enough to sponsor another band for Friday night.”

Music on the Plaza 2026 also will incorporate children’s activities while parents enjoy the concerts.

— Laurel Kraus

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come up with a honey-do list of repairs.

“It has some prioritization and urgency assigned to it, which is good,” Bouton said. “I don’t think voting ‘no’ is going to be productive, but I wish I could.”

“Council member Caulfield used to beat the drum about, ‘We need a list,’” Hindelang said, referring to the commission’s former liaison, Councilman Tom Caulfield.

“(Caulfield) said we’ve got to have a list of what’s (in) the worst (condition) and (how) to deal with it,” Hindelang said. “That’s what this (plan) is.”

Haggart, former chairman of the marina subcommittee, explained his “no” vote.

“The marina is not included in this plan,” he said. “Why one of our major assets in the parks and recreation system is not part of our five-year plan doesn’t make sense.”

“The marina is identified as one of the assets and is under a separate improvement plan,” Hindelang said. “There’s a lengthy marina plan and process that’s been in place for several years.”

A portion of the plan explained the matter: “The marina ... is being studied as part of a different project. Recommended improvements would be funded by a specific funding source.”

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Turning grief into purpose

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Eighteen months after losing her husband, Michigan State Police Trooper Daniel Kerstetter, in the line of duty, longtime Grosse Pointe resident Katie Kerstetter is channeling unimaginable grief into something she hopes will create lasting good.

Kerstetter recently launched the Officer Daniel Kerstetter Foundation, an organization focused on strengthening relationships between law enforcement and the community while supporting the mental and physical wellness of officers.

Its first major event — the inaugural Blue Line Burn — takes place Saturday, June 13, at Martin Luther King Jr. High School’s football field in Detroit.

The event begins with check-in at 9 a.m., followed by a high-energy group workout at 10 a.m. designed to honor the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers while building strength, unity and community connection.

Participants of all fitness levels are encouraged to attend.

“We wanted to create something different,” Kerstetter said. “Everybody does a 5K. Danny loved working out and fitness was a huge part of how he handled stress and stayed mentally healthy. This felt like a meaningful way to honor him.”

As an MSP officer, Daniel Kerstetter was deeply committed to physical fitness and wellness, something his wife



COURTESY PHOTOS

Katie Kerstetter and her children, Auggie, Daniel and Taylor, at the Fallen Trooper Memorial 5K, which takes place every October.

said became increasingly important during the stress and demands of police work.

“Even after long shifts, he’d still go work out in the garage,” she said. “It wasn’t just about staying in shape. It helped his mental health, too.”

That idea — that supporting officers’ physical wellness also supports their emotional well-being — became one of the driving forces behind the foundation.

Before returning to Michigan, Kerstetter previously worked in philanthropy in Oklahoma City, where she ran the Wes Welker Foundation, founded by former NFL star Wes Welker. She said that experience gave her firsthand knowledge of

the work involved in building and sustaining a nonprofit organization.

Kerstetter said she hopes her organization eventually provides resources and support for officers coping with trauma, stress and mental health challenges, while also creating positive opportunities for engagement between law enforcement and young people.

“The goal is to build positive relationships between

law enforcement and the community,” she said. “We want to especially reach kids through sports, fitness and activities where real connections can happen naturally.”

Future plans include partnering with youth organizations, bringing officers into schools and community programs for workouts and mentorship opportunities.

Kerstetter hopes the Blue Line Burn becomes an annual tradition that grows throughout Michigan.

“My dream is for communities all over the state to eventually host their own Blue Line Burns,” she said.

While organizing the event has been emotionally difficult at times, she said creating something meaningful in her husband’s memory has helped give purpose to an incredibly painful season.

“There are days where



COURTESY PHOTOS

Daniel Kerstetter and his boys, Auggie on his left and Daniel to his right, hang out on the porch.

it feels overwhelming,” she admitted. “But I also feel like I have to do something good with this.”

The event is expected

to include members of the Michigan State Police, local officers and many of the Kerstetters’ friends and colleagues.

When she isn’t organizing events for the Officer Daniel Kerstetter Foundation, Kerstetter also has been advocating for legislation aimed at improving pensions and benefits for members of the MSEA (Michigan State Employee Association, which represents the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement division of Michigan State Police, Capitol Police, DNR officers and more). Following her husband’s death, she testified before the Senate Finance Committee in support of expanded retirement and health benefits. The legislation currently is held up in courts.

In addition to her advocacy work, Kerstetter owns Taylor Reese on The Hill, a boutique and beauty bar named after her oldest child. She, daughter Taylor and her two sons, Auggie and Daniel, live in the City of Grosse Pointe with their golden retriever, Bear.

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After running a red light on Mack at 7:45 p.m. Friday, May 22, a 41-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Intoxicated

A 45-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested for driving intoxicated at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, May 24, when she was stopped at Jefferson and Washington for speeding.

Disorderly

A 31-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested for being drunk and disorderly at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 24, after spending some time at a bar in The Village.

Incognito

A 22-year-old Detroit man was cited for a suspended driver's license at 3:05 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, after being stopped at Kercheval and Harvard for driving without headlights and having no license plate displayed.

Bad luck

A patient staying at a local hospital stashed his wallet — containing \$5,000 in cash and a \$5,000 winning lottery ticket — under his mattress. When he was trans-

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ferred to another room Monday, May 25, he discovered the wallet missing. An investigation is ongoing.

Swiped

A teen and man in his mid-20s stole a bartender's wallet from behind the bar of a restaurant in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 26.

The wallet contained a Discover card, which was used locally several times before being canceled.

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 Park

Handed over

Overnight Thursday, May 28, an unknown thief in the 700 block of Barrington took possession of a 2024 black Ford Mustang parked unlocked with the key fob inside.

Open sesame

The owner of a vehicle in the 1300 block of Nottingham reportedly told police it was locked

when someone entered it the evening of Thursday, May 28, and got away with credit cards.

“(The) officer did not observe any damage to the vehicle,” an investigator said.

Scooters stolen

Two scooters worth a combined \$600 were reported stolen between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 31, while parked on a front porch in the 1300 block of Somerset.

Taken were a black electric scooter plus a black push scooter with orange wheels.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Locked vs. unlocked

Several vehicles were targeted for larcenies Memorial Day weekend.

◆ A homeowner in the 400 block of Belanger has surveillance footage of a suspect approaching both vehicles at 4:18 a.m. Sunday, May 24, finding them locked and walking away. The suspect wore a

yellow hat, black puffy coat and blue jeans.

◆ Nothing was stolen from two vehicles rummaged through in the 400 block of Calvin overnight into Sunday, May 24.

◆ An unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Belanger was rummaged through with some coins stolen overnight into Sunday, May 24.

◆ Two pairs of sunglasses and \$10 in cash were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 400 block of Touraine at 4:30 a.m. Sunday, May 24.

The lesser evil

After being pulled over for speeding 44 mph in a 25 mph zone at Moross and Ridge at 9:48 p.m. Monday, May 25, a 35-year-old Detroit man admitted to consuming alcohol and added he was only driving because his passenger drank more.

The man was found to have 0.13 percent blood alcohol content, for which he was arrested.

Following the trail

Officers driving along Kercheval at 9:39 a.m. Thursday, May 28, smelled such a strong odor of marijuana, they were able to track it to a vehicle being driven by a

71-year-old St. Clair Shores man.

The man showed officers the joint he was smoking and said it doesn't affect him very much, but failed field sobriety tests.

He was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs.

Bank fraud

An 82-year-old Farms man is out \$3,000 after last week discovering nine \$500 fraudulent transactions from his Chase Bank account — three of which were reversed.

Stolen phone

A black iPhone 16 with a card holder containing a driver's license and school ID was stolen from the bleachers of a local high school football field when left unattended for roughly a half hour at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 29.

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

was stolen from a vehicle sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday, May 25, while it was parked behind a business in the 19200 block of Mack.

Shopping spree

An undetermined amount of laundry pods, paper towels, deodorant and bleach was stolen from a pharmacy in the 20400 block of Mack around 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 25.

The suspects filled a portable cooler, which they also stole, with the items and left the store without paying.

The suspects were described as a middle-age black male wearing a white shirt, black pants and Timberland boots and a middle-age black female wearing a gray coat. They fled in a white Chevy Impala.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

ID:

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catch him in the act due to delayed reporting.

Colombo said, “Had they called 911 right away, we would have had a really good chance of locating this person.

“... But when people are stressed out or, like in this instance, this has never happened to them before, people sometimes just don't know what to do.”

The arrest came through Thursday, when surveillance video from the homeowner's property resulted in successful identification of the Park man.

“I was able to send that to the Michigan State Police for facial recogni-

tion software they have,” Colombo said. “They were able to match the suspect's face in the video to a Michigan ID card that was issued to him by the State of Michigan Secretary of State.”

The man confessed to breaking into the Farms home, Colombo added, and mentioned he thought he may have known a person there he went to high school with.

“There's certainly some mental health issues, I think, that are related to why he entered the home,” the officer said, noting the only item taken from the home was a beverage out of the refrigerator. “In my opinion, he didn't intend to rob the family or to assault anybody or to cause any damage. I

think this is more of a mental health issue than really any other kind of intent.”

The man has a recent history in the Park of prowling on people's properties.

“I think it escalated from prowling and peering through windows to actually making entry into

somebody's home,” Colombo said. “At this point, he's being charged with home invasion of an occupied dwelling while somebody's home.”

The Farms Public Safety Department is reminding residents to secure doors, windows and access gates, especially overnight.

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OUR VIEW

ConGRADulations!

Our annual farewell letter to high school graduates from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School: Hundreds of you high school seniors have or are about to cross graduation stages, capping off four full years of juggling challenging coursework with extracurricular activities, the arts, athletics and a busy social schedule (and dealing with a pandemic, but we won't bog this letter down with that!).

Whether your future plans include college, trade school, military service, a gap year or adventures beyond the classroom, you earned something special in the form of your high school diploma. Throughout your academic journeys in Grosse Pointe, we hope you discovered the many great and unexpected things you are capable of accomplishing. Looking back at your whirlwind of a senior year shows us just how amazing you all are.

In September, you jumped right back in the grind, unsure if you could crank out a 10-page paper about a Middle English novel or Shakespearean poetry. But you learned you can make it happen once you focus, even if you burned your copy of "Beowulf" immediately after.

This is the same month you decided to go to homecoming after much denial and protest, because ultimately, you knew this was your last chance to go to the dance you all claim is "so boring" or "the worst."

You also faced the fact this is when your parents take 1,003 photos beforehand and post all of them on Facebook. Every. Single. One. To think you had nearly recovered from the "Last First Day" porch photo humiliation — again at the hands of your parents — on the first day of senior year. By about mid-October, you were running on college application fumes.

You didn't think you had enough gas in the tank to finish the slide deck for your art portfolio, or write yet another personal essay about "naming an obstacle you overcame that was fundamental to your success." But you did it. And you got your parents off your back about applying to their alma mater in the process.

By November, your fall sports were ending and winter tryouts were in full effect. You kept practicing violin or for your upcoming solo. You found yourself counting the days until Thanksgiving break. But as soon as you finished the Turkey Day leftovers, it felt like you were right back at school, volunteering for a holiday food drive or winter coat donation drive, Christmas caroling with the choir or getting a last-minute gift for your favorite teacher or Secret Santa.

You and some of your classmates also started to receive college decisions this month. And so the drama begins. Now it's January and you're back at it, realizing you are approaching your final semester of high school. But first you have to get through exams. You momentarily wish you could somehow get out of taking them, but you keep studying, knowing the importance of keeping up your grades. This has become increasingly true, thanks to colleges dragging out the release dates for their admissions decisions. You wonder when the torture will end.

By the end of the month, many classmates have heard from both University of Michigan and Michigan State — two of the most popular colleges among your classmates. Some are happy, while others are devastated. Some wait in college decision purgatory, aka postponement or deferral.

By February, you are plugging away until mid-winter break arrives. A ski trip or lying somewhere in the sun sounds a million times better than sitting



COURTESY PHOTO

Pure Grosse Pointe

On Wednesday, May 27, the Parcels Middle School band and orchestra, featuring students in fifth through eighth grade, held their spring concert. When it was time for the sixth-grade band to play the theme to "Jurassic Park," conductor Tom Torrento dressed cheekily for the occasion — wearing a T-rex costume. The students and the audience loved it. "You have to have fun, right?" Torrento said.

in an AP chem lab or history lecture on World War I, but you persevere. By March you get a kick out of the frenzy Massachusetts Institute of Technology creates among the country's high schools by letting prospective students know March 14 if they were lucky enough to get in. At this point in your academic career, you are savvy enough to know MIT's decisions are released March 14, because it is Pi Day. You're also savvy enough to know that pi aren't round; pi are square(d), but that's a different dad joke altogether.

Soon, spring break comes and goes with great success, except for the sunburn. Decision Day has everyone excited about their futures in college or trade school or whatever the next chapter may be for your classmates. Congratulatory graduation signs from North, South or Liggett start appearing on lawns from the Park through the Shores. AP exams start, awards nights pop up, scholarships are awarded and promposals are in full effect. Somehow you can't believe you only have a few days left of classes.

Finals hit. You think to yourself, "Wasn't I just in kindergarten?" as you finish your last exam. It feels like yesterday you wore full Lilly Pulitzer or the GP uniform (khakis and a blue blazer) for eighth-grade graduation. You catch your mom tearing up when you walk inside the house after picking up your cap and gown. You practice for graduation. You officially cross the stage a few hours later, take even more pictures with your family and head to your all-night party with your classmates. High school is officially over.

We do need to make you aware of the fact that if your time here felt fast to you, it felt even faster to your parents. Trust us. Our wish for you as you set off for college is that you hit the ground running when you arrive at your next destination. Be courageous and take that senior year swagger along with you as a college freshman or rookie in your next chapter. But do so knowing the place that gave you your wings also provided your strong roots. Take these wings and learn to fly. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951
75 years ago this week

NEW MONTEITH SCHOOL TO SERVE FAST-GROWING SECTION: There will be no vacation at this building in Cook Road during the summer months. Workmen will be busy trying to get it finished to receive its first pupils when the fall term begins in September. School officials now predict that at least 10 rooms and possibly 15 of the 30 in the \$1,300,000 structure will be ready for the opening bell.

TAU BETA CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: The Golden Girls of the moment would be members of Tau Beta Society (juniors) and Tau Beta Association (seniors) who are preparing something on the colossal order to mark the organization's fiftieth anniversary this June 15. But Tau Beta, which started as a little girls'

secret society, came of age long ago as one of the distinguished groups in this city doing a magnificent job in settlement work.

1976
50 years ago this week

YSD OFFICERS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER CERTAIN PRANKS AT HIGH SCHOOLS: What are commonly known as "senior pranks," although the commission of such activities isn't limited to seniors, are in full force at both South and North high schools. While some are reasonably harmless and in the spirit of good fun, others have proven dangerous and have caused concern to officers of the Youth Service Division. The activities have ranged from such a dangerous exercise as having two motorcyclists race through a South hallway to such light-hearted actions as a water-balloon fight on South's front lawn or the release of around

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Finding the right words



One of my closest friends is a first-generation American. Her father emigrated from Egypt, so naturally she's bilingual, able to fluently speak both English and Arabic. There have been times, particularly when the talks get very deep over coffee or late-night calls, that she's paused and said she can't accurately express her thoughts or sentiment in English. This is not for lack of fluency, but rather exemplary of how language shapes thoughts and influences the way we express ourselves. English is a pretty cool hodgepodge language in its own right — though boy, do I feel sorry for those learning it as a second language, who are meant to tell the difference between close and close or lead and lead or flower and flour — but it certainly is not all-encompassing.

In English we have one word for love. Sure, there are context clues such as, "I'm in love with you," having a very specific and romantic connotation. But we use the same word to express, "I love mint chocolate chip ice cream," as we do to say, "I love my grandmother who raised me." There are at least six words for love in the Greek language: ◆ agape — an unconditional, highest form of love, most associated with God's love for us in the New Testament, which was originally written in Greek; ◆ eros — romantic love; ◆ philia — the love found within deep friendship; ◆ storge — familial love; ◆ philautia — self-love, such as self-esteem and self-worth; ◆ and xenia — hospitable love shown to travelers and guests. For the poet at heart, Japanese has many words to represent creative, whimsical and emotional phrases and concepts. Komorebi describes the beauty of sunlight filtering through the leaves and branches of trees. Tsundoku is the joy

found in buying books and letting them pile up without ever actually reading them. I indulged greatly in tsundoku earlier this year when setting off on a flexible goal to read 26 books in 2026. Betsubara, which translates literally to "separate stomach," is a witty term for how space suddenly appears for dessert after you're full from a big meal. Otsukaresama translates to, "You are tired," but is used to positively acknowledge someone who has worked hard. How fun it would be to walk up to a coworker after a big deadline and acknowledge "You are tired," with a smile. Kintsugi is the art of mending broken things with gold, exemplary of turning scars into beauty. There actually are kintsugi kits you can order that teach the user how to smash a piece of pottery and then glue it back together using gold powder along the cracks. Ikigai is the concept of a reason for being or a reason to get up in the morning. My ikigai is a good cup of black coffee, phone calls with my sister on the way to work and walking daily in God's agape love.

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10 chickens in a North hallway. CITY OKAYS PLANNING ARM: The Grosse Pointe City Council has joined the other four Pointes in authorizing a formal planning arm to its political body to cope with the problems of crowding and age that beset the community. The seven-member City Planning Commission was officially constituted on June 1, but was authorized by voters on a Nov. 4, 1975, special ballot. ROSE TERRACE AUCTION SLATED: Large emeralds, a profusion of diamonds, a great pearl and other noteworthy gems will be among the more than half a million dollars in jewelry to be sold at the Rose Terrace auction June 5, according to Stalker and Boos, Inc., auctioneers. Artifacts from the mansion itself also will be sold. Called

a "walk-through auction," bidders will be allowed to buy the actual paneling, marble, floor tiles, glass, draperies, door knobs, chandeliers, elevators and doors that make up Rose Terrace.

2001 25 years ago this week STATE, S & P RELEASE SCHOOL RATINGS: The public can now find out how its schools are performing and whether it is getting what they pay for. Standard & Poor's, the Wall Street bond rating company, unveiled its School Evaluation Services reports on Michigan public school districts May 25. Michigan is the first state in the United States to have SES data published. 2000 CENSUS SHOWS HEALTHY POINTE HOUSING MARKET: The 2000 Census may have confirmed the Grosse Pointes' two-decade

decline in population, but housing figures were mixed. Minimal changes in the number of dwellings didn't surprise local real estate experts who recognize the Pointes are landlocked and near the saturation point.

2016 10 years ago this week SCHOOL DISTRICT EARNS HIGH MARKS: The Grosse Pointe Public School System received its report card from Niche, a ranking and review online site. While it didn't get all A's, the school district came close, earning an A+ in academics, educational outcomes, teachers, administration and policies, extracurricular activities and sports and fitness. Resources and facilities got an A while food received an A-. The district notched its lowest grades of B- each in health and safety and student culture and diversity.

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Four-day week starts now

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city’s top administrator knew one week in to last year’s trial run of modified summertime city hall hours that they’d be reinstated this year.

“It gives employees a lot of flexibility, but the biggest benefit is for our residents,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. As a result, amended hours of city hall operations are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from June 5 through Aug. 28. Hours

during the rest of the year are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. five days per week minus holidays. The building is closed Fridays, except for the public safety department, which never closes. “If there are any issues that happen on a Friday, public works still is operating,” Sizeland said. “So is parks and recreation. Bill payments can be made online.” He said rescheduling summer operations to a four-day, 10-hours-per-day week appeals to the staff and public. “It’s a good retention

tool and attraction for future employees to come to Grosse Pointe Park,” Sizeland said. Extending hours into early mornings and late afternoons makes it easier for working residents and contractors to conduct city business, he said. “A lot of residents are working,” Sizeland said, “It’s difficult for them to get to city hall for business when we close at 4:30 p.m. So, now we’re providing them an additional hour. For contractors, especially builders, having us open at 7:30

a.m. instead of 8 a.m. gives them an extra half hour to file permits for work.” A city hall drop box on a traffic island in the municipal parking lot remains open as usual. Sizeland said that during last year’s trial period, employees adapted quickly to arriving at work earlier and staying late. “After the first week, our employees got into the swing of it and started to perk up,” he said. “After the second week, we started to see traffic of people coming in earlier and later utilizing it. We haven’t really had any objections.”

DING:

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where his parents still live. His father, Yuchuan Ding, is a professor of neurosurgery at Wayne State University. His mother, Ning Yan, is a retired math teacher. His sister, Jessie, an attorney, recently moved to Washington, D.C. Ding attended Princeton University after high school, graduating in 2013 with a degree in molecular biology. “I was pre-med, but I realized that wasn’t for me,” he said. He’s now in law school at Seton Hall University. Fitting, since he and his sister run the Instagram account @attorneygeneraltsos where they review various General Tso’s chicken dishes. “I don’t really have a specific area of practice I want to go into,” Ding said. “It’s more for achieving policy goals in building more affordable housing.” Ding said it was difficult balancing work and school with three different trips to California for taping. “I used my paid time off at work and my supervisor was really nice about it,” he said. “I did have to drop one class at law school, however, because for some classes the American Bar Association requires you to attend every session in person.” The class ended up helping him get a clue correct. “The category was words with an ‘X’ in them and the answer was ‘The Guide for the Perplexed’ by

Maimonides,” he recalled. “We had read a passage from the book for class. It was cool and weird at the same time.” Ding was in California the second and last weeks of February and the second week of March. “They tape five shows a day, so I was only in the studio a total of eight days,” he said. “It was quite a last week because I lost on Monday and my first episode was that Friday.” Contestants have to sign a waiver promising not to discuss their performance until after their final episode airs. “They don’t pay you until after your shows are done, so I guess that’s one way to keep people quiet,” Ding laughed. “The audience doesn’t have to sign anything though; it’s on the honor system. It makes me glad to know there are people who can be trusted.” Ding said he also was happy for all the support around the Pointes. “I had friends from high school telling me they were having watch parties every night I was on,” he said. “It was an amazing time and I’m grateful for the support.” Although he hasn’t been back to Michigan yet this year, Ding said he does come back for the holidays and tries to get back a few other times as well. Next up is the Tournament of Champions this fall, although Ding hasn’t heard when taping will begin. “I’ll be happy to be back,” he said. “It’s a fun game.”

— Brad Lindberg

Sail club breaks winter fast

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Grosse Pointe Sail Club’s annual pancake breakfast and blessing of the fleet at Windmill Pointe Park launched summer activities on Memorial Day. “I estimate 150 people attended,” Commodore Ben Wixson said of the breakfast.

The meal was, as always, free and open to all Park residents. “The club is amazing,” member Michele Kaseta said. “Besides sailing, there are many social events all year round.” The Grosse Pointe Sail Club is a paper club headquartered in the minds and spirits of wind-and-wave enthusiasts based at Windmill. There is no office or clubhouse; just a footlocker on the property containing signal flags and a starting cannon for weekly sailboat races on Lake St. Clair. Although there are various courses chosen based on wind conditions, all begin and end within arm’s length of a made-to-order viewing from the main pier. Remaining races this year in the Tuesday Night Sundown Series are



COURTESY PHOTOS

Tom Fraser, a past club commodore and 26-time competitor in the Bayview Mackinac Race, rectified his regretful sale of his well-known C.F. Pickle, a 22-foot green-hulled 1964 Pearson Ensign, by buying another one and naming it plain old Pickle.

7 p.m. June 9, 16, 23 and 30; Aug. 11, 18 and 25; and Sept. 1, 8, 15 and 22. Action is busiest at the beginning. Boats in eight separate classes jockey in the starting area off the pier to cross the line first

and lead the way. Winners sometimes finish within an hour if there’s enough wind for skippers to make sail with main, jib and spinnaker. There’s usually a party afterward on the Tompkins Center patio. “It is a very family-oriented club,” Kaseta said. “I have met many new friends.” “With members from across the United States, GPSC is proud to offer membership opportunities to all sailing and boating enthusiasts, whether or not you own a boat or live in the Grosse Pointes,” according to the membership section of the club website, gpsc.org. Membership costs a \$100 initiation fee and \$160 annual dues. For spouses of members, the initiation fee is eliminated and annual dues cut in half. “From spirited races and family-friendly social events to weekend getaways and regional club privileges, life at GPSC is full of ways to connect, explore and enjoy the boating lifestyle — on your own terms,” according to the site. About a dozen sailors founded the club in 1948, under one of Windmill’s now-gone elm or oak trees.

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Kerby student wins national art prize

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Juliette Martinage, a second-grade student at Kerby Elementary School, has been named an “Artist of the Week” in a nationwide voting competition on Artsonia.com, the world’s largest collection of online student art portfolios.

Martinage’s winning artwork, a painting of a dolphin inspired by Australian Aboriginal art, captured the attention of voters nationwide.

“We learned about the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and we got to pick an animal that we liked,” Martinage said in a press release from Artsonia. “We used sticks and paint to make dots. It took a long time, but I liked it.”

Martinage said she was “very excited” about the award.

Erin Maday, Martinage’s art teacher, is one of thousands of teachers who use Artsonia, which enables teachers to digitally showcase student art, organize and plan art lessons and fundraise for their classrooms. Artsonia allows family and friends of student artists to view the art online and create custom keepsakes from the student art.

“I’m passionate about helping students understand that expressing their creativity is what matters most and that art isn’t about perfection,” Maday said. “There’s so much value in enjoying the process, embracing mistakes and problem-solving along the way.”

“I am truly fortunate to teach in a wonderful community that whole-

heartedly supports the arts,” Maday added. “Incorporating Artsonia has made a significant positive impact on our school community, giving parents and families a window into the vibrant work happening in our art room.”

The Artist of the Week program was created by Artsonia 25 years ago to highlight student creativity and engage schools and communities in celebrating young artists. Each week, 12 student submissions are randomly selected from artwork submitted the previous week in four different age groups (PreK to 3, 4 to 6, 7 to 9, 10 to 12) for public voting.

Blick Art Materials provides a \$100 gift certificate to the winning student’s art program and a \$50 gift certificate to the student.



COURTESY PHOTO

Teacher Erin Maday and Kerby Elementary School second grader Juliette Martinage with her award-winning work of art.

APPEAL:

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2026, to Colleen Worden or the GPPSS Board of Education, regarding Superintendent Andrea Tuttle and all subsequent emails, including attachments, that reference those memos.”

The request originally was denied April 17, with the appeal filed May 11.

The impetus for the request were comments made March 23 during two board meetings.

The first was intended to be a closed session to discuss parameters of the board’s contract with Deputy Superintendent Roy Bishop, who is slated to become superintendent effective Sept. 1, following Tuttle’s retirement.

The call for the closed session followed a March 11 meeting when the board voted 7-0 to hire Bishop after Trustee Sean Cotton put forth an amendment to the resolution to hold said closed session.

At the planned closed session March 23, Cotton moved to have the discussion about the contract in open session. He and Trustee Ginny Jeup voted in favor. Derringer, Worden, Treasurer Tim Klepp and Trustee Laura

Hull voted no with St. John absent.

It was the same 4-2 vote split, only in reverse, to go into closed session. They couldn’t, however, because a closed session in certain circumstances requires a two-thirds majority, or five votes, under Michigan law.

“I would vote to go into closed session if Mr. Gierak leaves,” Cotton said.

Later that evening, during the board’s regular meeting, Worden questioned Cotton as to his objection to the closed session when he was the one who requested it.

“I did want to go into closed session, but then we had a contract given to us that I believe did not cover everything,” he replied. “I have serious concerns going forward with Mr. John Gierak who I believe you had target Dr. Tuttle with a memorandum.”

Rick Muzingo, counsel for the Grosse Pointe News, told the board via email ahead of last week’s appeal hearing, “The district’s denial of this request on the basis of attorney-client privilege is legally untenable. Michigan law is clear that attorney-client privilege is waived once a purportedly privileged communication is volun-

tarily disclosed to a third party.

“Here, any privilege that may once have attached to the memorandum was waived the moment it was disclosed to Dr. Tuttle,” he continued. “The memorandum was not shared with Dr. Tuttle for the purpose of providing her legal advice. Rather, as Mr. Cotton publicly stated during the March 23 meeting, the memorandum concerned — or ‘targeted’ — Dr. Tuttle and was shared directly with her.”

Worden pointed out during the committee meeting the memo said it should be shared with Tuttle and placed in her personnel file along with her rebuttal.

The memo, written by Gierak and dated June 10, 2025, stems from a complaint Tuttle filed May 30, 2025, in which she alleged “defamatory allegation and board conduct” toward her.

She specifically referenced two things, including a board meeting May 27, 2025, and a training session the board held with the Michigan Association of School Boards March 18, 2025.

Regarding the May 2025 board meeting, Tuttle’s complaint said she thought comments

by Derringer implied she withheld information about the district’s food service contract in 2024 in an attempt to influence that November’s school board election.

She also said the MASB training constituted an “improper and informal evaluation” of her performance. At one point, the MASB representative asked board members to evaluate the working relationship between the board and Tuttle on a scale of one to 10, to which Derringer replied, “I would say three or four.”

Gierak concluded he disagreed with both of Tuttle’s assertions and wrote that her complaint “would justify disciplinary action” against her, although he did not recommend it.

In a June 10, 2025, email from Worden to Tuttle and the board, she wrote she agreed with Gierak’s findings and recommendations and

suggested the memo, her email and Tuttle’s response be placed in Tuttle’s personnel file.

“I believe that it is in the best interest of the district and our working relationship to consider this matter closed with these actions and I propose your formal complaint and the response thereto end with these actions.”

In her response the same day, Tuttle emailed Worden saying she was “deeply concerned by the

tone and substance” of the memo.

“As you know, Michigan law protects public employees from retaliation when they report concerns related to legal or policy violations, even if those concerns later prove unfounded.”

Tuttle also said placing either her complaint or the memo in her personnel file “would constitute punitive record keeping and could reasonably be perceived as retaliatory.”

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By Christopher Scipione, M.D., FACS



Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital recently earned a full three-year reverification as a Level III trauma center from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma—an achievement that underscores the exceptional care available close to home. Reviewers noted that “this trauma service continues to function at a very high level... one to be used as an example for all other Level III trauma centers.”

As a Level III trauma facility, Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital provides around-the-clock emergency, surgical, and intensive care services in the heart of Grosse Pointe. The hospital treats patients with injuries such as hip fractures, head injuries, rib fractures, and other internal injuries, allowing them to receive expert care without having to travel far from family, friends, and the community they know.

Established in 2013, the trauma program has steadily expanded in both size and scope. During the most recent review period, the hospital cared for more than 400 trauma patients annually. Today, the team includes four trauma surgeons, two surgeons certified in critical care, and nine Advanced Practice Providers, ensuring timely, high-quality care 24/7.

The hospital has also earned a strong reputation in geriatric trauma care. Injuries in older adults often require a multidisciplinary approach, involving internal medicine physicians, orthopedic surgeons, surgical specialists, and physical and occupational therapists. At the same time, patients benefit from the hospital’s connection to the broader Corewell Health regional trauma network, which provides access to advanced resources when highly specialized care is needed.

The value of having this level of trauma care within a community hospital cannot be overstated. Many of the providers at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital are members of the local community, offering compassionate, patient-centered care alongside the advanced expertise and technology patients expect from a leading health system.

Dr. Scipione is a Board-Certified general surgeon specializing in general and trauma surgery and serves as the Trauma Medical Director at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital, with his partners, Drs. Dustin Baker, Ryan Soheim, and Krikor Arman. He and his team are currently accepting new patients and can be reached at (313) 473-4690.



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Music makes magic happen at memory cafe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Eldonna May is reaching residents of the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility through music, thanks to the formation of the Macomb Musical Arts Collective and a grant.

An experienced grant writer, May recently secured a 12-month business grant to bring the Inspired by Music Memory Cafe — a dementia-friendly concert experience designed to foster joy and connection through live music — to residents of the center, which offers assisted living, as well as dementia and Alzheimer’s care to 217 residents.

“Music is the last area in the brain to be affected by dementia and Alzheimer’s,” May said. Though patients may have difficulty remembering family members, “music has the amazing ability to remain with people in terms of cognitive function. That’s what makes it a wonderful application in terms of therapy. We’re turning on the light for folks.”

Memory cafes have been around a while, May explained, though using live music to reach audiences is a newer concept. Early memory cafes supplied music via Walkman and headphones. Patients would listen to a playlist while clinicians waited to see what songs triggered memories and function.

Through the Inspired by Music Memory Cafe, May and her MMAC counterparts visit the Martha T. Berry center once a week to perform live music for groups of 55 or more, including residents and their care partners.

During the afternoon program, which includes refreshments, residents are entertained by bassist Ralphe Armstrong, keyboardist Cliff Monear, drummer Steve Badalament and guitarist/violinist Michele Ramo.

Occasionally, Bill Meyer and Evan Perri fill in on keyboards and guitar, respectively.

“I have an amazing group of musicians,” May said. “They’re all internationally known and they’re all amazing jazz players.”

The musicians, like May, underwent 12 weeks of training with Dementia Friendly America to prepare for the program. She secured the year-long gig at Martha T. Berry after her colleagues at Advancing Macomb suggested the center.

She met with CEO



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Above, from left, Ralphe Armstrong, Cliff Monear, Michele Ramo and Steve Badalament.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELA TESAR

Left, from left, Bill Meyer, Eldonna May, Armstrong, Ramo and Badalament.



Kevin Evans, as well as Salvator D’Angelo, director of admissions and community liaison, and Stephanie Hazel, its resident restorative and recreation manager.

The program launched April 2. The purpose of each session is to combat social isolation and reduce the stigma associated with dementia, creating moments of joy and meaningful connection through music.

“We’re interactive with the residents in terms of what we do musically,” May said. “We get to go and have fun with these people. It’s an uplifting experience. It truly is a labor of love for all concerned.”

“... As an educator, I know if I’m going to truly engage my students, I need to meet them where they are and bring them along,” she continued. “These are not concerts. It has to be interactive; it has to be engaging. We can’t come in and play what we like. We have to focus on the residents. The guys have a good time interacting with the audience.”

Each of the musicians, she added, has someone in their circle who is walking or has walked the same path.

“This is not just another gig; it’s personal.”

It has become personal

for residents and care partners as well, May said, adding that when the MMAC ensemble walks through the door each week, residents get excited.

“The transformation we’ve already seen is amazing,” she said. “... This was why MMAC was formed, to meet this need.”

The memory cafe has been so well-received that a 30-minute documentary about the program has been green-lighted.

“Martha T. Berry is reaching out to LochBridge Media, who is producing it,” said May, adding that she is writing the script and residents are being selected to appear in the film.

The documentary will focus on MMAC’s Inspired by Music Memory Cafe, hosted by the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility, as well as Advancing Macomb’s role as MMAC’s fiscal sponsor that brought the ensemble and facility together.

“Additionally, there will be a 22-minute edition of the documentary that will include sponsorship cameos,” May said, noting people may sponsor the project by contacting the MMAC at (313) 301-1114.

“This is so vitally important not just to the Martha T. Berry center, but to those affected by dementia and Alzheimer’s and their care partners,” she said. “We’ll be filming memory cafe sessions, interviews with the boys in the band, residents and Martha T. Berry folks. I am so over the moon.”

She said an October release is possible.

In the meantime, May is focused on the weekly sessions, which will last at least a year, though she hopes it continues longer.

“Together and individually we have this gift of music,” she said. “Once a week, I wish it could be more, we’re privileged to come together and share what we do with these people who love and appreciate it.”

“Music is designed to engage with this particular demographic we’re working with,” she added. “... It’s about advocacy. Everyone needs an advocate somewhere along their life’s journey. In this country

we tend to warehouse our elderly population. They’re forgotten. We talk about it in the news with women, once they hit 55, the way they are viewed by society changes. You become invisible. The older you get, the more invisible you become.

“There are amazing people living in these facilities ... and while some families are good (about visiting), some don’t have families. They’re forgotten. We’re the superpower on this planet; we should be able to do better. While this is a very small thing we’re doing, it’s something.”

MMAC is open to other memory cafe opportunities.

“We’re also looking for sponsorships to keep going,” May added. “We could always use more funding.”

To get a taste of what MMAC has to offer, the ensemble will take the stage with Tee Turner for Advancing Macomb’s Summer Soiree at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at Gino’s Surf, 37400

Jefferson, Harrison Township.

It also will perform during the Martha T. Berry classic car show Sunday, July 26, as well as its annual awards dinner Thursday, Oct. 15.

The MMAC website currently is under construction, but soon will be available at mmartscollective.org.

“Music has the power to unite, heal and inspire our community,” May said. “The Macomb Musical Arts Collective dedicates itself to keeping local music vibrant, accessible and thriving for everyone, especially the vulnerable and marginalized among us. We cannot do this alone and people’s unique talents, financial support or time can make a massive difference. Together, we can ensure that music remains a foundational pillar of our community.”

Those who would like to know more about the MMAC’s programs, volunteer or sponsor a session may contact the MMAC office at (313) 301-1114.



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The Macomb Musical Arts Collective performs for residents of the Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility.

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Park Farmers Market embarks on third season

More vendors, more weekends in store

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market is opening early this year, inviting families to the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe from 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday, June 6, for opening day.

“We are entering our third season,” said Justine Schneider, a Park resident and vice president and co-founder of the market, at a recent Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting. “We are very, very excited. We have been operating at the corner of Lakepointe and Kercheval in the city lot under a two-year lease.

“We love that location,” she added. “We love the walkability and have seen a lot of people come and spend a lot of time there because of the proximity of a lot of the businesses.”

The market has steadily grown since its return to the Park in 2024. It has molded and shaped its operations based on community feedback.

“Our first year was proof of concept,” board member Orchid Bertelsen said. “We wanted to know, is there a demand? We heard a resounding yes. The second year, we were taking feedback from season one and implementing that into season two.”

Feedback included adding children’s programming and live music—both of which return this season on a larger scale. Food trucks also will return, including Tacos Hernandez, with its popular breakfast burritos and lunch tacos.

“We love being a part of small farmers markets,” Tacos Hernandez owner/chef Diana Gomez said. “We love the support of communities and feeling the neighborhood come together.”

Gomez said she’s looking forward to seeing her regulars who have been following the food truck around the city during the market’s offseason.

“We are also excited to introduce our packaged chips and salsa to-go and enjoy throughout the week,” she added.

The food truck is one of nearly 30 vendors committed to this year’s market.

“We’ll have anchor vendors, but also a variety of rotational vendors, so people keep coming back,” Bertelsen said.

One of the rotational vendors this year is Millie Lou’s Pretzel Co.

“We participated in most market days last season and it was such a fun experience,” said Steven Dothage of Millie Lou’s. “We will be at the majority of market days



this season as well. We’re local, so beyond just being a great market to sell at, it’s really fun seeing all the familiar faces, regular customers, friends and neighbors stopping by.

“The market is great for visibility and just getting more people to try our pretzels, especially since we don’t have our brick-and-mortar storefront up and running just yet.”

Millie Lou’s will offer pretzels in a variety of flavors and toppings, including cinnamon sugar, everything seasoning, za’atar and jalapeño cheddar, “but our classic salted pretzels are by far the most popular,” Dothage added.

“We’re looking forward to the opportunity to connect with so many people in the community that has been so supportive of us over the last year,” he continued, “and also working alongside all the other amazing small businesses at the market.”

Forty percent of this year’s vendors will offer produce, board member Alex Field said.

“A big part of our focus this season is continuing to build the market into a reliable place for fresh, local food as Michigan produce comes into season,” he added. “We’ve really tried to emphasize ‘grown, not just

sold,’ while also creating a market that feels warm, connected and rooted in the neighborhood.”

One such business rooted in community is Waterborn, developed three years ago by City of Grosse Pointe resident Gary Braddock. He’ll return to the market to sell microgreens and other produce.

“The market is a really good way for my business to reach customers,” he said. “Not social media, not Facebook, not even recommendations, but face-to-face demonstrations are the best way for people to sample and try different varieties. A lot of people haven’t tried microgreens.”

Waterborn’s focus is on living plants, including heirloom tomato plants and varieties of hot, spicy and sweet peppers, in addition to small herbs suitable for growing on kitchen windowsills.

“There are a lot of unique varieties that I offer,” Braddock said, adding he’s looking forward to the social atmosphere of the market. “It’s great to talk to people at a Saturday market.

“The Park Farmers



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A variety of fresh produce, flowers and other goods will be available Saturdays through Sept. 26, at the Park Farmers Market.

Market is a little different than going to Eastern Market or going to the Royal Oak Farmers Market,” he added. “This community, the people here, a lot of times you see friends. It’s small, so it’s not the scale of Eastern Market.”

Focusing on the local angle has been the aim of the market since the start. “The entire premise is for the community, by the community,” Bertelsen said. “That still informs everything we do.”

Added Field, “From the beginning we’ve said if you’re successful, we’re successful. ... We’re creating a unique and fun community space.

“It’s becoming a real neighborhood hub, which is what we want it to be,” he added, noting gratitude to the city, the business community and market sponsors for the ongoing support. “It’s bringing people to that stretch of Kercheval, to a space maybe they haven’t been to before.”

In addition to expanding its vendors, the market also expanded its duration this summer, running 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday through Sept. 26.

“Consistency is important to us,” Bertelsen said. “That’s why it’s every Saturday. ... It’s important to continue to show up, rain or shine, even if we know it’s going to be a quiet (Fourth of July) weekend.

“... You want it to be fun. You want people to feel it was time well-spent. When people set aside time to spend with us, it’s a huge vote of confidence.”

Its popularity may be why the majority of past sponsors are coming back

for more.

“Ninety percent of our sponsors are returning and we have a slate of new sponsors,” Bertelsen said. “Now that we have a few years under our belt, they’re seeing a return on this in business awareness and community support.”

Giving people what they want is important to the market board, which also has expanded. That’s why board members will man an information booth at the market, welcoming comments and critiques.

A Park Farmers Market merchandise booth also will return.

“People are so excited to support the market and buy merchandise,” Field said. “It’s a real part of how we sustain the market and fund it. We have fun with it, creating a brand that speaks to the energy of the community.”

Patrons who want to show support for the market also are invited to purchase a yard sign.

“There’s a suggested donation on our website,” Field said. “We’ll deliver it to you.”

For more information about the market, visit parkfarmersmarket.com or find it on Instagram @parkfarmersmarketgpp.

“The Park has changed a lot the last five years,” Bertelsen said. “To feel we made a meaningful contribution to that is amazing.”



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Seniors don’t need to go it alone — new friends are waiting

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

Thousands of recent retirees find themselves ready to start enjoying something new. Their newfound freedom can still be full of responsibilities — but light on sociable fun. Kids are busy, spouses may be off doing hobbies and former work friends are still working. Yet there is a solution to open a whole new chapter of life. Start a club!

It’s no secret that social interaction can benefit people from all walks of life as they navigate their golden years. Socializing gives a sense of purpose, stimulates the mind, relieves boredom, potentially prevents feelings of depression and provides something positive to look forward to.

If you’ve searched the church or community bulletins and nothing strikes your fancy, it’s still possible to find like-minded individuals who share your interests and would love to get together in a club. With the help of social media, it’s easier than ever to start one of your own.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Members of the St. Clair Shores Ladies’ Social Club, above, gathered in April at Waves restaurant in St. Clair Shores. The May event was at Fishbones on Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

Recently some St. Clair Shores ladies looking for adventure met up through a Facebook page called “Women of St. Clair Shores.” Ladies posted ideas for things to do, hoping to find camaraderie — and ended up with their own social club. The ladies meet monthly to explore local restaurants and plan to meet up regularly as a group and in one-offs to attend farmers markets, concerts, comedy shows and more.

“It seemed everyone was looking for the same thing — to make friends and have companions to experience local fun and entertainment — but no one was sure how to get it started. After choosing the first event date and venue and posting that on the Facebook page, we found a way to bring everyone together. And what a great group of ladies they are — we all found each other!” one organizer said.

The Women of St. Clair Shores social club already has about 45 members and is growing. It consists of all ages, so keep in mind that starting a club doesn’t mean you have to limit it to only seniors. Everyone benefits from mixing a rich variety of ages, interests and personalities.

If you’d like to start your own group around a hobby, pastime or interest, here are a few tips to get you off and running.

Decide on the purpose of the group

Social clubs can meet and be organized around any number of themes or interests. Social clubs can meet to discuss books, movies, gardening, art or other shared hobbies. Friends also may be interested in sampling food and beverages. In such instances, a luncheon or dinner social club makes perfect sense.

Turn to social media

The internet can be a speedy messenger and help kindred spirits easily figure out how to connect. While Facebook is one way to organize social clubs, so is the app Meetup.com. The latter is a large online network of offline and online groups that meet all over the country and the world. The app makes it a snap to organize a local group or find an existing club.

Check for competition

Conduct a search of groups already meeting within a 30-mile radius to see if an existing group already meets your criteria. If not, proceed full speed ahead as you establish your own club.

Establish consistent meeting times

Most people prefer a schedule so they can plan their days accordingly. Choose a regular meeting time and place to hold the social club; otherwise, it can be confusing to accommodate everyone. Inconsistency also can make it hard to get the club off the ground.

Start small and then build

For those new to hosting social clubs, it may be better to begin with only a few members as everyone gets into a groove. As the group becomes more established it can be opened up to more members, although it may be wise to cap membership so things are more easily managed.



Create a walking group

Many people prefer to walk with others to stay motivated, so a walking club can be ideal. Unlike walking alone, senior walking clubs offer built-in motivation, accountability and social connection, making it easier for older adults to stay consistent. Walks may take place indoors at malls or gyms — or outdoors.

A walking club offers physical benefits in addition to social ones. The National Institute of Health’s website at nia.nih.gov/health/exercise-and-physical-activity gives expert tips for safe, motivating and sustainable walking in your community.

Different mobility levels should be considered so participants don’t feel pressured. It’s more important that they feel supported and do not injure themselves.

Walking is free, it’s relatively risk-free and it doesn’t require costly equipment, a gym membership or training.

It’s actually the most popular aerobic activity of all.

Brisk walking is a great exercise that builds endurance. It can help older adults walk farther and faster in their daily lives so everyday activities like gardening, shopping or sports are made easier.

The goal is to achieve at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity walking most days of the week — and of course, making new friends!



- Here are some ideas to help you hone in on a club that will provide social fulfillment and make life more enjoyable:
- Dinner clubs
 - Wine lovers
 - Farmers markets/antiquing
 - Art fairs/galleries
 - Theater/musicals
 - Clubs/dancing
 - Music/concerts
 - In-home dinner parties
 - Sports
 - Dog walking
 - Boating
 - Pickleball
 - Exercise
 - Biking
 - Swim club
 - Cooking/baking
 - Gardening
 - Crafts
 - Knitting
 - Painting/art/photography
 - Musician jam sessions
 - Card games
 - Board games
 - Mahjong
 - Florals
 - Dog/cat appreciation or rescue
 - Video games
 - Computers
 - Jewelry making
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The options are wide open! If you have a hobby or interest, there are likely other people out there who share it and would love to get together to make life as a senior all it can be.



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Faith at the forefront of nonagenarian’s life

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, Joe Foerster’s faith has been integral to most every move he’s made.

“I’ve been involved in Lutheranism all my life,” said Foerster, 98, a Grosse Pointe Woods homeowner who last fall reluctantly relocated to StoryPoint Senior Living in Chesterfield Township. “I’m a lifelong member of Bethany Lutheran Church. A second-generation member; my mother was a lifelong member, too. ... We attended church every Sunday. I went to Bible class for 20 years. I went to parochial school at Bethany.”

Foerster graduated from Bethany Lutheran School in 1941, then from Detroit Southeastern High School in 1945. He chose to play sports for his church rather than his high school.

“I played basketball in the church league,” he said. “I have to say, I was halfway decent. I was active in (fast-pitch) softball, also in the church league. That was my pastime in the summer and winter — softball and basketball. And I squeezed in bowling and tennis.”

He also squeezed in earning his private pilot’s license as a young adult and was an active participant of the Walther League, a youth organization of the Lutheran Church.

He put his faith front and center again while



earning a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering in 1954, graduating from Valparaiso University, an independent Lutheran university. “I started at Wayne State, but I had friends at Valpo,” he said. “I wanted to be a civil engineer because I’ve always been connected to the outdoors. I figured working as a civil engineer I’d be outdoors a lot surveying and doing different activities.”

First, he spent two years in the U.S. Navy as a swimming instructor at Bainbridge Naval Training Center.

Once he entered the working world, Foerster held various sales engi-

neer/liason positions in the automotive parts supply industry. He also spent time as a structural engineer in Oakland County and as a truck body design engineer at Chrysler. When he retired in 1991, he was a sales account manager of the Chrysler Business Unit for Johnson Controls Inc.

“I was appointed to the Detroit Planning Commission by Mayor (Jerome) Cavanagh,” he said of his 1963 appointment. “I was a member about five years. I was very much involved in city of Detroit, all the development going on.”

One of those years, he served as president. He



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, Joe Foerster. Above, Foerster and his wife of more than 60 years, Marlene.

also served as a member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners in the mid-’60s.

Outside of work, Foerster stayed active, bowling in the City Lutheran Bowling League in Detroit for 30 years.

“I also played tennis,” he said. “I golfed, too, but not that well. I enjoy being with people. I was always involved with music, too.”

“... Sports and singing were not only spiritually fulfilling, but provided us with a lot of good friends,” he noted.

A longtime member of the Bethany choir, Foerster’s love for singing led him to another particularly important group.

“I was a charter member of the Lutheran Choralaires,” he said. “I have a 75-year connection with that chorus. It

was a social group. Not to brag, but we were pretty good. We had a lot of fans.”

One of them eventually became his wife.

“I was a longtime member of the Lutheran Choralaires and Marlene was with the Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church choir,” he said. “Gerry List directed the chorus and the choir. He was instrumental in getting us together. It was pretty much love at first sight.”

“He told her there was someone in the chorus he wanted her to meet,” Foerster continued. “During rehearsal, she looked over the chorus and she picked me as the one she wanted it to be.”

He and Marlene were married in 1962, and are still going strong.

The couple lived in the Woods nearly 50 years and were proud boat owners during that time.

“When I retired from

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The Foerstes in their Grosse Pointe Woods home.

Sunrise Senior Living hosts weekly lemonade stand to support Alzheimer’s Association

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

Sunrise Senior Living of Grosse Pointe Woods is inviting community members to take part in a month-long fundraising event to support the Alzheimer’s Association through the national “Do What You Love to End Alzheimer’s” campaign. From 1 to 2:30 p.m.

every Monday in June, residents, staff and families will host a lemonade stand at the senior community with all proceeds going directly toward Alzheimer’s care, support services and research.

The initiative of LemonAID for Alzheimer’s is part of a broader national campaign led by the

Alzheimer’s Association that encourages local communities to host small and meaningful fundraising events built around everyday activities. The events are designed not only to raise funds, but also to spark conversation and awareness around Alzheimer’s disease, which affects more than 6 million Americans and is one of the leading causes of death in the United States.

At Sunrise Senior Living communities nationwide, participation in Alzheimer’s fundraising efforts is a longstanding tradition. The Grosse Pointe Woods location previously has been recognized as a top fundraising Sunrise community in the country as a reflection of the repeated engagement of residents, families and staff.

This lemonade stand is a simple but meaningful way for residents to get involved, spend time together and contribute to a cause that directly impacts many families in senior living communities.

Sunrise Senior Living of Grosse Pointe Woods is located at 21260 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call (313) 343-0600.



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Excerpt from August 1944 publication.

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To Ralph Peterson, Secretary of the Company, whose mother died July 16. She was 83 years of age.

A birthday party for Rose Nantau, Department 83, was held at her home Saturday evening, July 15. Almost all members of the department attended.

Noting



OUR BOYS

Long before the Ferry-Morse Seed Co. became a household name, its empire was built on the sheer, relentless work ethic of a nineteen-year-old transplant. Arriving in Detroit in November 1852, Dexter Mason Ferry set out to carve a future in Detroit. He quickly found work at a bookstore on Jefferson Ave. sweeping floors, building fires, and eventually mastering bookkeeping. To maximize his time and efforts, Ferry slept right at the bookstore! His dedication paid off, opening the door to the small Monroe Ave. seed company that eventually became an industry giant.

PLANT LIFE

Published by FERRY-MORSE SEED CO., DETROIT and SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE, 1944

How “FERRY’S SEEDS” Got Started in Detroit

There are many ways to start a business. Some start with a capital investment, some start with a loan, some start with a partnership, some start with a family. But the most common way to start a business is to start with a dream. Dexter Mason Ferry, a nineteen-year-old transplant from New York, had a dream. He wanted to start a seed company in Detroit. He knew that there was a market for seeds in Detroit, but he didn’t know how to start. He decided to start with a small investment. He bought a few seeds from a local seed company and sold them at a profit. He then used the money to buy more seeds and sell them at a profit. He did this for a few years and then he decided to start a seed company of his own. He called it the Ferry-Morse Seed Company. He was the first to start a seed company in Detroit. He was the first to start a seed company in the United States. He was the first to start a seed company in the world.

Ferry-Morse Seed Publication, June 1944.



1939 seed packet



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Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Inky incident and internet jargon

I do not have a tattoo. I do not want a tattoo.

I had an interesting tattoo encounter, however, and it includes lots of LOL (Laughing Out Loud.) It was more than 10 years ago, when tattoos — and internet acronyms like LOL — were not as ubiquitous as they are today.

I was with five friends in an elevator on the 60th floor of a Marriott Hotel. I had invented an acronym for us: LOACAs (Ladies of a Certain Age.)

One LOACA pushed the button for the lobby. The doors rumbled shut and we hurtled downward. The elevator bumped to a stop on the 40th floor and a young man got on. He had visible tattoos on both arms and on the back of his neck. One of the tat-

toos on his neck was a bunch of capital letters — probably an acronym of some sort. He also had a shiny, glittery item embedded in a hole over his left eyebrow and an asymmetrical haircut. He smiled and gave us a friendly nod. “Good afternoon, ladies.”

We all faced forward. The doors closed and resumed hurtling downward. The boldest

LOACA cleared her throat and pointed to the tattoo on his arm. “Does that thing hurt?”

He turned around to face us. “Oh my God,” he said, eyes wide and unblinking. “It hurts like hell.” He scrunched his sleeve up a bit farther so we could appreciate the design. We all marveled. Clucked. Tsked. Sympathized.

“Do you want to see my latest one?” he said.

“Sure.”

Still facing us, he began to untie the drawstring in his sweatpants. “Don’t worry,” he said, holding up a hand, palm toward us. “I have running shorts underneath.”

The grey sweatpants slid down and settled on the floor around his ankles, revealing an elaborate scene that had recently been inked on his left thigh — some kind of scary character with fangs. It looked raw, red and painful and the whole upper part of his leg was tightly wrapped with something that resembled Saran Wrap.

We marveled. We clucked. We tsk-tsked. Sympathized. “It looks like it hurts a lot,” the bold LOACA said. We cringed and nodded agreements.

He bent over a bit more and began to explain some details about the design. We admired it as the elevator continued its journey. Finally, the elevator shuddered and settled at the lobby level. The doors slid open. A dozen people faced the elevator opening, waiting their turns to get on.

Their facial expressions? Priceless.

The young man was unruffled. He nodded cheerfully to the waiting crowd, smiled, pulled up his pants and calmly strolled off into the lobby. He waved to us: “Goodbye, ladies. Have a nice day.”

Each of us, each LOACA, could have been described at that moment with yet another acronym: ROFLMAO. (Google it.)

FAITH:

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working in 1991, I decided to get a boat,” he said. “A great part of my life was fishing.”

But an even greater part was living his Lutheran faith. At Bethany, Foerster served as congregational chairman, vice president, men’s club president, member of the 100th anniversary committee and chairman of its renovation subcommittee. He also served on the board of elders and board of trustees, as well as was involved in strategic planning for the parish.

Additionally, he was active in the Lutheran Center Association, serving as president of the board of directors and chairman of the bookstore committee. He was an active member of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League, as well as past president and program chairman of the Lutheran Luncheon Club.

Among his proudest accomplishments, Foerster was named Lutheran Layman of the Year in 1998, by the Lutheran Luncheon Club.

“It was an impressive group,” he said. “The members of the club

were all influential and successful laymen and businessmen. I always respected their friendship and opinions on a lot of different things. They were a great group of men.”

He proudly saved the program from the evening he was honored.

“I’ve been blessed with a great Christian family, a Christian education and other Lutheran laymen as role models,” he is quoted in the program. “They have been my inspiration. My aspiration is to follow in their footsteps.”

“... I’ve always been connected to the Lutheran Church,” he

added. “Pretty much all my friends are Lutheran. Being close to God, to Jesus, is very important in my life.”

As for his longevity, it’s no surprise this lifelong Lutheran credits the grace of God.

“Ninety-eight years is a

great lifetime,” he said. “I have to give praise to God for giving me the wherewithal to sustain all these years.”

Assumption’s Giant Garage Sale is June 12-13

Spring cleaning once again has brought great treasures to Assumption Cultural Center, which is holding its 16th annual Giant Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13.

Gently used merchandise for sale includes

children’s items such as clothing, toys and equipment, as well as adult clothing and accessories, sports equipment, home décor, furniture, gardening tools, bicycles, books and more.

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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.

Kathleen Lois Quigley

Kathleen “Kathi” Lois Quigley, 78, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

In the early 1970s, Kathi lived in Australia for two years. After leaving Australia, she spent another year traveling through Southeast Asia, Russia and Europe before settling in Grosse Pointe in 1975. She earned a Master of Social Work degree in 1977, and began her career with the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, serving as director of victim services. While there, she was among a small group of colleagues who helped draft the Victim Rights Statute, which later became part of the Michigan Constitution.

While working full time, she attended law school at night beginning at age 38. In 1989, she joined the Macomb County Prosecutor’s Office as an assistant prosecutor and dedicated the remainder of her career to public service before retiring in 2013.

She was deeply involved in Democratic politics. She served eight years on the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and participated in numerous political campaigns throughout her life.

Outside of her professional life, she was an avid University of Michigan football fan and a talented quilter. She valued lifelong learning, public service and strong personal relationships.

She is survived by her long-term partner, John McCann; John’s children, Meaghan McCann (James Leginza) of Plymouth and Sean McCann (Priscilla Lambert) of Kalamazoo; four step-grandchildren; and many dear friends whose lives she touched over the years.

Visitation begins at noon Saturday, June 13, before a 2 p.m. funeral service at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A sharing of memories and celebration of life will immediately follow at 3 p.m. at Kathi’s favorite neighborhood gathering place,

High Noon Saloon, 17339 E. Warren, Detroit. All who knew and loved Kathi are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Forgotten Harvest, 15000 W. Eight Mile, Oak Park, MI 48237, forgottenharvest.org/donate.

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Kenneth Charles Isherwood

Kenneth Charles Isherwood, 91, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at The Rivers Grosse Pointe.

Ken was born Feb. 16, 1935, in Providence, R.I., to Charles and Mabel Isherwood. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1958. He began working for the YMCA in 1957, and spent 37 years there. He started as a physical education director at the Westerly-Pawcatuck Family YMCA before accepting a position in 1965 as executive director of the Hannan Memorial YMCA. He was promoted to director of the larger YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit in 1968. By the time he retired Dec. 31, 1994, Ken was the senior vice president of financial development and risk management.

Ken was an active fundraiser for a number of organizations. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Detroit for more than 50 years and was named Rotarian of the Year in 2002. He was a member of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, or NSFRE, (now the Association of Fundraising Professionals) and won several awards, including the Award of Excellence in 2000 and the Outstanding Fund Raising Executive Award at a National Philanthropy Day dinner. Ken was president of the NSFRE from 1985-86 and an officer of the national board from 1988-91. He also was a founding member of the North American YMCA Development Organization in 1982,

and served as chairman from 1992-93.

Ken was a lifelong athlete. After he retired, he pursued sailing and competed several times in the Bayview Mackinac Race on his friend’s boat, The Revelry. He played on several golf leagues and golfed on some of the most beautiful courses around the world. He was a patron of the Masters Tournament since 2000. He attended many of the yearly tournaments, but also, in line with his generous character, often shared the highly coveted tickets with other golf-loving family members and friends.

Ken’s greatest athletic passion was running. He became an avid runner in 1974, and ran with the Belle Isle Runners. He completed 50 marathons between 1974 and 2000 — including the Boston Marathon, which he completed six times between 1975 and 1982 — and 67 half-marathons between 1979 and 2008. A 1981 “Fun and Games” column by Charlie Vincent on recreational sports profiled Ken and his running habits, which found that at Ken’s height, he was running between 2,500 and 3,000 miles each year.

Ken was a world traveler, especially after he retired. He traveled to six continents and 50 countries. His adventures included whitewater rafting, riding camels and visiting the pyramids in Egypt and going on a safari in Africa. His favorite vacation destination was Sanibel Island, Fla., where he spent two weeks each November for nearly 40 years.

Ken loved spending as much time as possible with his family, especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He made lifelong friends everywhere he went and in all areas of his life. Ken’s family would like to extend a special recognition to Bill Snyder and Dennis Brescoll, who were exceptionally devoted and constant companions to Ken until the end. The family also would like to thank the staff at The Rivers Grosse Pointe for the care they provided Ken.

Ken was predeceased

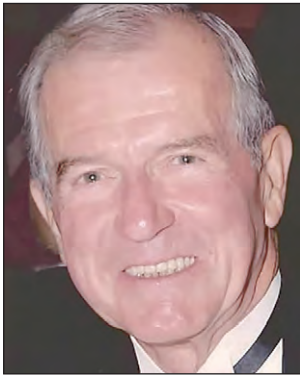


Kathleen Lois Quigley

by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Joan; children, Robert (Denise) and Gary (Christine); grandchildren, Sarah Holtz, Jillian Canko, Matthew Isherwood, Jenna Isherwood, Christopher Isherwood and Bradley Isherwood; great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Holtz, Arianna Holtz, Jackson Holtz, Andrew Holtz, Benjamin Canko, Victoria Canko and Amelia Canko; and brother, Donald.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. He will be interred at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, 1401 Broadway, Ste. 3A, Detroit, MI 48226, ymca.detroit.org/give.



Kenneth C. Isherwood

Bud was a man of integrity, warmth and enduring strength. He was beloved for his sense of humor and storytelling. He was married for 53 years to Patricia “Patsy” Newcomet and together they raised five wonderful children: Phair, Sara, Christian, Arthur Jr. “Sandy” and Timothy Hudson. After Patricia died, Bud married Pamela Dana and resided in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He spent his early career working at R.P. Scherer Corp., and later served as a trust officer for the National Bank of Detroit. Bud was an avid sailor, fly fisherman and traveler. He enjoyed exploring the world, often by cruise ship, with dear friends. His greatest joy was his family, whom he protected, guided and loved unconditionally. Bud was a longtime member of the Country Club of Detroit, Yondotega Club, Fontinalis Club and Mill Reef Club in Antigua. Bud graciously served on several community boards; the most endearing time to him was spent with Children’s Hospital of Michigan, with which he was involved for more than 40 years.

Bud is survived by his wife, Pamela Dana; sons, Arthur “Sandy” Hudson Jr. (Donielle) and Timothy Hudson (Jennifer); five grandchildren, Landon, Christian, Gwendolyn, Julia and Hunter; stepchildren, Timothy Dana (Sarah) and Christopher Dana (Maureen); as well as many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Bud attended The Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, Conn., and Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where he excelled as a hockey goalie and developed lifelong friendships. After graduation, Bud served in the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force, where he was recognized with distinction and achieved the rank of first lieutenant as a flight navigator, flying transport missions across the world.



Arthur Buhl Hudson



Nancy Dargel Reyntens

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Nancy Dargel Reyntens

Nancy Dargel Reyntens, 76, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025.

Nancy was born Sept. 5, 1949, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Alice and Robert Dargel Sr., both now deceased. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms with three siblings, the late Robert Jr. (Kathleen), Judy Lerchen (Bert) and Luanne Kolodziej (Michael).

Nancy is survived by her husband of 57 years, Richard. She was the loving mother of Christopher Reyntens (Lindsay) and Rebecca Reyntens Beausoleil; and dearest grandmother of Madison. She also leaves behind her brother-in-law, David Reyntens (Pam), many nieces and nephews, as well as good friends at Women Only Workout in St. Clair Shores.

Nancy enjoyed biking, long walks, gardening, reading, exercising and watching her favorite programs with her husband and her dog, Luigi.

Services will be held at a later date.

Donations in Nancy’s memory may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org/donate.

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Furniture Bank of Metro Detroit updates Optimist Club

Diane Charles, president and CEO of the Furniture Bank of Metro Detroit, visited the Lakeshore Optimist Club to provide an update of the services and mission of the nonprofit organization.

The Furniture Bank has been serving those in need more than six decades by providing local families with essential furniture and mattresses. Gently used and new home furnishings are provided to clients through referrals from a network of nonprofit community partners. Recipients are those who

are moving to new housing for various reasons, including young adults aging out of the foster care system, women and children escaping domestic abuse, individuals transitioning from shelters and halfway houses, persons recovering from illness, addiction, fires and floods, as well as veterans, seniors and new Americans.

The Furniture Bank completes its mission through donations of gently used furniture such as dining tables and chairs, mattresses and box springs (free of stains or rips), sofas and

living room chairs, as well as dinnerware, cookware, glasses, linens, lamps and small appliances. These items are picked up free of charge or, in some cases, for a nominal fee.

The Furniture Bank also receives tax-deductible financial gifts and volunteers help enhance the mission.

The organization recently changed its name to Furniture Bank of Metro Detroit from The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan, updated its logo and

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Anne Sherer Paddock

Anne Sherer Paddock, 89, passed away peacefully Thursday, May 7, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Anne was born May 15, 1936, in Detroit, to Joseph Stolp Sherer and Ann Gray Sherer. She was predeceased by her devoted husband, Benjamin Henry Paddock III, whom she married in 1958. They built a life centered on family, love and community.

She was the proud and dedicated mother of their four children, Benjamin Henry Paddock IV (Jennifer), Anthony Sherer Paddock (Darby), Matthew Gray Paddock (Kristen Sycamore) and Anne Paddock Rahm.

Anne attended Grosse Pointe University School, The Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Conn., Sweet Briar College in Amherst County, Va., and The Katharine Gibbs School in Providence, R.I. She then worked for IBM in New York City before moving back to Grosse Pointe.

As an active and engaged member of her community, she belonged to Tau Beta Association, the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Garden Club of Michigan and Grosse Pointe Garden Club. She was an accomplished bridge player; the game showcased her sharp intellect and love for strategy. Her deep appreciation for nature and beauty was evident in her accomplishments as a Master Gardener and her ability to create wonderful gardens that brought joy to those around her.

A gifted athlete, she often could be found on the golf course, tennis court or paddle court. She brought her competitive spirit and warm camaraderie to every game. Her adventurous soul truly shone in her love for fly fishing and shooting.



Anne Sherer Paddock

These passions took her to some of the most beautiful parts of the world.

For more than 40 years, Anne and Ben wintered in Gulf Stream, Fla., where they cherished time with their family and friends. They remained active in sports and other interests through memberships at the Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis Club and Gulf Stream Golf Club.

Anne will be remembered by all who knew her for her sophisticated nature, quick wit, playful spirit, dedication to family and lifelong friendships. In addition to her beloved children, she leaves behind 10 wonderful grandchildren, Mackenzie, Molly, Blair, Miles, Holden, Gray, Elaine, Avery, Robert “Buck” and Sally; as well as her great-granddaughter, Ella.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

MEMORIAL

Charles Edward Fine

Charles Edward Fine, 89, passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, in Dallas.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 13, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms.

His full obituary was published in the Sept. 18, 2025, Grosse Pointe News.

Hudson’s & Hudsons talk is June 13

The story of J.L. Hudson’s department store, a Detroit jewel for generations of shoppers, is still the stuff of legend. Before shopping malls — and before everything under the sun was available on Amazon — a trip to Hudson’s was one of the great wonders of the world.

The original Hudson’s on Woodward Avenue covered an entire city block encompassing 2.2 million square feet, 33 floors, 200 departments, 705 fitting rooms and 76 elevators. It boasted a toy department known to send children into paroxysms of joy.

The Ford Piquette Plant Museum will offer a deep dive into the history of this legendary downtown destination featuring a talk by Bruce Kopytek, author of “Hudson’s: Detroit’s World-Famous Department Store,” at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 13.

The presentation will explore Hudson’s from its inception in 1881, through the Piquette era and beyond, as well as touch on the memorable and performance-oriented Hudson automobiles and the Hudson Motor Car Co.

The event includes an afternoon of Detroit history and socializing, continental breakfast and an appearance by members of the Hudson Motor Club of Michigan with their classic automobiles. They will be on hand to answer questions about their vehicles and the automaker that operated in Detroit between 1910 to 1959.

Tickets are \$25, or \$15 for museum members. Tickets may be purchased online at fordpiquetteplant.org or at the window.



Bruce Kopytek

To ensure adequate catering supplies, the museum encourages attendees to purchase tickets in advance.

The Hudson Motor Car Co. was bankrolled by Mr. Hudson and grew into a well-respected manufacturer of cars, culminating in the fabulous step-down sedans of the early 1950s. The company was absorbed into American Motors by 1954. After J.L. Hudson passed away in 1912, his four nephews, the famous Webber Brothers, expanded the business.

Kopytek will share more about these Detroit icons and local history during this event.

Coming up

The Ford Piquette Plant Museum offers a full schedule of community events through fall. This includes free “Cars & Coffee” events Saturdays, June 13 and Oct. 10; a talk celebrating the 100th anniversary of Route 66, “The Mother Road,” Saturday, July 25; Automotive Foundations

STEAM workshops for youth Saturdays and Sundays, July 18 and 19, and Aug. 22 and 23; the 118th Model T birthday party Sunday, Sept. 27; the presentation, “James Couzens: His Own Man, The Powerhouse Behind Ford,” Sunday, Oct. 11; and a Motor City Origins Tour Saturday, Nov. 28.

The Ford Piquette Plant Museum is a U.S. National Historic Landmark and one of the oldest-surviving automotive plants in the world. With more than 65 rare vehicles, exhibits and photographs, the museum is open year-round to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. For more information, contact info@fordpiquetteplant.org or call (313) 872-8759.



AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ Storytime: “A Family is a Family is a Family,” 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays in June.

◆ Sip & Savor: The First Pour of Summer, for ages 21 and older, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 4. Tickets are \$175.

◆ Paint Out, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

◆ Fresh Paint Party, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Tickets are \$30 for Friends, \$35 for the public.

◆ Science Saturdays: Michigan Science Center, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 13. Ticket prices vary.

◆ Eleanor’s Birthday Tea and Tour, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 14. Ticket prices vary.

◆ Food Tales: “The Whole World Inside Nan’s Soup,” 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25. Admission is \$5 for Friends ages 3 to 17, \$7 for the public.

◆ From Etiquette to Engines: Motoring Across America in 1915, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 25. Cost is \$12 for Friends, \$15 for the public.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Kathy Ryan and Ed Hunter. Cost is \$10.

◆ Detroit Princess Cruise, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 12. Cost is \$80 and includes roundtrip transportation, the cruise, a luncheon buffet and entertainment.

◆ The movie “The Starling” is shown at noon Friday, June 12. Cost is \$4.

◆ Selfridge Air National Guard Base, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 16. Cost is \$30 and includes roundtrip transportation and a tour ticket.

◆ Tigers game and hot dogs at The Helm, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17. Cost is \$10.

◆ Ann Arbor field trip, 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Cost is \$137 per person and includes transportation, lunch and tours.

◆ The movie “The Secret: Dare to Dream” is shown at noon Friday, June 26. Cost is \$4.

◆ Out to Lunch Bunch, noon to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, to Haney’s Family Restaurant in Center Line.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 5, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

on Marter Road in St. Clair Shores. An available priest will give a church tour. Following the tour, a buffet lunch will be served in the lobby of Assumption Cultural Center. The day chair for this event is Janet Leze.

POST Detroit

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

◆ Intermediate Knitting Workshop: Troubleshooting with Ashley Welser, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Cost is \$50.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Trinket Trays with Rachel Gervais, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Cost is \$65.

◆ Basket Weaving Workshop: Jelly Jar Baskets, 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Cost is \$80.

◆ Concrete Planter Workshop: Succulent Gardens, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 6. Cost is \$65.

◆ CopyCat Fundraiser Pop-Up Shop, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 7.

◆ Botanical Collage Workshop: Pressed Flower Art, 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7. Cost is \$85.

◆ Upholstery Workshop: Seat Cushions, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 10

and 17. Cost is \$100.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Create Your Own Goo with Melissa Dettloff, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, June 10 and 17. Cost is \$100.

◆ Drop-In Workshop: Bead Bar Bag Charms, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 12. Cost is \$55.

◆ Folk Art Workshop: Memory Jars, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 13. Cost is \$100.

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

◆ High School Exam Study, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 6.

◆ Saturday Drop-In Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6.

◆ Summer Circus Show, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Getting’ Crafty with Miss Mo, 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, June 8.

◆ DigiLit, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 9.

◆ Laughing with Dad After Hours: Clean Comedy Show, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 12.

◆ Yoga Storytime, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 13.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Lakeshore Optimist President Steve Licari and Furniture Bank of Metro Detroit CEO Diane Charles President.

CLUB:

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plans to move into a new larger warehouse in Madison Heights. The Furniture Bank has helped more than 80,000 families get a fresh start.

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dining tables. For more information, visit furniturebank.org.

Lakeshore Optimist Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Visit gpoptimists.com for locations, dates and times. Follow the club on Facebook at facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists

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.

◆ 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.

◆ Sundaes & Stand Up, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 11, with

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Homeowner Leslie Wagner, front and center, welcomed students from Flushing High School on a tour of the Cadieux-Wagner Farmhouse, during a visit organized with Rendez-vous Detroit.



Rendez-vous Detroit visits Cadieux-Wagner Farmhouse

Due to the temporary closure of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provençal-Weir House, a group of visiting students were invited on a detour, thanks to City of Grosse Pointe resident Leslie Wagner.

“Dr. Leslie Wagner generously opened her historic Cadieux-Wagner Farmhouse to the students,” said Elizabeth Bourne-Nido of Rendezvous Detroit. “Built in 1850, the Cadieux Farmhouse is the second-oldest surviving wooden structure in Grosse Pointe and an excellent example of French construction techniques.

"The Wagners moved the house to its current location 11 years ago and purposely left the interior roof beams exposed to showcase the 19th century French construction methods," she continued. "The original fireplace had to be replaced for the



The dining room of the Cadieux-Wagner Farmhouse includes exposed interior roof beams to showcase 19th century French construction methods.

move of the home. Along with new stones, Dr. Wagner created the tile design using Pewabic tile. After Dr. Wagner gave a very engaging presentation about the house and its history, the students were allowed to tour the lovely home. Merci mille fois, Dr. Wagner!"

the mid-1800s and stood through the Civil War,” Flushing French teacher Susie Jaster added. “While the rest of the country was fighting over the future of the union, the Cadieux family was farming the same land their ancestors had claimed generations prior. It represents the

“‘Old French’ families who held onto their land even as the British and Americans took over the government.”

The tour continued along the Detroit River, a stop at Fr. Gabriel Richard Park and a talk about Richard's significance. The group also stopped to view the exterior of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and its adjoining school, the last-remaining landmarks of Old French Detroit.

Lunch occurred at Le Crêpe in Royal Oak, followed by a discussion about Ste. Thérèse of Lisieux as the visitors passed the Basilica of the Shrine of the Little Flower, then dessert at the French bakery, Cannelle Patisserie, in Birmingham.

To thank Wagner for the tour, the Flushing school district made a contribution to the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

EVENTS:

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**Woods branch, 20680
Mack, Grosse Pointe
Woods**

◆ Reader Dog, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 6.

◆ **Beginning CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 8.**

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10.

◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 11.

◆ Library Bigs & Littles, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12.

◆ Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

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

◆ Youth Athletes Showcase, 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 7.

◆ Vet-to-Vet: Medal of Honor Convention Update, 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, June 11.

◆ War Memorial
History Tour, 10 to 11:30
a.m. Thursday, June 11.

Live music

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.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday, June 8, Ford
House, 1100 Lakeshore,
Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, June 16, Christ
Church Grosse Pointe, 61
Grosse Pointe Blvd.,
Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17,
Jefferson Masonic Lodge
No. 553, 22000 E. 11
Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross-blood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. A representative of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority will speak about the Gordie Howe International Bridge. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Wednesday, June 10, at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse in St. Clair Shores. A picnic lunch will be provided by member Joanne Niederoest and served in the garden. A tour of the first floor of the house will be conducted by a curator. The theme will be America's 250th birthday celebration and the ladies are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

Optimists

The Lakeshore Optimist Club welcomes Alex J. Allen, of the Chandler Park Conservancy, to its meeting at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are welcome to hear the speaker and learn about the club. Email slicari54@gmail.com.

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For love of flowers

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission hosted its 51st annual Flower Sale Mother’s Day weekend, featuring more than 250 porch pots and hanging baskets, as well as more than 300 flats for sale. Proceeds from the flower sale help fund the commission’s Adopt-a-Garden efforts in addition to beautifying the city with plants and flowers at city hall and the parks, its awards ceremony, hanging baskets along Mack Avenue and more.

Sue Dobaczewski, Mary Martinko and Erma Bridges had a successful day at the flower sale.



If you have a head for flowers, this was a good container to get.



Above, Jeannette Rogers, a member of the Beautification Advisory Commission, fills in the zonal geraniums in the flats. Left, colorful Gerbera daisies went fast.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kirtus Thurston

How to have the ‘gambling talk’ without the lecture

My name is Kirtus Thurston and I am a compulsive gambler. The gambling scene today is a monster compared to 2015, when I placed my last bet. Gambling is now glamorized with non-stop ads where celebrities promote it as entertainment and make it look easy to win. Technology allows us to walk around with a full casino and sports book at our fingertips. We have prediction markets pushing their agendas and few guardrails to slow them down. The younger generation is being ushered into the world of gambling with open arms and can be at a much higher risk for compulsive gambling because the adolescent brain is still developing. For elementary school-aged kids, or even younger, it begins with in-game purchases to find treasures or clues to get through an adventure. In middle school, their gaming platforms are just scaled-back gambling boxes and as they get older, they see casino games based on their favorite games and think they have an advantage. They are exposed to a constant barrage of sports heroes and actors promoting gambling as merely entertainment. They make it look immensely fun and are given all kinds of incentives to try it out. Parents, teachers and coaches can and should play a role in teaching kids about the realities and dangers of gambling. Evidence-based prevention strategies suggest talking to kids openly and honestly. Instead of lecturing, find teachable moments when you hear or

see an ad for gambling and ask what they think about it. Help them understand that gambling companies are highly profitable businesses because the games are mathematically designed to make the player lose over time. Compare the probability of winning to something relatable like the chance of being struck by lightning or finding a four-leaf clover. Teach them that gambling should be viewed strictly as paying for entertainment — like buying a movie ticket — where the money spent is gone, rather than a strategy to make money. Finally, children mirror the habits and language of the adults around them: Make sure you’re setting a good example. I became a certified recovery coach and now work at the same place, Henry Ford Health Maplegrove, that was instrumental in my recovery. I also serve on the board of the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling (MAPG). I am grateful for my continued recovery and to be able to help guide others along their road to recovery. If you or anyone you know needs help, please call 1-800-MY-RESET or 1-800-GAMBLER. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to addiction; we must continue to evolve and grow. Together, we can recover. One day at a time. The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org.

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Dear Gabby: A neighbor recently bought a very large boat and suddenly everyone seems desperate to become their best friend. My husband keeps hinting that we should invite them over for dinner because, “It would be nice to get out on the lake this summer.” I think it’s tacky to pursue friendships for access to someone’s

boat, pool or cottage. He insists, “That’s just how summer works.” Who’s right? — Not Fishing for Friends in the Farms

Dear Not Fishing For Friends: You are correct that friendships built solely around amenities tend to sink quickly. That said, summer has always inspired a little casual social climbing.

Every neighborhood seems to have a few families with an amazing pool, some with a lake house and the brave souls willing to own a boat despite the financial and emotional burden they can — and do — cause. The key is intention. If you genuinely enjoy these people and would like to know them better, invite them over. But if

your husband’s sudden interest appeared the exact moment the pontoon arrived, your instincts may be onto something.

— Gabby

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

Peace and quiet comes at a price

DEAR ANNIE: I’m 26 and sharing an apartment with two roommates who make my home life miserable. There’s constant noise, passive-aggressive notes and one of them regularly invites people over late on weeknights (plus, they usually make

dinner without cleaning up). I work long hours and need a peaceful home to recharge. I’d do anything to come home to silence. I’ve tried addressing it directly; it didn’t stick. I’ve found a studio I love that I can afford on my own, technically. But

“afford” means rent, utilities, and groceries — nothing left over. No savings, no cushion. I know the smart financial move is to gut it out, find better roommates or wait. But I’m so depleted. At what point is peace of mind worth the financial

risk? — Torn in Two

DEAR TORN IN TWO: Peace of mind is worth a lot. An empty savings account during a job loss, a medical bill or a car problem is worth more. “I can afford it” and “I can afford it safely” are



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

different things, and you already know which one applies here. Living without a cushion means one

bad month can unravel everything you’ve built.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Warning: This is not a sexy column. It has to do with a terrible situation we encountered with a wart that would not go away no matter how many times it was frozen.



The wart was even given a name, like it was a person, which made it even more gross in my opinion. Fast forward to me at my computer at midnight searching for answers. The most promising idea, according to 10,000 five-star reviews, was the Compound W wart bandage. I remember this

brand from a zillion years ago, so I quickly ordered it for less than \$10 and waited ... impatiently. True to Amazon form, the package arrived same-day and we quickly put one to use. We put it directly over Wallace (its name) and hoped for the best. Shockingly, after only 24 hours it had almost killed Wallace, reducing him/it to a very white, disintegrated mess.

We put another one on and didn't peek for another day. Wallace was declared dead after four full days of treatment and less than \$10. Hallelujah! If you have kids, I guess warts are bound to happen sooner or later. My advice is to use the Compound W bandages immediately and often to get rid of them. It's quick, painless, cheap and we are giving it five alliga-

tors. You can find them here: amzn.to/4a0aPvJ

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Patio food

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

We have been fully swung into patio food season and I am thrilled. I remember countless Friday playdates where the kids and moms were having so much fun that we naturally just evolved into an impromptu dinner. We wanted to take advantage of the sunlight and tire the kids out before bed. Patio-friendly food was key. So we would throw a quick dip together and fire up the grill. Or graze our way through a big charcuterie board so everyone could just snack their way through dinner. There is something special about warm summer nights where all routines are just thrown out the window and you can just enjoy the present. And unplanned gatherings are much less stressful when they're outdoors. So this month, I'll feature a new patio food recipe each week for you to enjoy out on the deck.

Patio food is meant to be relaxed and casual. It's meant to be shared and eaten outdoors with friends and family. Think dips, grilled finger foods, shareables and fun cocktails. It can be something quickly whipped together with just a few ingredients when friends spontaneously stop by and end up staying through dinnertime. This recipe is lemon-marinated olives and it's absolutely delicious. The citrusy, fresh mixture is spooned over creamy, luscious burrata cheese and served with crispy crostini on the side. I saw this idea on Instagram and it looked stunning. Bright green olives that shimmer from olive oil laid over a bright white, cheese oozing in cream. I decided to use the grilled olives from Trader Joe's because I love the taste and texture.

But if you want to impress everyone with color, use Castelvetrano olives. Whichever kind you choose, just make sure they're good ones. I smash them with the bottom of a glass and let them sit with lemon juice and zest along with some chili flakes for heat and a touch of honey. You'll be amazed how quickly the olives will absorb the lemon. It's finished with fresh basil. If you like olives, you must make this. Stop over to the League Shop and pick up one of their outdoor serving trays that are lightweight, dishwasher-safe and kid-friendly! They are as beautiful as they are functional. Patio season is open. Let's get out there and enjoy it.

- ½ tsp coarse salt
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp red chili flakes or 1 tsp Calabrian chili paste
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp sliced basil leaves
- 1 baguette sliced thin
- 8 oz burrata cheese
- Olive oil for brushing

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Use the bottom of a drinking glass to smash each olive. Add to a small bowl along with the lemon zest, juice, olive oil, chili flakes, honey and basil. Use a spoon to gently break apart the olives into halves and some into quarters. Mix together and let sit on the counter for 15 minutes at least.

Meanwhile, lay down the baguette slices in a single layer on a baking tray and brush both sides with olive oil. Bake in the oven for about 10 minutes or until they are



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

slightly crispy around the edges. To assemble, place the burrata balls in the center of a platter. Use a knife to make a slit on the top to open up the cheese and reveal the

soft center. Spoon the olive mixture over the top. Garnish with any extra basil. Serve with toasted crostini placed all around. You will need a cheese knife for scooping.

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Grosse Pointe News



The case for wine

When it is abused, the alcohol in some beverages can cause enormous problems for society, as was evident in the years before the imposition of prohibition in 1920. During that 13-year dry period, Americans learned some of the drawbacks of prohibition and that led to its repeal in 1933. After prohibition ended

and until the mid-1960s, very little fine wine was produced here. One reason was that wine science was halted at the start of the dry era and it took decades for it to resume. Wine is a complex discipline that entails farming (botany and plant physiology) and fermentation science (chemistry and microbiology). When Robert Mondavi founded

his iconic winery in the Napa Valley in 1966, it marked a resurgence of interest in fine wines. But promoting it was overseen by Congress. In 1988, Congress heeded the warnings of a new prohibition lobby and imposed warnings label on all alcoholic beverages. In its ruling, Congress also imposed another restriction: No winery could promote wine's health benefits, even if they were proven by scientific studies. Almost immediately, several physicians — notably heart specialists — spoke out against this ruling. They said that peer-reviewed scientific analysis showed that daily moderate consumption of

red wine reduced the risk of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of Americans. At least two wineries tried to promote these studies in their literature. Both were advised that they could lose their licenses to operate if they continued. Since then, all wineries have been ultra-cautious about their comments regarding moderate wine consumption. Mondavi himself was subsequently embroiled in this issue because of his "mission" statement regarding wine. From 1988 to 1991, the Mondavi winery's back label carried this: "Wine has been with us since the beginning of civilization. It is the temperate, civilized, sacred, romantic mealtime beverage recommended in the Bible. Wine has been praised for centuries by statesmen, philosophers, poets and scholars. Wine

in moderation is an integral part of our culture, heritage and the gracious way of life." In November 1990, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), the division of the Treasury Department that then regulated alcoholic beverages, said it had received a complaint about the Mondavi Mission statement from an unnamed source. In 1991, ATF withdrew approval for the statement. ATF approved a revised version of the Mondavi Mission Statement that now reads: "Wine has been with us since the beginning of civilization. It is a temperate, civilized, romantic mealtime beverage. Wine has been praised for centuries by statesmen, philosophers, poets and scholars. Wine in moderation is an integral part of our family's culture, heritage and the

gracious way of life." The word sacred and the phrase "recommended in the Bible" were excised. The word "family's" was inserted near the end. To conclude, I quote from the writings of the late English wine lover and columnist Andre Simon: "Wine is the best of all beverages ... because it is purer than water, safer than milk, plainer than soft drinks, gentler than spirits, nimbler than beer and ever so much more pleasant to the educated senses of sight, smell and taste than any of the drinkable liquid liquids known to us." To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2025 CREATORS.COM.

ANNIE

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That said, you're not stuck between this apartment and that studio. A deliberate search for one trustworthy roommate could get you most of the peace you're after at a fraction of the cost.

DEAR ANNIE: I'm writing in response to "Just Let Me Live My Life," the 79-year-old man who described ongoing conflict with his kids about moving back to the Midwest to be closer to them after his wife passed. He isn't ready for that and is upset that all their con-

versations are centered around this. Perhaps he should strike a two-part agreement with them: one, in addition to regular doctor's visits, he allows one of his kids to have contact with his doctor; and two, they all mutually decide on circumstances under which he would agree to relocate to assisted living (serious injury, health complications, dementia, major mobility concerns, etc). His kids must acknowledge that his independence and happiness are his to cherish, and he must acknowledge (what will eventually be) legitimate concerns on the part of his kids. — Happy Medium

DEAR HAPPY MEDIUM: Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Other readers echoed your suggestion that planning ahead can bring peace of mind to everyone involved. While "Just Let Me Live My Life" didn't mention whether his legal, financial and medical plans are already in place, those conversations are worth having now — before a crisis forces them. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2026 CREATORS.COM

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Luca Hurd, 2, right, and Parker Hurd, far right, kick off the Fishing Classic with some prime catches.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Great weather revs up the start of the Fishing Classic

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

It didn't take long for the momentum to build for the annual Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic. Thanks to some amazing blue sky weather the shores of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River were densely dotted with fishermen and women — and boats were on the water in full force.

Anglers of all stripes began chasing the biggest catch from each of the Classic's qualifying categories — including bass, pike, muskie and walleye.

Gus Stuckey, of Grosse Pointe Park, wasted no time in nabbing the top fish of the week for the 13+ B/D Divisions. His 33" pike stole the show and gives upcoming contenders a number to shoot for. Christian Phillips' 23.5" pike was the overall winner for the 12 and under A/C Divisions. All in all a fantastic start to this friendly neighborhood competition.

Christian Phillips continued his winning streak by taking the bass prize in Division C with a 19" smallmouth, making him a three-time winner this week.

Alex Stahl, age 9, was two-time winner for Division A, taking both the pike prize with a 20-incher and the bass prize with an 18" largemouth. Each prize nets him \$50.

Grosse Pointe Woods' Andrew Phillips nailed the walleye category for Division D with an amazing 24" fish. Dave Whittingham, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was the bass winner of Division B with a 21.5" smallmouth. Each will win \$25.

The ladies were on point as Patricia Kolojeski grabbed the Division B walleye win with a 19" catch and Mary Wilton, of Grosse Pointe Farms, walked away with the bass prize for her 19" smallmouth.

Beyond the cash awards are the weekly prize drawings featuring multiple opportunities to win. Gear from Lakeside Fishing and gift cards from Fishbones, Fairway Packing Co.'s The Steak Shop, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy, The Lobster Pot, Chocolate Bar Cafe, Wally's Frozen Custard and JJ's Custard Company are all on the table. Everyone who enters any size fish is eligible to win in the random weekly drawings.

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- Asher Zeldes - \$10 gift certificate to Chocolate Bar Cafe

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DIVISION A ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	ALEX STAHL	20" TIGER MUSKIE	★
2	ALEX STAHL	18" LM BASS	★
3	ASHER ZELDES	17" LM BASS (TIE)	
3	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	17" LM BASS (TIE)	
3	PARKER HURD	17" LM BASS (TIE)	
4	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	16" PIKE	
5	MACKENZIE HURD	13.5" LM BASS	
6	PARKER HURD	13.25" LM BASS	
7	PARKER HURD	12" LM BASS (TIE)	
7	LUCA HURD	12" LM BASS (TIE)	
8	PARKER HURD	11.5" LM BASS	

DIVISION B ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	GUS STUCKEY	33" PIKE	★ ★
2	DAVE WHITTINGHAM	21.5" SM BASS	★
3	PATRICIA KOLOJESKI	19" WALLEYE	★
4	JACK GRYZENIA	18.5" SM BASS	
5	ALEX BLYTH	18.25" SM BASS	
6	CARTER ZELDES	17.5" LM BASS	
7	DANIEL SHANLE	17" LM BASS	
8	ALLEN MORTON	16.75" SM BASS	
9	DANIEL SHANLE	14" LM BASS	

DIVISION C BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	23.5" PIKE	★ ★
2	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	19" SM BASS	★

DIVISION D BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

1	ANDREW PHILLIPS	24" WALLEYE	★
2	MARY WILTON	19" SM BASS	★
3	ANDREW PHILLIPS	14" SM BASS	
4	ANDREW PHILLIPS	13.5" LM BASS	

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This is only the first week – so there’s plenty of time to pick up your pole to participate and WIN!

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BIG FISH



Top fish for the week overall in the B/D age divisions was this hefty 33” pike caught by Gus Stuckey, 14, above, of Grosse Pointe Park — winning him a neat \$50 prize. Stuckey also took the honors for longest pike in B Division, for an additional \$25 award. Congratulations, Gus!



Division D’s Andrew Phillips, 16, of Grosse Pointe Woods, caught his whopping 24” winning walleye, above, by boat on Lake St. Clair.



Mary Wilton, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, won Division D’s bass category with a 19” smallmouth. Milton nabbed this beauty on the waters of Lake St. Clair for the boating division.



Alex Stahl, 9, of Grosse Pointe Shores, caught two winners this week for Division A. His 20” tiger muskie, top, and 18” largemouth bass, above, each took awards.



Christian Phillips, 12, of Grosse Pointe Woods, became a Division A prize winner when he caught this 23.5” pike, above. The pike not only won its division category, but also scored Christian the overall longest fish in the A/C Divisions.



Christian Phillips tripled his winning streak by taking category honors for bass in Division C with a whopping 19” smallmouth bass, above. He also caught a 17” largemouth bass and a 16” northern pike. What a great week for Christian!



Winner Patricia Kolojeski, above, displays her prize catch — a 19” walleye caught at Farms Pier.

Photo Album



Asher Zeldes, above, shows his skill by catching this beaut — a 17” largemouth bass.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Allan Morton, above, fished the shores of Farms Park and reeled in a gorgeous 16.75” smallmouth bass. It was all blue skies and great fishing that day!



Jack Gryzenia, 14, used his Mr. Muskie tape measure to size up the big 18.5” smallmouth bass he caught, above.



Alex Blyth’s 18.25” smallmouth bass. above, was brought in at City Park.



Dave Whittingham caught his winning 21.5” smallmouth bass at Farms Pier using a fly rod and hand-tied fly. He took the bass win for Division B.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF DOGWOOD ENTERTAINMENT AND GINNY MULE PICTURES.

Left, Hal Holbrook as Abner Meecham and Ray McKinnon as Lonzo Choat in the 2009 movie “That Evening Sun,” screenplay written and directed by Scott Teems.

MOVIE REVIEW
“That Evening Sun”
2009 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 49 min
★★★★☆

Did you ever notice how, when veteran Hollywood actors reach a certain age, say 70 or 75, they're obligated to make at least one movie where they play a cranky, obstinate old coot? For example, Clint Eastwood in “Gran Torino” or Tom Hanks in “A Man Called Otto.” Or going back a little further, Jack Nicholson’s role in “As Good as it Gets.” Well, this is Hal Holbrook’s noteworthy contribution to the category.

Until he starred in this film, Holbrook was mainly known for his work on the stage and in countless supporting roles on TV and in films. He was also famous for his portrayal of Mark Twain, which he performed live all across the country. It’s interesting to note that one of his first leading parts was playing a cantankerous old curmudgeon in “That Evening Sun.” What a tremendous job he did embodying such a prickly character. From

his acerbic wit to his subtle facial expressions, he proved he was a true master craftsman.

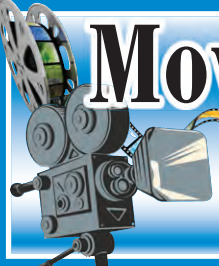
The film is based on the novel “I Hate to See That Evening Sun Go Down” by William Gay. Scott Teems directed it and he also co-wrote the screenplay along with Gay. Teems is mainly known for his writing work which includes the TV Series “The Lowdown” and the movie “Halloween Kills.”

We initially encounter the elderly gentleman Abner Meecham (Holbrook) in a nursing facility. He’s totally fed up with staying there and he packs up his bags, grabs his cane and takes a taxi back to his home, out in rural Tennessee. To his surprise, when he gets there, his beloved house is now occupied by a young family. While he was recovering from surgery at the nursing home, his son Paul (Walton Goggins, “Fallout” “The Hateful Eight”) an attorney, has managed to sell the property. It’s revealed that he, in fact, has power of attorney and was convinced his dad wasn’t capable of looking after himself.



Movie poster.

Thus begins a series of conflicts for Abner. It’s not just anybody that now lives in his home, it’s Lonzo Choat (Ray McKinnon), the son of his arch enemy. His family includes his wife Ludie (Carrie Preston) and their 16-year-old daughter Pamela, played by a young Mia Wasikowska (“Alice in Wonderland” “Crimson Peak”). Abner makes it clear that he views Lonzo as nothing but a worthless drunkard and white trash. He decides since he can’t stay at his own home, he’ll take up residence in the run down



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”

sharecroppers cabin on the property. When he finds out Lonzo isn’t working and making house payments with the little cash he gets from a disability settlement, he’s determined

enthusiastically. It quickly gets under Lonzo’s skin and it soon escalates into a horrible incident I won’t reveal.

One evening, when Pamela is dropped off at home by a young boy,



Abner with his new best friend Nipper.

that he’ll eventually be able to move back in.

In the meantime, he figures he’s going to make life as miserable as possible for the young family. When he discovers that Lonzo hates the sound of barking dogs, he quickly adopts a canine from his old friend and neighbor Thurl (Barry Corbin). This isn’t just any dog mind you, he’s got one of the most annoying barks I’ve ever heard. It’s comical that when Abner sits outside with the dog and tells him to be quiet while patting his head, it responds by yapping

call to the police who proceed to take Lonzo into custody. I found myself rooting for an all out feud to take place and for Lonzo to get what’s coming to him. In truth, this would be the way it would play out in a typical film of this nature — sort of a Hatfield and McCoy all out war. But it never quite descends into such a predictable scenario. The tension is there seething just under the surface, but it never gets out of hand. I find that commendable.

Through a series of flashbacks, we learn a bit



of Abner’s back story, which adds some depth and substance to the film. While he has fond memories of his late wife, he apparently wasn’t the ideal husband. He wasn’t the best father either. Abner proves to be quite a complex character, and Holbrook certainly did a phenomenal job playing the part. Especially when you consider he’s on camera for about 90 percent of the time.

I don’t know why I’d never heard of this fine film. It’s a well-written, extremely well acted movie that flew under the radar for sure. I’d be remiss if I didn’t tip my hat to my cousin John, who recommended this thought-provoking masterpiece to me. If you’re up for an engaging little film, don’t miss this one!

Currently streaming on Prime Video, and to rent on Apple TV, YouTube, and Amazon Prime.

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

5/28 Solution

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ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
This is an interesting day. You have strong feelings about something that might relate to doing something spontaneously to express your desire for freedom or to discover something new and exciting! "Who's with me?" Tonight: Be friendly!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
A surprise interaction with the police, a parent or a boss might catch you off guard today. Tread carefully because feelings are strong today and some people will be adamant about what they want. Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Steer clear of controversial subjects today because people are obsessed with their opinions, which means you might get caught up in a power struggle with someone, or they might be determined to make you agree with them. Run away! Tonight: Learn and explore!.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Double-check banking details. Something unexpected could impact your wealth, assets or something to do with shared property or inheritances. Stay chill. Tonight: Check your finances.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today you might attract someone to you who has strong opinions. Don't let anyone bulldoze you with their ideas. After all, you have ideas of your own, right? Tonight: Be reasonable and cooperative.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Be careful you don't come on too strong with work colleagues today in your enthusiasm to make improvements or get rid of what no longer works. Your impulse to clean things might be misunderstood. Tonight: Work to get better organized.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A romantic interest might suddenly develop today out of the blue. Furthermore, it's passionate and irresistible. Take a breath and get grounded. Do you need some perspective? Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Family discussions are intense today because someone really wants their way. It could relate to a sudden decision about inheritances, shared property, taxes or debt. Why not wait until things settle down before committing? Tonight: Rest at home.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You might get on your high horse today because you are convinced about something and have strong feelings about it. It could be triggered by a partner or close friend doing something that catches you off guard. Don't overreact. Tonight: Discussions!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Something might come up related to your job or something else that is unexpected, which causes you to have strong opinions about financial matters today. Let things settle down. Tonight: Check your money.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You have strong feelings today about something that is related to a social outing, a sports event, something to do with the arts, children or a romantic partner. You might feel blindsided by something. See how things look after the dust settles. Tonight: You win!

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(Feb. 19-March 20)
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BORN TODAY
Actor Noah Wyle (1971), actress, filmmaker Angelina Jolie (1975), actor Bruce Dern (1936).

Contract Bridge

A NECESSARY ASSUMPTION

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A Q 8 5 3
♥ K 7 6 4
♦ A J 10
♣ 6

WEST

♠ J 10 6 4
♥ Q J 2
♦ K Q 6
♣ 8 5 4

EAST

♠ 9
♥ 5
♦ 7 5 4 2
♣ K Q J 10 9 7 3

SOUTH

♠ K 7 2
♥ A 10 9 8 3
♦ 9 8 3
♣ A 2

The bidding:
East 4 ♣ South Pass West Pass North Dble
Pass 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It is a basic principle of declarer play that, if a contract can be made only when the opponents' cards are divided in a certain way, you assume that that distribution exists.
Consider today's deal, where declarer made a slam by applying this principle. He won the diamond lead with the ace and played the A-K of trump, learning that he had to lose a trump trick to West.
The slam now looked hopeless,

since even a 3-2 spade break would not allow declarer to discard both of his remaining diamonds before West ruffed and cashed the setting trick in diamonds.
But South thought the matter over carefully — trying to visualize hands East-West might have that would allow him to make the slam — and found the right answer.
He led a spade to the king, East following with the nine, and continued with a spade toward dummy. Then, after West followed low, South finessed the eight! When East showed out, the slam was in the bag. Declarer played the A-Q-5, discarding both diamonds. West ruffed the five but could not score his diamond trick.
Observe that it would not have helped West to play the ten on the second spade lead. South would have won, led a club to the ace followed by a spade to the eight to achieve the same result.
South's only chance, after West turned up with a trump trick, was to hope West started with four spades and that East's singleton was the nine, ten or jack. Only this distribution would allow declarer to dispose of both of his diamonds before West could ruff in, so South had no choice but to assume that it existed.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg June 4, 2026

ACROSS

1 Base's counterpart
5 Thornlike projection
9 Excuse, in court
14 Coca-____
15 Square footage, perhaps
16 Parents celebrated in May
17 Show about biblical shipbuilding?
19 Actress MacDowell
20 Verbal jab
21 Not too heavy
23 Banana's exterior
25 Country home to the Burj Khalifa, briefly
26 Not kidding, in a text
29 Show about important women in the dairy industry?
35 Tater bites
37 Cars that run on batteries: Abbr.
38 Nero or Caesar
39 Succulent used for burns
40 Frisbees or CDs
43 Suddenly bright
47-Across
44 Hereditary instructions

46 Tree that's a common street name
47 Shining thing
48 Show about learning how to get over old flames?
52 Large deer
53 Measure of weight relative to height, for short
54 Double agreement
56 Deep-fried squid
61 Airline based in Abu Dhabi
65 Bacteria in the gut
66 Netflix feature that's helpful for binge-watching, or a theme hint
68 Haughty person
69 Prefix with "dynamics"
70 Sent a private message, briefly
71 Exams
72 Bandage for an arm or a leg
73 "And another thing ..."

DOWN

1 Healthy berry
2 Farmer's ears?
3 Types
4 Obstruct, as a river
5 Pummeled
6 It imitates life
7 Spool

8 Ba, to a chemist
9 One who doesn't play for pay
10 Singer Del Rey
11 Cinephile's website
12 Money for pretrial release
13 "Mm-hmm ..."
18 "Smart" guy
22 Website help page
24 Jeans pioneer Strauss
26 All the world, according to the Bard
27 Big time company?
28 Rock
30 Money, property or talent
31 Geological periods
32 Show feelings theatrically

33 Fleet-related
34 Snide remarks
36 Early bloomer?
41 Ad award
42 Get baked
45 Turns in
49 Nashville music prize, for short
50 Lung pocket
51 "It isn't me!"
55 Sorta
56 "____ la vie"
57 Zits
58 Restrooms, to Brits
59 Plenty
60 Swedish company founded by a 17-year-old
62 Site code
63 Greek war god
64 Extinct bird
67 Org. that receives returns

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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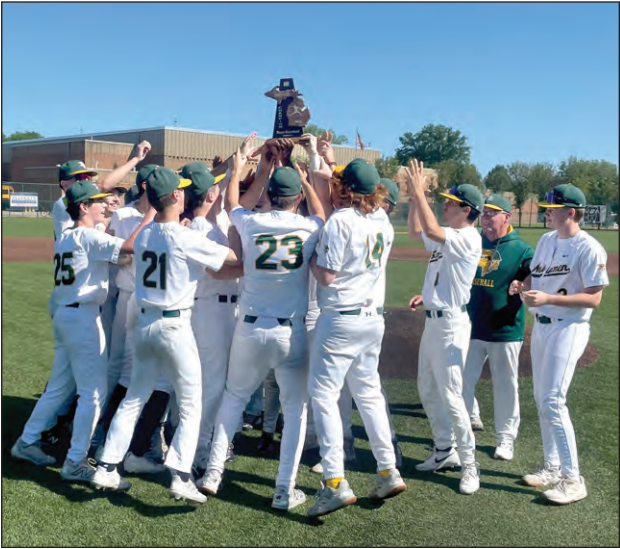


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Pointes teams dominate districts

Baseball and softball playoffs began last week with district tournament play, which was dominated by many teams from around the Pointes. The Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School varsity softball teams all won their respective district championships, while the Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School varsity baseball squads took home district trophies as well. Read more about all of the playoff action around the softball and baseball diamonds on pages 2D and 3D.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Aslam chases championship dreams with North girls tennis

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Few athletes around the Pointes this spring have been as dominant as Grosse Pointe North junior Laila Aslam. The captain of North’s varsity girls tennis team has 15 wins and only a single loss this season. On May 13, she became a regional champion at No. 1 singles in Division 2, notching one of the biggest wins of her career.

“My motivation really was to help my team get to states,” Aslam said about her regional title victory. “... They watched me in the finals

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Laila Aslam
School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Tennis

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cially on huge days (like regionals).” Aslam began playing tennis when she was 5 years old while living in Oregon. Her family moved to Grosse Pointe shortly after and she continued training and playing in various tournaments before joining the varsity team at North as a freshman. Aslam had a big responsibility put on her right away by becoming North’s No. 1 singles player when she joined the team. She has also served as a team captain the past couple of seasons, and she has taken those roles and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Laila Aslam returns a shot for North in a match against Grosse Pointe South in April.

responsibilities seriously to lead by example. “(Laila) set the bar for the North tennis team for the past three years, making the rest of the team strive to be better,” North girls tennis head coach John ter,” North girls tennis making the rest of the team strive to be bet-

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Awesome Aslam

- 2026 Division 2 No. 1 singles regional champion
- Co-captain of Grosse Pointe North varsity girls tennis
- 2025 Division 2 All-State honorable mention



The Steak Shop

Score a home run this season.

Softball teams start playoffs strong with district titles

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The postseason officially began for varsity softball last week, kicking off one of the most exciting stretches of the spring season. Teams from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School began their playoff runs on a high note by clinching their respective district titles, continuing their playoff journeys dominantly.

Grosse Pointe South
The Blue Devils began the playoffs in the Division 1 district tourna-

ment Saturday, May 30. South is looking to replicate and build on its playoff run from last season, which saw the team reach the state quarterfinals, and the Blue Devils got off to a strong start on that path with two big wins to earn the district championship.

“It’s always gratifying to win any championship, so you don’t want to take it for granted,” South softball head coach Bill Fleming said. “Our girls weren’t going to look past anybody, and I think that showed in their level of play and how enthusiastic they were. They came to play and won their games,

and now they’re ready to move on to the next round.”

South faced Roseville in the district semifinal game to begin the day, needing just three innings to take down the Panthers 15-0. Vivian Lindow had three RBIs on two hits, while Courtney Cowan and Anna Drouilliard had a pair of RBIs each as well. Madison Iverson pitched all three innings without allowing a hit and striking out eight batters.

South’s bats stayed hot into the district championship game against Lakeview later in the day. The Blue Devils rolled to an 11-1 victory to win the

district crown and move on to the regional round.

Iverson had three RBIs in the game, including a solo home run that helped to blow the game open for South in the third inning. Cowan also had a pair of RBIs. Mackenzie Waterson got the win for the Blue Devils by allowing just a single run on three hits through six innings of pitching.

South moves on to the regional round of the Division 1 playoffs, where the team will face Chippewa Valley in the regional semifinal at noon Saturday, June 6, at Anchor Bay. The regional championship game will follow at 2 p.m., also at Anchor Bay.

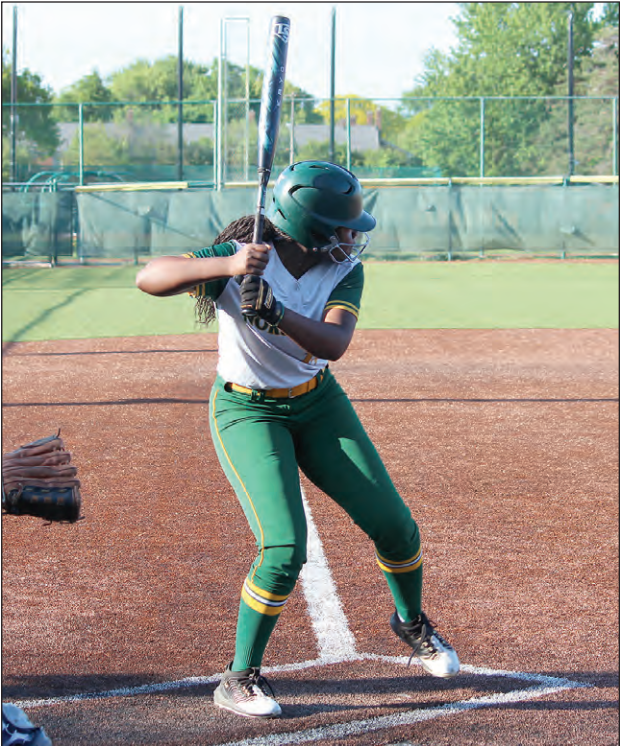


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Cecily Hartung slides into home plate to score for South in the district championship game against Lakeview Saturday, May 30.

Grosse Pointe North
North began the postseason Thursday, May 28, in the Division 2 district tournament. The Norsemen received a bye to the district championship game, where they eventually faced Detroit East English Village Prep. The result was lopsided, with the game ending after just one inning as a 17-0 victory for North.

Emma Barr, Eva Borowski, Ava Gerardi, Addison Moses and Carina Jensen all had multiple RBIs in the win for North. Barr pitched the single inning, striking out all three batters she faced.

“We’re proud of the girls for working hard and displaying such good

Sy’Rai Winbush stands in the batter’s box for North during the district championship game against East English Village Prep Thursday, May 28.

sportsmanship,” North softball head coach Amy Zaranek Gaidis said. “The way they’re playing right now is what we’ve been working toward all season, and we’re looking forward to what’s next.”

The Norsemen advance to the Division 2 regional round. They take on Farmington Hills Mercy in the regional semifinal at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6. The regional championship game will take place at 1 p.m., with both games at Levagood Park in Dearborn.

University Liggett
The Knights earned the

Division 3 district championship Saturday, May 30, with a dominant 10-0 win over Southfield Christian in the title game. Isabel Nihem brought in a pair of RBIs while Cayla Coyro, Louisa Dragovic and Kendall Butler all had multi-hit games. Keegan Price pitched five shutout innings, giving up only a single hit with 10 strikeouts.

Liggett is set to take on Ottawa Lake Whiteford in the regional semifinal at noon Saturday, June 6, at St. Catherine of Siena in Wixom. The regional championship game will follow at 2 p.m.

ATHLETE:

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VanAlst said. “She has shown dynamic growth as a player and leader on our team.”

The leadership aspect of being in that position is something she has especially taken to heart based on her own journey.

“I love being a mentor because I know what it’s like to be a freshman on the team and not really know people,” Aslam said. “I want to make sure that they’re not scared and that they can have fun and know that everyone supports them.”

Supporting her teammates and having her teammates there to lift her spirits is something Aslam knows is invaluable

in a sport like tennis. Tennis is just as much a mental game as it is about skill. Being a singles player, like Aslam, can feel especially lonely at times because even though it is still technically a team game, it all comes down to the individual player and their match.

“Last year, I struggled a lot with putting pressure on myself when it wasn’t needed,” Aslam said. “I didn’t get an opportunity to play much in the offseason this year, but knowing that I shouldn’t expect too much of myself helps me. Putting pressure on myself makes it worse, so keeping that pressure off helps me have the consistency I need to be the No. 1 singles player and succeed.”



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Aslam, left, and North girls tennis co-captain Aakanksha Nagori both won regional championships in singles May 13.

The reason why Aslam did not play as much tennis during the offseason as she normally would is that she decided to take on an entirely new challenge. Without even knowing how to skate before last year, she decided to join the Grosse Pointe North varsity girls hockey team.

Aslam became North’s starting goalie and was in net 28 games for the Norsemen throughout the winter. It was a new experience that helped take her mind off tennis for a little while, but also ended up preparing her for the spring tennis season in a different way.

“My friends encouraged me to try hockey and I didn’t know how to ice skate, so I learned last summer,” Aslam

said. “... They’re pretty similar, singles tennis and being a goaltender, because it’s easy to put a lot of pressure on yourself. ... It’s easy to think it’s all your fault when you let a goal in, but it helped me build up my mental toughness for tennis and have a different kind of exercise in the offseason.”

Taking a break to play hockey in the offseason might have been exactly what Aslam needed to prepare for what has been an outstanding tennis season. Not only will she end the season as a regional champion, but she has the chance to add to that when she and her teammates compete at the Division 2 state finals beginning June 3.

Aslam entered the No. 1 singles tournament at the state finals, which began June 3, as the fifth-ranked seed. She has competed on the state finals stage before in both of her previous seasons with North, but her hopes of making a deep run in the finals have never been higher. No matter what happens, Aslam is trying to remember what she thinks is most important: supporting her teammates and their journeys at states alongside her own.

“These girls are some of the best in the state, but my whole team and I have made the effort and deserve to be there,” she said. “We should go out and have fun, because there’s no pressure on us. All we can do is our best.”

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North and ULS clinch baseball district titles, South falls in playoff opener

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Postseason baseball finally arrived in the Pointes Saturday, May 30, with a day full of district tournament action. Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School all competed in their respective district matchups, with the Norsemen and Knights both ending the day with championship trophies.

Grosse Pointe North
North cruised to a Division 2 district championship last Saturday with two dominant wins. The first was a 36-0 win in three innings over Harper Woods in the district semifinal round. DJ Edwards had six RBIs in the game, while Lorenzo Dichio finished with five. Zane Hemler, Luke Bruveris and Peter Rheame brought in three runs each as well. Caleb Butler pitched three innings for the win, allowing just one hit and striking out seven.

It was another lopsided win for North in the district championship game when the Norsemen defeated Chandler Park Academy 23-0. Edwards once again helped lead the way by bringing in five runs, while Trevor Lipscomb had three RBIs, including a solo home run.

“It’s one of our goals that we talked about early in the year,” North baseball head coach Phil Kozlowski said about winning the district title. “... It was a nice way to kind of cap off our run here, because we’ve now won seven games in a row. That kind of set the tone for us and gave us some momentum going into the playoffs. Winning the district is nice and it was one of our goals and now it’s on to the next goal, which is to win a regional championship.”

North advanced to the regional round in Division 2, where it faced Divine Child in the regional semifinal after press time Wednesday, June 3. The regional championship game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at Eastern Michigan University’s Oestrike

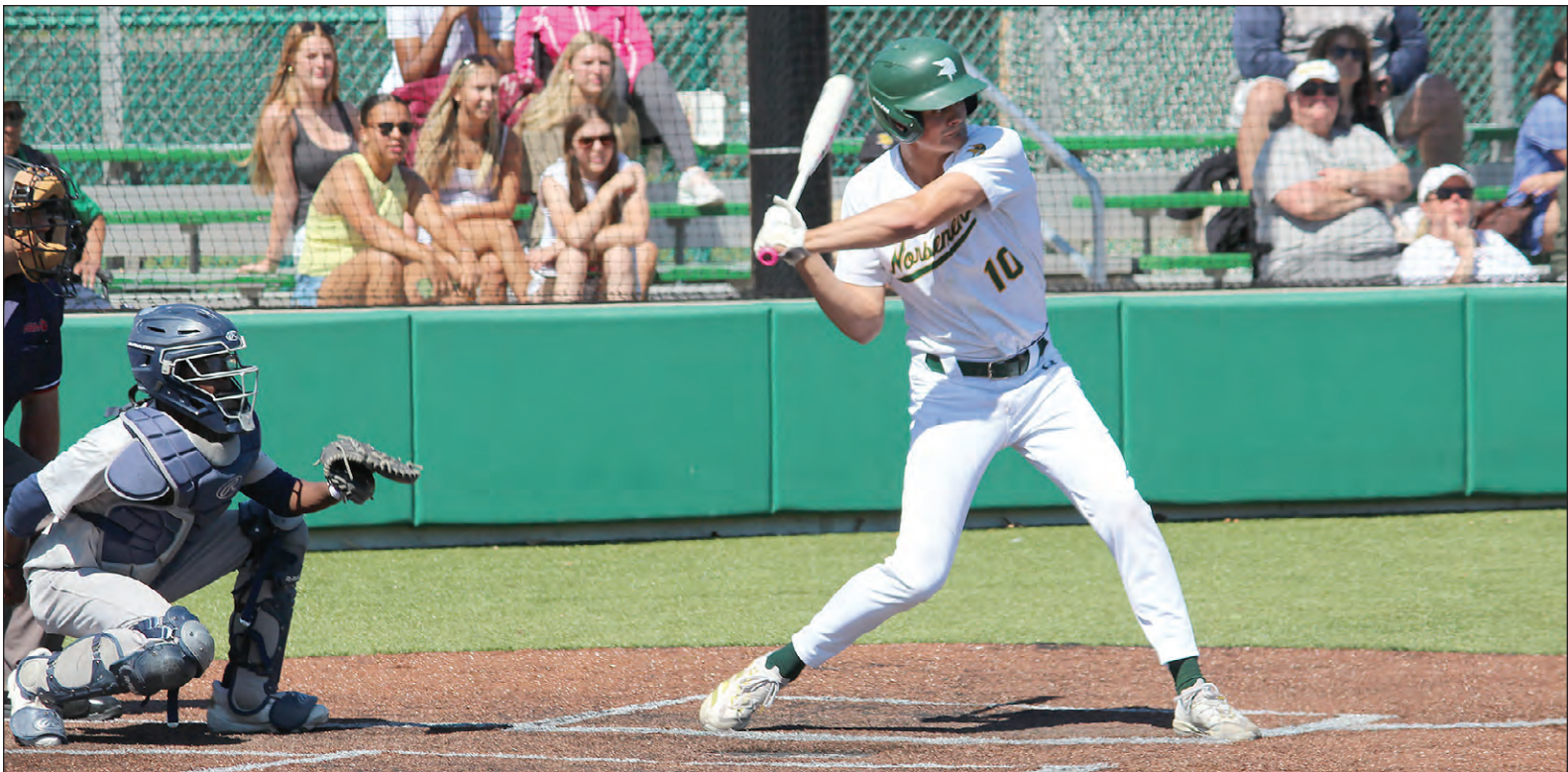


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Peter Rheame takes a swing for North during the team’s district championship game victory against Chandler Park Academy Saturday, May 30.

Stadium, followed by the state quarterfinal at 3 p.m.

University Liggett
The Knights claimed the district championship in Division 3 with a pair of dominant wins Saturday. Up first was a 20-0 victory in one inning over Detroit Pershing in the district semifinal game. Javion Gray had four RBIs, while Ravi Hines and Kanaan Taylor added three each in a big day of offense for the Knights.

Liggett then went on to take down Detroit Osborn 17-0 in the district final, needing just three innings to finish the game. Taylor, Joey Harris and Devin Steele each brought in a pair of runs with their bats to help the Knights clinch the district crown.

The Knights hosted Clawson in the Division 3 regional semifinal after press time Wednesday, June 3. The regional championship game will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6, at Millington High School, with the state quarterfinal following later in the day at 3 p.m.

Grosse Pointe South
One year after making a return to the Division 1 state final four, the Blue Devils will not be headed back to East Lansing in 2026. South met U of D Jesuit in the district semifinal for Division 1

Saturday and saw its hopes of another long postseason run dashed early on with a 5-0 loss.

The game was won for U of D in the third inning, when the Cubs

win in a game where South struggled at the plate, managing only two hits in the loss.

Jack Danielewicz threw three innings and allowed four runs on six

hits. Charlie Michelotti came in for three more innings of relief, allowing just one hit and one run.

South’s season came to an end with a 20-18

record. The Blue Devils finished tied for second in the MAC White Division, one game behind co-champions Anchor Bay and L’Anse Creuse North.



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South’s Charlie Michelotti delivers a pitch against U of D Jesuit in the district semifinal game Saturday, May 30.

created a two-out rally and scored four runs, including a two-run home run by Jayden Johnson. U of D added one more run to its lead in the bottom of the sixth inning to put the finishing touches on the



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ULS girls tennis finishes fourth at states, Jayakar wins singles title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The spring sports season is nearing the end and that means teams are competing in the biggest matches and tournaments of the year. The season for the University Liggett School varsity girls tennis team culmi-

nated in a trip to the Division 4 state finals, where the Knights competed Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday, May 28. The Knights finished fourth in the state and were able to celebrate sophomore Sonya Jayakar winning the Division 4 state title in No. 1 singles.

“This team, particularly at states, really helped put Liggett girls tennis back on the map,” Liggett girls tennis coach Jeff Collins said. “There’s a lot of great tradition at the school for girls tennis and this is one of the best finishes we’ve had in a while, so it feels like we’re trending in the right direction.”

Jayakar was the third-ranked seed in the No. 1 singles flights and received a bye in the first round. She won her second-round matchup over Kenna Trost from Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard and advanced to the quarterfinals, where she defeated Colleen Kirk from Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

Despite going down early, Jayakar rallied to beat Traverse City St. Francis’ Eliana McClellan 6-4 and 6-4 in the semifinal round. Jayakar clinched the state title with a 6-4 and 6-2 victory over Kennedy Price from Kalamazoo Christian in the championship match.

“(Jayakar) played to win,” Collins said. “... She was aggressive and attacked when she needed to. She had such a powerful and tremendous forehand that she was controlling the points with that shot. One thing we talked a lot



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The University Liggett School varsity girls tennis team finished fourth overall at the Division 4 state finals Thursday, May 28.

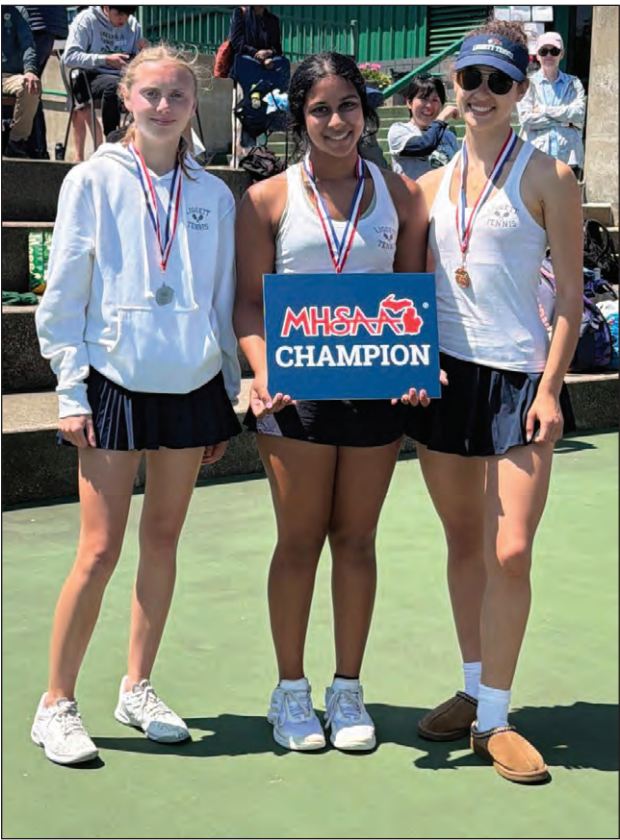
about during the season was mental toughness and Sonya has that in spades. ... She stayed the course, kept her composure and competed so well.”

Jayakar was not the only Knight to make a deep run in one of the singles flights. Senior Nina Shanidze won her second round and quarterfinal matches in No. 3

singles before falling in the semifinals. Freshman Olivia Boggs nearly won Liggett another state championship by advancing all the way to the final match in No. 4 singles, where she finished as state runner-up.

In doubles play, Liggett’s pair of Annabel Klaasen and Caitlin Juip lost in the first round of

the No. 1 doubles flight. Malena Moisesides and Samantha Laethem advanced as far as the quarterfinals in No. 2 doubles. Liliana Haladjian and Isla McCourt fell in the second round of the No. 3 doubles tournament. Amelie Duhaime and Gisele El Etreby also made it to the quarterfinals in No. 4 doubles.



Liggett sophomore Sonya Jayakar, center, after winning the Division 4 No. 1 singles state championship. Olivia Boggs, left, was a state finalist in No. 4 singles and Nina Shanidze, right, reached the state semifinals in No. 3 singles.

South girls lacrosse ousted in regional final

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A strong season for the Grosse Pointe South varsity girls lacrosse team came to an end Friday, May 29, after the Blue Devils advanced all the way to the Division 1 regional championship game. The matchup in the regional final saw South taking on Bloomfield Hills, a team it narrowly beat in the regular season, but Bloomfield Hills got its revenge by defeating South 9-4 to end the Blue Devils’ playoff run.

“I’m so proud of this group of girls and this team this year,” South girls lacrosse coach

Shaun Hampton said. “... It just wasn’t our day. With that being said, the two games prior, I thought that they had played probably their two best games of the season. We put a lot of work into getting there and they did it because of how much they care about each other. ... I was super proud and excited for how the season went.”

South’s first two games of the regional tournament to reach the final were dominant wins. The Blue Devils knocked off Chippewa Valley 18-2 in the first round and followed that with a 17-7 victory over Cranbrook-Kingswood

in the regional semifinal.

In last Friday’s regional final, however, South found itself fighting uphill from the beginning. Bloomfield Hills jumped out to a 3-0 lead early, while Lyla Hampton scored the only goal of the opening quarter for South to get the Blue Devils on the board.

South wasn’t able to keep up with the Black Hawks’ offense and the deficit continued to mount in the first half. The Blue Devils only scored once in the second quarter with a goal by Sophia Brink, but Bloomfield Hills still led 5-2 at halftime.

The Black Hawks added two more goals in the third quarter while holding South scoreless coming out of the half-time break. Hampton scored her second goal of the game early in the third quarter, but Bloomfield Hills continued to add on. The Black Hawks got their lead up to 9-3 before South’s Stella Fry scored the final goal of the game, but it was too late for South to make any effort for a comeback.

Despite the loss, the season had plenty for South to be proud of. The Blue Devils won 17 games, were MAC champions and were one of the final eight teams standing in the Division 1 playoffs. Most importantly, South feels like its biggest accomplishment was how quickly and strongly the team came together to play as one cohesive unit in the biggest moments.



Sophomore goalie Jordan LeBlanc guards the net for the Blue Devils.

“As the season went on, they continued to play more together and for each other,” Hampton said. “It was less about who scored what goal and more about playing as a team. ... The willingness to

work with each other and play together continued to get stronger and as they did that, the ball moved better between them. Everybody was having a lot of fun and we were playing really well.”



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South senior Madeline Swarhout tries to make a move past a Bloomfield Hills defender in the regional championship game Friday, May 29.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 25th day of June 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Grosse Pointe Public Library for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

A copy of the recommended budget and instructions to participate in the meeting are available on the Library’s website, grossepointelibrary.org. For questions email the Library Director, jkeyser@grossepointelibrary.org. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers, and property owners in the library district of the Grosse Pointe Public Library shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard.

This notice is pursuant to a resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, County of Wayne, Michigan.

Megan Conrad Sczygielski
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Grosse Pointe Public Library

South boys golf captures regional title

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

Grosse Pointe South’s boys golf team delivered a solid performance to claim the Division 1 Regional 6 championship Wednesday, May 27, at Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club in Oakland, while competing against 17 other teams.

The Blue Devils finished with a team score of 299 (+15), securing a six-stroke victory over runner-up Berkeley with a 305 (+21) score. U of D Jesuit and De La Salle Collegiate tied for third with a score of 315 (+31).

South’s win was fueled by its consistency through the lineup, with four of its players finishing under 80 and all five

contributing to the team’s winning total.

Sophomore Marty Wayman led the way for the Blue Devils, carding an even par of 71 to finish among the top individual performers of the day. Wayman’s round had strong play on both the front and back nines, helping set the tone early for the Blue Devils.

Junior Ben Bieri followed with a 73 (+2), giving South a second low score and keeping the team in control of the leaderboard throughout the round.

Junior Will Gryzenia added a 77 (+6), while junior Charlie Thomas posted a 78 (+7), which rounded out the team’s four scoring rounds. Sophomore Max Knowlton contributed

an 84 (+13) to the Blue Devils score.

South maintained a great pace across the course, particularly through its top two finishers. Wayman tied for fourth overall, while Bieri’s two-over 73 placed fifth, Gryzenia finished eighth and Thomas finished in 11th, leaving four golfers inside the top 15. Wayman’s round included multiple birdies to offset a lone bogey, while Bieri also had key birdie chances to stay near the top of the leaderboard.

With the regional title secured, South advances to the Division 1 state finals at Ferris State University’s Katke Golf Course beginning Friday, June 5.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe South varsity boys golf team holds the Division 1 regional championship trophy after winning the regional tournament at Twin Lakes Golf and Swim Club Wednesday, May 27. From left: Coach Bobby Mitchell, Assistant Coach Kyle Keith, Marty Wayman, Charlie Thomas, Max Knowlton, Ben Bieri and Will Gryzenia.

ULS boys lacrosse comeback falls just short in thrilling regional final

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The drama of playoff sports was on full display Wednesday, May 27, when the University Liggett School varsity boys lacrosse team met Caledonia in the Division 2 regional championship game. Despite being down on the scoreboard much of the game, the Knights battled back to even the score late and brought the game down to the wire, but Caledonia was able to escape in the end with a 12-11 win, ending Liggett’s playoff run.

“They had a lot of

resilience and wanted to battle for each other,” Liggett boys lacrosse head coach Mike Costanzo said. “(They) didn’t want to go out the way they were playing, so they came up big and I loved the way they came back and battled to make it a tight game. We had a good opportunity at the end and it just didn’t go our way.”

The Knights were the ones who came out strong to start the game, finishing the first quarter ahead 3-2 with a pair of goals by Luke Slanec and another by Mac O’Reilly. Caledonia took control in the second

quarter, however, scoring six unanswered goals before Mac Costanzo notched the only Liggett goal of the frame just before the halftime buzzer, making the score 8-4 in favor of Caledonia going into the break.

Costanzo’s goal to end the half helped wake up the Knights’ offense coming out of the break. Nick Gould scored twice for Liggett in the third quarter, with additional goals coming from Costanzo and Slanec. Liggett was slowly closing the deficit, but Caledonia was still in front 11-8 going into the

fourth quarter.

The Knights were not going down without a fight, continuing their comeback effort into the fourth quarter. Gould and Griffin Marchal helped close the gap before Slanec scored for Liggett to tie the game 11-11 with just over five minutes left.

The game remained tied into the final moments as the drama built. Liggett had possession of the ball in the final minute as the offense searched for an opportunity, but Caledonia stole the ball and got a chance at a final shot. With just 10

seconds remaining in regulation, Caledonia’s Corby Ryder found the back of the net for the game-winning goal.

The last-minute loss ended a strong season for Liggett with a record of 15-4. The Knights also made an appearance in the Catholic League championship game as one of the biggest highlights of the spring.

The game was the final time on the field for a Liggett senior class that helped redefine the program over the course of the last few years. Players like Griffin Marchal, Nick Gould, Luke Slanec, Landen

Maltby and others will have their legacy felt inside the program for years to come after their graduation this spring and the Knights hope the next generation of players will learn from their example to help Liggett achieve more success.

“It might be the best group I’ve ever coached,” Costanzo said. “Their toughness always felt like the game was theirs to win. They were great at making things happen. ... Whatever was needed, they always came up with and answered the call. We’re going to miss them.”



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Above left: Izak Calderon brings the ball up the field for Liggett boys lacrosse in the Division 2 regional championship game Wednesday, May 27. Above right: Mac Costanzo looks for a pass from behind the net.

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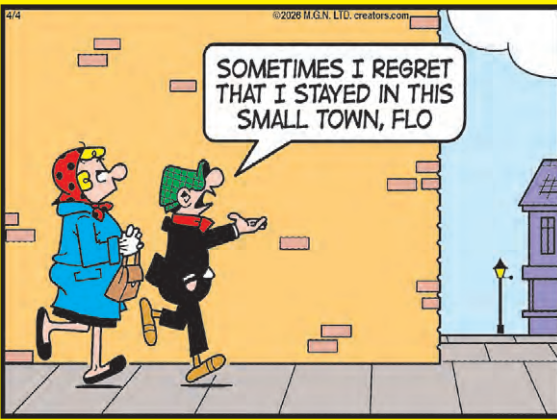


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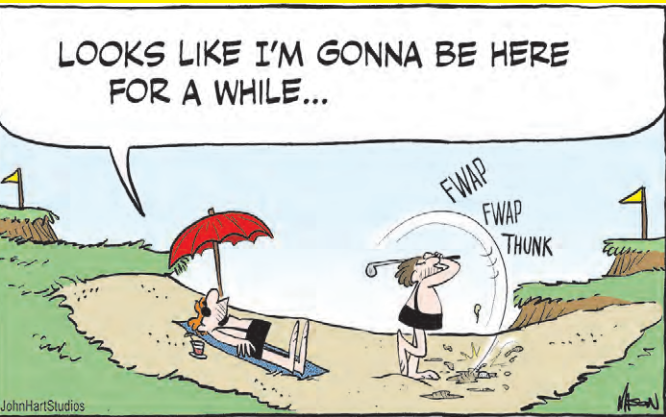
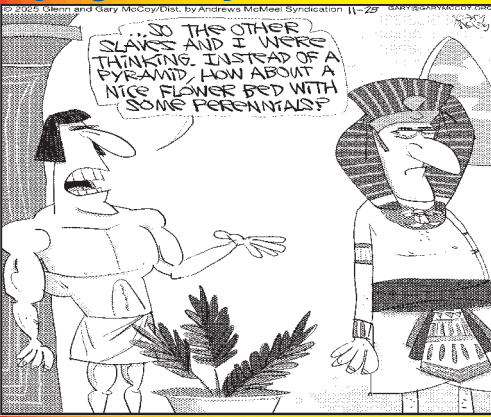
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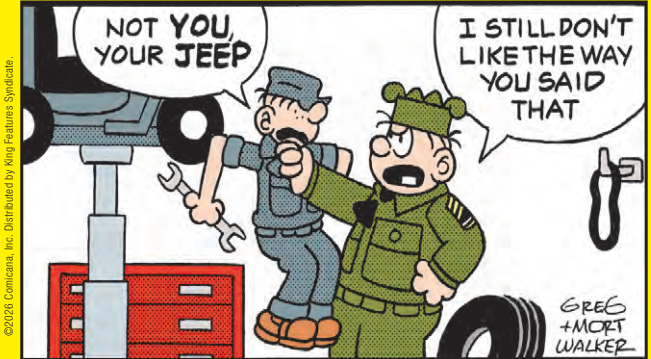
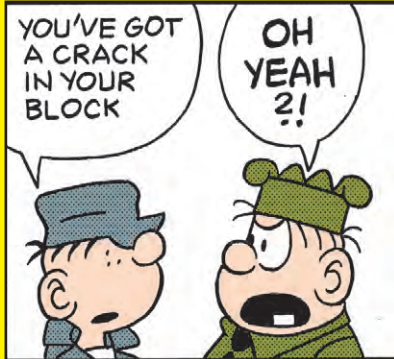
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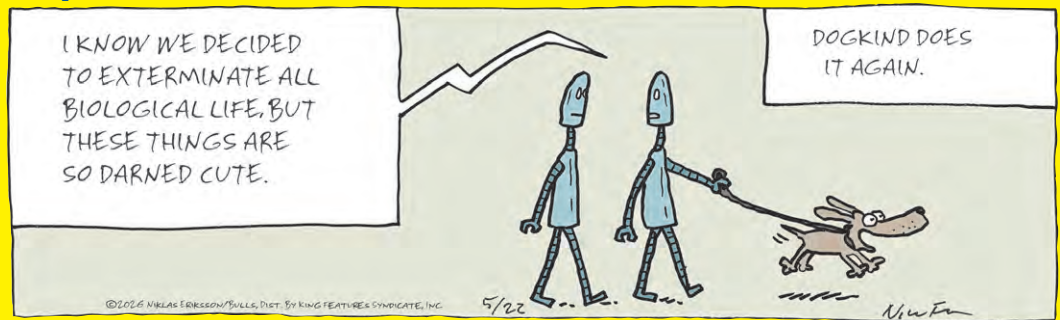
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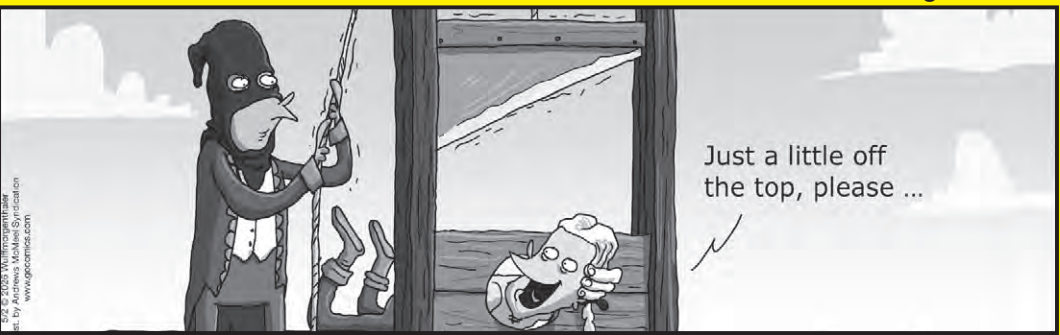
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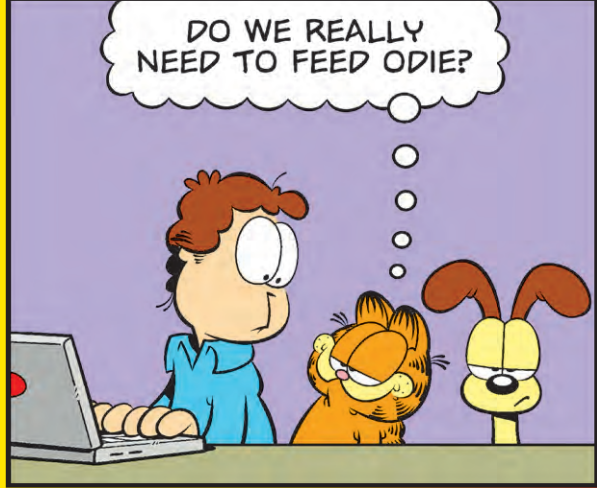
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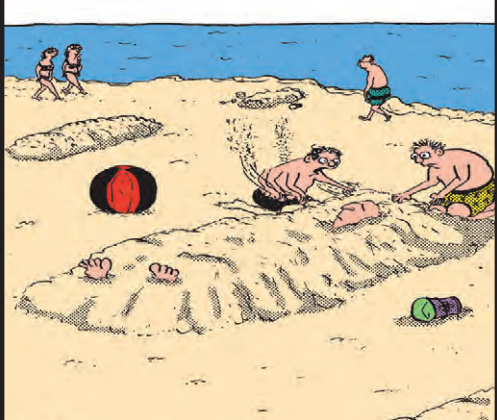
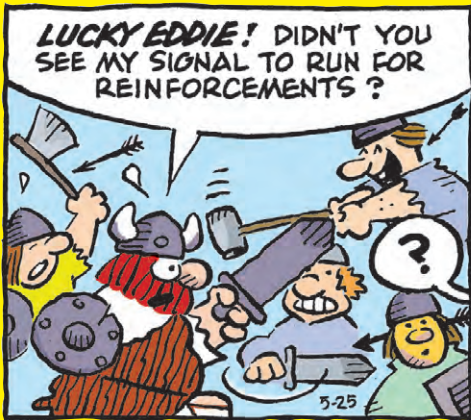
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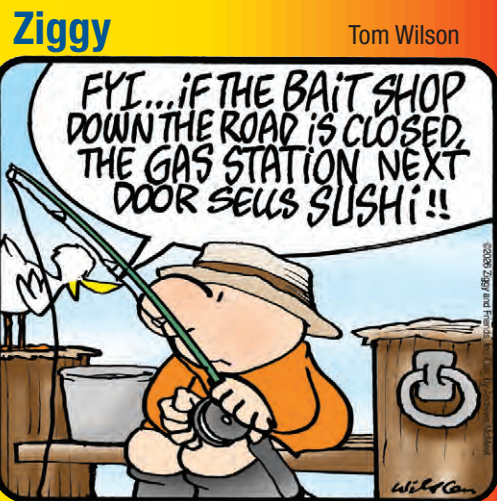
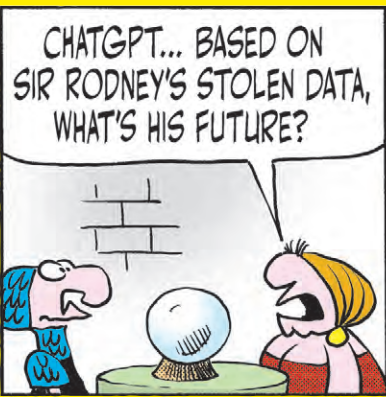
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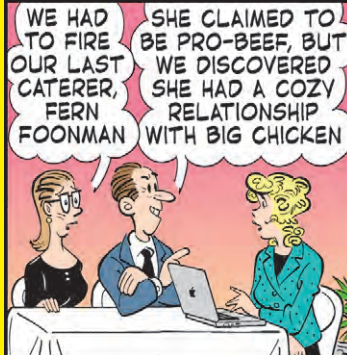
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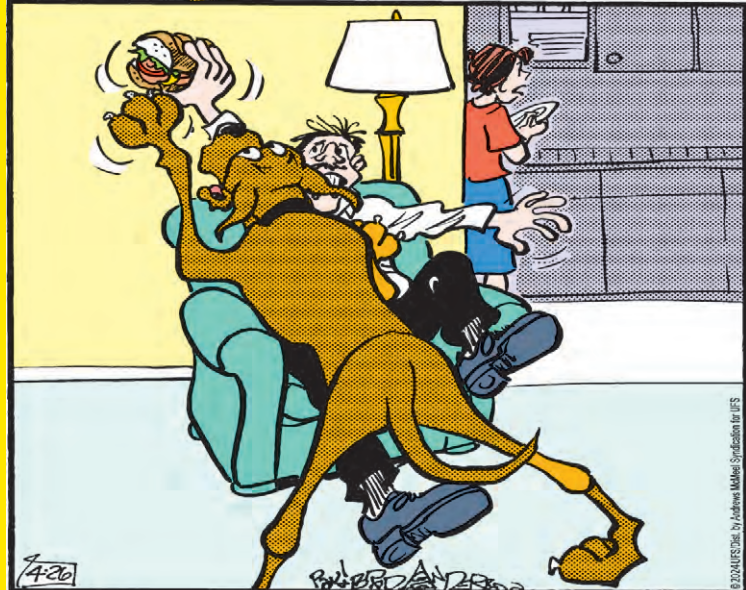
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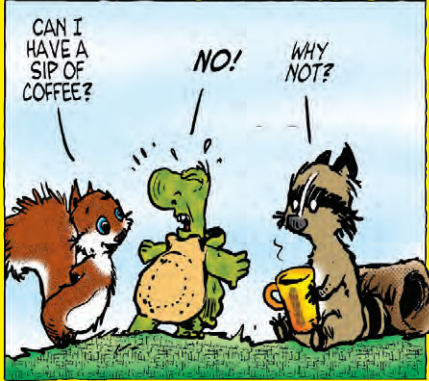
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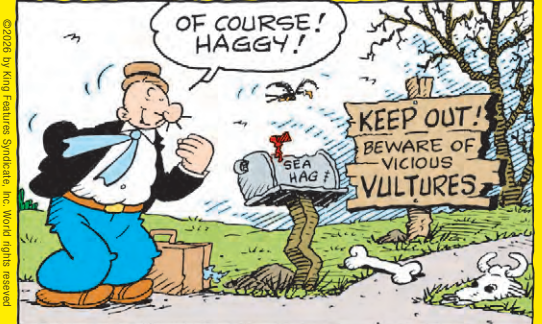
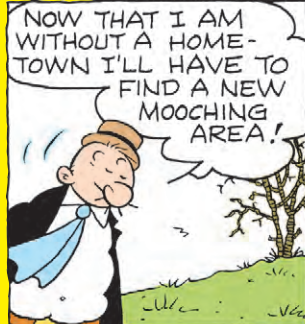
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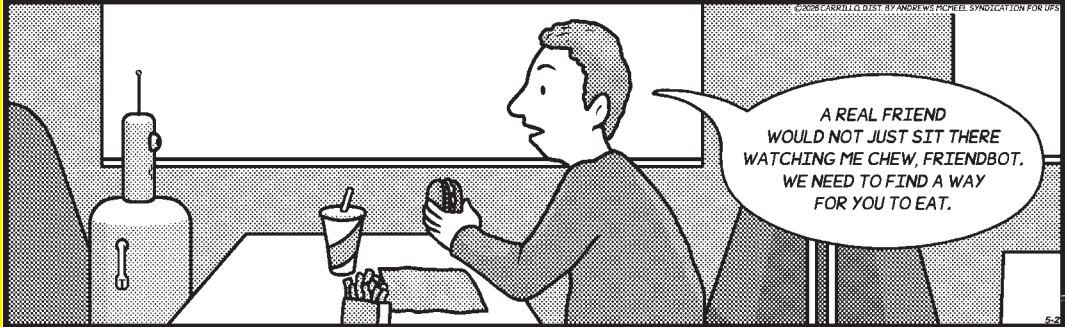
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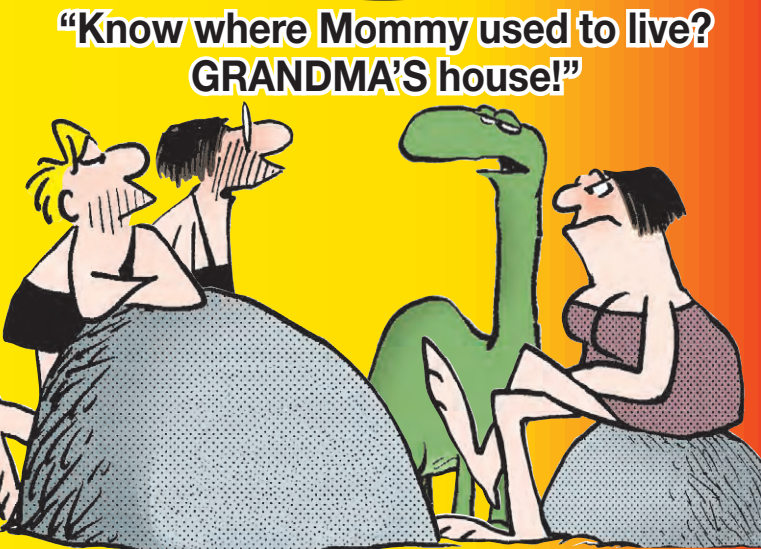
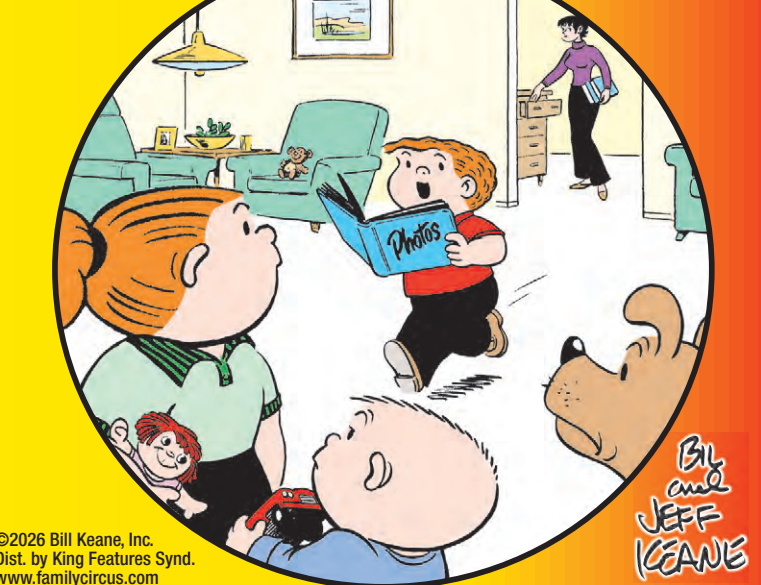
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South, North, Liggett track and field race to state finals

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

The Michigan High School Athletic Association track and field state finals brought together the top athletes from across the state last weekend, with local programs from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett School all competing at the biggest meet of the season. Across all three divisions, athletes delivered strong relay performances, personal bests and valuable experience against tough competition.

Grosse Pointe South
Grosse Pointe South’s boys and girls track and field teams competed against the state’s top programs at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 state finals Saturday, May 30, at Rockford High School, highlighted by strong relay efforts and contributions across all events. As a team, the South boys finished with four points, tying for 45th overall in a meet won by East Kentwood narrowly ahead of Detroit Catholic Central.
The Blue devils were led by their relay teams with the 4x200 relay of juniors Cristian Jhun, Brady Ossman and Jacob Watson, along with senior Tony Jordan II, placing 18th in 1:29.62. South also saw a great performance in the 4x400 relay, where the same group finished 14th with a time of 3:23.68.
In the distance events, South’s 4x800 relay team of Keagan Smith, Reid Cousins, Ethan Dalman and Rob Dodd turned in a time of 7:58.20 to place 13th.
The Blue Devils also had strong representation in the field events,



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Athletes from the boys and girls varsity track and field teams from Grosse Pointe North competed at the Division 2 state finals Saturday, May 30.

led by junior Joseph Agnone, who placed 18th in the shot put with a throw of 49 feet, 0.25 inches. In the pole vault, Liam O’Donoghue cleared 12 feet, 3 inches to place 28th.
On the girls side, Grosse Pointe South competed in a highly competitive Division 1 field and was led by freshman Eleanor Pilsner, who placed 28th in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:17.34. Teammate Lydia Thomason-Redus also competed in the event, finishing 38th in 12:51.77.
South faced a highly competitive field across all events, with multiple top-10 team finishes decided by narrow margins.
Grosse Pointe North
Grosse Pointe North’s boys and girls track and field teams competed at

the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 2 state finals May 30, at Hamilton High School, with athletes representing the Norsemen across a wide range of events.
On the boys side, Harper Woods claimed the Division 2 team title with 47 points, followed by Otsego.
North’s distance runners led the way for the Norsemen. Senior Paul Stephens turned in a 26th-place finish in the 800-meters with a time of 2:03.50 and sophomore Dylan Phillips also finished 36th with a 2:06.96 time. The North 4x800 relay team of Phillips, Sam Parish, Neil Orlowski and Stephens placed 17th with a time of 8:19.02.
In sprints, North’s 4x100 relay squad of Phillip Prost, Lamar Smith, Parker Persyn

and Theo Prat finished 13th in 43.15 seconds. The 4x200 relay group of Persyn, Prat, Smith, and Shawn Davis placed 14th in 1:30.71.
In the field events, sophomore Ashton Christie placed 22nd in the shot put with a throw of 47 feet, 6.25 inches and sophomore Javier Santos-Jones added a 30th-place finish with a throw of 42 feet, 10 inches. Sophomore Finn Ryan competed in the discus finishing 29th with a throw of 130 feet, 3 inches. In the high jump, sophomore Tim Lawson cleared 5 feet, 11 inches to tie for 19th.
On the girls side, Spring Lake captured the Division 2 girls team title, just beating Ludington.
North’s girls were led by their relay teams and individual contributors. The 4x200 relay group of Kimora Laster-Walker,

Maliyah Jones, Quinn Notebaert and Kayli Johnson placed 13th with a time of 1:47.45. Laster-Walker also competed individually in the 400 meter, finishing 23rd with a time of 1:02.33.
Senior Notebaert competed in the 300 meter hurdles, finishing 24th in 49.08 seconds. In the discus, senior Lauren Loper placed 22nd with a throw of 105 feet, 11 inches.
University Liggett
University Liggett’s boys and girls track and field teams competed at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 3 state finals May 31, at Kent City High School, with athletes contributing across multiple events as the Knights finished and tied for 45th on the boys side and 46th on the girls side.
Monroe St. Mary

Catholic Central claimed the Division 3 boys team title, followed by Elk Rapids.
Liggett’s boys were led by sophomore Israel Cleaves, who turned in a standout performance in the 300-meter hurdles, placing sixth with a personal best time of 40.17 seconds. The Knights also had a strong showing in the 4x100 relay, where sophomores Sekou Manneh, Israel Cleaves, Isaiah Cleaves and Pierre Walker II placed 14th in 44.29 seconds. The 4x800 relay team of Clay Gady, Andrew Kubitz, John Lubera and Tony Smith placed 22nd in 8:37.61. Manneh also competed in the 100-meter prelims, clocking an 11.12 to finish 16th.
On the girls side, Olivet won the Division 3 girls team title with 82 points, well ahead of runner-up Lansing Catholic.

Senior Collette Peabody led the Knights, reaching the finals in both the 100 and 200-meters. She placed 10th in the 100-meter prelims with a time of 12.57 and advanced to the 200 meter finals where she earned a personal best and finished fourth in 25.66. Peabody also anchored the 4x100 relay team of Mychala Penn, Aline Rahaim and Phalyn Walker to an eighth-place finish in 51.21 seconds and ran the opening leg of the 4x200 relay squad that placed 12th in 1:49.35.
In the field events, Penn placed 26th in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet, 3.25 inches, and also competed in the discus, finishing 28th at 90 feet, 6 inches. Walker rounded out Liggett’s individual efforts with a 30th place finish in the 100 meter prelims at 12.96 seconds.

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 include:



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SOUTH SOCCER FALLS IN DISTRICT FINAL

The Grosse Pointe South varsity girls soccer team saw its season come to an end last Thursday, May 28, with a 5-0 loss to Dearborn in the Division 1 district championship game. The Blue Devils defeated Detroit Cass Tech in overtime and Dearborn Heights Crestwood in a shootout in its earlier playoff games to advance to the district final. South’s final record for the season ended at 3-17-1.