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BoE names Bishop ‘acting superintendent’

New contract approved

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted

unanimously at its meeting Tuesday, June 9, on a “leadership transition plan” that changed Deputy Superintendent Roy Bishop’s title to “acting superintendent.”

The vote also changed Superintendent Andrea Tuttle’s title to “consultant to the acting superintendent.” The changes took effect Friday, June 13. Tuttle will not attend

the final four board meetings before her retirement at the end of August and also will work remotely during that time. Tuttle announced her

retirement in January, effective Aug. 31. The board voted in March to name Bishop the next superintendent effective

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SideStreet Diner to be featured on ‘America’s Best Restaurants’

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The owners of SideStreet Diner in The Village don’t know who nominated them to be featured on “America’s Best Restaurants,” but they do know what they have to offer.

“Sheila (Taylor-Frunek) and I had a very specific vision in mind when we started this endeavor,” co-owner Meghan Spicer Josefosky said of the

From left, SideStreet Diner owners Sheila Taylor-Frunek and Meghan Spicer Josefosky and longtime SideStreet fan Glenn Stevens celebrate the arrival of “America’s Best Restaurants.”

diner, which last year celebrated its 15th anniversary. “We wanted to be a neighborhood favorite. We really wanted to stick with the diner, not just theme, but menu and hospitality — and we think we’ve done that.”

The diner at 603 St. Clair welcomed host Sean Kelly and cameraman Josh Hurley Monday afternoon, June 8, to film an episode of “America’s Best Restaurants,” which will air on social media platforms likely in three months’ time.

“(Kelly) did tell us, too, that there was so much content here that he could probably do two shows on us,” Spicer

Josefosky said. “America’s Best Restaurants” is a traveling roadshow that highlights independently-owned restaurants across the country based on a nomination system. Its episodes air on social media platforms like YouTube and help small businesses reach a much larger audience.

“We’re a marketing company that helps out the mom-and-pop restaurants around, as far as going up against an Applebee’s or going up against the McDonald’s, who just have bottomless pockets when it

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Host Sean Kelly and cameraman Josh Hurley film content for SideStreet’s episode of “America’s Best Restaurants,” Monday, June 8.

Bike parade registration ends today

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Today is the deadline to register for the children’s patriotic bike parade scheduled a few hours prior to the first Kercheval After 6 street fair of summer, Saturday, June 27.

Registration is online via the parade’s sponsor, the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, at grossepointeparkfoundation.org.

The parade is 2 to 3 p.m. in the Kercheval business district.

Riders start in the parking lot behind Pointe Hardware Group on Kercheval at Maryland, go three blocks up Kercheval to Beaconsfield and back down the south-side alley to where they began. Total distance is about one-half mile.

Scooters are welcome, but no e-bikes.

“It will be fun, controlled chaos,” said Tom Caulfield, the city council liaison to the foundation. “Secret judges — no one’s going to know who they are — are going to walk around to choose what they think are the best patriotically decorated bike, best decorated wagon and best costume. Parents can walk with their kids, but the parade is focused on kids.”

“We’ll have a fire truck or squad car lead the parade,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Riders receive a red, white and blue United States 250 semiquincentennial 1776-2026 T-shirt.

“For the first 200 registrants, we have free goodie bags,” Caulfield

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Parks receive Wilson endowment dividends

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS & WOODS — Three Pointes this summer are tapping into an endowment created several years ago by Ralph and Mary Wilson for the lakefront parks.

“In 2019, at our Legacy on the Lake event, we honored (the late) Ralph C. Wilson Jr. and Mary Wilson,” said Jenny Boettcher, president of

the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, “and they gave a donation of \$150,000. It was a very specific grant, so funds could be used at the five lakefront parks, but it had to be sport-based projects or initiatives or programs.”

This year, \$2,600 each will go toward:

◆ swim team equipment at Pier Park in

Grosse Pointe Farms; ◆ the archery program at Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park;

◆ and the replacement of deck chairs and moveable umbrella stands for the pool deck at Neff Park in the City of Grosse Pointe.

“Right now we have a bunch of stationary umbrellas that are in the actual pool deck,” said

Chad Murphy, City parks and recreation coordinator, “so we’re getting some real heavy-duty umbrella stands that are on wheels, so we can kind of move them around the pool deck, because everybody congregates around our umbrellas and leaves the rest of the pool deck wide

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Michelle Hicks

Home: Grosse Pointe Woods
Longtime face of Liggett athletics reflects on nearly four decades with school

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Van Elslanders honored at Legacy

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation hosted its annual Legacy on the Lake event June 11, at The War Memorial, welcoming guests to an evening that included cocktails, dinner and dancing.

“Legacy on the Lake is for our wonderful partners whose generosity lifts the chamber in unbelievable ways,” Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher noted in her opening remarks.

Added Maria Miller, foundation board chairman, “Tonight is about the generosity, the stewardship and the investment families have made here in this community for generations.”

At the heart of the event was the Van Elslander family, who was honored by the chamber foundation for its outstanding contributions to the community.

The Van Elslander Family Foundation, run by the children and



From left, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Boettcher, David Van Elslander and David Balle, M.D. Van Elslander accepted the award on behalf of his family, who were honored this year at Legacy on the Lake.

grandchildren of Art and Mary Ann Van Elslander, focuses on supporting families in crisis and helping empower youth. To date, it has contributed more than \$100 million to Michigan causes, supporting children, health care and human services.

The foundation has shown longterm support of Henry Ford St. John Hospital through the Van Elslander Cancer Center

and the Mary Ann Van Elslander Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

It also recently contributed a \$5 million grant to establish the Full Circle Foundation — A. A. Van Elslander Campus in support of young adults with special needs.

“The Van Elslander family inspires us all to do what’s best and what’s right,” said Legacy Committee Chairman David S. Balle, M.D., while announcing the award. “... The Van Elslander family has generational Detroit roots grounded in hard work, humility and generosity.”

“Our family had the good fortune of growing up in one of Michigan’s finest communities — Grosse Pointe,” said David Van Elslander, while accepting the honor. “... We’re not being recognized because of who we are, rather for who our father was and who our mother is and the legacy they left

us. We’re so incredibly proud of our parents and grateful for all they’ve done, not only for us, but for thousands of people around Michigan.”

Proceeds from this year’s Legacy event will benefit the chamber’s mission to receive and distribute donations for the promotion of commerce, education, economic growth, events and activities for the Grosse Pointe community.

Since 2015, proceeds have helped foster economic development by awarding small business grants and scholarships, as well as allowed the chamber foundation to make contributions throughout the Pointes, including:

- ◆ the acquisition of patrol bikes for the five Pointes and Harper Woods public safety departments;
- ◆ the enhancement of playground equipment at

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Tom and Diane Schoenith.



Janet and Gary Van Elslander.



Laurie Jensen, left, and Sara Reeside.



David Balle, M.D., chair of the Legacy on the Lake committee, stands with Judy Agley.

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comes to being able to advertise,” Kelly explained.

Kelly and Hurley spent Monday afternoon interviewing SideStreet’s owners and loyal customers, as well as get-

ting a taste of three featured menu items — the Reuben, turkey dinner and Deli Omelet, which is Spicer Josefosky’s personal favorite.

“They didn’t disappoint,” Kelly emphasized. “The Reuben was delicious. The omelet was huge.”

Of course, the two-man crew couldn’t leave without a taste of SideStreet’s signature dessert, the Ding-A-Ling.

“Meghan said people come in here and buy 12 of these at a time,” Kelly said. “They ship them across the country to people. ... I remember them as a kid, but these were double the size. When I got to my hotel that night, I put it in the mini fridge and I had it with my coffee the next morning and, oh, it was so good.”

While food is a main highlight, “ABR” aims to delve into various aspects of what makes each restaurant unique.

SideStreet’s episode could touch on anything

from the diner’s annual Celtic celebration and ties to the Irish community in Corktown; its running Elvis memorabilia theme, which goes so far as to offer customers the experience of dining with a bust of “The King of Rock and Roll”; its obituary wall, which honors and remembers customers who have passed; or the gumption of its owners who have weathered many a storm.

“When COVID hit them, it hit them harder than most places, because even after they were a little bit more lenient about opening the business, their parking lot was shut down and there was construction and all this stuff,” Kelly said. “They just took so many hits, yet the community just kept showing up and showing

up and supporting the restaurant.

“I think at the end of the day ... in a town like that, where you’ve got people that genuinely care for one another as far as businesses go and want to see it supported and see it thrive, that’s really what stands out to me. Those are the stories we really like to hear.”

Calling it a perfect example of “Anytown USA,” Kelly also was struck by The Village and the larger Grosse Pointe community in which SideStreet resides.

“At the end of the day, it’s good food (and) it’s a great environment, but the people are what really made it memorable and made it a fun shoot,” Kelly said. “... We got a lot of great stuff, so I think it’s going to be a really fun episode to watch.”

While the episode was only just filmed and has yet to air, SideStreet’s owners already are reaping rewards.

After the news of the filming broke on social media last week, there was a line out the door for breakfast and lunch.

“Diners have a cult following,” Spicer Josefosky said. “There are people who just travel to diners across the country and so I’m hoping maybe to tap into that a little bit, that we are a genuine diner.”

“... I’m hoping to get some national recognition maybe and make it become a destination, where people will travel a little bit further to come here.”

Hours at SideStreet Diner are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the weekend.

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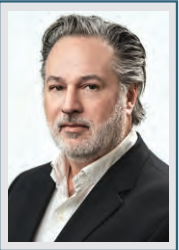
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City considering public safety assessment

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Rather than a public safety millage, City of Grosse Pointe officials now are considering asking voters to approve a public safety assessment to offset budget projections that continue to show a shortfall in the long term.

As it is currently being presented, the four-year, 1.25-mill assessment would generate around \$613,000 annually.

For the average taxable value of \$225,000, it would cost around \$281.25 a year.

“Public Act 33 of 1951 establishes the ability to create those special assessment districts to allow for the capture of an assessment for the purpose described under the act,” City Manager Joe Valentine said, “which in this case includes costs such as personnel, housing, vehicles, apparatus and

equipment for public safety operations — and being this is our largest expense, it has great application.”

Public safety represents around \$4.1 million of the City’s \$7 million budget.

City officials previously expressed intent to approach voters with a public safety millage, but have since determined an assessment would allow the city to capture more funds as it is not subject to the state’s Headlee rollback on property tax growth.

“We feel that the public safety assessment is the way to go for the sole reason that it accomplishes the same thing as the public safety millage, but it avoids the impact of the Headlee rollbacks, which reduces the amount of money you can capture from year to year,” Valentine said. “Looking back, the impact of the rollbacks over the last several years has been about \$2.1 million, so

that number does become real. Those rollbacks do make an impact, so if we can avoid having any new levies impacted by the rollback, we’d be in a better situation.”

The money would allow for the city to cover its deferred capital needs and continue the operational needs residents expect.

With \$613,000 supplementing public safety costs, the city could choose to simultaneously use those funds that would have come out of its general operating levy to address Neff Park pool repairs and deferred public works equipment purchases.

“We’ve got about \$1.4 million in public safety, \$1.4 million in pool repairs and \$1 million in public works equipment that we’re going to need to replace in the next few years,” Valentine said. “So almost \$4 million that we’re going to have to come up with that we don’t really have right

now, or we wouldn’t be able to meet these needs.”

In the first year, the assessment revenue would provide Taser replacement, prep radios, bunker gear sets and three new patrol cars for the public safety department, in addition to operational funding. The city then could spend \$650,000 on replacing its existing pool filter system.

In the second year, the assessment would pay for criminal justice system renewal, protective duty vests, bunker gear sets, two new patrol cars and public safety operational costs. The city then could replace chemical control and monitoring at the pool, as well as purchase a garbage truck and front-end loader.

In the third year, the assessment would cover a mini pumper vehicle replacement, prep radio replacement, one new patrol car and public safety operational costs. The city could resurface

the main pool and conduct repairs on the kiddie pool, as well as purchase a dump truck.

In the fourth year, the assessment would provide for battery replacement for AED devices, replacement of SCBA fire masks, two new patrol cars and public safety operations. The city could replace the pool deck and purchase a garbage truck.

“All of that could be accomplished with a 1.25-mill (assessment) over the next four years,” Valentine said, “and that avoids that situation we were looking at before where we can close these gaps and achieve the priorities that the community has.”

“In four years, then we would reassess where we’re at (and) amend or revise the plan going forward. It would be an ongoing conversation.”

If the assessment were to become a reality, it would increase the city’s millage rate — which currently is the lowest among the Pointes — from 16.4972 to 17.7472.

“I think 1.25 (mills) is not a very heavy lift,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

Councilman David Calcaterra concurred.

“It’s lower than I thought it was going to be,” he said.

Though the city is not required to get voter approval for an assessment and could choose to impose it upon residents via a vote of city council, officials have expressed interest in placing it on the ballot for the sake of transparency.

“I feel like you want to go to the vote and ask residents if they want to do this,” Tomkowiak said. “For public safety and for the pool, I think the people in this community are going to say, ‘Yes, those are worthy things.’”

The city will conduct a community engagement meeting at a date to be determined in July, with city council intending to vote in August on whether to place a public safety special assessment on the November ballot.

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- the Tot Lot;
- ◆ building a bocce ball court at The Helm;
 - ◆ making improvements at the five lakefront parks with sports-based enhancements;
 - ◆ helping fund the installation of lights along the Moross Greenway; and
 - ◆ raising funds to celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary through the



The Full Circle Choir entertained guests during the event.

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RENEE LANDUYT

sale of commemorative banners in all five Pointes.



Cindy LaLonde and her niece, Annabel Schlachter.

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open. Those will be in on June 18.”

The endowment is managed by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, which each year supplies the dividends to the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, which then allocates it equally among the cities that submit a request.

“We don’t pick one over the other,” Boettcher said, “so it just depends on who requests money that year. ... This year three just happened to.”

In previous years, the endowment has funded pickleball equipment for the Farms, Park and Woods; workout equipment for the Woods; table tennis for the Farms; and kayaks for the City.

— Laurel Kraus

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Policy Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Facilities Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

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

Clarification

The way last week’s story, “10% rise in water-sewer rates,” was reported created some confusion. Rather than headlining a 10 percent rise in overall rates, it should have summarized the actual changes: “For Grosse Pointe Park, the blended rate for water sales is increasing by 5.10 percent and the sewer rate is increasing by 4.45 percent.”

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Hicks bids farewell to Liggett after nearly 4 decades

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

During the last nearly 40 years, Michelle Hicks has become a familiar face at University Liggett School. She has worn many hats for Liggett over the years, including athletic trainer, physical education teacher, athletic director and more. The next hat she wears will be whichever one she chooses while enjoying her retirement from the school after 39 years.

“A 22-year-old me couldn’t have imagined that 39 years later, I’d have stayed in one place for the whole time,” Hicks said. “My daughter graduated from Liggett. My son went to school here for a while. ... It was really like a second home to us. Between my colleagues and the parents and the students, it was just a great place to be.”

Hicks began working at Liggett in fall 1987, after graduating from Central Michigan University. She had a degree in sports medicine and kinesiology and was looking to join the



Michelle Hicks with Liggett coaches and alumni at a Liggett Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony. From left, Michelle Hicks, Andy Knote, David Dwaihy and Gene Overton.

school as an athletic trainer. That was the first of many opportunities at Liggett that came Hicks’ way, kickstarting a long career that included a variety of roles.

“I knew there was an opening at Liggett because I was told by a former teacher of mine from Lake Shore in St. Clair Shores,” Hicks said about her early days at Liggett. “Bob (Wood)

interviewed me and told me that if I passed my national certification exam, they would hire me. Muriel Brock hired me to teach some lower school physical education classes, so those two things together gave me a full-time position.”

Hicks continued working as an athletic trainer and physical education teacher while also being a coordinator for the

Liggett Day Camp during summer for many years. In 2004, she was promoted to athletic director. She held that role for more than a decade before becoming the assistant athletic director, which was her position until retirement.

Sports were what Hicks always wanted to be around when it came to her career. There was nothing she enjoyed

more than helping student-athletes along their journeys and watching students thrive and find their passions, whether it was in sports, theater, robotics or anything else.

“To be able to watch these students do things that they loved and compete as a team ... the kids realize that they’re part of something bigger than themselves and working together and going out and competing,” Hicks said. “I know what it meant to me, so to see them enjoy what they’re doing was my favorite part of the day.”

Even in retirement, Hicks will have the chance to keep watching students grow at Liggett and be around the athletic programs she has been with nearly four decades. She plans on spending time camping with her wife, Beth Caverly, or visiting her son, Zachary Hicks, daughter Laura Barone, and her grandchildren. However, Liggett fans and families might spot Hicks around the athletic facilities doing some part-time work for the

Knights.

“I don’t have to do this cold turkey, which I’m thankful for because after 39 years, that would be difficult,” she joked.

No matter where retirement takes her, Liggett will always feel like home for Hicks. It was the place that took her in 39 years ago and that she grew to love so much she found herself coming back year after year throughout the decades. It may feel like it went by fast, but the Liggett community still feels like family to Hicks, whether she is retired or not.

“The first day I walked into the Cook Road gym, I just walked out into that gym and remember not knowing what to expect,” Hicks said. “This past Monday, I went back to the gym and the lights were off and I just sat on a mat and reflected on the last 39 years and it’s like they’ve gone by in an instant.... So many of my biggest life moments happened when I was part of Liggett and the Liggett community.”

City seeks federal funds for park groundskeeping

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The feds will partner with the city in a multi-organizational intervention of invasive plants along the Patterson Park shoreline.

“Restoration work (includes) site preparation, invasive species management and seeding with native grasses and wildflowers,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager, in a June 8 memo recommending city council approval.

For the inducement of a \$700 matching fee, city officials approved applying for a grant to sow 0.3 acres of Patterson shoreline with plants beneficial to insects and wildlife.

Involvement by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service brings oversight, design, habitat management guidance and a supply of native plant seeds.

“The Wildlife Service will develop a site-specific seed mix, provide and broadcast the diverse grass and forb (broadleaf flowering plant) seed containing natives species

that will enhance the area for pollinators, migratory birds and other wildlife,” according to a landowner agreement between the city, the Fish and Wildlife Service and various Downriver and Macomb County environmental groups that a united city council approved June 8.

“There’s a 10-year agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a five-year agreement with the CWMA (Cooperative Weed Management Area),” Sizeland said. “They would administer the grant.”

Advocates rejected the

prospect of federal funds legitimizing federal intervention of park operations or cancellation of the municipal parks residents-only access.

“I’ve reviewed some of the questions by one of the council members (Tom Caulfield),” said Zach Learman, on the

staff of City Attorney Dan Kelly. “A lot of them were valid concerns that won’t have to be determined now. But one of the clear answers I came across — and it’s a valid concern, also, in light of how these parks are treated as pri-

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Woods passes budget, sets millage rate

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City council last month approved an overall budget of \$51.5 million for the 2026-27 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

That is a \$3.2 million increase, or 6.6 percent, over the current fiscal year.

The general fund budget will go from approximately \$18.1 million to around \$19.2 million, a 5.75 percent increase. Public safety, as is the case with most municipalities, makes up the largest line item in the

general fund, at \$9.1 million, up from \$8.6 million.

Under special revenues, the major street fund will increase from \$1.5 million to \$2 million, while the local street fund will go from \$1.4 million to \$1.7 million.

“Aside from wages and benefits, the biggest part of the increase is road work,” said Treasurer/Comptroller Steven Schmidt. “We’re transferring a lot of money from the general fund to pay for that work.”

Schmidt said the city will repave Holiday from Lochmoor to Sunningdale and redo

Marian Court.

“We’re also doing the initial engineering on repairing Cook Road this year and we’ll do the actual work next year,” he added.

Schmidt said the city will pay around \$1.2 million for that project, with another million coming from Wayne County.

The general fund millage will fall slightly, by 0.98 of a mill, to 12.5.

“We had to make a slight reduction due to Headlee,” Schmidt said. “But property values are increasing, so that makes up for it.”

Also known as a Headlee rollback, the

amendment was added to the Michigan Constitution in 1978 and is designed to limit state and local taxation and prevent government revenues from growing faster than the rate of inflation without voter approval.

The city’s overall taxable value is \$991.7 million.

Taxpayers also will see a slight decrease in the road bond debt millage, from 0.4 to 0.25.

“That will be paid off in two years and then taken off the tax rolls,” Schmidt said.

Other millages include 2.3 for solid waste, 3.7 for the Milk River Drain and 0.3 for senior services.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Intercepted

A check for \$1,375 was mailed to a handyman service in late May, but intercepted by an unknown suspect who altered the check to \$1,975 and deposited it.

Theft

A 33-year-old Detroit woman turned herself in last week for stealing a credit card in December from a patient at a local hospital while she was employed there and using it at various places around metro Detroit.

Infotainment system theft

The infotainment system was stolen from a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 parked at an area hospital between 12:30 and 2 p.m. Monday, June 8.

2 for 1

A male juvenile was observed riding a bike along Notre Dame and Village Lane, while holding onto another bike at 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 9. The second bike was determined to be stolen, for which he was arrested.

Alcohol thief

After stealing a four-pack of Lemon Drop Martini Cutwater worth \$15 from a store in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, a 23-year-old Detroit man was arrested

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as he fled on foot.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Domestic violence

Officers were dispatched to a Mack gas station at 3:20 p.m. Monday, June 8, where a young Detroit woman fled to call 911 after her 21-year-old boyfriend grabbed her by her hair and threatened to choke her while they were driving.

The boyfriend could be seen on camera further threatening her after following her into the business and was arrested for domestic violence.

Big knife

After being pulled over for an expired license plate at 10:16 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, a 49-year-old Detroit woman told officers the reason an 11-inch knife was concealed next to the center console was to protect herself while delivering for DoorDash. She was arrested for driving with a suspended license and a dangerous weapon violation.

Cycle violation

An 18-year-old Grosse Pointe man was cited for driving without cycle endorsement and improper attachment of a license plate at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, June 11, after he was pulled over driving a Honda CRF-450X motorcycle near Cherryhurst and Lakeshore.

Double yikes

A 54-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 9:40 p.m. Thursday, June 11, while driving a car with a license plate stolen from Illinois and with an unregistered Glock handgun in an unzipped bag on his passenger seat.

Try, try again

A 19-year-old Warren man and 19-year-old Detroit woman were reported by a local spa Thursday, June 11, for attempting to use seven different Mastercards to book an online appointment, all but two of which were declined.

The man ultimately was arrested on warrants for transporting marijuana and allowing an unlicensed person to drive, and was held for further investigation on suspicion of fraud.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Fake agent

A case of fraud seems right out of the “MAD” magazine cartoon, “Spy vs. Spy,” and just as fanciful.

Shortly after business hours began Monday morning, June 8, a Park woman answered a telephone call from someone purporting to be a PNC Bank representative.

“She was instructed to withdraw \$18,000 from her account and meet a ‘federal courier’ in the parking lot of the St. Clair Shores Post Office,” according to Park police. “(She) met the courier, described as a (heavysset) black male driving a (black Chevy) Tahoe, and placed the money in the rear seat of the vehicle. The Tahoe left the scene.”

Scooter stolen

A thief capitalized on a 40-minute window of opportunity to steal a black Chicago Cubs 50cc scooter parked in the 1000 block of the Beaconsfield alley.

The incident happened Monday, June 8, according to police.

“The victim stated the scooter was parked outside the garage at approximately 10:20 a.m. and discovered missing

around 11 a.m.,” police said. “The scooter has numerous stickers on it.”

Steals donations

The fat lady didn’t sing when she and her companion walked out of Rustics Bar last weekend with someone’s wallet and a raffle jar containing \$260 cash, according to authorities.

“(The) suspects were seated at the bar during a fundraiser,” police said of the incident at 5:50 p.m. Saturday, June 12, at the bar on lower Kercheval. “After finishing their drinks, the suspects took the raffle box and left on foot. Multiple area cameras captured them leaving with the box containing the money.”

Police described the suspects as a black male and female, both heavy-set.

Prelim changed

A preliminary hearing scheduled this week in the child pornography case of Park resident Nelson Otto Ropke, 41, was rescheduled for Thursday, July 2, in the courtroom of Wayne County Circuit Judge Darnella Williams-Claybourne.

Ropke remains in custody, unable to post \$1 million cash bond. He is being prosecuted for 26 felony counts of child porn and misuse of a computer.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O’Neil

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen bike

An unlocked bicycle worth \$500 was stolen at Parcels Middle School sometime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, June 8.

Unlocked auto 1

A credit card and \$120 in cash was removed from a wallet that was left in an unlocked vehicle in the 800 block of Anita around 1:40 a.m. Wednesday, June 10.

Unlocked auto 2

A \$10 roll of quarters was taken from an unlocked vehicle in the 2100 block of Hawthorne sometime overnight into Sunday, June 14.

—Ted O’Neil

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

BIKE:

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said. “Hungry Howie’s is donating a coupon for a free junior pizza for every kid and a water bottle. I’m elated at how gracious the business community has supported this, which tells me this is what our residents want — community-based events.”

Pointe Hardware Group will provide children’s activities.

“Tom Caulfield reached out to me,” said Waref Hawasli, store owner. “He was super enthusiastic. He knew my wife and I are super embedded in the community, fixated on kids’ programming and adding value in the way of activating initiatives that support families with kids. He asked if I wanted to be involved. I said yes.”

Hawasli’s list of children’s activities is still in the making.

“We’re waiting to see how many kids sign up before we put together our activation plans,” he said.

Local businesses are contributing to the goodie bags.

“Bags have everything — tattoo stickers, miniature U.S. flags, wristbands, glow sticks, cou-



A variety of swag will be offered at the event.

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pons; all kinds of things,” Caulfield said. “I can’t believe the support we’re getting from residents and local businesses. Sweet Pointe Candy is giving a bag of penny candy to each child. We also have a five-pound gummy bear as a surprise raffle. It’s huge. It’s hilarious.”

Caulfield remembered being a boy riding in the city’s July 4 bike parade.

“It went down Essex,” he said. “It was the largest event outside of Little League. About 15 kids on

our block won a prize for the best costume. My sister was the Statue of Liberty. I was Uncle Sam. I’ve wanted to bring this event back. The foundation was gracious enough to support it. The city’s administration complied.”

He credited City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler for helping organize things.

“She’s been doing all the grunt work — putting the bags together, building the flyer, putting the advertising together,” Caulfield said.

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OUR VIEW

Celebrating our schools

Now that the 2025-26 school year is in the books (we could not resist), here is a look back at some of the highlights we wrote about.

September

◆ After nearly three years and several delays, a ceremonial groundbreaking is held against a backdrop of heavy equipment and piles of rubble at the former Poupard Elementary School.

In what is being called Fraser Square, Robertson Brothers Homes and Renovare Development plan to build 48 duplexes and 23 townhomes. It is named after Carol Fraser, who spent 34 years teaching first grade in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, including her last 20 at Poupard.

November

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System’s \$120 million bond proposal passes with 70 percent of the vote in the election Tuesday, Nov. 4. There are 10,088 votes in favor and 4,250 opposed.

The estimated millage that will be levied to pay for the new bonds in the first year is 0.70 mills and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of the bonds is 1.63 mills annually. The remainder of the levied millage will go toward paying off the 2018 bond.

◆ Three Grosse Pointe South athletes have major milestones in the next steps of their careers, signing their official National Letters of Intent to play at the collegiate level. They are Gabby DiVita (University of Nebraska volleyball), Lyla Hampton (Eastern Michigan University women’s lacrosse) and Dane Lezotte (Cornell University baseball).

◆ The University Liggett School boys soccer team makes it all the way to the Division 4 state title game before narrowly losing to Leland.

◆ A dozen students from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North high schools are recognized by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education for their performance on the PSAT. Those named National Merit semifinalists scored in the top 1 percent of more than 1.3 million juniors who took the test last year. Those receiving a commendation scored in the top 3 to 4 percent. Those students were Elena Martin (South, commended), Eleanor Sahutske (South, semifinalist), Caroline Ward (South, semifinalist), Zach Neme (South, semifinalist), Leo Neds-Fox (South, commended), Julian Lancaster (South, semifinalist), Gavin Perry (North, commended), James Jewell (North, commended), A Schroeder (North, commended), Peter Moe (North, commended), Erin Simpson (South, commended) and Joseph Reid (South, commended).

◆ Grosse Pointe South’s Caroline Bryan repeats as Division 2 state champion in the 100 fly. She, along with teammates Whitney Handwork, Corinne Stencel and Nicole McEnroe, also won a state title in the 200 freestyle relay.

February

◆ Paul Rossi is chosen as the next head of school at University Liggett School on a unanimous vote by the board of trustees after a national search. “At every stage of the process, Paul distinguished himself as an exceptional candidate with both his breadth of experience and his alignment with our mission and core values,” said Maureen Juip, chair of the head of school search committee.

◆ Grosse Pointe South boys swimming wins its 28th consecutive MAC Red title.

◆ Four Grosse Pointe Public School System stu-

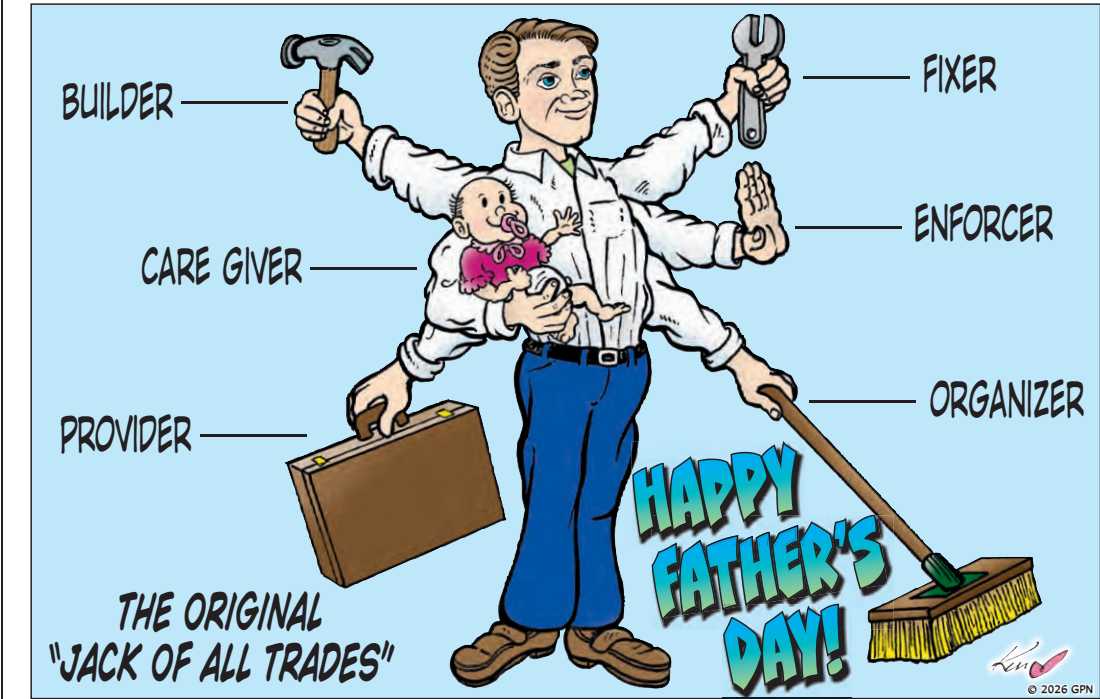


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dents are named recipients of the Evans Scholarship, a four-year full housing and tuition scholarship for golf caddies that’s regarded as the nation’s largest privately funded scholarship program. They are Jean-Paul Shemmai, Luke Leonhard and Cameron Kosel from Grosse Pointe North High School and Shelby McMillan from Grosse Pointe South High School. It is the second consecutive year GPPSS has four such awardees.

March

◆ GPPSS Deputy Superintendent Roy Bishop is the unanimous board of education choice to become superintendent effective Sept. 1, replacing retiring Superintendent Andrea Tuttle.

April

◆ The Grosse Pointe Academy concludes its third annual Amazing Shake, an immersive middle school competition that challenges students to demonstrate poise, communication, professionalism and problem-solving through high-pressure, real-world scenarios.

Eighth grader Isabelle Elley earned the title of 2026 Amazing Shake Champion after advancing through every round and prevailing in the final interview. The top 10 GPA students also advanced to the 2026 Amazing Shake Regional Competition, where they represented the school against peer participants from across the region.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Education Association Teachers of the Year are honored at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday, April 27, ahead of Teacher Appreciation Week. They are, alphabetically by building: Kelly Martz, Barnes Early Childhood Center; Bonnie Berschback-Moyer, Brownell Middle School; Sarah Hartley, Defer Elementary School; Mary Beth Coffey, Ferry Elementary School; Gigi Murray, Kerby Elementary School; Taylor Peters, Maire Elementary School; Margarette Scheich, Mason Elementary School; Christina Peklo, Monteith Elementary School; Colleen Byrn, Grosse Pointe North High School; Rachel Butler, Parcels Middle School; Carrie Morris, Pierce Middle School; Paige Davey, Richard Elementary School and Sandy McCue, Grosse Pointe South High School.

May

◆ The Grosse Pointe South girls lacrosse, ULS boys lacrosse, Grosse Pointe North softball, Grosse Pointe South softball, Grosse Pointe North baseball and ULS baseball teams all win district championships, while the South boys golf team wins its regional.

◆ Sonya Jayakar from ULS wins the Division 4 state title at No. 1 singles in girls tennis.

◆ Nine graduating seniors from the Grosse Pointe Public School System receive \$5,000 Compass Scholarships from Pointers for

Academic Excellence for “their leadership, academics, service, athletics, arts and commitment to making the most of every opportunity during their time in our schools,” according to a post on the group’s social media. They are Erin Simpson, Grosse Pointe South High School, University of Michigan; Victoria Herd, Grosse Pointe North High School, Spelman College; Liliana Ivanaj, Grosse Pointe North, Pepperdine University; Eva Borowski, Grosse Pointe North, Albion College; Alessia Morreale, Grosse Pointe North, University of Michigan; Lauren Loper, Grosse Pointe North, Michigan State University; Oliver Bomgaars, Grosse Pointe North, Wayne State University; Alejandro Delgado, Grosse Pointe North, University of Notre Dame; and Isaac Brenner, Grosse Pointe South, University of Michigan.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education awards nearly \$78,000 in grants for its spring cycle. It had previously announced \$95,000 in grants for its fall cycle.

◆ Seventy-seven Blue Devils from the Class of 2026 received scholarships for the 94th consecutive year from the Mothers’ Club of Grosse Pointe South High School.

June

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School begins its 70th anniversary celebration with a production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

LETTERS

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Quick note of thanks

To the Editor:

Just wanted to send a quick note to say THANK YOU for putting on the fishing classic every year. It’s easily one of the things my kids look forward to most each summer. My two oldest (7 and 5) were on me all spring to get them out so they could “practice” for the fishing competition. Even my youngest (almost 3) has really gotten into it this year. A couple years ago, I was begging them to go with me. Now they’ve asked me to go every day since the classic started.

Parker, my 7-year-old, lost a big one today when his line snapped. I was bummed for him but he looked at me and said, “It’s OK, Dad. We’re making great memories and building traditions. That’s what fishing is all about.” Wise words for a 7-year-old and it hit me how much all the time we’ve gotten to spend over the last few years has really made an impact — the conversations we’ve had about being patient and the best part of fishing being spending time together — and now he’s reminding me.

Not to mention all the other life lessons learned from fishing — patience, importance of preparation, respecting nature, problem solving/adapting when things aren’t working, water safety, etc. And in a world where kids spend too much time on screens and competition is seemingly discouraged, this

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



The Pelley principle

It's embarrassing to witness reports of CBS TV employee Scott Pelley's self-aggrandizing tantrum in response to being fired from the "60 Minutes" news show. Embarrassing in the same way as being at a ballpark when a beer-bloated fool starts yelling obscenities. Second-hand empathy such as that is called vicarious embarrassment or, in slang, cringeworthy. "Cringe is an uncomfortable feeling that surges when in the presence of someone suffering socially," according to "That's so Cringe," on the National Library of Medicine website, pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov. One doesn't have to be a network television news insider to know

Pelley wasn't a reporter. He was a personality, although he set himself apart by studying journalism before entering the field. Many TV types were theater majors or actors who fell into the business of reading news written by interns when their acting careers didn't develop. It was more common during my youth than now, but the lesson holds firm. And don't tell me it doesn't happen. During my underclass college years, I interviewed for an internship at a local TV station to write news scripts. Pelley was one of the faces of "60 Minutes." He read reports chosen by others, researched by others, written by others. He worked under the direction of others, a director, in fact. He wore outfits chosen by others. His hair was coiffed by others. He was posed in settings at precise camera angles and filmed in flattering light by others.

When he flubbed his lines or failed to punctuate a narrative by looking sufficiently sincere, glum or indignant, he got to do it all over as many times as necessary to present the proper degree of spontaneity. Common sense tells us this. The composition of the "60 Minutes" staff tells us this. CBS's website, cbsnews.com, tells us this. It has a page titled, "60 Minutes: About Us," dated June 3 of this year. On it are listed the show's executive producer, four correspondents including Pelley, one contributor and a football team-sized roster of producers, known in print media as editorial staff. They consist of two senior producers, one executive story editor, 25 producers, one planning producer, 25 associate producers, one editorial associate, eight broadcast associates, one

broadcast editor and 13 editors. That's a total of 77 off-air support staff, or more than 19 per correspondent, or more than 15 per correspondent plus the lone contributor. By any measure, that's a lot of pasta. The number of editorial staffers tell us who gave most of the direction and did most of the work, rather than when Pelley characterized himself post-firing as the main cog in the program's machine. "I've never worn the uniform, but I've been in combat for this country," he said. That and more of Pelley's fanciful bragging were way over the top, even for wannabe cultural arbiters among mel-low-voiced hollow-heads of the TV news world of teleprompter jockeys. Part of the resulting vicarious embarrassment is knowing how common it is for reporters of all types, including print, to

self-aggrandize, to foolishly think of themselves as elements of what they are reporting rather than merely reporting what other people actually do. The nature of the job and the protection of the First Amendment give reporters access out of proportion to what they'd get without both. Such access often goes to a reporter's head. I'll be interviewing a congressman this week. Do you think he'd sit down with me if I weren't a conduit to thousands of his constituents? When I want to know about a work of art, I call a museum director or curator. Those folks don't ordinarily interact with John Does. When I wanted to write anniversary pieces about World War II, I capitalized on my role as a reporter to interview Jimmy Doolittle's copilot and the navigator of the bomber that flattened Hiroshima. But I'm not a national

political figure, an art expert or member of the Army Air Corps. I'm just a reporter, which is enough if I do it right. In the 1994 movie, "The Paper," a managing editor named Alicia seeks a pay raise. Otherwise, she can't afford to move among the social set she covers. She thinks she's part of their scene rather than simply someone carrying out assignments. Her boss denies the raise and tells her why: "The people we cover — we move in their world, but it is their world. You can't live like them, Alicia. You'll never keep up. Now, if you try and make this job about the money, you'll be nothing but miserable, 'cause we don't get the money — never have, never will." Scott Pelley thinks he is a newsmaker, when, in fact, like the rest of us, he's not. All he does, or did, was report what other people actually do. The fact that doing so wasn't enough for him shows he was in the wrong line of work to begin with.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951
75 years ago this week

THREE VETERANS OF KOREA PRESENTED SERVICE RINGS AT FARMS MEETING: Three Korean battle veterans from the Pointe received service rings from the Farms Council Monday night in an informal ceremony preceding its regular meeting. The veterans are Sgt. Martin G. Beer, Cpl. William J. Ryan Jr. and Seaman Donald F. Piche, who were introduced to the council by Police Chief Walter R. Hoyt. **WEINREICH, KOREA HERO, BACK HOME:** Cpl. John E. Weinreich, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weinreich of Van Antwerp Road, recently left his unit, the 31st Infantry Regiment, on the fighting front in Korea, and has arrived home on rotation. As a member of the 31st Infantry Regiment, Weinreich traveled from Pusan to the Chosin Reservoir, made amphibious landings on both coasts of Korea and in his most recent action fought with the UN forces on the central front. **GROSSE POINTE HIGH GRADUATES 233 AT OUTDOOR EXERCISES:** Grosse Pointe High School bestowed diplomas upon 233 seniors in impressive outdoor commencement ceremonies of the Class of June 1951. A total of 6,129 students has now gradu-

ated by Grosse Pointe High School, including 249 boys who completed their high school courses in connection with service in the armed forces.

1976
50 years ago this week

MILLAGE PROPOSALS PASS: In one of the largest turnouts in the history of Pointe school elections, voters passed all four propositions for funding of the schools and libraries on June 14. Central school offices, where election results began to trickle in shortly after 8 p.m. Monday night, were filled with jubilant millage workers and school employees as it soon became apparent that all precincts, except Poupard and Barnes, would pass the four propositions. **DROWNING GIRL SAVED IN SHORES:** An 11-year-old Woods girl escaped death by drowning during a class picnic thanks to the quick work of Shores Public Safety Officer Gary Mitchell who pulled the Ferry School sixth grader from a Hampton Road home pool late Monday morning, June 7. After being revived at the scene by Officer Mitchell, Janey Pekarek was rushed to Saint John Hospital. She was treated and released that same day and was back in school Wednesday June 9. **ULS TOPS IN CLASS C-D:** Ready to take on all comers, the ULS varsity tennis team has won the state championship for the fifth year in a row. The Knights coasted to victory

2001
25 years ago this week

CITY'S ASSISTANT MANAGER LEAVES AFTER 2 DECADES: City of Grosse Pointe assistant city manager Christine Bremer said goodbye to colleagues June 8, after two decades of service in the City. Bremer served as assistant city manager under now-retired city manager Tom Kressbach for 21 years. When Kressbach announced his retirement last year, Bremer was one of four candidates interviewed for his job. **GP, HW SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS SEE LOW TURNS:** Grosse Pointe Board of Education trustee Joseph Brennan walked into Parcels Middle School to cast his vote around 6:15 p.m. in the June 11 school board election. He was the 53rd of 68 voters who came to vote at Parcels that day. It was no surprise Brennan and fellow incumbent John Dindoffer retained their seats, but Chris Fenton, the district's assistant superintendent for business affairs and support services, suspected it was the smallest turnout of voters in the district's history — 237. **DEVELOPER PRESENTS PLAN FOR KERCHEVAL AND HALL PLACE:** Developer Edward J. Russell's plan

for rebuilding the corner of Kercheval and Hall Place met with general approval at the June 11 Grosse Pointe Farms city council meeting. But before the project can go forward, the question of parking, which has been an issue for the past several years, must be settled, said Farms Mayor Edward Gaffney.

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GP, MEET GP: Grosse Pointe, meet GP, a future service dog for a Michigan veteran in need. Part of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, Inc., GP is in the process of becoming a partner for a veteran with a disability, which may include traumatic brain injury or PTSD. GP will be trained for two years at a cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000. Dogs are donated to veterans at no cost to them. **LADIES MAKE IT FOUR:** Junior Emma St. John threw her seventh no-hitter of the season last weekend, leading the University Liggett girls' softball team to a Division 3 regional championship. It was the fourth straight regional crown for the Knights. St. John walked one and struck out 12.

Farms launches Pier Park app

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms in late May launched its first ever "GPF Parks and Recreation" app for phones and tablets. "The app is pretty much an at-the-finger-tips version of our online software," Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis said. Through the app, residents now can: ♦ register for youth and adult classes, ♦ reserve tennis and

pickleball courts, ♦ manage the household account at anytime, ♦ stay up to date on programs and activities ♦ and access parks and recreation information in one place. "We have a lot of people who have said they tried to access the website from their phones and it's not the most user-friendly," Galatis said. "So this definitely gives them the ability to just be able to access everything Parks and

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Farms water distribution foreman recognized

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms’ employee recognition program continued this month, with water distribution foreman Kevin Webb.

“As the water distribution foreman, Kevin oversees the entire water distribution process,” Mayor John Gillooly noted. “Literally, thousands of people rely on Kevin each and every day.”

The Farms is unique among the Pointes in owning and operating its own water filtration plant. It also distributes water to the City, while the other three Pointes rely on the Great Lakes Water Authority.

“Our state tests always

come back much higher than normal,” Gillooly said. “We have extremely high-quality water. We have extremely valuable employees who work at our water department day in and day out, who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Webb, accompanied by his wife, Kelly, was recognized before city council during its monthly meeting Monday, June 8.

“During his career, Kevin has been successful in a broad range of positions within our great community,” Gillooly said. “He’s been a very integral asset in keeping the city of Grosse Pointe Farms water system function-

ing and surpassing, each and every year, both federal and state standards.”

Webb has worked for the Farms more than 26 years, first hired into the department of public works and then transferred to a water operator position in 2005.

In pursuit of drinking water and water distribution certification exams, Webb has obtained an S-1, which is the highest water distribution certification for the state of Michigan. He also holds a classification F-3 water operator certification.

As water distribution foreman, he maintains the city’s water mains, fire hydrants, water metering system and the annual implementation

of the lead water service changeout program, which is required by the state.

On call 24-7, he’s been known to work diligently throughout frigid nights to repair water main breaks and often has been found at residents’ homes after receiving a call about a leaky toilet or broken faucet.

“He goes above and beyond the call of duty without being asked to,” Gillooly said. “Mr. Webb, we are very grateful for your decades of service to the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. We hope you have many, many more years within our city.”



COURTESY PHOTO

— Laurel Kraus Kelly and Kevin Webb

Marina getting final pre-construction review

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A familiar group of engineers and architects have been chosen to launch reconstruction of

the municipal marina.

Abonmarche, a Benton Harbor-based firm specializing in waterfront and marina development, recently received a \$200,000 contract to get things ready for the

marina at Windmill Pointe Park to be modified, rebuilt and outfitted with upgraded boater services.

“The Park is preparing to move forward with construction improvements for the marina and Abonmarche is positioned to initiate next steps now that state (and) federal permits have been issued,” company representatives wrote in their bid proposal.

A united city council approved the arrangement June 8. The company’s fee will be withdrawn from an enterprise fund built by boaters that rent wells at the marina. No taxpayer dollars are transacted.

Abonmarche and Park representatives are familiar with each other.

“I’ve been working with (Director of Parks and Recreation) Chad (Craig), (City Manager) Nick (Sizeland) and (Harbor Master) Tom

(Fraser) for about two years,” said Scott Leblang, director of Abonmarche’s structural engineering group.

The company was retained off and on the past few years to conduct various aspects of what might be characterized as pre-pre-design work.

“We went through a fairly extensive preliminary design process where we examined a number of options for improving the marina and raising the level of fixed docks so the next time we have high water they will, hopefully, not be underwater,” Leblang said.

“We felt, given our existing relationship with Abonmarche, the cost of the project, their extensive experience with major marina construction and renovations, it made the most sense to continue moving forward with them,” Craig said.

The company’s assign-

ment includes a final assessment of the marina’s condition, fixes and improvements. Findings are to be presented in a form from which contractors can base competitive bids to do the actual construction.

“Abonmarche will prepare bid documents, advertise the project, conduct pre-bid meetings and bid openings, respond to contractor questions, evaluate bids and contractor qualifications and provide a recommendation for contract award to the city,” Craig wrote in a June 8 memo to city council.

“We believe the existing pilings are suitable to build new pier structures off of,” Leblang said. “The final design would incorporate demolition of existing piers, extension of existing pilings, replacement of pilings where necessary, new fixed piers, new marina

utilities and new steel sheet piles along the shore of the park.”

Also to be done is new grading of land along the park shoreline to mitigate flooding during periods of high levels of Lake St. Clair.

Only upon receipt of construction bids will Park officials know the real cost to renovate the marina and the prospects of financing it.

“Council can then decide if we are to go out for a marina bond or piecemeal the project over time in the marina budget,” Craig said.

Most construction costs also will be paid by boaters.

“The consultant anticipates the project could be ready for bidding as early as August or September 2026, subject to completion of the remaining investigations and city approval,” Craig said.

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Recreation right from their phone or tablet.”

The app was made possible through the department’s new recreation software provider, RecTrac, which the city switched to early last year.

The RecTrac software also contains the capability for digital park passes.

“Right now we haven’t launched that feature yet,” Galatis said. “... But I envision hopefully within maybe the next year, we can come up with a process so then

residents would be able to see their park passes directly on the app.”

The “GPF Parks and Recreation” app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store at shorturl.at/rS83v or the Google Play Store at shorturl.at/B5ee0.

“Residents just need to have their login information for the system to get into the app,” Galatis said. “If they have any questions or need help with it, they can always give our office a call and we can help them through it.”

The Farms parks and recreation office can be reached at (313) 343-2405.

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vate parks — the question was does this cause any risk to not privatize it if we partner with a federal agency? My review is there’s absolutely no legal support for this concern. The federal government cannot use a 0.3-acre habitat restoration grant to force the park to open. That would be a regulatory thing. That would be the equivalent of if the federal government came

in and tried to take your backyard.”

Lisa Kyle, chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Park B e a u t i f i c a t i o n Commission, members of which are de facto volunteer caretakers of Patterson’s flower beds, agreed.

“The private nature of our parks does not seem to be in jeopardy,” Kyle said.

She also indicated the city needs federal help eradicating shoreline invasive species because the municipality lacks what it takes to do it in-house.

“We don’t have any other options that provide the expertise,” she said.

Veteran commissioner and former chairwoman Pat Deck was wary of federal help, especially for such a paltry dollar amount.

“This is a private park,” Deck said. “I’m very concerned that we’re potentially giving away local control if we involve these agencies.”

She also was skeptical of the city’s alleged fecklessness to manage weeds on its own.

Deck cited an unauthorized freelanced weeding campaign that, despite most likely violating state environmental laws by modifying the shoreline without a permit, showed how easy it can be to solve the problem of invasive plants.

“This past fall — I don’t

know who did it, no one is admitting to it — somebody went on (the other) side of the boardwalk and cut back a lot of growth,” Deck said. “I don’t know if the city did an investigation to see who was responsible, but that cutting helped substantially in controlling weed growth in that area. So, there is merit to other proposals.”

A mixture of municipal employees and local volunteers is built into the restoration.

“Where’s the 10-year volunteer agreement?” Caulfield asked, meaning who is going to guarantee the volunteer labor.

“It’s going to fall to us,” Sizeland said. “The city would be responsible for site preparation, ongoing maintenance, invasive species control and long-term stewardship of the restored area.”

Parks and Recreation Director Chad Craig already was on record about his department being unable to take on more work.

“Our staff is capable of the bare minimum,” he said during the May 11 recreation commission meeting. “We’re stretched (thin).”

Project managers for the invasives campaign are Corin Vance, leader of the city’s gardens and grounds crew, and B e a u t i f i c a t i o n Commissioner Jim Creighton.

Creighton is the one who, unknown to city officials, invited federal authorities to evaluate Patterson for installation of a 27,000-square-foot meadow primarily for wildlife and a species of ground-nesting bird.

Out-of-pocket expenses for the weed project begin with the city and federal government splitting the \$1,400 initial cost.

“Site preparation will be managed by the (city) and volunteers, who will secure a contractor or other entity to complete the work,” according to the agreement.

Municipal shoreline restoration is regulated by state and federal authorities.

Hand-removal of invasive species is allowed without a state permit in certain cases while using mechanical means are not. Chemical eradication of invasives requires a permit.

“Site preparation will occur in phases given various chemical treatments needed to properly prepare the site,” according to the agreement. “This phased approach means seeding will occur between treatments and at a different time than the grassland pollinator habitat.”

The agreement also puts the Park in league with nearly 20 entities and organizations, mainly Downriver, for shoreline habitat restoration.

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Former Pointer opens mobile vet service

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — Dr. Kaitlyn Sullivan, a former Park resident, has opened a mobile veterinary service covering the Pointes and southeast Michigan patterned after the one she runs in the Scottsdale, Ariz., area.

“With four kids, it allows me greater flexibility and in-home care allows more time with people and their pets,” she said. “You get to develop better relationships.”

Sullivan and her husband, John, met in Arizona during college and spent three years living in the Park, his hometown, during which time she worked at Platz Animal Hospital.

“He has a marketing background and runs the business end of things,” Sullivan said. “We’re really excited to see how it goes.”

The couple moved back to Arizona in 2023 and opened Bloom Veterinary. The local service started earlier this month.

“We focus on things like wellness checks, vaccines, minor sick visits,” Sullivan added. “Anything that doesn’t require an X-ray. We also have a label printer and can do prescriptions.”

Sullivan said Bloom can schedule six to seven appointments per day and the cost is comparable to an office visit.

“With a brick-and-mortar vet, you’re probably seeing 20 pets a day,” she added. “With mobile, we have to account for travel time.”

Bloom also offers euthanasia services.

“That’s a sad but necessary thing,” Sullivan said. “It’s the last time with



Dr. Kaitlyn Sullivan

someone’s pet, so we want to make it as calm as possible.”

Bloom operates 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, with night and weekend urgent euthanasia subject to availability.

“People can book us online with two-hour arrival blocks,” Sullivan said. “I’m looking forward to coming back to visit this summer, since my in-laws still live there, and see how things are going.”

Visit bloomveterinary.com/detroit or call (313) 450-9272 for more information.



A fresh addition to Grosse Pointe Park, Two Dudes Coffee at 15200 Charlevoix is taking over a former auto service station. Founded by Alex Georgoulis and Logan Gray, the business started as a mobile truck known for its protein espresso drinks. The new brick-and-mortar space blends coffee culture with community fitness vibes. Visit twodudescoffeebar.com.

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Leblang estimated bidding might not start until December.

By remaining investigations, Craig meant

underwater assessments of seawalls and piers plus other tasks Abonmarche’s team will conduct during what is being referred to as Phase II of the marina upgrade.

“A final design pack-

age will then be used for bidding,” according to the company’s bid submission. “One set of construction drawings will be provided for bidding, including specifications and bid documents.”

Phase III follows with

actual construction.

The end product, as currently envisioned, consist of:

- ◆ replacing the marina’s five piers,
- ◆ a new sheet pile seawall,
- ◆ upgraded electrical

service

- ◆ potable water systems,
- ◆ a dry standpipe fire suppression system,
- ◆ concrete promenade improvements and associated marina infrastructure.

Another consultant submitted a bid that was \$10,000 less than the one accepted.

Park officials preferred Abonmarche based on its “competitive cost and comprehensive scope of services.”

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GPPSS reorganizing central office

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES
— The same night he was named acting superintendent, Roy Bishop announced plans to reorganize the Grosse Pointe Public School System's central office.

Bishop, previously deputy superintendent, was given his new title by unanimous vote at the GPPSS Board of Education meeting Tuesday, June 9. Former Superintendent Andrea Tuttle will now act as a consultant to Bishop until her retirement Aug. 31, with Bishop assuming full superintendent duties Sept. 1. (See related story page 1A).

"I'm providing this transition regarding several organizational alignments that will support district priorities heading in the 2026-27 school year," Bishop said. "The 'why' behind this is to better support our students, staff and community while aligning the strengths of

the people that are on our team and matching the needs of our community.”

Moussa Hamka, currently assistant superintendent for human resources, will become assistant superintendent for operations, compliance and strategic initiatives. His main duties will be safety and security, enrollment and organizational improvement.

"This is a better way to leverage his strengths and background in systems development," Bishop said. "He's been involved in doing that many times during his career here."

Bishop related a story from earlier that day which he believes shows Hamka's organizational strengths.

"We were all in Dr. Tuttle's office when the tornado warning was issued and Moussa was the first one to say we need to do this, this and this," he said.

Rather than hire a new deputy superintendent, Bishop plans to hire what he's calling a chief person-

Some of Bishop's duties as deputy superintendent will be transferred to Sara Delgado, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning. Those include principal support, student discipline systems and instructional leadership.

Finally, Adrienne Nash, Bishop's executive assistant, will continue in that role, replacing the retiring Deb Fuga.

"The goal is to have the right work with the right people in the right structure," Bishop said. "This will improve support for our schools, strengthen accountability and maintain fiscal responsibility."



Maire Elementary School students and a portion of their collection.

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PHOTO

Maire, The Family Center partner for breakfast food drive

The Maire Elementary School student council, sponsored by Danielle Miller, conducted a breakfast food drive May 11 to 15, to support children and families in need during the summer months.

Maire families donated breakfast essentials such as oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, granola bars and other kid-friendly items to help ensure children have access to morning meals while school is out.

Student council members organized and promoted the collection, showing leadership, teamwork and compassion for others in the community.

Dozens of donations were delivered to The Family Center, which in turn delivered the items to food banks at Mason and Defer elementary schools, as well as a food bank run by Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle.

It was The Family

Center's fourth such drive.

"The drive served as a meaningful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in the lives of others," Miller said. "Maire is proud of its students for helping spread generosity and care throughout the community."

A list of food bank locations may be found on The Family Center's website, familycenterhelps.org.

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Sept. 1.

"I want to thank Dr. Tuttle for her leadership and always mentoring me throughout the process and continuing to mentor me," Bishop said.

The resolution says Tuttle's services will be defined as:

- ◆ providing guidance on Dr. Bishop's planned leadership and transition activities (see related

story, above) and
 ▲ consulting on district

◆ consulting on district operations, budgeting, personnel, strategic planning and other matters as requested by Dr. Bishop.

"I want to thank Dr. Tuttle for her time here," Trustee Sean Cotton said. "I know that she wanted to work here for 10 years or so as she always said. I understand why she feels like she was pushed out and it's bittersweet to say goodbye, but I also

this resolution and why Dr. Bishop would want this resolution as well."

Trustee Ginny Jeup thanked Tuttle for leaving the district in a strong position.

"Your work will be remembered for a long time."

Treasurer Tim Klepp said he appreciated that Tuttle, "built a strong team that enjoyed working with you and with each other."

Board President Clint Derringer said Tuttle is

leaving the district, “in a spot light years better than when she joined the team.”

Contract

The board also voted 7-0 to approve Bishop's contract, which takes effect Sept. 1, and runs through June 30, 2030. The agreement says it can be renewed at any time prior to its expiration by a written agreement from both sides and the board agrees to consider extending the con-

tract after the 2027-28 school year.

Bishop's starting salary will be \$275,000 — about \$100,000 higher than his current salary — with step increases up to \$300,000 in the last year of the contract. Tuttle was hired in January 2024, at a salary of \$310,000.

Bishop will be eligible for merit pay of up to \$10,000 yearly, based on his annual evaluation, and up to \$15,000 for meeting benchmarks set

by the board in areas such as enrollment and student performance. He also will receive a 6.5 percent contribution to a tax-free annuity each year, plus a \$6,000 annual mileage stipend and up to \$5,000 yearly for professional development.

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Homecoming

Former Barrister House will be new home to Kids on the Go

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After many months of facing an uncertain future, Kids on the Go is breathing a collective sigh of relief after securing a new home in St. Clair Shores.

The organization, which provides no-cost therapy and programs to children ages 3 to 17 with special needs, will have nearly double the space when it moves into the former Barrister House banquet facility later this year.

“This place holds a lot of wonderful memories for people,” said Kristy Schena, executive director and founder of the 28-year-old nonprofit. She noted the history of the space, which at one time hosted weddings, sports banquets and other events. “I love that we’re bringing this space back to life. We want it to be a beautiful, safe space for people.”

“... Here we are, at the beginning of the next chapter of Kids on the Go,” she added.

First, the entire building, located at 21801 Harper, needs to undergo reconstruction. The new location will allow increased capacity and accessibility for its physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies, as well as opportunities for growth and community engagement. It will house an adaptive gymnasium and fitness center, a multidisciplinary classroom, a multipurpose room, a small-group therapy room, an instructional kitchen and wellness center, a dietician and counseling office, as well as staff offices.

Additionally, not only will the Teens to Work program have its own classroom space, but it also will have its own store, sponsored by Tau Beta Association and Key2Finesse. A sliding door will split the space, allowing the option of opening the rooms into one for larger events.

“This will be a new opportunity for Tau Beta volunteers,” Schena said. “It will allow junior members and volunteers a local place to volunteer and be involved. And third-party vendors can come in, too. Our kids will make things for sale and there will be opportunities for people from the community to showcase their products.”

Sharing space in the Teens to Work store is just one area of the new building that welcomes other organizations. A lineup of current partners includes Speech Pathology and Resource Center, or SPARC, which will sublease space in the new building. So will the nonprofit Ribbons of Hope, which designs apparel, jewelry and gifts, and provides comfort services to those touched by cancer, Alzheimer’s and autism; and Nourished Living, which offers dietician and wellness support services.

“I always wanted to make a community center,” Schena said, noting she’d love to offer private therapies to supplement Kids on the Go therapies.

A community conference room, open for other nonprofits to host meetings, will be part of the new building as well.

The new space, measuring approximately 9,000 square feet, also will include a front entrance with a dedicated lobby and parent resources, as well as a back entrance and lobby.

John Wiegand is the builder. Bailey Built is the architect. Brad Benigni with Taylor Door Co. also is involved with the project.

The move comes after Kids on the Go was notified in May 2024 that its

current location at the Nonprofit Center at Pare, owned by the South Lake Schools district, was closing. Schena has been searching for a home for her nonprofit ever since.

“Our lease ends at Pare on Aug. 31,” Schena said. “They’re allowing us to rent month to month until the end of December. Our goal to finish construction is Sept. 1.”

Two anonymous Grosse Pointe families made considerable donations to help get the project off the ground. Other donations have come in as well, but more help is needed.

“We’ve raised \$1 million and have \$1 million to go,” Schena said.

Several funding and naming opportunities are available to help Kids on the Go reach its capital campaign goal. Links to contribute to the campaign, including legacy naming opportunities, are available on the Kids on the Go website, kids onthegocamp.com.

Those making legacy or larger gifts also are welcome to call Schena at (313) 899-1825.

She stressed the importance of Kids on the Go’s mission and the nonprofit’s reliance on donors to keep it in operation.

“You don’t know if your child is going to need these services,” she said. “Like mine. I never



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Kids on the Go Executive Director Kristy Schena and builder John Wiegand go over blueprints.

thought I’d be walking this road. This is a place where we hold parents’ hands from age 3 to 17, to relieve that burden, to provide that hope. This is a place where hope grows.”

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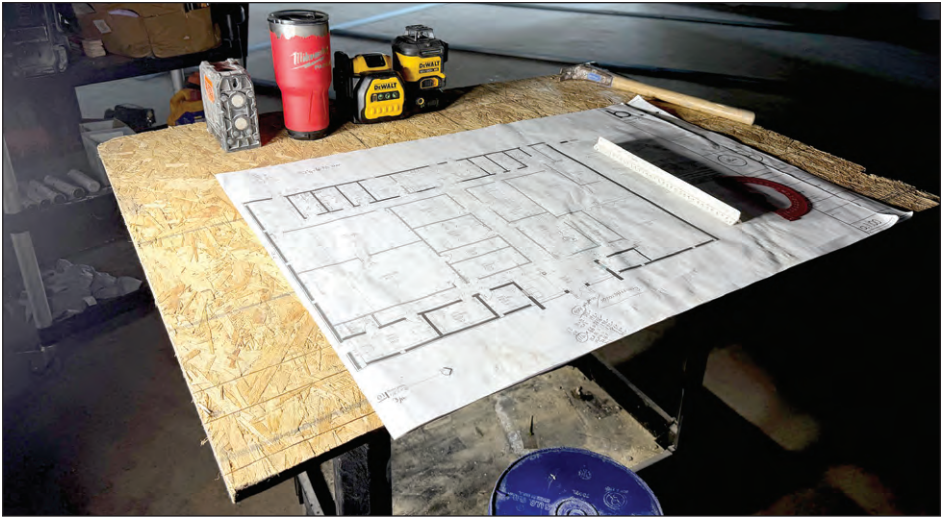
the other nonprofits at Pare move out of the space during the next several months, they’re making sure nothing — absolutely nothing — gets left behind.

“Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary had donated a

garden and trees to us at the Pare space,” Schena said. “Ford House has offered to move it to their property across the street from the main residence, along the Milk River, so the community can continue to enjoy that gift.”



The former Barrister House is set to house Kids on the Go before year’s end.



Bailey Built is the architectural firm that designed the new space.



Schena stands in the middle of what will become the new home of Kids on the Go.

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Couple, body of work earn national recognition

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

One of Jeff and Debra Jay’s biggest achievements to date almost slipped through the cracks.

An email from the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, or NAATP, alerting them they’d be receiving the 2026 NAATP Michael Ford Journalism & Writing Award was nearly overlooked before Jeff Jay spotted the CEO’s name in the subject line.

“We get emails frequently from NAATP,” he said. “They’re one of the biggest organizations in the treatment world.”

Added Debra Jay, “It’s a national organization, one that all the presidents and CEOs of treatment centers belong to. Members are licensed treatment and other clinical providers. The organization stands above others.”

Its mission, she said, emphasizes ethics, quality of treatment, professionalism, integrity and advocacy.

“They hold us to an amazing standard,” she added.

It’s a standard that earned the Grosse Pointe Farms couple accolades



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Jeff and Debra Jay were honored by the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers for their body of work.

at this year’s awards banquet, hosted last month in Amelia Island, Fla.

“Looking out at this sea of faces, all of the biggest treatment providers in the country in the audience — Betty Ford, Cirque Lodge, Hanley, Hazelden — in this huge ballroom, was such a thrill for us,” Jeff Jay said. “At the end of our remarks, we got this huge standing ovation.

“... For Debra and me, this amounts to a lifetime

achievement award,” he added. “Living in Grosse Pointe, we’re not really in the thick of things when it comes to policy, research and so on. We don’t rub shoulders with the big players very often. So when we got the news, we were completely bowled over.”

The Jays earned the Michael Ford Journalism & Writing Award for their groundbreaking books, “Love First,” which teaches families

how to move a loved one who is in active addiction into treatment, and its companion book, “It Takes a Family,” which helps move the family along with the addict into recovery and ongoing sobriety.

The award recognizes “high standards of journalistic and writing excellence in the awareness, research, writing and presentation of addiction information that demonstrate the

value of and need for recovery through addiction treatment.”

In his email to the Jays, NAATP CEO Marv Ventrell wrote: “Your body of work ... has guided the addiction field in the art of intervention, resulting in treatment for countless patients who otherwise would not receive care. ... We believe that the unique and now well-established contribution of the works is in the validation of the family as an honored and essential component of care. Rather than the derision and classification of family as a dysfunctional unit, yours is one of respect, agency and hope.”

“When we were accepting the award, when Marv Ventrell got up to announce this — and this was so meaningful to Jeff and me — he said thousands and thousands of people have gotten treatment because of these books,” Debra Jay said. “The overarching vision of NAATP is that recovery is for all. Our lifetime of work also is to that purpose.

“... So much of our work done is in Grosse Pointe, but this is a national-level practice,” she added. “It’s a different thing to stand there

and realize, when people leapt to their feet, how much of an impact the books have had.”

“Prior to ‘Love First,’ there was no step-by-step guide to plan and carry out a loving family intervention,” Jeff Jay said.

“When we wrote it, ‘intervention’ was not a household term,” Debra Jay added. “There were five people in the country who did interventions nationally. This book changed that.”

While the couple offers specialized training sessions for professionals — it’s not unusual for practitioners from around the country and the world to attend — their books are instrumental in helping anyone from any walk of life.

“If families don’t have the means to work with a professional, if they follow these books precisely, they can conduct an intervention on their own,” Debra Jay said. “Treatment is very expensive. Not everybody can write a check for \$45,000 or \$50,000. ... Let’s not leave people behind because they don’t have the means.

“... Overall, with everything we do, we share that vision of recovery

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The power of kindness

By Patricia Ellis
Guest Writer

Kindness.

One word, but when put into action it has a tremendous impact for the good. Just ask any of the 300 intergenerational participants and volunteers who came out for the Color a Community of Kindness event Saturday, May 30, in The Village.

This special community event encouraging and celebrating kindness was in partnership with Grosse Pointe Theatre, Posterity Gallery and Main Street Grosse Pointe. The concept was inspired by the kindness of Cinderella, leading up to Grosse Pointe Theatre’s production of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “Cinderella,” running June 5 to 21, at the Schaap Center. Despite Cinderella’s circumstances, she focuses on hope, kindness, determination and forgiveness, believing that everyone can make a difference by being kind.

The beautiful 10-by-5-foot “Spread Kindness”



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Children and adults colored cards and wrote messages to kids battling serious illnesses. Grosse Pointe Theatre delivered the more than 150 cards to Make-A-Wish Michigan, along with items GPT members collected for kids in hospitals — all part of spreading kindness and connecting to the group’s current production of Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “Cinderella.”

mural, designed by Posterity Gallery, gave participants the opportunity to color one of the 150 6-by-8-inch panels making up whimsical images from “Cinderella.” In addition, nearly 200 participants colored “Kindness Cards” and included special messages to share with Make-A-Wish Michigan, for kids battling serious illnesses. And everyone had an

opportunity to share a message on a mini “Kindness Pass-it-On Card” to share with someone they know or a total stranger.

This free event in The Village was open to everyone from all communities. The finished mural, which now hangs in The Village, resembles a colorful patchwork quilt and signifies what we can accomplish when we all work together to share the message of kindness.

Our heartfelt thanks to every participant and

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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

- ◆ Meet Up & Make—Duct Tape Crafts and More, 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, June 22.
- ◆ DinoBuilders STEM event, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-Up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

- ◆ Appy Hour, 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, June 19.
- ◆ Celebrate and Educate Black Music Month with Professor Griff, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20.
- ◆ Crafterhours, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 22.
- ◆ Emotional Release with a Yoga Flow, 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 24.
- ◆ Celebrate and Educate Black Music Month with Robert Sewell, 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

- ◆ Poetry Workshop

with M.L. Liebler, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18.

- ◆ Non-Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18.
- ◆ Family Movie Mondays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 22.
- ◆ Reader Dog, 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 22.
- ◆ Outdoor Evening Storytime, 6:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 22.
- ◆ Reader Dog, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 23.
- ◆ Teen Crafternoon: Bedazzle a Book, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 23.
- ◆ DinoBuilders STEM Program, 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 24.
- ◆ The Keep It Simple Sing Along and Jam, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 24.
- ◆ Playtime Pop-ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 25.
- ◆ GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

GPAA

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

- ◆ Color for the Abstract Painter with Marcia K. Hales, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, June 19.

- ◆ Plein Air with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 16 to 30.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, June 19, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, St. Paul Catholic School, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, St. Clair Shores City Hall, 27600 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

POST Detroit

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

- ◆ Mixed Media Abstract Collage with Shug, 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 19. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Advanced Knitting Workshop: Learn to Cable Knit, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20. Cost is \$50.

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Artist creating caricatures in the Park

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As street festival season nears, foot traffic along Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park has another reason to slow down as Detroit-based artist Angelo Sherman offers live caricature drawings.

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, when the weather cooperates, Sherman sets up on the sidewalk in front of the Sprout House, prepared to capture passersby in their most cartoonish of forms.

“I can do it in two styles,” he said. “Tame and more exaggerated.”

Sherman said practice is key to creating the perfect caricature. It comes simply to him after years of experience.

“There’s really no ‘trick’ to caricature,” he said. “I think being a good portrait artist is the key and having the power of observation. Once you see the person’s face in reality and are able to draw it mentally, then physically you’re able to distort it without compromising the likeness.”

“Of course this takes plenty of practice,” he continued. “I grew up on the old-school ‘MAD’ magazine and my hero is the late caricaturist and comic artist Mort Drucker.”

Sherman said he focuses first on outstanding characteristics like a person’s hair or eyeglasses, “but the main feature of anyone’s face



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Above, a pair of Angelo Sherman’s Grosse Pointe clients asked for this moment to be captured as a caricature. Right, Sherman’s caricature of Dave Chappelle, as Rick James.

is the nose,” he said. “If I can get the nose, everything else is fine.”

“Kids are hard to do,” he added. “You don’t want to make them look like adults. But older people are easier, because of the wrinkles.”

No child? No problem. He can draw pets, too.

“I do caricatures for dogs, cats even,” he said. “I can do houses.”

Those interested in something a little more specific can select from a handful of templates Sherman keeps on hand. He can put a passerby in a Detroit Tigers uniform, the driver’s seat of Steve McQueen’s Ford Mustang from the movie “Bullitt” or standing next to the Ford Torino from

the television show “Starsky and Hutch.” He’s also a master at making people into “The King” himself, Elvis Presley.

Sherman has had a steady amount of customers in the few weeks he’s set up his easel and said he thinks people get a kick out of it.

“I think they like it because of the times we’re living in,” Sherman said. “People don’t want to be so serious. They want to have a laugh. I guess you could call me a sit-down comedian, instead of a standup comedian.”

A self-taught artist, Sherman started drawing cartoons as a child and his love for art blossomed

from there. His gallery, located at 15321 Kercheval, above the Sprout House, showcases his more serious works.

“My art is serious stuff,” he said, “but I started out doing comics as a kid. I’m going back to that. I’m using more imagination.”

“... I’m leaning toward more caricature art these days, because I like the idea of being a minimalist and not having a ton of inventory,” he added. “At least when you do caricature art, that piece of work is gone immediately and you’re not hustling your next painting and trying to get quality photos or prints made or spending your last dime

on a frame.”

An award-winning artist, Sherman’s paintings can be costly.

“But the average person can afford to have a caricature,” he said. “You’ve got to have something for everyone.”

Black-and-white caricatures, which take around five minutes, cost \$15; caricatures in color take 10 to 15 minutes and cost \$20.

Those interested in a caricature who happen by the corner of Kercheval and Beaconsfield, but don’t find Sherman at his post are invited to call him at (313) 918-5773.

His absence won’t be due to shirking his caricature duties.

“I’m still working on my Art in the City series and my Grosse Pointe Swing series,” he said. “I’ll be ‘in the field.’ There’s a list of places I want to paint.”

To guarantee his presence, Sherman is available to hire for birthday

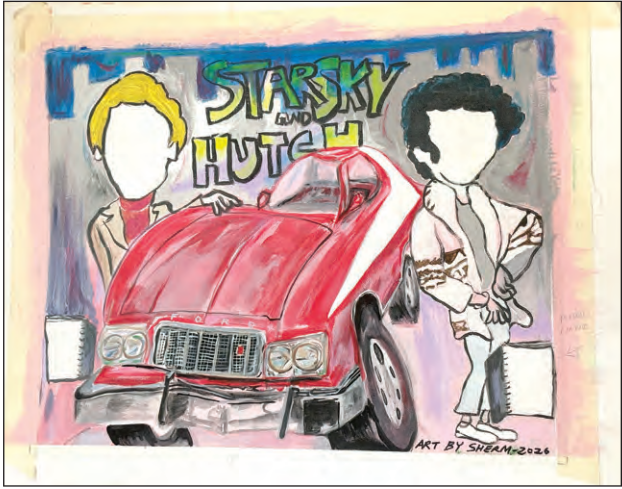
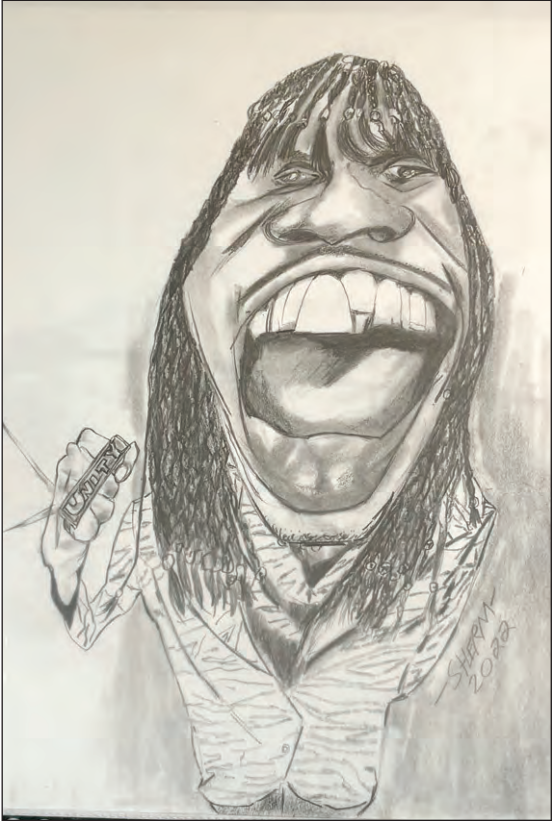
parties, corporate or business events and the like. He’ll be drawing at an upcoming soiree at the Belle Isle Casino, as well as during a few auto-related events, too, like the Woodward Dream Cruise.

“My van is like a studio on wheels,” he said. “I can work straight out of my van at events.”

Sherman said he’s enjoying getting to know people in the Pointes who’ve elected to sit for him. There’s a lot to be said about meeting an artist in person.

“A lot of people like talking to me when I’m outside,” he said. “When you go to a gallery, you see the work, you see the price, but not the artist. I’ve had deep conversations with people who stop by. They open up. A lot of the conversations are not about art.”

“I get a real kick out of it,” he added. “It’s nice to have people laugh and joke and smile.”



Sherman uses this “Starsky and Hutch” template to create caricatures.

Bryson and Baker Batt Foundation co-founder visits Lakeshore Optimists

Ashley Batt, co-founder of the Bryson and Baker Batt Foundation, visited the Lakeshore Optimist Club to provide information about the genesis and ongoing services provided by the foundation.

She and her husband Nick experienced the loss of two infant sons owing to a genetic condition that was unknown to the couple. In both cases their sons passed away within a month and a half of being born.

After their first son, Bryson, passed in September 2020, the couple wanted to provide support to other families in NICUs to move forward through their grief and honor Bryson on what would have been his first birthday. They collected donations of board books, rattles, gift cards that could be used to comfort families at Detroit Children’s Hospital.

Their second son, Baker, was born in March of 2022 and passed away six weeks later. The loss of Baker inspired the Batts to formalize their efforts to help others in similar situations.

The Bryson and Baker Batt Foundation was established as a 501(c)3 in 2022, to provide care packages to families in NICUs who often present to the hospital in a rush with little thought to basic needs. Since its inception, the foundation

has grown to offer support directly at hospitals to provide a separate comforting space for parents who have lost a child, holiday events, fleece wraps and more.

The Batts have been able to honor their sons and work through some of their grief by helping others. They raise funds through donations and an annual gala fundraiser, which will be held

Oct. 17, at Ford House. To learn more about the foundation, visit brysonandbakerbattfoundation.com/

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Visit gpointimists.com for locations, dates and times or follow the club on Facebook.



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Ashley Batt of the Bryson and Baker Batt Foundation and Lakeshore Optimist Club President Steve Licari.



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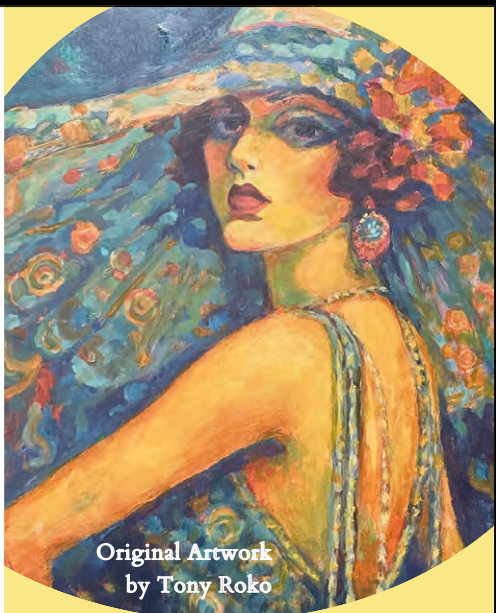
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OBITUARIES

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.

Peter Owen Warner

Peter Owen Warner, 88, passed away peacefully Thursday, April 16, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born June 30, 1937, to Nathaniel and Helen Warner, Peter lived a life defined by faith, intellect, dedication and deep love for his family. He was the beloved husband of the late Cynthia Warner, who predeceased him in 2024. Together, they shared a beautiful 60-year marriage rooted in devotion, partnership and faith.

Peter was a loving and devoted father to Michael (Maureen), Paul (Cheri), Mary Ellen, Andrew (Kelly) and the late John. He was a cherished grandfather to Olivia, Anastasia, Zachary, Sabrina, Alex (Karlie), Tommy (Allie), James, Skye, Charles and Henry. His family was the center of his life and he took great pride in being present, engaged and supportive in each of their lives.

A graduate of Marmion Military Academy, Peter continued his education at St. Joseph’s College in Illinois for his undergraduate studies, then earned a graduate degree from the University of Detroit and a PhD in analytical chemistry from Wayne State University. His passion for learning and discovery led him to a distinguished career as an analytical chemist specializing in air pollution control for Wayne County. Highly respected in his field, Peter was the author of one of the first analytical chemistry textbooks and served as department chair for pharmacy and health sciences at WSU. He also shared his knowledge as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan. Throughout his career, he received numerous honors, including recognition from Sacred Heart Seminary, reflecting both his professional excellence and dedication to education.

Peter had a lifelong love of reading, always eager to learn and explore new ideas. Outside of his professional life, he found great joy in sailing, especially on the waters of Lake St. Clair, where he spent many cherished days with his children. As a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, he formed lasting friendships and created treasured memories on the water.

He was an active and devoted husband and father who loved taking his family on camping trips and spending meaningful time together. His Catholic faith was a guiding force throughout his life. Peter and Cynthia were faithful parishioners of St. Ambrose Catholic Church from 1971 until their recent move in 2022, when they joined St. Kenneth’s in Plymouth. Together, they were dedicated members of Teams of Our Lady, forming lasting bonds with other

couples and traveling internationally as representatives. His faith sustained him and was something he generously shared with others.

Peter also had a deep appreciation for art and music, passions he shared with his beloved wife, Cynthia. He will be remembered as a man who was intelligent, accomplished, a storyteller, kind and deeply faithful, as well as a life well-lived and a legacy that will endure through all who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, with guests gathering at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Peter’s memory to St. Vincent de Paul (St. Ambrose Conference), and mailed to: SVdP Conference President, 23124 S. Rosedale Ct., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

John “Jack” Louis Hartman

John “Jack” Louis Hartman, 95, of Grosse Pointe, passed away Monday, June 8, 2026, at his home, The Rivers. He was born Aug. 7, 1930, in Peoria, Ill., to Marie (nee Gressel) and Albert Louis Henry Hartman.

Jack graduated from Howe High School in Indianapolis, where he enjoyed a stellar football career. Later he attended Purdue University, earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees, as well as a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. He began his career at General Electric in Cincinnati, where he met his future wife, Phyllis (nee Huzzey). They wed in 1957, and had four sons.

Prior to joining General Motors, he spent time in Los Alamos working on nuclear propulsion systems for the government. While at General Motors, he was the director of the electrochemistry department, working on battery technology for electric vehicles.

After retiring, he moved to Hot Springs Village, Ark., where he was an avid golfer and tennis player. He traveled across the country and participated in the Senior Olympics in tennis, winning several gold medals. He enjoyed world travel with his wife and visited Spain, Germany, England, Mexico, Bahamas, Dominican Republic and Morocco. They also traveled extensively throughout the United States.

He was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis; parents; and sister, Phyllis Avaline. He is survived by his sons, Louis (Maxine), John (Barb Belfore), Randy (Michelle) and Jim (Kim); grandchildren, Derek (Bonnie), Denise, Jackson (Megan), Cooper (Claire), Maria

(Jeff Ryan), Michael, Sam, Gabby and Drew; and great-grandchildren, Blair, Dylan, Grant, Audrey, Titus, Nora and Luke, with another on the way. He also is survived by his sister, Katherine Teague Heindel.

Visitation and a funeral service took place Monday, June 15, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Sharon Rees

Sharon Zolene Gates Rees, 95, passed away peacefully Sunday, May 31, 2026. She was an entrepreneur and dedicated advocate for the arts.

Sharon was born April 14, 1931, in Detroit, to Carroll “Joe” Gates and Bonnylynne Rice. She made a lasting impact in public relations as the CEO and owner of Rees & Associates. Her career spanned decades, during which she became known for her unwavering professionalism.

As a passionate supporter of classical music and a longtime patron of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Sharon worked tirelessly to preserve Detroit’s Orchestra Hall, which she viewed as part of the cultural fabric of her hometown.

Sharon enjoyed researching her genealogy and discovered her direct ancestry included Capt. Nathaniel Hobbs, a Revolutionary War commander and friend to George Washington. Sharon was a proud and active member of her local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Sharon grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and was proud to be chosen to sing at her graduation. She attended Albion College, where she relished her time as an English major and member of the Delta Zeta sorority. She also created a scholarship at Albion College to encourage female students to study and work in politics at the local, state and national levels.

Following college, she worked at WXYZ-TV, where she met her husband, Carlyle. Sharon also worked at the PBS Detroit affiliate WTVS, the Detroit Institute of Arts and WQRS-FM. She spent many years volunteering and fundraising for local charities, including the Detroit Opera House and American Lung Association.

Sharon was married to Carlyle Rees from 1956 until his passing in 1999. Together, they shared a partnership that was filled with cherished moments. In her later years, Sharon enjoyed returning to her roots when she moved to Grosse Pointe Farms and rejoined her childhood church, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Sharon’s legacy extends to her children, Carol Rees (Alan Ables),



Peter Owen Warner

Margaret Rees-Baker (Randal Baker) and Jay Rees (Wendy); along with her beloved grandchildren, Edward Andrews, Hollis Andrews, Carys Rees-Baker, Evan Rees and Sean Rees.

A celebration of life was held at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Following her wishes, her remains were cremated. She will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Sharon was predeceased by her parents; brother, Carroll Milton Gates Jr.; and husband, Carlyle W. Rees.

Joyce Patricia Tranchida

Joyce Patricia (nee Fix) Tranchida, 84, passed away Friday, June 12, 2026, at Henry Ford St. John Hospital, on the eve of her 62nd wedding anniversary.

Joyce was born April 19, 1942, in Detroit. She was raised in Center Line and lived in Grosse Pointe Shores the last 42 years. Joyce was the second of eight children born to Raymond and Rosalie (nee Finn) Fix. Like her siblings, Joyce graduated from St. Clement High School. She worked as a legal secretary before settling down and starting a family with her husband, Pete.

Her home and garden were very important to her. Joyce always loved being in the kitchen. As a child, her award-winning recipe for Faygo popcorn balls earned her a watch and a TV appearance. She was an expert event planner and coordinated dozens of family events over the years. Later in life, she taught her grandchildren to bake, always producing delicious results.

Always impeccably dressed and coiffed, Joyce held herself to the same high standards she demanded of everyone. At the same time, she was devoted to her friends and family and was particularly close with her mother and sisters. Joyce struggled with many physical ailments later in life, but was a fighter and outlived a heart condition for more than 20 years. In her down time, she enjoyed playing Bananagrams with her family and endless rounds of Wordscapes with Pete.

She is survived by her husband, Peter J. Tranchida; children, Jeffrey (Noel Baril) of Grosse Pointe, Jason (Matthew Lawrence) of Providence, R.I., and Christopher (Grace) of Harper Woods; grandchildren, Lucille, Miles and Ruby Tranchida and Ethan Baril; siblings, Daniel “Rusty” Fix (Ann) of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sandra Henke (Edward) of Warren, Sharon Lingenfelter (John) of Center Line, Janice Fix of Center Line and Cynthia Lomasney



John Louis Hartman



Joyce Patricia Tranchida

(Michael) of Warren; and sister-in-law, Erika Fix of Shelby Township. Joyce also leaves behind 37 nieces and nephews, including many godchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; siblings, Garry Fix and Judith Fix; and sister-in-law, Ilene Matt.

A private viewing was held. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, solanuscasey.org/help-us-serve/donate/; or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 2000 Town Center, Ste. 1730, Southfield, MI 48075, bit.ly/3K6FsFQ.

Nina Victoria Mondalek

Nina Victoria Mondalek, 76, died peacefully Saturday, June 13, 2026, in Grosse Pointe Woods, surrounded by her family after a prolonged illness.

Nina was born July 13, 1949, in Detroit, to Alfred and Stephanie Pniewski. She was raised alongside her siblings, Rita and Mary, and lived a life of compassion, quiet strength and devotion to the people she loved. Her gentle presence, generous spirit and steadfast care for others left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Nina was the beloved wife of George Mondalek. Together, they shared 51 years built on love, commitment and mutual support. She was a devoted mother to Suzanne, Michael and Mark, and took immense joy in being a grandmother to Nora, Clio and Reid. Her times with them were some of her happiest moments.

Nina spent 25 years as a social worker at The Helm at the Boll Life Center (formerly Services for Older Citizens), where she dedicated herself to helping older adults and their families. Her work was more than her profession; it was her calling. She approached each day with kindness and sincerity and offered support, comfort and advocacy to those who needed it most. Her colleagues and the many people she served remember her as a reliable and caring presence whose work made a



Sharon Rees



Nina Victoria Mondalek

meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Her Catholic faith was an important part of her life, providing her with strength, comfort and guidance. Nina lived her faith through her actions — showing love through service, patience through hardship and grace in her interactions with others. Her beliefs were reflected in the way she treated people and her life was an example of compassion in action.

Nina found joy in the simple and meaningful pleasures of everyday life. She loved playing with her grandchildren and treasured the laughter and energy they brought into her home and heart. She enjoyed reading, working on puzzles and playing games — all pastimes that reflected her thoughtful and engaged spirit. She also appreciated nature, swimming and the peaceful moments that allowed her to slow down and enjoy the beauty around her. These interests brought her happiness and balance and were a reflection of the calm and gentle way she moved through the world.

Those who knew Nina will remember her as loving, selfless and gentle. She gave generously of herself and often put the needs of others before her own, doing so with humility and grace. Her kindness was steady and sincere and her presence brought comfort to family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Nina will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her husband of 51 years, George; daughter, Suzanne; sons, Michael and Mark; daughter-in-law, Clare; son-in-law, Jeff; and grandchildren, Nora, Clio and Reid. She also leaves behind many friends and colleagues whose lives her work and warmth touched. Her memory will live on in the love she gave, the lives she helped and the example she set through a life devoted to care, faith and family.

Visitation was held at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, helm-life.org/get-involved/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

OBITS:

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Marilynn Lillian Krumholtz Blondell Bejin

Marilynn Lillian Krumholtz Blondell Bejin, 89, passed away Monday, May 25, 2026. She was a loving wife, devoted mother of four and cherished grandmother and great-grandmother.

Marilynn was born Sept. 23, 1936, in Detroit, to Robert and Mary Krumholtz Blondell. She lived a full and vibrant life centered around her deep faith, family and love of connecting with others. Marilynn found great strength and joy in her faith as a devoted member of St. Isabel Catholic Church in Sanibel, Fla.

Marilynn was known for her warm, outgoing personality and her ability to make everyone she met feel special. She had a true gift for bringing people together and enjoyed social gatherings and time spent with loved ones. Her many interests reflected her lively spirit, including her Avon business, tennis, bowling, playing cards, reading, shopping, dancing and, of course, her jewelry, which she called her “bling.”

Above all, Marilynn loved her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories that will live on in those who knew her.

She is survived by her four children, Joseph (Julie), Tim (Diane), Lisa (Greg) and Dan (Christine); grandchildren, Alyssa (Benton), Joseph IV “Joey,” Chelsea (Brian), Grant, Emily



Marilynn Lillian Bejin

(Andy) and Austin (Amanda); great-grandchildren, Raylin, Alina and Grayson, with one more on the way; and her much-loved nieces and nephews.

Marilynn will be deeply missed by her family and friends and lovingly remembered by all whose lives she touched.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date on Sanibel Island.

Patrick Egan Drummey

Patrick Egan Drummey, 61, passed away Friday, May 29, 2026, in Canoga Park, Calif.

Patrick was born Feb. 28, 1965, to George and Lynn Drummey. He was raised in Grosse Pointe, where he spent his childhood and early adult years. In 1994, he relocated to Los Angeles, where he built a life filled with friendship, adventure and appreciation for the many experiences the world had to offer.

Family and friends knew Patrick for his warm heart, engaging personality and genuine interest in others. He had a remarkable ability to connect with people from all walks of life and was happiest when sharing conversation, laugh-

ter and companionship. His kindness and generosity left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him.

An enthusiastic traveler, Patrick found joy in exploring new places and experiencing different cultures. He also held a deep appreciation for the arts, a passion first inspired by his grandfather, an accomplished artist. Patrick was an avid film enthusiast who delighted in sharing his favorite movies and discovering new cinematic treasures. He also loved the ocean and spent many happy hours fishing along the California coast from piers and shorelines, enjoying both the beauty of the sea and excitement of the catch.

Above all, Patrick treasured people and experiences. He was a devoted son, grandson, brother, uncle and friend whose love and support were steadfast throughout his life.

Patrick is survived by his sister, Kimberly Hunt, as well as his brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, all of whom will cherish the memories, stories and love he shared with them. He was predeceased by his parents; grandparents, Ernest and Ann Scanes; and brother, Shawn Drummey.

Patrick will be remembered by all who knew him for his generous spirit, love of people and adventurous nature.

Those who wish to honor Patty’s memory may do so by supporting the arts, traveling to an inspirational place or extending kindness to others.

Grosse Pointe Pride is June 20

The 10th annual Grosse Pointe Pride Celebration by WeGP takes place 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20, in The Village, outside Maire Elementary School at the corner of Cadieux and Waterloo.

Festivities will begin at the Richard Elementary School parking lot, with featured guest speaker Andrew Soboka — a Grosse Pointe native and president of the Chicago Gay Hockey League — followed by a short march

from the library to the Maire Elementary parking lot, which will feature music, student speakers and drag performances. The event will also feature interactive activities for children, a Pride photo booth, a 10-year celebration tent, activism opportunities and more.

More than 60 businesses, organizations, churches and individual sponsors help make GP Pride by WeGP possible.

ERC to host 24th annual picnic, welcomes Tudor Dixon June 28

The Eastside Republican Club will host its 24th annual family picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at Patterson Park, 16006 Essex, Grosse Pointe Park.

“We are excited to announce that businesswoman and political commentator Tudor Dixon will kick off the speeches from invited candidates running in federal, state and local offices,” said Renee Strobl, Eastside Republican Club chair.

Patterson Park, formerly known as Three Mile Park, has been a favorite for summer events in the Pointes and features everything from splashpads to



Tudor Dixon

pickleball.

“Along with great atmosphere, people can enjoy delicious food prepared by our chef,

Max Weiner,” Strobl added.

All are welcome. RSVP online at eastsiderepublican.club or by calling or texting (313) 639-9427.

A \$5 donation per person is suggested and may be paid at the door or online. Students and children are admitted free.

The Eastside Republican Club has more than 100 members and holds public forums at The War Memorial the third Tuesday of the month, September through May. Stay up to date at eastsiderepublican.club and follow the ERC on Facebook or X @ EastsideGOP.

EVENTS:

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◆ Screen Print Workshop: Tea Towels with Scarlet Crane, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 20. Cost is \$75.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Garden Bird Bath, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21. Cost is \$100.

◆ Screen Print Workshop: Pet Portraits, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21. Cost is \$125.

◆ Beginner Crochet Workshop: Learn to Crochet a Trivet, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Cost is \$60.

◆ Ceramics Workshop: Critter Dish Trinket Trays, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Cost is \$60.

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

◆ Barbara McQuade: “The Fix,” a book and conversation, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 22.

◆ Picnic & Play by the Lake, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

◆ Intro to Pickleball: Family Style. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

◆ Film Screening: “Detroit’s Fort Wayne: Guarding, Serving,

Enduring,” 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25.

Right to Life

The 34th annual Bid for Life auction and dinner takes place Tuesday, June 23, at The Vintage House, 31816 Utica, Fraser. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and a family-style dinner is served at 7 p.m. The event includes live and silent auctions and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$55. Proceeds benefit the Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund. Call (586) 774-6050, email macombrlm@rtl.org or visit rtl.org.

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.

◆ 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.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its

next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Outgoing club president Jackie Dale and incoming president Dave Colton speak. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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.

◆ 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.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers Picnic and Pickleball, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. RSVP to register@familycenterhelps.org.



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Debra and Jeff Jay take turns addressing the audience during the NAATP awards banquet last month. The couple received the 2026 NAATP Michael Ford Journalism & Writing Award for their books.

WORK:

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for all,” she added, “that every family is able to do something to move their loved one into treatment and then, after treatment, come together as a family and collaborate and see lasting recovery as a result.”

“Love First,” first printed in 2000, has been updated twice, most recently in 2021.

“When we do a new edition, it’s because we have big changes,” Debra Jay said. “We’re always growing and learning ourselves.”

The book also changed the Jays’ lives when a producer of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” visited an early version of the Love First website. Debra Jay went on to serve as Oprah’s addiction expert

for three seasons.

Though the Jays and their counterparts have made tremendous strides in addiction recovery, they admit there will always be work to be done.

“In some ways, it’s so much worse out there,” said Jeff Jay, who has been clean and sober since 1981. “There are conflicting definitions of recovery. ... There’s a lot of disinformation. It’s difficult to keep a good message out there that is hopeful, love-filled and practical.”

“Social media adds fuel to the fire,” Debra Jay added. “Families will try all sorts of things for a long time, but when the crisis gets severe, then they look for what works.”

“When it comes to NAATP, the thing that mattered most for Jeff

and I is they identified the fact that our work has always been built around the fact that families are not dysfunctional; families are in crisis,” she continued. “When you give families something meaningful to do, they’ll knock your socks off. ... It doesn’t matter how extreme the crisis; with meaningful structure, families show you what they are.”

Currently, the Jays are working on a big project they plan to launch at the end of summer, though they remain tight-lipped on the details.

“Love First,” “It Takes a Family” and other recovery-based books written by the Jays are available for purchase at lovefirst.net. They also are available to borrow from the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

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From left, Steve Licari, Lakeshore Optimist Club president, and Sgt. Joshua Ina of the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department; Officer Karen Maxey, 5th Precinct Detroit Police Department; Officer Jesse Lafriniere and dispatcher Rachel Young with the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department; and Detectives Mike Pineau and Luke Pawley and Deputy Chief Ted Stager of the Harper Woods Public Safety Department.

Optimist Club hosts 43rd annual Respect for Law breakfast

The Lakeshore Optimist Club hosted its 43rd annual Respect for Law breakfast May 6, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Each year the club honors the police departments of the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and Detroit by hosting a breakfast, presenting citations to police officers and staff who have gone above and beyond to serve their communities, and inviting a guest speaker to demonstrate gratitude for law enforcement professionals.

The Forum Shoppers quartet opened the program with a rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Retired municipal judge Carl Jarboe provided the keynote speech, highlighting the efforts of local police departments and their roles in keeping crime rates exceptionally low compared to national statistics. He also encouraged the continuation of

a municipal judge versus a regional judge system to serve the Grosse Pointe community.

The following police officers and staff were presented citations for meritorious service.

◆ Sgt. Joshua Ina, City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety — Ina was recognized as the City of Grosse Pointe’s Officer of the Year for 2025 based not on any one moment, one call or one incident. He was selected for his years of consistent, dependable and professional service to the community and department, which explains his promotion to sergeant last year.

◆ Officer Jesse Lafriniere and dispatcher Rachel Young combined their talents last summer during a lifesaving experience in Grosse Pointe Park. Young received a 911 call from a parent for her 2-year-old child who was choking on a grape

and not breathing. After relaying the critical details, she returned to the line to provide vital first-aid instructions to the child’s distraught mother, who was able to render some aid by following Young’s guidance.

Lafriniere was the first to arrive on the scene, locating the child lying in the second-floor hallway and not breathing. He immediately sprang into action, lifting the child and turning him over to administer back blows. When this had no effect, he turned the child over again and delivered abdominal thrusts, which likewise did not fully dislodge the obstruction. Lafriniere again placed the child prone and administered additional back blows, which then began to dislodge the object and eventually freed it completely.

◆ Officer Karen Maxey, Detroit Police 5th

Precinct, was recognized for her outstanding work as a Neighborhood Police Officer. As an NPO, she is responsible for coordinating efforts and developing relationships in the community. She responds and coordinates with city partners to address squatters’ complaints and troubled location initiatives that are input into “SeeClickFix,” which is filtered and assigned from the mayor’s office. She also is accountable for increasing positive relationships with the city’s communities and businesses where she serves. This is in addition to being available for community engagement efforts, strategic deployment operations and specialty initiatives.

◆ Detectives Luke Pawley and Mike Pineau, and Deputy Chief Ted Stager, of the Harper Woods Police Department were hon-

ored for their part in investigating and arresting individuals responsible for thefts of air-conditioner condensers in the metro Detroit area. During summer 2025, several communities in metro Detroit, including Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes, experienced a rash of air-conditioner condenser unit thefts. Criminals targeted unsuspecting homeowners in the middle of the night. The Harper Woods Detective Bureau, led by Stager, initiated an extensive investigation that involved multiple local law enforcement agencies and the Michigan State Police. The detectives carefully reviewed surveillance footage from homes and businesses near the crime scenes and ultimately identified a suspect vehicle. Using various law enforcement technologies, these Harper Woods detectives

tracked and located the vehicle believed to have been used in the crimes.

After several weeks and hundreds of hours of tireless work, the Harper Woods Police Department made two arrests in connection with the thefts. The men were charged with multiple felonies in connection with more than 200 air-conditioner condenser unit thefts valued at more than \$300,000. Notably, there were no additional reports of A/C thefts after these arrests were made.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend, hear interesting speakers and see what the club is about. Visit gpointoptimists.com for locations, dates and times each month. Follow the club on Facebook at facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists

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From left, Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock, Patricia Ellis from Grosse Pointe Theatre and Michelle Boggess-Nunley from Posterity Gallery stand in front of the finished mural. Ellis came up with the mural idea months ago, when she was inspired by the kindness of Cinderella.

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POWER:

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volunteer who joined us May 30 for this meaningful art experience and to everyone who continues to understand and dem-

onstrate the power of kindness. Continue to be inspired by visiting Grosse Pointe Theatre at gpt.org, Posterity Gallery at posterityartgallery.com and Main Street Grosse Pointe at [\[grossepointe.org\]\(http://grossepointe.org\). Spread Kindness — pass it on. With sincere gratitude, Grosse Pointe Theatre, Posterity Gallery and Main Street Grosse Pointe #spreadkindness](http://thevillage-</p></div><div data-bbox=)



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The finished mural. It currently hangs in The Village, in the covered walkway between Small Favors and Bakehouse 46.

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‘Celebrating US’ exhibition salutes nation’s 250th

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Nearly 50 artists put their feelings on canvas for “Celebrating US,” the latest exhibition of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

It will hang in the main gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, until Saturday, Aug. 1.

“The artists had a lot to say,” said Karen Pope, GPAA president.

Artists were prompted by a passage from the preamble of the Declaration of Independence: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

“They had to think really hard about it,” Pope said, noting online entries trickled in slowly for the exhibit. “I think that was a good thing.



“Sonny P.O.W. | TV Weatherman,” an oil painting by Steven Schoeberlein, is a portrait of Sonny Elliott in a German prison camp.



“A Strong Foundation” by Nicole Camilleri is a mixed media and acrylic piece created with pages from the artist’s husband’s law school books embedded beneath the surface.



Juror and State Rep. Veronica Paiz presents first-place honors to Winnie Chrzanowski for her photograph, “All Men are Created Equal.”

They had to think about what it meant to them to be a U.S. citizen.”

When the entry deadline passed, installers saw artwork that fit different categories: voices, celebrations,

American landscapes, American kitsch and immigration.

“Some show a closeness to how lucky we are to have such a beautiful country,” Pope said. “There are some about celebrating in general and then there were voices — all the people voicing their concerns, what we’re about as a country as we’re waiting for things to get even better.”

She noted women’s rights, immigration, concerns about farmland and thankfulness

to veterans as other topics submitted.

“These are really meaningful pieces,” she added. “Read the labels; they were really thoughtful. It’s refreshing to have such a thoughtful exhibit.”

Acting as juror for the exhibition was State Rep. Veronica Paiz.

“She’s in government, but has an art background,” Pope said. “She was very gracious to do this and really spent a lot of time looking at the art and deciding what awards to give and who to give them to.”

Paiz awarded first place to Winnie Chrzanowski for her photograph, “All Men Are Created Equal,” while second-place honors went to KR Windsor for his digital collage, “American Words, Specious Ends III.” Third place was given to John Jeffire’s mixed media piece, “We Have Lost Our Name But Found a Home.”

Additionally, Paiz presented nine honorable mention awards: “Betting the Farm” by Mark Zapico, “Lakeside View” by Sara Krawczak, “Used To Be The Slogan for All of America, 2025” by Jim Klein, “Americana II” by Jeffire, “Scale of Justice” by Anne Furnaris, “The Pursuit of Happiness” by Chrzanowski, “Northeast” by John Caine, “Poppies” by Jacquelyn Block and “Landscape with Frankfurter” by Jennifer Rivera.

Guests visiting “Celebrating US” also are invited to view an additional exhibition in the hallway outside of the main gallery, featuring the work of artists who will create plein air pieces during the Grosse Pointe Garden Center’s Garden Tour June 19 and 20.

“The artists bring in their work before the tour, then after the tour bring in what they made during the tour,” Pope said. “They either add their work or replace what’s there.”

The entry deadline for the next GPAA exhibition, which follows the theme “Cityscapes,” is Monday, July 20. Artists

are asked to consider “an ode to our urban environment, appreciating those sites we see every day.”

Ted Groustra, a tour guide for Pure Detroit,



“We Have Lost Our Name But Found a Home” by John Jeffire placed third.

will serve as juror. For more information or to preview the current exhibition, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.



KR Windsor earned second place for “American Words, Specious Ends III,” a digital collage.

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Properly handling petty behavior

Dear Gabby: A neighbor hosted a huge pool party and invited literally everyone on our street except our family. My daughter found out because photos were all over Instagram. Now she thinks nobody likes us.

I suspect it may have something to do with a disagreement I had with the hostess at a school fundraiser six months ago. Are adults really this petty? — Left Out in the Deep End in the City

Dear Left Out In The City: Unfortunately, adulthood does not eliminate middle school behavior. However, let this be a reminder that all actions have consequences. Perhaps her feelings were hurt during that fundraiser and it's worth reaching out at some point to clear the air if the relationship is worth repairing. The hard part is when adult awkwardness spills onto kids. Don't escalate it publicly or retaliate

with your own "exclusive" gathering. That only turns it into a dramatic season of "Real Housewives."

Instead, reassure your daughter that invitations often reflect social politics between adults — and it likely has nothing to do with her.

— Gabby

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



Career crises and workplace anxieties



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR ANNIE: I'm feeling torn between pursuing my dream and maintaining my financial stability. I have a job as an accountant making six figures, but it's boring work — so boring that I dread getting out of bed every morning. The days go by slowly, and I find myself living for the weekend.

On the other hand, I've had a passion for photography since I was a kid.

Recently, I've started to do some freelance work on the side, just for fun, but the money isn't great because I don't have a lot of time to devote to it.

I understand the importance of financial security, but I also fear that settling for a comfortable but unfulfilling job will leave me with regrets. My girlfriend says I would be crazy to quit accounting, and I have the feeling that she

would dump me if I wasn't able to take her out or pay for things.

How do I strike a balance between being practical and pursuing my dreams? Is it possible to have both? I'm afraid of taking the leap and facing potential failure, but I also don't want to wake up one day and realize that I've wasted my life working at a job I hate. — Torn Between Passion and Stability

DEAR TORN: Everything in life is a trade-off, and a balancing act. If you continue as an accountant, you are guaranteed stable pay and predictable hours, but you will be bored much of the time. If you decide to pursue photography, you will work odd hours for unpredictable pay, but you will be creatively fulfilled.

I wonder why you became an accountant in the first place. It must have appealed to you at one time, and you might try to rekindle your lost interest in your career, while continuing to make photography a passionate hobby as part of a well-rounded life. If you do that and you still yearn to devote your life to photography full time, then you will have your answer.

DEAR ANNIE: I recently got a promotion at work, which is great, but I'm really feeling the pressure now. My first project in this new position is with my company's biggest client, and I'm starting to doubt that I'm really qualified to take on such an important account. I love my job, I work hard, and I think I'm good at it — but I'm worried that I'm going to fail and that my team is going to realize I wasn't ready for all these added responsibilities.

How can I overcome all the feelings of self-doubt and gain more confidence in myself? I don't want to self-sabotage or hold myself back from reaching my full potential. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — Seeking Confidence.

DEAR SEEKING CONFIDENCE: It sounds like you're struggling with "imposter syndrome," and you're definitely not alone. According to Psychology Today, up to 70 percent of adults feel imposter syndrome at some point in their lives.

Start by reminding yourself that you were promoted for a reason. Management does not

hand out promotions without seeing proof of a candidate's competence. Clearly your work has shown your team that you are well-suited for more responsibility. You should also stay focused on your own achievements instead of comparing yourself to others.

By reflecting on your concrete accomplishments, focusing on yourself and talking through your feelings (through therapy, journaling or conversations with friends), you will be able to manage your imposter syndrome and shine bright in your new role (congratulations, by the way!).

DEAR ANNIE: I know it's bad manners to hijack conversations and engage in one-upmanship. What should my friends and I do about this situation?

Our high school group of friends gathers once a week. One person, "Bianca," constantly has a story to tell about her children, her cooking skills, everything she has done the past week — and of course, she always surpasses anything the rest of us are capable of.

One lady was telling us about a dinner she made for her family. Bianca said she makes the dish such and such way and has made it for over 100 people. She's always one-upping everyone else.

It doesn't matter what any of us mention — she's done it, and she's done it better. Anything we talk about, she has a better way. She brags and brags. And we're tired of her flaunting her wealth, not that she earned it herself; she's never worked.

We're not jealous. We are all comfortable in life; however, the nonsense never ends. Several of us, though not everyone in the group, have college degrees and have had professional careers. We certainly don't feel superior to any of our fellow classmates. We just enjoy getting together. And if anyone new enters the group, we

hear all her grandiose stories again.

Bianca's daughters are perfect, and she gushes when she talks of them. I've met one of them, and I felt the girl was condescending and had a superiority complex. Bianca is a bore and ruins our get-togethers. When we go out to eat, she always sends her food back because no one can make any dish as well as she can.

We're so sick of the public embarrassment. She's so full of herself and hijacks conversations. She's incapable of understanding or reading the body language and/or facial expressions of the rest of us when we've had enough, even when we sit and stare into space or exchange looks with one another. — Fed Up and Bored

DEAR FED UP: You're right — one-upmanship is poor manners. But so is letting resentment simmer without ever addressing it.

Bianca may actually be oblivious, not malicious. Staring into space and exchanging glances clearly aren't getting through, so it's time for something more direct. One person in the group can pull her aside and say, gently, "We love getting together, but sometimes it feels like conversations turn into competitions. We'd really enjoy more back-and-forth with the group."

In the moment, try steering the conversation instead of letting her drive. When she jumps in to top a story, saying, "That's nice, Bianca — anyway, as I was saying..." sends a message without causing a scene.

If nothing changes, you may need to limit your interactions to smaller doses.

Friendship should feel enjoyable, not exhausting.

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We Tried It!

Cheap low socks

For some reason I can justify spending money on almost anything, but “expensive” socks seem like such a splurge. I have tried a lot of cheap no-show socks and they are OK. We even reviewed some a few years ago that worked pretty well (but are no longer available). However, maybe it’s my age or the fact I walk so much when the weather is nice, but the Amazon and Costco no-show socks are

just not cutting it. Don’t even get me started on the Costco no-shows. First, they come in ugly colors and patterns. I am willing to overlook that and I generally LOVE anything Costco, but a block into walking I’m fishing them out of the bottom of my shoes. They are quitter socks. ZERO OUT OF FIVE. So bad I took them off mid-walk and threw them in a trash can. Another Costco option



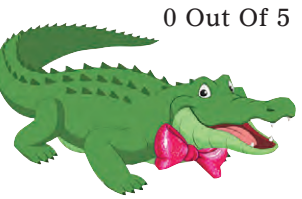
is the Puma multipack of low socks. These things

are so thick you can barely fit into your shoes and they are truly ugly. Somehow I find that the thickness is also bad for workouts and running — it’s too much for the feet. I’m hesitant to give them a zero, but they are not cool. They get a zero for style points.

Next, instead of the Ondo socks I have seen advertised, I tried some dupes from Amazon that were a lot cheaper and came in a pack of about a million. Do they stay up? Yes. By staying up, does that sticky tab on the back of my heel dig in like a razor blade? Also yes. ZERO OUT OF FIVE. So now I have 10,000 tiny annoying socks lying around my house — like annoying yappy little dogs that grate on your last nerve. The moral of the story is that Bombas or Lululemon

or whatever “expensive” real socks you choose are the move. Splurge on five pairs and be done with it. Your feet will thank you!

We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at media@grossepointenews.com.



0 Out Of 5

A new charcuterie

Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

If the charcuterie chip craze hasn’t crossed your radar yet, I am thrilled to introduce you to this delicious trend. It’s like a bougie nacho platter but with potato chips. And, the chips become a blank canvas for you to add all of your favorite elements from a charcuterie board. Meats and cheeses are paired with sweet things, spicy things and crunchy things. Each bite can be totally tailored to your preference, which is why charcuterie boards are so popular. There is always something for everyone. In this recipe, I used prosciutto and spicy coppa ham that I found at Fresh Farms Market. Both hams are sliced paper-thin so the quick cook time ensures crispy edges with concentrated flavor. I used Romano cheese because it has a sharper and more pungent flavor than Parmesan. Brie is a must for the creamy, melty cheese factor. For fresh pops of flavor, I added bright, green Castelvetrano olives and

Peppadew peppers. The finishing touches that bring everything together into one cohesive platter of goodness are balsamic glaze and hot honey. It’s just extra tang, heat and sweetness on every chip. However you make this platter, make sure to include the drizzle. I’ve seen this recipe done with lots of Parmesan, lemon zest and caviar. You could swap the cheese for cheddar and add dollops of fig or apricot jam. Think pickles! The flavor combinations have no limit. You can simply walk into the kitchen and throw this together in 15 minutes. The only must-have’s are sturdy potato chips. This recipe is for the nights when I don’t feel like making dinner and want to substitute with snacks and cold beverages on the patio. Or it’s for the exhausted moms who want to dissociate into the throes of a good movie after a long day in the sun. Mix up the charcuterie trend this summer and add some chips!

You’ll be all the rage.

- Cheers, Mombeau
- Charcuterie Chips**
- 1 8oz bag of kettle-cooked potato chips
 - ½ cup freshly grated Pecorino Romano cheese
 - 4 slices prosciutto
 - 4 slices spicy coppa ham
 - 4 oz cubed brie cheese
 - 8 - 10 halved Castelvetrano olives
 - 6 chopped Peppadew peppers
 - 2 chopped scallions
 - 2 tbsp hot honey
 - 2 tbsp balsamic glaze



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and lay down the potato chips into a semi-even layer. Sprinkle half of the Romano cheese evenly over the top. Then tear the pro-

sciutto and coppa ham into small pieces and tuck throughout the chips. Next, place the cubes of brie evenly on top. Bake in the oven for about five minutes or until the cheese is mostly

melted. You want to take it out before the chips brown. Once out of the oven, pick up the long ends of the parchment paper and gently slide the chips onto a platter. Use clean hands and rearrange if necessary.

Scatter over the olives, peppers, scallions and remaining cheese. Finish by drizzling the hot honey and balsamic glaze over the top. Bring the platter outside with a stack of cocktail napkins and enjoy!



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Stale views

A “shelf talker” is a slip of paper or a card with a few words that describe the wine sitting on the shelf or in the box that retailers hope will entice people to buy it. One such shelf talker long ago said that a particular wine had received a gold medal in a major wine competition. A friend who was the man who ran that competition knew that this was a falsehood. A prior vintage of that wine had received a gold medal, but that was four years earlier! This particular wine had not yet been made. My friend contacted the winery. A winery spokesperson pleaded innocent, saying that the shelf talker was put up by the retail shop. “We had nothing to do with it,” she said. False reviews abound. And it is not in anyone’s best interest, except consumers’, to check on their validity. Which isn’t easily done.

The above episode occurred 30 years ago, but the tale is still valid. Not all shelf talkers have false information, of course, but the temptation to fib is obvious. And it appears that some shelf talker claims include “alternative facts.” Most wineries tell the truth on these miniature signs, but not always. That leads to similar situations. Years ago, when I was a restaurant reviewer, I rated a cafe as excellent. Years after the review ran in the newspaper, I dined there again. The place had gone downhill horribly. Yet the newspaper’s website still had my original review that praised the place. There was a date on the review, but it was in such small type that I doubted that most readers would notice. Reviews that are “stale” are a problem for the wine industry. As a perishable product,

wine declines over time. And what might have been a valid review two years ago may be far from the truth today. This is particularly true when it comes to young white wines. Today, the release of 2023 whites is occurring. If a wine review for a prior vintage appears on a 2023 bottle, there’s a reasonable chance it is not very precise. But as I previously stated, it’s really difficult to determine when the shelf talker or review was created, and if the words really apply to the vintage now being sold. There is another topic slightly related to this which may appear in stores that are offering some red wines that are strange. Smoke from Northern California wildfires affected many red wine grapes in 2020. Now appearing on some store shelves are some red wines that are advertised on their labels as having been aged in bourbon or whiskey barrels.

I purchased one of these wines and tried it. It was particularly awful. The aroma was that of an ashtray – precisely the description that some people (myself included) have used to describe the aroma of wines that were ruined by smoke taint in 2020. I suspect that some wine companies, rather than discard their horrid smoke-tainted red wines from 2020, decided to age them in whiskey barrels and



then market them that way. To me, the smell is ghastly. When I buy a red wine, I prefer that it smells and tastes like red wine, not an ashtray. Unless you like this character, I would ignore all wines aged in

whiskey barrels. To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2025 CREATORS.COM.



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Summer fun and fashion to kick off the season



WEARABLES

A) Walk on the beach
Dolce Vita Seashell Heels from **Glitter & Scotch** are a statement piece that still feel practical. These are the perfect addition for summer nights when your outfit needs a polished yet fun flair.

B) Summer lace
It's no doubt that yellow is making a comeback this summer! This bright and structured Steve Madden yellow eyelet dress from **Savvy Chic** is the kind of dress that makes the moment your own. Perfect for any occasion from dinner to daytime in a pattern that flatters every woman.

C) Make a splash
Classic blue and white striped one-piece swimsuit from **Village Palm** is a lake day must-have that makes you feel sleek and ready for water fun. This is the perfect swimsuit to add to your rotation.



Striped summer button up shirt, above, from **Glitter & Scotch** is the perfect relaxed layer that works open, closed or thrown casually over swimwear.

By Meg Kelly
GPN Intern

Summer in Grosse Pointe doesn't arrive all at once after the harsh winter. It shows up in bits and pieces. First in the warm evenings and the chirping of the cicadas that linger a little longer than expected, then the shift from fully regimented days to ones that unfold on their own as the days get brighter and the nights on the deck grow longer.

It's the coffee runs to local businesses on 6 a.m. walks — where the owners know you personally — that turn into strolls along the lake. The weekends that start with one stop on the agenda — and somehow morph into three. It's the dinners that move outside onto the patio without anyone making a formal plan.

There's a true rhythm to it here that feels less like a summer schedule and more like a comfortable habit. This summer, lean into easy, familiar — and slightly unplanned days.

Local shops are showing lighter fabrics while seasonal colors appear on their shelves. Familiar restaurant patios fill and simple meals feel like they

matter more — just because they're outside.

This section breaks that feeling down into pieces, what you're wearing, what you're bringing and how you're spending that time as the weather settles in. Because in Grosse Pointe, summer isn't something you organize but rather something you step into.

What is Grosse Pointe wearing this summer? Easy layers, soft colors and outfits you won't overthink. They're the pieces that will end up on repeat all summer long — fashionable and functional as sunny days turn into long summer nights.

What you carry matters just as much as where you're going. The handbag you love more than you thought you would, a stuffed tote or cooler that ends up in the car "just in case."

Entertaining becomes more fluid, simpler. It's shared plates and everything done outside. New napkins that freshen a table in a colorful new way.

Someone opens the door to a patio and a few chairs get pulled into the setting sun — and suddenly the evening has shape and meaning. It's the kind of setting where conversation lasts longer than expected but nobody is looking at the time.

Summer in Grosse Pointe is unique and beautiful.

D) **Flower power**

Seasonal, bright and full of fun, this pink and green tote from **Glitter & Scotch** embodies all the feelings of a Grosse Pointe summer. Ideal for long days in the sunshine on The Hill and in The Village.

E) **GP colors**

Green and pink Grosse Pointe sweater from **Village Palm** is the absolute essential piece to give a subtle nod to home sweet home — and is perfect for those transitional breezy evenings when you suddenly need an extra layer.

F) **Breezy tote**

Navy and white striped tote from **Glitter & Scotch** fits seamlessly into your summer wardrobe. This carryall holds everything you need for the day while looking cute and fresh for weekends at the lake and boat days.

G) **Come sail away**

The wind blowing through your hair on a summer night on Lake St. Clair requires a lightweight cover to throw on that still feels chic. This lightweight sailboat sweater from **Savvy Chic** is exactly what you need for a nautical vibe this boating season.

H) **Crisp and cool**

This versatile long white skirt from **Savvy Chic** is a base piece that works effortlessly from daytime to evening dinners. A true summer staple.

I) **Flip out!**

Everyone needs an adorable pair of flip flops for the season. This sweet hot pink and white pair from **Village Palm** will become the pair that ends up always at the front door, ready to slip on and start the day in style.

J) **Fab floral**

The Mary Square Floral Tote from **Small Favors** is the type of bag you can take shopping, to the soccer fields or on a mini vacay to hold your stuff — and the kids' stuff too. Look put together — even when everyone depends on you to remember the sunscreen.

K) **Cutest clutch**

Metallic gold clutch from **Savvy Chic** is the perfect accessory to elevate even the most casual outfit. Its shine will draw attention from all around you. Add a fancy touch to even the simplest of outfits.

L) **Marg needed**

Beaded bags are the summer accessory everyone is talking about. This beaded "i need a marg" bag from **Glitter & Scotch** is bold, fun and seasonal. This is the type of wow accessory that makes the whole outfit.

M) **In the pink**

Flowy and the perfect rosy shade after a long day in the sun. This pink tank top from **Savvy Chic** is the definition of summer fashion. It's lightweight and easy to throw on for a dinner party with friends or a casual day by the pool.

PICNIC STYLE

N) **Kitchen matey**

Add some lake life charm to your summer entertaining with a useful sailboat-themed cooking towel from **The League Shop**. Summer meal prep can be smooth sailing too!

O) **MI mixers**

Beverage mixing sticks from **Small Favors** add a seasonal detail with a taste of home.

P) **Squeeze of lemon**

Hosting a night on the patio? This bright and refreshing Limoncello infusion set from **Glitter & Scotch** is the perfect hosting addition that is made for warm evenings that don't end early.

Q) **Pickleball rules**

This pickleball-themed tumbler from **Small Favors** is practical, colorful and very much a part of the current rhythm of summer activity.

R) **Summer spread**

Blue and white floral Chinoiserie spreaders are the stylish detail that make the charcuterie boards of summer look pretty and polished. Hosting items from **The League Shop** are the perfect updates to your seasonal backyard tables — to add trendy flair — without spending a lot!



S) **Keep your cool**

YETI cooler from **Half Moon Outfitters** keeps everything cold for those long days out on the lake. The pretty color stays on point for style.

T) **Happy 4th**

Lovely floral patriotic napkins from **The League Shop** are a sure thing for every table as Independence Day rounds the corner.

U) **Fresh linens**

Elegant red and white reusable cloth napkins from **The League Shop** are a practical addition that make every al fresco table look upscale and inviting for summer guests.

V) **Fun in the sun**

Outdoor toys unleash real-time family fun! Get the Rebound Ball for kicking around and the mini flying helicopter to keep the activity level up as you enjoy your sunny gatherings. Both available at **Small Favors**.

W) **Pack it up**

This small and compact Scout lunchbox from **Small Favors** is perfect for shorter, spontaneous outings that might go into overtime. Keeps your snacks and drinks cold too when your lunch break takes you out in the sunshine.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ozzie Chin, 7, above left, with his 13.5” smallmouth bass. A.C. Stahl, 12, above right, holds the 17” largemouth bass he caught at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Youngsters dominate the scoreboard this week

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

End of school meant that summer vacationers could hit the lakes and shores this week — and it sure showed in the competition results. The leaderboard proudly displayed stats from the bounty of a sea of young anglers from all around the Pointes.

Topping the list from B Division was Carter Zeldes, 13, of Grosse Pointe Farms. His 24” pike took the lead not only in his division — for pike, but he also won the overall longest fish for the 13-and-up B/D Divisions. Asher Zeldes, also of Grosse Pointe Farms, aced the overall winning position for the 12-and-under A/C Divisions for his hefty 21.5” walleye. Walleye have been a rarity so far this season, so it’s a precious win. The only other walleye this week was caught by Christian Phillips, 12, who won that category in Division C, with his whopping 21-incher.

Taking prizes for remaining A Division fish categories were repeat winner Christian Phillips, for a 19” pike and George Ellis II, age 11, for his 18” largemouth bass. Ellis was the competition’s 2025 grand champion, for a 36” pike.

Finn Ryan, 15, got the honors for B Division bass with his 20” largemouth. The other bass winners were Parker Hurd in Division C and Allan Morton in Division D. Each caught an 18” smallmouth bass.

All the cash prizes for the winners were underwritten by our generous premier sponsor, Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe.

To spice things up, there are also exciting weekly prize drawings from sponsors: Lakeside Fishing, 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. Anyone who enters any size fish is eligible to win in the random weekly drawings.

This week’s drawing winners are:

- Asher Chin - \$25 gift certificate for Lakeside Fishing
- Parker Hurd - \$25 gift certificate for Fairway Packing Co.
- Allan Morton - \$25 gift certificate for The Lobster Pot
- Meadow Montagne - \$10 gift certificate for JJ’s Custard Company

Don’t forget — anyone can stop in at the Grosse Pointe

News offices at 16980 Kercheval for a free Mr. Muskie tape measure to help you size up what you catch this summer.

For complete Fishing Classic rules, see the full details online at grossepointenews.com/fishing. We hope you cast a line this week and get in on all the fun and prizes!

The market landscape has peaks and valleys. Don't face them alone.

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Fishing area: Anywhere in the Grosse Pointes and surrounding areas on land or boat
Dates: May 28 - June 28, 2026

Cash prizes:

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

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

Visit grossepointenews.com/fishingclassic for full contest rules and details.

THIS WEEK’S FISHING TIP:

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- LARGEST FISH OF THE WEEK PER FISH **CATEGORY** IN DIVISION

DIVISION A ON SHORE - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	ASHER ZELDES	21.5" WALLEYE		
2	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	19" PIKE		
3	GEORGE ELLIS II	18" LM BASS		
4	A.C. STAHL	17" LM BASS		
5	MEADOW MONTAGNE	15.5" SM BASS		
6	GEORGE ELLIS II	14" SM BASS		
7	OZZIE CHIN	13.5" SM BASS		
8	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	13" SM BASS		
9	PARKER HURD	11.5" LM BASS		
10	LUCA HURD	10.5" LM BASS		
11	ASHER CHIN	10" SM BASS		

Congratulations to the winners
and all of the anglers.

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

DIVISION B ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	CARTER ZELDES	24" PIKE		
2	FINN RYAN	20" LM BASS		
3	CARTER ZELDES	17.5" PIKE		
4	DANIEL SHANLE	17.2" LM BASS		
5	DANIEL SHANLE	16.5" LM BASS		
7	ALLAN MORTON	14.5" LM BASS		

DIVISION C BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	21" WALLEYE	
2	PARKER HURD	18" SM BASS	
3	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	17.25" SM BASS	

DIVISION D BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

1	ALLAN MORTON	18" SM BASS	
2	ANDREW PHILLIPS	17" SM BASS	

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Carter Zeldes, 13, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, brought his A-Game to Division A with this stunning 24" pike. The winning beauty was reeled in at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Way to go, Carter!



Asher Zeldes scored a whopping 21.5" walleye, above, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht club. Asher wins the overall longest fish prize for the A/C divisions as well as Division A's top walleye award.



Christian Phillips, 12, of Grosse Pointe Woods, got this winning walleye, above, by boat on the Detroit River. The 21-incher was entered under Division C.



Finn Ryan, 15, of Grosse Pointe Woods, caught his winning 20" largemouth bass for Division B at Shores Park. Great catch!



Congratulations to our FISHING COLORING CONTEST WINNERS!

We received so many beautiful entries — and these really stood out for their creativity, use of color and attention to detail. Well done, winners!

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1st PLACE

1st Place: Elodie Van Marcke, 9, Grosse Pointe Farms - \$25 Gift card to Whistle Stop



RUNNER UP

Runner up: Kate Padesky, 9, Grosse Pointe - \$10 Gift card to Chocolate Bar Cafe



RUNNER UP

Runner up: James Padesky, 7, Grosse Pointe - \$10 Gift card to Wally's



THRILLING CATCHES



Allan Morton, above, is looking good out in the sun with his cool catch — an 18” smallmouth bass, winner for the bass category in Division D.



Asher Zeldes, age 9, above, with his winning 21.5” walleye above, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht club. Asher wins the overall longest fish prize for the A/C divisions as well as Division A’s top walleye award.



Christian Phillips’ impressive 19” pike, above, caught on the shores of Lake St. Clair — is one for the books.

Parker Hurd, 7, caught the 18” smallmouth bass, left, to win his division in the bass category. It was a great day on the water for little Parker!





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Left, Karan Soni as Ravi and Geraldine Viswanathan as Rita in the 2021 movie “7 Days,” written by Karan Soni and Roshan Sethi and directed by Roshan

MOVIE REVIEW
“7 Days”
2021 - Not Rated
1 hr 26 min
★★★★★

Is it just me or does it seem like the COVID-19 pandemic is ancient history, and didn’t occur a mere six years ago? I can barely remember wearing a mask everywhere, standing a safe 6’ apart in shopping lines and walking across the street when I saw someone headed in my direction. Maybe it’s our way of dealing with such a collective nightmare.

Since the pandemic, there have been countless films made against the disease’s backdrop — most of which are not worth mentioning. That is until this heartfelt indie rom-com came to my attention. It’s a delightful little film that won an Independent Spirit Award for Best First Feature. The film was produced by the Duplass brothers, best known for “Jazzy,” “Language Lessons,” “Creep,” and “The One I Love” — just a few of the many movies they’ve brought us. “7 Days” is the first feature film for director Roshan Sethi who co-wrote it

along with Karan Soni. Soni also stars in it with Geraldine Viswanathan (“Poker Face”).

The film opens and closes with a series of interviews of Indian couples discussing their relationships which are the result of arranged marriages. They’re just so positive and full of hope. It’s a bit of a contrast with what transpires during the course of the movie. In an auspicious start, Ravi (Soni) and Rita (Viswanathan) are on a picnic/first date. The location was supposed to be a picturesque setting near a reservoir. Unfortunately, Ravi didn’t do his homework and the reservoir is mostly dried up now and they’re forced to picnic in the dirt. That’s not the only thing that’s dried up — the couple’s conversation is quite awkward, and it becomes quickly apparent the two have little in common.

Things take an ominous turn when their phones start receiving warnings about the impending viral crisis. They quickly head back to Rita’s apartment to await more news. Ravi’s absolutely appalled when he discovers the apart-

ment is a total mess. But there are more surprises to follow. We learn that Ravi is a nerdy researcher, a strict vegetarian and doesn’t drink alcohol. He expects his future spouse to follow suit. At one point, he unexpectedly walks in on Rita who’s eating some fried chicken while guzzling a beer. Oops! And when he goes into the



Ravi (Karan Soni).

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”

bathroom, he discovers her intimate massager on the sink. She’s not the innocent girl her dating profile makes her out to be.

As it turns out, as much as he’d like to, he can’t leave. His car is in the shop so he has to rely on an Uber to get home. Because these are in such short supply, he at least has to spend the night with Rita. This is one of those unique films that features only two actors creating a situation that relies heavily on exceptional writing and talented stars. Fortunately, “7 Days” has both. Soni and Viswanathan also have remarkable chemistry. They’re polar opposites and that makes it even more fun. It’s not your typical “love at first sight” story by a long shot. It’s such a pleasure to see them play off each other. He’s about as dry as can be and she always seems to

have a snappy comment or witticism in response to just about everything he says. The banter is in turns humorous and touching. You really need to pay attention lest you miss a great one-liner or two.

It becomes quickly apparent that the quarantined couple aren’t right for each other. While all this is happening, Ravi is constantly on the phone with his meddling mother. Then he resumes his searching for a potential bride by participating in a series of Zoom dates. Rita is thoroughly amused by the way he acts during these encounters. On the sly, she calls her secret lover late at night; a married man voiced by Mark Duplass.

As Ravi and Rita are on their way to learning about each other and getting somewhat comfortable in each other’s company, the film takes a sharp turn. While the pandemic is largely in the background, Rita starts coughing. At first she tries to ignore it and makes excuses for it being caused by dust. When more serious symptoms appear, she’s forced to go to the hospital. As per usual, I won’t give you any spoilers. You’ll just have to watch this wonderful movie and find out what happens for yourself.

It’s obvious that the movie was made on a budget during the early days of the pandemic. I’ve read that it was filmed in just eight days. What a remarkable achievement. You take your typical Hollywood film that costs millions of dollars and takes months to film and they often are a huge disappointment. They could learn a thing or three from the likes of Sethi and Soni.

Note to parents: The

movie is not rated but I think it’s somewhere in between “PG-13” and “R” depending on the maturity of the child. As I mentioned, there’s a scene with a vibrator and a mention of female genitalia.

Currently streaming for free on Hoopla and Kanopy (with your library card), Plex, Roku, and Tubi. Also on Prime and to rent on Apple TV, YouTube, Fandango, and other services.

- My rating system:
- ★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.
 - ★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.
 - ★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.
 - ★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.
 - ★★★★★ So good you’d actually buy it!
- If you have any movie suggestions, feel free to email me at: domin-mark@yahoo.com.
- Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



Rita (Geraldine Viswanathan).



Rita and Ravi communicating with the outside world.

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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Pointe Word Search

Find the words on the left in the puzzle below and spell out the hidden sentence with the unused letters.

ACTING
ACTIVITIES
BLINDFOLD
CHARADES
COLOR
FITNESS
FUN
PINATA
POOL
SPLASH
WATER
YARD
ZONE

S D L O F D N I L B
U M P O O L M E R F
F I T N E S S R U H
A C T I N G P E N S
S E I T I V I T C A
D A N Y S C N A A L
H F E O O A A W D P
F O U L Z R T A L S
L O O N F Y A R D U
S R C H A R A D E S

Contract Bridge

A QUESTION OF ENTRIES

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ Q 10 9

♥ J 7

♦ 8 5 4 3

♣ 7 6 5 2

WEST

♠ 8 6 5 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ K Q J 9 6

♣ A

EAST

♠ K 7 4

♥ K 10 9 8 5 2

♦ 7 2

♣ 9 3

SOUTH

♠ A J 3

♥ A Q

♦ A 10

♣ K Q J 10 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Dble	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

South takes care to ruff with the eight of trump, not the four, because his only certain entry to dummy is in clubs. He then cashes the queen of clubs and leads the four of clubs to the six.

Once South is in dummy, he must be very careful about what he does next. He must try to arrange successful finesses in both spades and hearts in the course of this one visit to dummy.

Obviously, he cannot take the heart finesse first, because he would wind up in the wrong hand even if the finesse succeeded. He therefore takes the spade finesse first.

But in so doing, he must be sure to lead the queen of spades from dummy, not the nine or ten. If East makes the best defensive play of ducking the queen, South plays his jack under it. South then continues with the ten, playing low if East plays low and leaving himself in position to take the heart finesse next.

Note that if East covers the queen or ten of spades when they are led, South is able to return to dummy with a spade to attempt the heart finesse. In effect, even though South has only one entry to dummy, he is able to arrange his play so that he can, if necessary, lead three times from there.

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by Steve Becker

Universal Crossword

Edited by Anna Gundlach June 18, 2026

ACROSS

1 Bring in from the field

5 Surprised reaction

9 Way beyond not being on speaking terms

14 Connector for wheels on the bus

15 Part of HOMES

16 Developmental stage

17 Spreadsheet contents

18 "Coolio!"

19 Churns up

20 Dairy treat explorer?

23 AFI Life Achievement Award winner Meryl

24 Na+ or Cl-

25 Cash box?

28 "Who the time?!"

29 "Just adorable!"

32 Name on the world's largest tennis stadium

33 Framed entrances

34 Many a Verdi work

35 Coif favored by a wealthy LA enclave?

40 Bugged a lot

41 Dodge

42 Pig fat

43 Sir _____, nephew of King Arthur

45 GI entertainers

DOWN

1 Daikon, for one

2 One-two horse racing bet

3 Shortens or lengthens, as a garment

4 "I'm out!"

5 Source of inherited traits

6 Plane measure

7 Kingdom in "The King and I"

8 Check on a friend's goldfish, say

9 Barista's garment

10 Old word with "art"

11 "Hang on ..."

12 Communication system with finger spelling

13 High-graphics

21 Vacation recreation and accommodation destination

22 Olympic medalist and president of World Athletics

26 No _____ Traffic

27 Tempeh might replace it

30 Sob

31 Person who knows the theater well

32 Worship nook

33 Out of juice

34 Passe

35 Healing ointment

36 And others: Abbr.

37 Spoken agreement

38 "_____ seen worse"

39 Foamy leaf on a cup of coffee, say

43 Gloppy dollop

44 Calls off

45 Perfect world

46 Quickly fries

47 Choose to withdraw ... or, when parsed differently, a theme hint

49 Cornish Rex or Egyptian Mau

51 Person who is not into spicy stuff?

53 Not doing much

54 Get high?

55 Final Four org.

56 JFK gatekeeper

57 "_____ obvious!"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

R	A	I	L			B	L	I	M	P		A	W	W	
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E	T	A			M	A	D	S	C	R	A	M	B	L	E
R	E	P			O	N	A	R	U	N		A	R	K	S
E	S	S			N	A	N	A	S			P	E	S	T

6/11 Solution

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Two for Two by Freddie Cheng

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13
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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, June 18, 2026: You are loyal, energetic, attractive and adventurous. You have a quirky sense of fun. This is a year of learning and teaching. Take time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a productive day! (Especially if you work with children, the arts or the entertainment world.) You've got lots of energy! However, avoid arguments with others, because they might arise, especially with siblings and neighbors. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in a practical frame of mind today, which is why you can get a lot done, especially mental work. Whatever you're doing, you will do carefully with thought and pay attention to detail. You'll also be persevering — like a dog with a bone. Avoid arguments about money. Tonight: Relax at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your powers of persuasion are strong today, which is why you will convince others to agree with you very easily! However, conversations with friends and groups might be sticky. Tread carefully. Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Money plans and financial discussions will go well today because you're in a practical frame of mind and you're not afraid to talk to bosses, employers and parents. Some kind of hidden tension is present. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) With the Moon in your sign today, you're empowered! Furthermore, it is dancing beautifully with Saturn, giving you a sober and realistic view of things. You might be less inclined to talk and more inclined to work. Be patient with friends. Tonight: You win!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your ability to see what's "wrong with this picture" makes you an excellent critic. Sometimes your ability to criticize and discern problems can put you at odds with others, especially bosses with egos. Tread carefully today. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Discussions about travel, publishing, the media, medicine, the law and anything to do with education will be productive today. However, you might run into problems with people who object. Tonight: Be friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) For the most part, this is an excellent day to make your pitch to ask for permission or approval. Tonight: You're admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You love to travel, and today is a great day to make travel plans because you're in a practical frame of mind and you won't overlook details. Be patient with partners and close friends to avoid tiffs. Tonight: Learn and explore!.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you want to make a claim or fight for your fair share of something today. Nevertheless, work-related issues might be challenged by someone. Do your homework and get your ducks in a row. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This is a wonderful day to schmooze, even if people choose to have serious discussions. You might get a lot done, especially when talking to relatives or neighbors. Meanwhile, be patient with kids and romantic partners. Tonight: Cooperate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can make great headway at work today because you're in a solid frame of mind. Your critical faculties are sharp, along with your ability to make long-range plans. Avoid conflicts with family members. (Patience is your friend.) Tonight: Get better organized.

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Legendary musician Paul McCartney (1942), actress Isabella Rossellini (1952), actor Richard Madden (1986).

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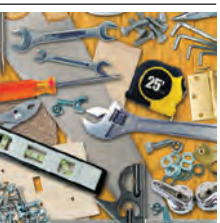
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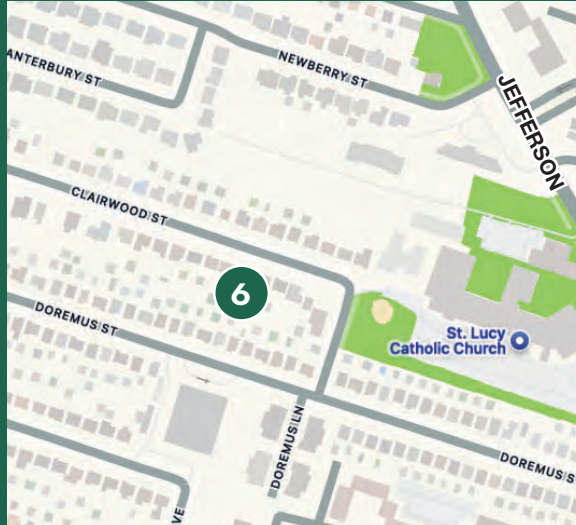
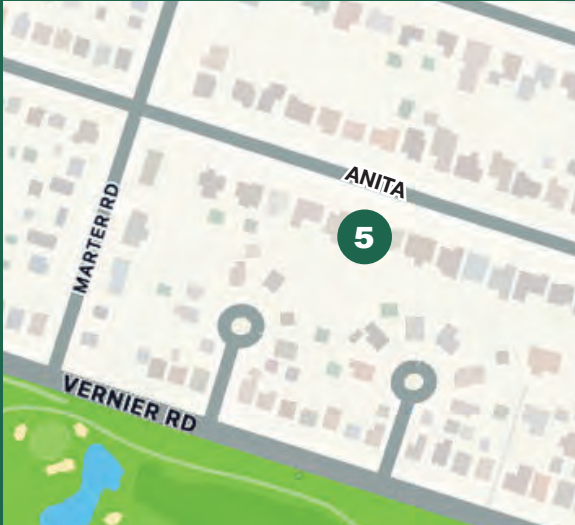
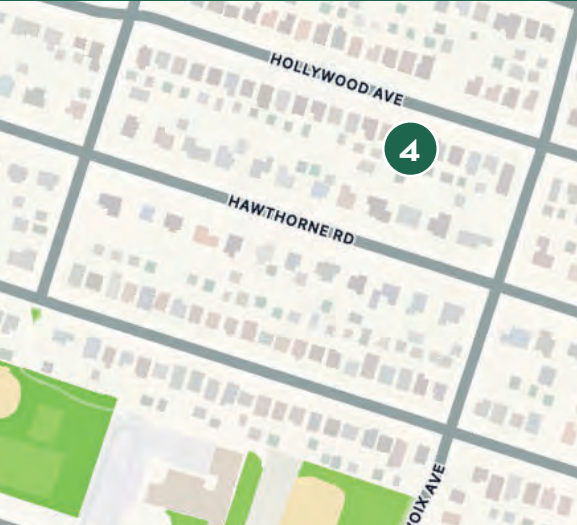
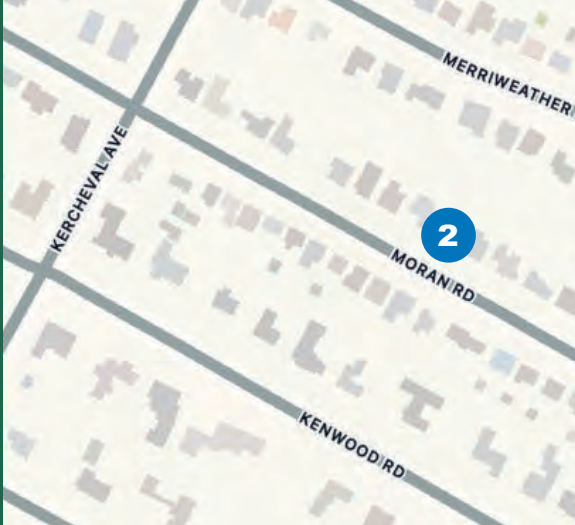
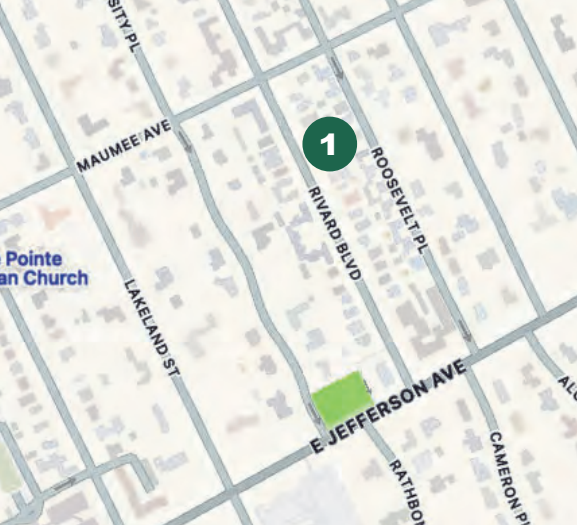
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3. 754 Bedford, GPP

4. 1175 Anita, GPW
5. 1549 Hollywood, GPW
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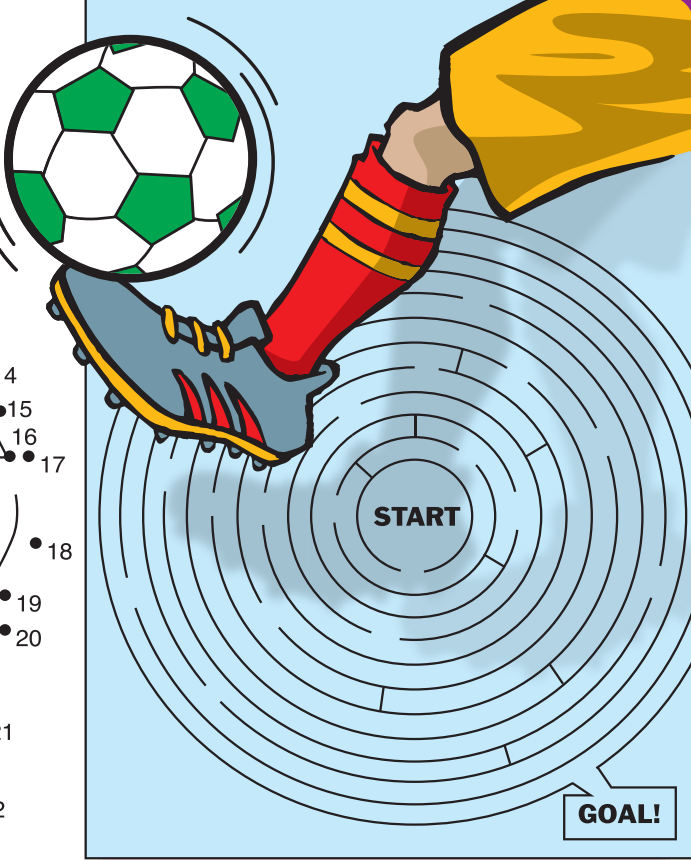
Find the differences between these two soccer players. Then have a family member try it. Who found the most differences?

2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

Get ready for one of the biggest sporting events on Earth! The **FIFA World Cup** brings together the best soccer teams from around the world to compete for the championship trophy.

The World Cup happens every four years. This year, the tournament will be hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico.

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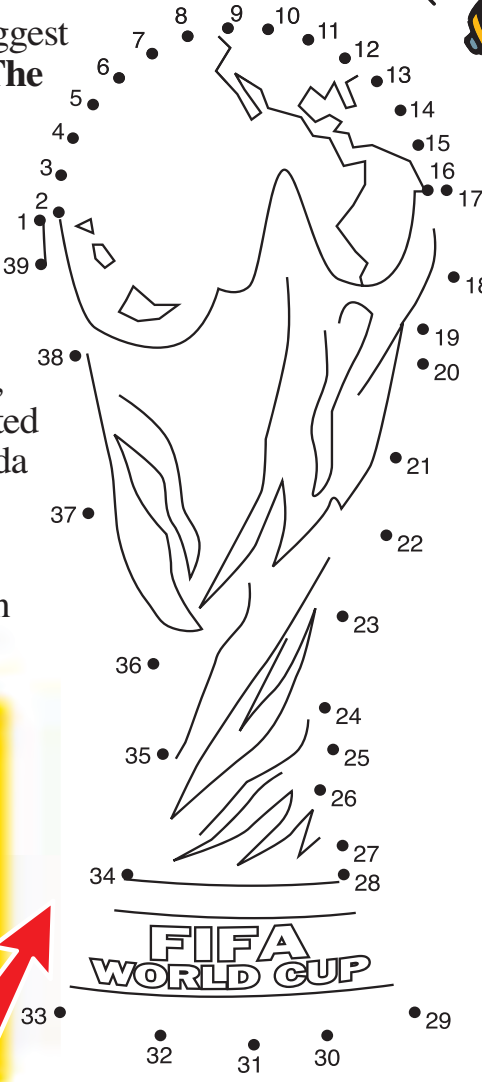
Big Winners

The current holder of the trophy is Argentina, winner of the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Use the code to discover the country that has won the FIFA World Cup championship five times.

Legend:
 = A = I = R
 = B = L = Z

What does the World Cup look like?

The World Cup trophy is 14.5 inches tall and weighs 13.5 pounds. It is made of 18 carat gold with a malachite base. **Connect the dots to see what it looks like.**





Who competes for the World Cup?

Here are flags of just some of the 211 countries that compete for the World Cup. Unscramble the name of each country. *HINT: Use a world map for help.*

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

RAGEANTIN	RECAMOON	ANPAJ	WEN LAZAEND
MENARGY	YATIL	EGRAINI	LIRZAB

ABCs of Sports

Look through the newspaper for the names of 10 or more sports. Cut out these words and paste them on another sheet in alphabetical order.

Standards Link: Spelling: Arrange words in alphabetical order.

Why is soccer the coolest sport?

ANSWER: Because it has fans around the world!

Why did the soccer player bring string to the match?

ANSWER: He was hoping to tie the game.

Can you play soccer with pigs?

ANSWER: No. They always hog the ball!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cut out the various sentence sections, put them in the correct order and then glue them onto a piece of paper.

But when the game first arrived in

The rest of the world calls it football.

game Americans already played here.

wouldn't confuse it with the football

needed a new name so that people

the United States from Europe, it

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand that languages use patterns to communicate.

Double Double Word Search

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

BEST	R	Z	M	A	P	U	F	H	C	S
CHEER	A	P	N	T	K	W	L	A	Y	P
CUP	E	C	Z	R	L	A	O	G	N	J
FANS	Y	W	U	O	K	V	J	R	F	S
FLAGS	C	O	S	P	O	R	T	S	L	K
GOAL	H	N	B	H	P	T	Z	V	A	D
GOLD	E	J	E	Y	D	A	E	R	G	L
MAP	E	Q	S	O	C	C	E	R	S	O
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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This week's word: **TROPHY**

The noun **trophy** means a special prize (usually a statue or shiny cup) to celebrate a win or success.

Cassie won a shiny **trophy** for first place in bowling.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Teams in the News

Look through the newspaper for mentions of the countries playing in the World Cup championship. Does someone in your family history come from any of those countries?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students use reading skills and strategies to interpret informational text.



Where is the best place to shop for a soccer shirt?

ANSWER: New Jersey.

Write On! Sports Report

Write a sport that you just invented. Be sure to describe how the game is played, the reaction of the fans, the teams and the final score.



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Spring sports honors roll in for Pointes athletes

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the conclusion of the spring sports season and another incredible year of high school sports, All-State honors and more have begun rolling in for athletes and teams from around the Pointes for their performances. These athletes

and teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School have been recognized by the Michigan High School Athletics Association (MHSAA) and their respective sports' coaching associations for excellence on and off the field throughout the spring.

In baseball, North senior DJ Edwards was named All-State in Division 2 by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Liggett's Javion Gray also received All-State recognition in Division 3. Grosse Pointe South varsity baseball was recognized by the MHSAA

as one of this year's Division 1 All-Academic teams. The Blue Devils had eight players receive individual Academic All-State honors, including Jack Danielewicz, Dane Lezotte, Alex Foote, Isaac Brenner, Brady Magee, Trey Grabowski, Jack Leonard and Drew Hess.

South, North and Liggett all had athletes receive All-State recognition in varsity boys lacrosse from the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association. From South, Eugene Agnone was named a Division 2 honorable mention at attack. South's Jackson Kean was named third team All-State for midfield and Colin Cotton was third team All-State for faceoffs.

North's Nathaniel Gray earned honorable mention as a goalie and fellow Norseman Brennan Short received an honorable mention as a short stick defensive midfielder. Liggett's Nick Gould was third team All-State at attack, while teammate Mac Costanzo earned an honorable mention. Landen Maltby received an honorable mention at mid-



Grosse Pointe South senior Lyla Hampton received national recognition as a USA Lacrosse All-American and was named first team All-State in Division 1 by the Michigan Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association.

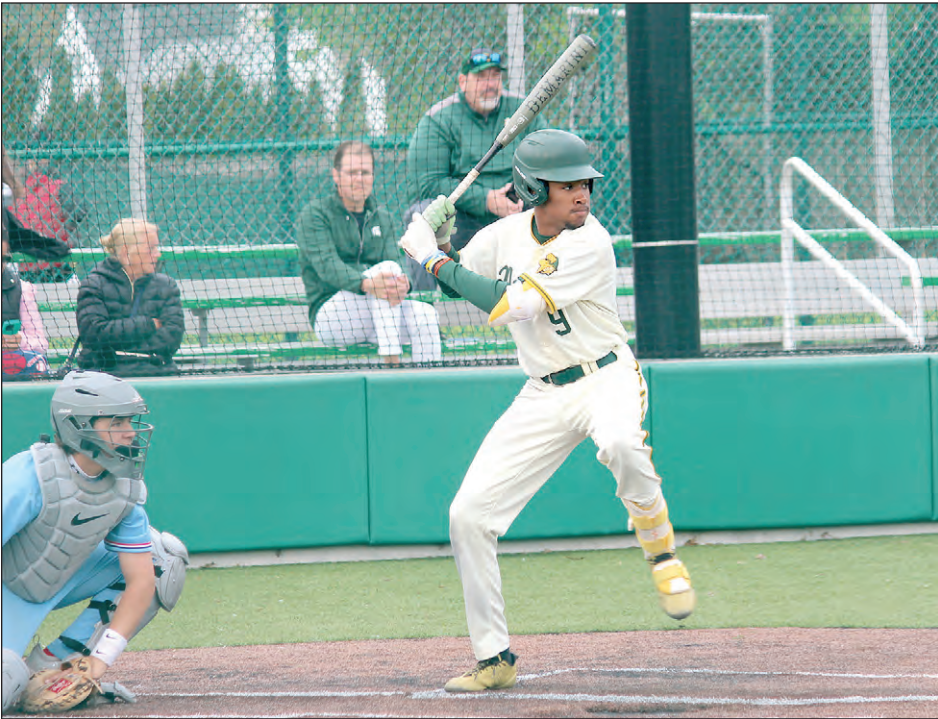
field for Liggett. Niko Thanasas also was an honorable mention for long stick midfielder and Ryan Cordaro earned another All-State honorable mention for the Knights at goalie.

Two athletes from South's varsity girls lacrosse team received honors at the national

level from USA Lacrosse. Senior Lyla Hampton was named an All-American, while fellow senior Stella Fry was named an Academic All-American.

Hampton was also named first team All-State in Division 1 by the

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PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Grosse Pointe North senior DJ Edwards was named All-State in Division 2 by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. He also represented North at the association's 2026 East vs. West All-Star Game at Comerica Park Monday, June 15.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lipscomb leaves legacy of leadership with North baseball

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Power is everything for Grosse Pointe North varsity baseball senior Trevor Lipscomb. Power in the sense of being a leader and team captain and also literal power at the plate when it comes to hitting.

Lipscomb was one of North's captains this spring, the second year in a row he has held that responsibility at the varsity level. He also finished the season with eight home runs, tied for the most of anyone in the state of Michigan. It was a breakout year for Lipscomb, putting on full display the power he always knew was somewhere within him.

"I think I've had the power. I just hadn't utilized it yet," Lipscomb said. "I spent a lot of time working on my swing. I think it's all about my mindset in the box and this year it was off the charts. ... I just jumped at pitches and was seeing the ball really

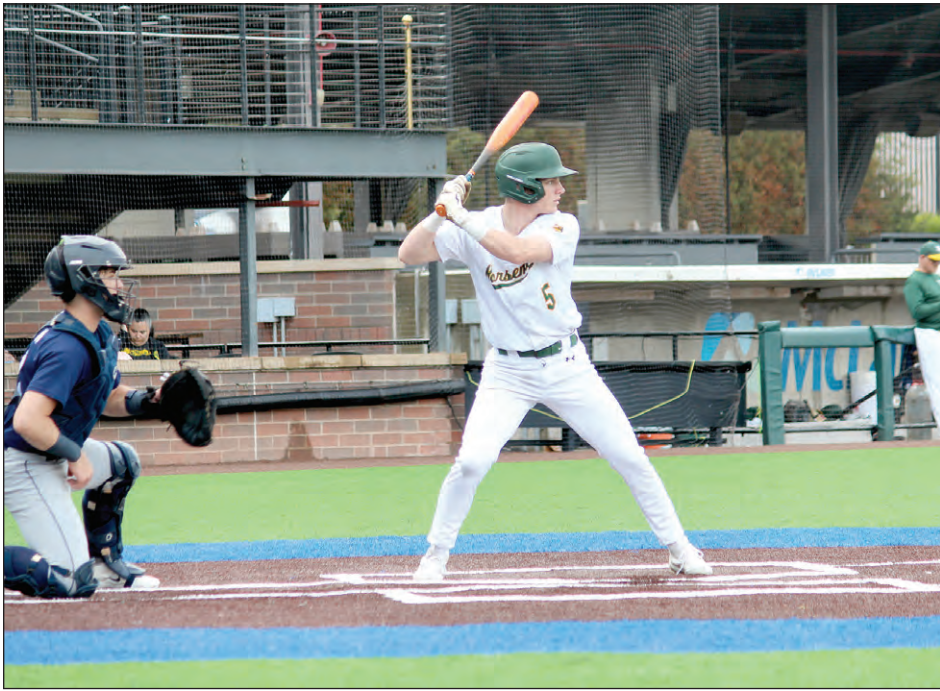


PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Trevor Lipscomb steps into the batter's box for North in a game against Grosse Pointe South at UWM Field April 16.

well and used the power I had to go all out."

Lipscomb's power and leadership helped North through a spring season that had ups and downs. The Norsemen went 14-22 this spring and had stretches where wins felt scarce.

However, the team began to hit its stride down the final stretch of the season, earning big wins in the final weeks of the regular season before reaching the playoffs and winning a Division 2 district championship.

in the regional semifinals to Divine Child on June 3. Even though his final season as a Norseman has come to an end, Lipscomb is grateful for the experiences he shared with some of his teammates and closest friends over the course of their careers at North, especially fellow senior captains, Jacob Sahadi, DJ Edwards and Caleb Butler.

"We had experience and chemistry," Lipscomb said. "We're all so tight as a group

already and we went into the season knowing we would have some fun. ... Being able to win districts with the group of guys we had freshman year that I love and have been playing with for so long was really awesome."

The district championship was one last trophy Lipscomb and his fellow seniors got to add to North's collection to help close out their careers, which included, for many like Lipscomb,

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Grosse Pointe News

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Trevor Lipscomb

School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Baseball

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North's Star

- .411 Batting Average with 39 hits this season for North baseball
- 8 home runs tied for most in Michigan in 2026
- Represented North in 2026 MAC vs. OAA



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Michigan Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association. South goalie Jordan LeBlanc received recognition as second team All-State, and defender Alissa Mourad was named third team All-State. Fry received an honorable mention, along with Elizabeth Northey from North. Liggett’s Olivia Marcero was first team All-State for Division 2.

A pair of Liggett Knights were recognized in girls soccer this spring by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association. Sophomore

Eleanor Szafarczyk was named third team All-State in Division 4, while senior Jazmin Diaz was an All-State honorable mention.

The Pointes also were well-represented in the All-State lists in softball from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association. Vivi Ostrowski, Madison Iverson and Makenzie Waterson from South all received recognition as Division 1 All-State honorable mentions. North’s Kate Stemmler was named first team All-State in Division 2.

The Liggett varsity boys and girls track and field programs had several athletes earn All-

State status due to their performances at the Division 3 state finals this season. Colette Peabody was All-State in the 200-meter dash and was part of the girls 4x100 relay team, along with Mychala Penn, Aline Rahim and Phalyn Walker, which earned All-State status by finishing eighth at states. From Liggett’s boys team, Israel Cleaves was All-State in the 300-meter hurdles after coming in sixth place at the state finals.

Come back to the Grosse Pointe News in the following weeks as All-State honors for more spring sports are announced.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett’s Mac Costanzo received a Division 2 All-State honorable mention at attack from the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Association.



South freshman Madison Iverson was named a Division 1 All-State honorable mention by the Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association.

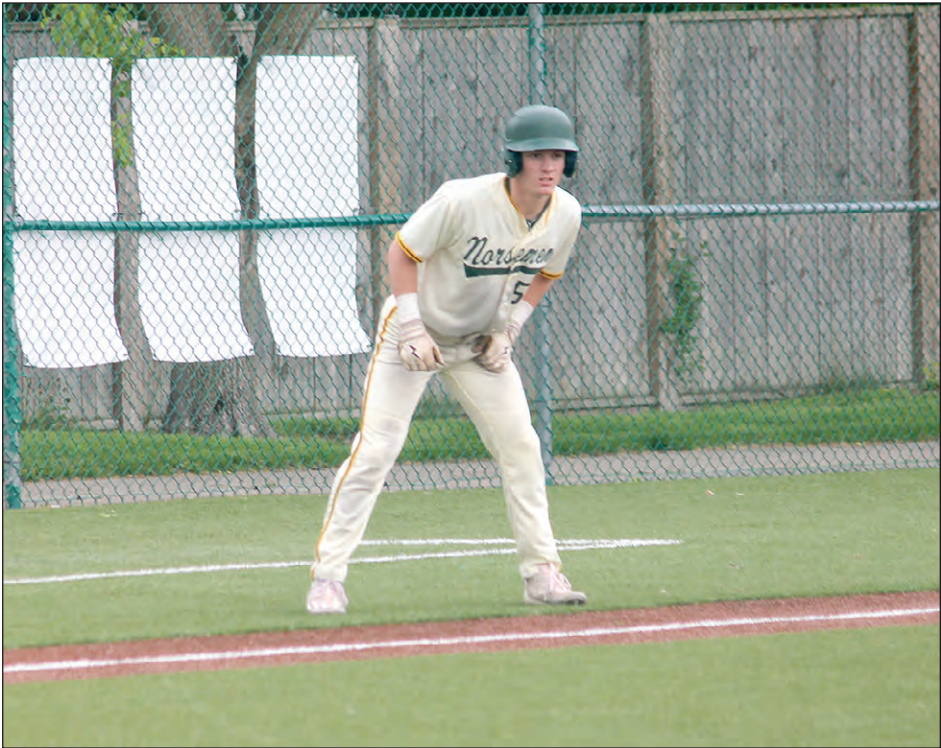


PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Lipscomb leads off from third base in a game against University Liggett School May 6.

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a trip to the Division 1 state final four in 2024.

Lipscomb’s efforts to help make his final year at North a successful one included, along with his eight home runs, a .411 batting average, 39 hits and a 2.45 ERA in his pitching appearances.

Lipscomb’s ability to do it all as an infielder, pitcher and hitter is what gave the baseball program at North the faith to trust him with a leadership role most of his career. He was made a captain of North’s freshman team, then was made a varsity captain as a junior and senior. That trust at every level was instilled by Coach Phil Kozlowski. Lipscomb knows the lessons he learned from his coach will stick with him throughout the next level of his career.

“He played a big role in leadership because he’s always seen me as a leader,” Lipscomb said. “Being a captain of my freshman team with him at the time and then a varsity captain my junior and senior year. ... He’s taught me how to be a

leader and get everyone up and ready to play because he sees that quality in me.”

Now that he has graduated from North, Lipscomb will continue his baseball career at Calvin University. As he moves from high school to the collegiate level, what he wants to remember the most is that baseball is about having fun, no matter what level. Lipscomb will never forget the memories he made in four years playing baseball at North and wants the next generation of Norsemen to enjoy the experience first; winning will follow.

“I love everybody who comes through North,” Lipscomb said. “I told them to go have fun. Every coach I’ve met has told me that. It doesn’t matter what you do or how many strikeouts you have. ... You go out there and have fun and if you can’t have fun, then why play? I told them to have fun and carry on and everything else will come after that.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2026

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To Add to the Agenda the 75th Anniversary Budget.
- 2) To Add to the Agenda the repair of the library A/C units.
- 3) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 18, 2026 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meetings held on January 15, 2026, February 12, 2026, March 19, 2026 and April 16, 2026 and the Beautification Commission meetings held on April 6, 2026 and April 27, 2026.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon and with no further business, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 135215 through 135314 in the amount of \$400,543.08 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) . approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$36,150.38 for professional services during the month of May 2026. (3) approve payment to Wolverine Contractors in the amount of \$8,384.00 for delivery of cold patch and crushed concrete following several main breaks and for the removal of main break spoils. (4) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$6,300.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs and tree trimming. (5) approve payment to Guardian Sewers in the amount of \$14,300.00 for their assistance with several water main breaks and a gate well repair. (6) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$38,822.02 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of May 2026.(7) approve payment to Garan Lucow Miller PC in the amount of \$26,705.45 for professional services in conjunction with the Great Lakes Water Authority class action lawsuit. (8) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$11,139.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (9) approve payment to CBIZ for Retirement Plan Services in the amount of \$14,013.20 for actuarial services. (10) approve payment to First Due in the amount of \$7,140.00 for the renewal of Fire/EMS reporting software.
- 2) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2026-01, entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, Article 1, Section 12 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances-Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations in the City of Harper Woods,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 3) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance for No. 2026-02, entitled “An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 of the Harper Woods Code of Ordinances - Nuisances,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 4) to Place for Second Reading and Adoption an amendment to the City of Harper Woods Zoning Ordinance, entitled “An Ordinance to Amend in Part an Ordinance entitled ‘Harper Woods Zoning Ordinance’ No. 2025-02 to Amend Hours of Operation,” and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 5) to approve the Subrecipient Agreement for Community Development Block Grant between the Charter County of Wayne and the City of Harper Woods for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 6) to approve payment to Michigan Municipal League Worker’s Compensation Fund in the amount of \$51,484.00 for workers’ compensation insurance for 2026-2027 and further in that this is self insurance pooled funds, that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 7) to approve payment to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$69,340.90 for Progress Payment No. 4 on the 2025 Storm Sewer Repair Project, #180-362.
- 8) to approve payment to Michigan Joint Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$54,657.16 for Progress Payment No.1 on the 2026 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing Project #180-392.
- 9) to adopt the attached resolution hereby authorizing the City Manager to execute the Legal Services Agreement with the firm based upon the terms and conditions set forth herein conjunction with the 3M and DuPont Public Drinking Water Settlements.
- 10) to authorize those Council members interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Convention October 7-9, 2026 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses, and further to designate Mayor Kindle as the City’s official delegate during the MML Annual Meeting to be held during the convention.
- 11) to adopt the 75th Anniversary Budget in the amount of \$117,650.00 as submitted by the 75th Anniversary Committee.
- 12) to accept the lowest qualified bid from Randazzo in the amount of \$64,591.00 for the repair to the eight (8) Air Conditioning units in the library.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, Council Chambers at 795 Lake Shore Rd.

The petitioner at 16 Woodland Shore Dr is requesting the following:

A variance request for driveway in side yard setback

At the May 26, 2026, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to approve the petitioners’ request.

Plans for the proposed project are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Courtney Smith,
City Clerk

Detroit Premier Hockey opens new Player Development Center

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Hockey players from around the Pointes are now able to have their off-ice training close to home with the opening of a new, state-of-the-art training facility in Grosse Pointe Woods. Detroit Premier Hockey has opened the doors of its new Player Development Center (PDC) to provide athletes and hockey teams from the area with new training equipment

and personalized workouts for the ultimate off-ice training experience. “It felt perfect and something that our community really needs,” said Ben Warda, owner of Detroit Premier Hockey. “... The whole idea is to put the community first and see how many athletes we can get in here and help them reach their dreams. We wanted something more athlete- and hockey-specific. We have detailed programs, get to know

the players and keep track of their progression in different areas. It’s been a passion project for years and we finally found the right place here in the Woods.” Warda, who also is the head coach for the Grosse Pointe South varsity boys hockey team, started thinking about a project like the PDC when he and his family first moved to the Pointes in 2019. Helping to run the facility alongside Warda will be Detroit

Premier Hockey’s staff of instructors, including Justin Kovacs, Kevin Albers, Greg Squires, new strength and conditioning coach Matthew Belcrest and current University of New Hampshire women’s hockey player and Grosse Pointe native Addison Spitz.

Training will be membership-based, with a monthly membership fee that includes four scheduled group training sessions per week, 10 shooting and stickhandling clinics per week and open gym slots available throughout the day. The PDC includes a large weight room, a shooting and stickhandling area and more than 800 square feet of turf for strength and agility training. The facility also

will soon add a state-of-the-art skating treadmill.

“We want the standard fitness center and nice weight room and things like that,” Warda said. “This adds a whole new level. Now we can work with stickhandling and shooting in our workouts. The skating treadmill lets us work on skating strides and skating strength. The turf lets us do all our sprint workouts and agility training. ... This checks all the boxes when it comes to off-ice training.”

The skating treadmill, which will be up and running in July, will elevate the training experience at the PDC even more. The treadmill will allow athletes to simulate full hockey shifts off the ice while allowing for more

accurate performance tracking and refinement of skating techniques.

“Every workout mimics a hockey shift,” Warda said. “While one player is skating, we’re doing various exercises. ... Those other players are right next to it, ready to go, so one player can shift off and the next player is up and ready to go. It’s one player at a time, but we can make it mimic a hockey shift. ... We have an area where we can break down their strides and make sure everything is there. It changes everything when it comes to teaching, especially when ice isn’t available.”

For more information about PDC memberships and training opportunities, visit detroitpremierhockey.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Detroit Premier Hockey Player Development Center, located on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, offers a state-of-the-art off-ice training facility for hockey players and teams.



The Player Development Center features a shooting and stickhandling practice area with full boards, shooting floor planks and targets.



From left: Detroit Premier Hockey Director and Head Instructor Justin Kovacs, Strength and Conditioning Coach Matthew Belcrest and owner Ben Warda.



Grosse Pointe North hockey players Johnny Cueter, right, and Brandon Shock work out on the Player Development Center’s turf area.



If you’re looking for a place to keep up with all the action, look no further than @GPNewssports on Instagram. Our page is dedicated to providing fans around the Pointes and beyond with the latest news and features surrounding Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett sports.

Best of all, you can be part of the action too! Send your best sports photos and moments to our DMs for a chance to be featured on our page and in the sports section of the Grosse Pointe News.

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THURSDAY COMICS



Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE STUDYING HIS GERMAN PHRASE BOOK...



"ICH, MEINER, MIR, MICH, DU, DEINER, DIR, DICH, DER, DESSSEN, DEM, DEN, DIE, DEREN, DER, DIE"



"AUS, AUER, BEI, MIT, NACH, SEIT, VON, ZU... AN, AUF, HINTER, IN, NEBEN, ÜBER, UNTER"



I SURRENDER!!



Bizarro Dan Piraro and Wayno

Thanks, but it's beyond fixing with CTRL-Z.



Andy Capp

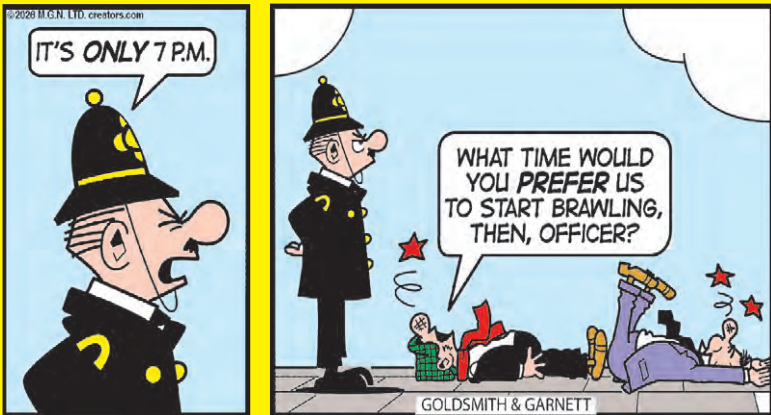
CAN YOU TWO STOP BRAWLING?!



Reg Smythe

IT'S ONLY 7 P.M.

WHAT TIME WOULD YOU PREFER US TO START BRAWLING, THEN, OFFICER?



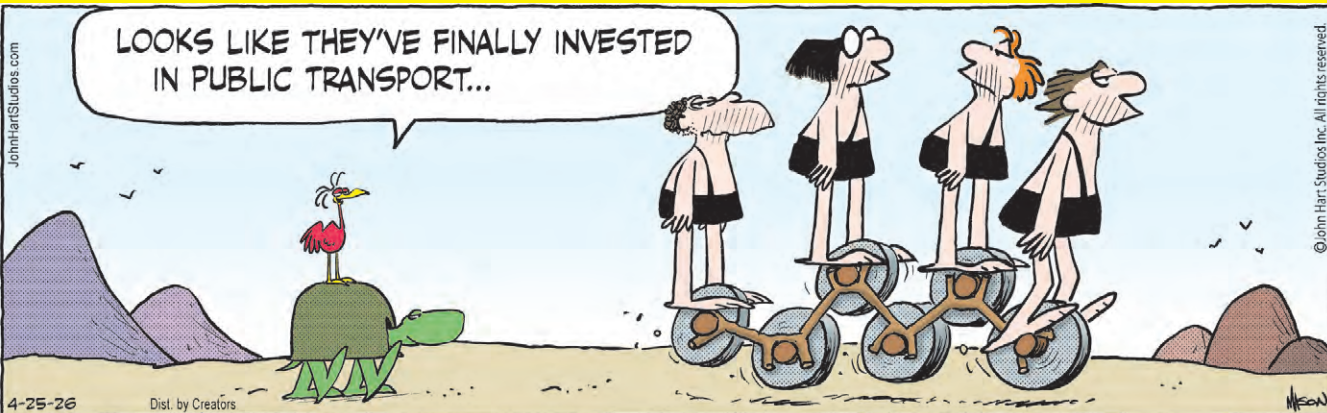
Flying McCoys Glenn McCoy

OH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW I'VE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO NASA'S CAT ASTRONAUT PROGRAM?



B.C.

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE FINALLY INVESTED IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT...



Reality Check Dave Whamond

MY DOG SWALLOWED THE SQUEAKER IN HIS CHEW TOY, BUT HE PASSED IT

HOW DO YOU KNOW HE PASSED IT?

BECAUSE IT SOUNDED HILARIOUS WHEN IT CAME OUT



Beetle Bailey

I DISASSEMBLED AND REASSEMBLED MY RIFLE



Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

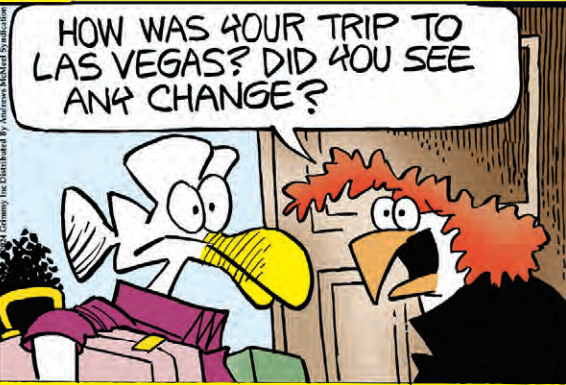
WHAT'S THAT?

THERE'S ALWAYS A MISSING PUZZLE PIECE



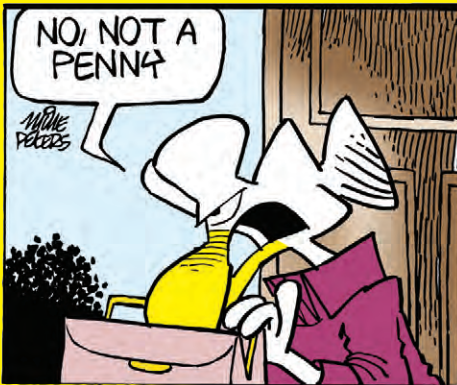
Mother Goose and Grim

HOW WAS YOUR TRIP TO LAS VEGAS? DID YOU SEE ANY CHANGE?



Mike Peters

NO, NOT A PENNY



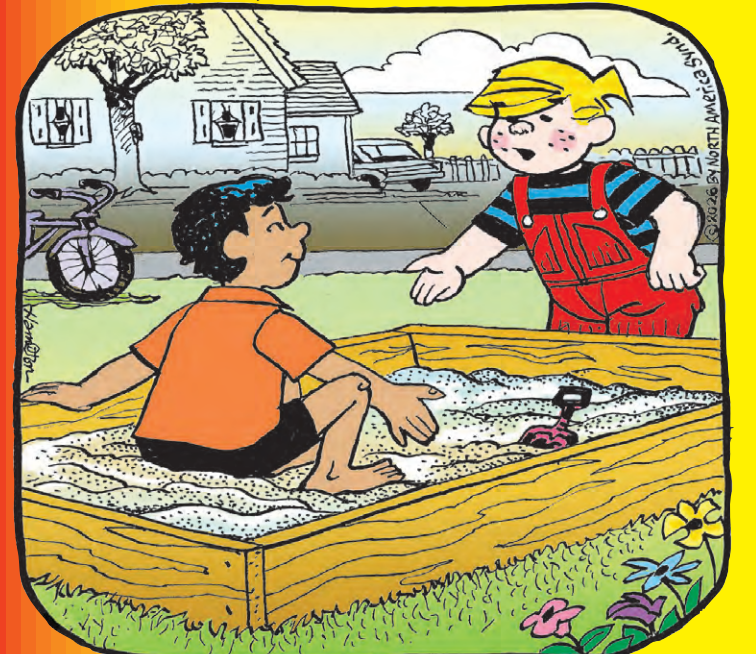
The Lockhorns Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"LEROY'S GOING THROUGH HIS 'YELLOWSTONE' PHASE... YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM WHEN HE WAS WATCHING 'GAME OF THRONES.'"

Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



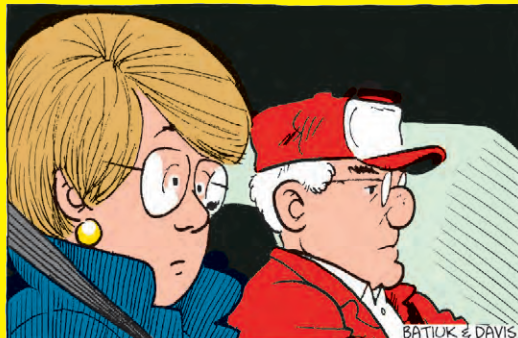
"THAT'S NICE, TIMMY, BUT WITHOUT TOYS... IT'S JUST A BOX OF SAND!"

Crankshaft

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY'S GOING SWIMMING!



Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson

OH NO, IT'S THOSE PUGNACIOUS NORWEGIAN DENTISTS!



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler

Honey! You've got to stop interrupting my board meetings just because you find an extra-long french fry!



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THURSDAY COMICS

Garfield

Jim Davis

THE MORE I LEARN,
THE MORE I...

UM...

FORGET

JIM DAVIS 6-17

Hagar The Horrible

(Dik Browne & Chris Browne Original Creators)

Bob Webber Jr. and Gary Hallgren

Close To Home

John McPherson

I'M A TERRIBLE
HOUSECLEANER!

I REALLY NEED
TO DUST!

DON'T
BOTHER!

“Geesh! She said in her profile that
she loves a man in a uniform, but
apparently not.”

Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Wizard of Id

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

WE COULD USE A MAN OF YOUR WIT AND FIGHTING SKILL HERE IN ID. WHATEVER THEY'RE PAYING YOU, I'LL DOUBLE IT!

Blondie

Chris and Dean Young

WOW, THAT BIRD KNOWS A LOT
OF POPULAR SONGS!

SHE SURE
DOES!

SHE LEARNS AT LEAST ONE NEW
SONG EVERY DAY!

REALLY?
HOW?

SHE HAS HER OWN SPOTIFY
SUBSCRIPTION!

TREE...
HOW OLD ARE
YOU? EIGHTY
TWELVE
REPTILIAN?

THAT'S
EXACTLY HOW
OLD I AM.

WELL, YOU DON'T
LOOK A DAY OVER
ELEVENTY SEVENTY
EPISCOPALIAN!

THANK
YOU,
THAT'S
VERY
NICE OF
YOU.

ME? I'M
FOUR...

I
SUSPECTED
AS MUCH.

...IN
SQUID
YEARS.

Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker

AT LAST I SEE THE FORT
...OUR ODYSSEY IS OVER

WHAT DOES
'ODYSSEY'
MEAN?

WHO KNOWS... IT
JUST SOUNDS
BETTER THAN
'STINKING SEARCH'

Popeye

Bud Sagendorf

HE ONLY
ATE A FEW
STRAW-
BERRIES!

WILL POPEYE
COME
DOWN?

IT WON'T
TAKE LONG
FOR THE
EFFECT TO
WEAR OFF!

F Minus

Tony Carrillo

PHYTOPLANKTON
MAY NOT BE THE MOST
EXCITING PETS, BUT THEY'RE
MAKING A LOT OF THE OXYGEN
YOU'RE BREATHING
RIGHT NOW.

Marmaduke

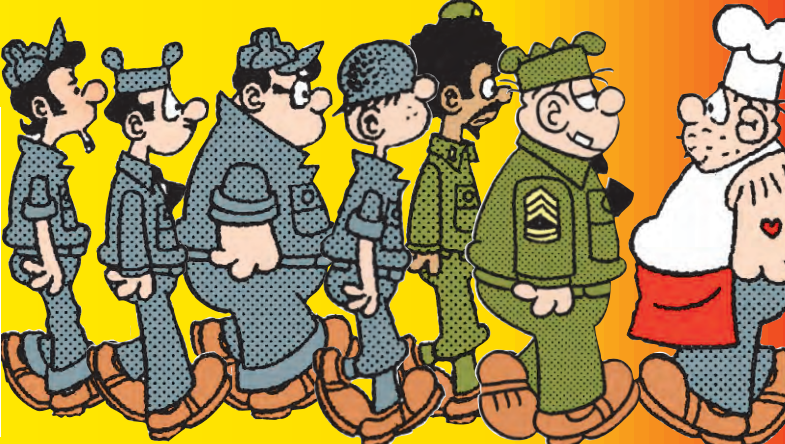
Paul & Brad Anderson

“You’ve had a busy day, I see.”

Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane

“Next year I’m gonna ask Mommy to
pick me up on the last day of school.”



GP Softball, Farms-City crown Little League champs



The Marlins wear their medals as champions of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League majors division this season. The team's roster includes: James Dzubak, Mason Peplinski, Rain Goddard, Luke Nickolas, Connor Steiner, Jack Wilson, Christian Licata, Lukas Hofmann, Henry Boggs and Louis Baker. Manager Michael Dzubak and coaches Nathan Steiner, John Dzubak, Matt Licata and Joseph Dzubak.



The Rock Hounds celebrate at home plate after winning the 2026 championship for the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Double-A division. The team's roster includes: Joe Rea, Magnus Jahnke, Miles Gingrich, Dax Barr, John Christian, James Steele, Mikey Lepczyk, Leo Wilson, Bobby Russell, John Robinson and Charlie Bates. Manager Tom Jahnke and coaches Kurt Barr, Chris Christian and Michael Rea.



The Drillers reigned supreme as 2026 champions of the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League A division. The team was made up of: James Allen, Julian Cooney, Leighton Ellison, Sterling Harrison, Patrick Herman, Colin MacEachern, Connor McMichael, Charlie Miller, Cal Newbold, Declan Strabbing and Ethan Thompson.



The Bulls took home the 2026 title as Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League Triple-A Division champions. The team included: Elliott Kuhl, Winston Oakley, Gabe Morrison, Jack Coury, Huntley Prieur, Jack Kowal, Leo Scarfone, Chase Keersmaekers, AJ Marano, Quinn Klahm and Bob McMichael. The coaches were Mike Prieur, Charlie Klahm, Mike Kowal, Johnny Coury (manager), Jeff McMichael and Jesse Morrison.



Grosse Pointe Little League Softball majors division champions the Cascade wear their championship medals alongside the runner-up Talons.



The Ducks were champions of the Grosse Pointe Little League Softball Triple-A Division, with the runners-up being the Sun Devils.



The Wildcats celebrate their Double-A championship victory for Grosse Pointe Little League Softball with the Tigers, who finished as runner-up.



The 2026 Grosse Pointe Little League Softball A Division All-Stars.

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Do you know an outstanding high school athlete?

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, scan the QR code or visit our website.

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