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Pointes look to educate, regulate e-bike users

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — With the caveat that it is still in the early stages, the City of Grosse Pointe is considering making The Village a downtown courtesy zone — or “Walk your Wheels” zone — in response to increasing

safety concerns regarding the rapid surge of teenagers and children riding e-bikes throughout the communities.

“We’ve been seeing e-bikes and e-scooters for a couple years,” City Public Safety Director John Alcorn said. “But in the last year, it seems like maybe Santa was very generous around

Christmastime and everybody got one. There’s just so many more of them and they accelerate so fast, so quickly.”

The department is open to input from businesses and residents as it explores implementing the zone, which would stretch along Kercheval between Cadieux and

Neff, as well as all the parking lots and alleys attached to The Village.

“E-bikes, scooters, pedal bikes, everything,” Alcorn said of the concept. “It would be, ‘Please ride to The Village. We want you there. But once you get there, hop off your bikes and walk them.’”

While e-bikes pose a

safety risk for pedestrians entering and exiting storefronts — the impetus behind a “Walk your Wheels” zone — community members have grown increasingly vocal over the safety concerns of local children, some as young as 10 years old, zooming down sidewalks on e-bikes capable of going faster than the

speed limit on a residential street.

According to public safety officials, this often takes place without helmets, formal safety training or adult supervision.

“I have a challenge even calling them e-bikes anymore,” Sen. Kevin Hertel said. “These are

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Kercheval After 6 City names 2026 junior mayor

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A hurricane’s in the forecast for this Saturday’s Kercheval After 6 street fair, the first of three this summer.

“We finally got the highly anticipated Hurricane carnival ride,”

said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

He tried to book it for Chilly Fest last February, but it wasn’t ready.

“It makes its debut for us at this event,” Craig said.

Kercheval After 6 is 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 27, in the Kercheval commercial district between W a y b u r n and Nottingham. It’s free and open to everyone from everywhere.

The fair is sponsored this year by Brosnan Builders, Thermal Mechanical Service, Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Henry Ford Health and the city.

In addition to the high-whirling and fast-moving Hurricane, entertainment consists of two live bands, authentic Jack Pine Lumberjack shows, pop-up vendors, food trucks and the best of the best that the district’s vendors can muster.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Selected via an application process, 10-year-old Josephine Insisiengmay was introduced to the community as the City of Grosse Pointe’s 2026 junior mayor before city council Monday, June 15.

“This is a program we started last year to engage children in the community to understand civics,” City Manager Joe Valentine said. “We have them come to different events, sometimes just to make a quick presentation of something, just to speak out in public and to give them some exposure to municipal operations.”

Insisiengmay, who recently was in the news as a second runner-up in the Park’s annual Arbor Week poster contest, is in fifth grade at Pierce Middle School.

She previously served on student council and as a member of the ser-



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

2026 Junior Mayor Josephine Insisiengmay and Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak.

vice and safety squads School. at Maire Elementary “I like city govern-

ment,” she said of her interest in junior mayor. “I’m hoping to gain public speaking experience and learn more about my community.”

Insisiengmay got her first taste of serving as junior mayor during a Juneteenth celebration in Harper Woods, where she was invited to give a short speech in front of the crowd.

“It was really exciting and it was nerve-wracking, because it was kind of scary getting up on stage,” she said. “I liked meeting all the other mayors and being a part of the community and the ability to speak and have the mayor’s support.”

Aside from helping to run the city this summer, Insisiengmay also is serving as a camp counselor at Wild Child Playschool across from city hall.

In her free time, she likes to sew, take walks, fish, paint and craft.

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GPPSS finishes fiscal year with surplus

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System ended the 2025-26 fiscal year with a \$2.2 million surplus in its general fund, up from a projected deficit of \$988,000 at the midway point of the year.

The GPPSS Board of Education approved the final general appropria-

tions amendment 5-0 at its meeting Monday, June 22, with trustees Sean Cotton and Laura Hull absent.

The numbers will not be official until the district’s audit is completed in the fall.

“This is great news, but it’s primarily due to some one-time grants,” CFO Andrea Agrusa told the board.

That included \$930,000 to boost teacher pay,

\$450,000 for technology upgrades and \$346,000 toward literacy efforts. All of the money came from the state.

Total revenues ended up being \$2.5 million higher than what administrators thought they would be in January, while expenditures were \$655,000 lower.

The 2024-25 fiscal year budget ended with a \$5.4 million surplus, increasing the district’s fund

balance above 13 percent. That now moves to 16.3 percent.

The fund balance at the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year was just over 18 percent, eventually falling to around 8 percent in 2022-23.

“We were in some budget challenges for a while, aside from 2020 with all the COVID money that came in,” former Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said dur-

ing an earlier board meeting this month. “Although I don’t like to think of schools as businesses, in some regards they are. It’s hard to pay teachers and support students if the money isn’t there.”

Tuttle called the fund balance “healthy,” noting the Michigan School Business Officials recommends keeping it

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Turf replacement impacts parking

While the athletic field turf at Grosse Pointe South High School is being replaced this summer, Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch is seeing minor impacts, including the closure of its employee lot along the softball field, which it shares with the school district. “GPPSS has graciously allowed us to park in their lot along Fisher Road for the duration of the project,” GPPL Director Jessica Keyser said via email. “We encourage our patrons to use that lot if the main library lot is full.” The Central branch’s main lot remains open, as does street parking on Kercheval directly in front of the library. “The drive-up window is also an option for picking up your holds or returning your library materials and we have ample bike parking,” Keyser said. “We ask that our patrons respect the fencing and cones designating the restricted areas for construction so that everyone stays safe.”

Fundraiser for Arcos next week

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The old TV commercial used to say Wednesday is Prince Spaghetti Day, but Tuesday, June 30, will be Salvator Scallopini/Arcos Day. In what the eatery at 19655 Mack is calling “Appetite for Arcos,” it will donate 30 percent of proceeds that day to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society to support Arcos, the Woods K-9 officer. The event runs noon to 10 p.m. and applies to dine-in or carryout orders. “They’ve been good friends and good customers for years,” restaurant manager Dida Paloka said of GPAAS. “Plus, anything that benefits our city and our police department, I’m always in favor of it.” Corinne Martin, founder and executive director of GPAAS, said Arcos and his handler, Officer Duncan Gill, will make several appearances at the restaurant throughout the day. Martin’s goal is to raise

\$100,000 for a specially equipped vehicle for Arcos and Gill. GPAAS also raised the initial \$15,000 required to buy Arcos last year. “We’re still about \$28,000 short,” Martin said. Tails in Motion, held last month at Ford House, was an overall fundraiser for GPAAS, but a separate component raised \$1,200 for Arcos. “We had a great turnout, despite the weather that day,” Martin said. “We’re planning on doing it again next year on May 15.” Next up is an ice cream social fundraiser, at which Gill and Arcos will provide a demonstration. “That will be sometime in July at the Woods city hall,” Martin said. “We’re still working out the details, but that will be our last event until fall because people are so busy during the summer.” GPAAS has around \$47,000 left over from when it sponsored a K-9 officer in Harper Woods, a program that was disbanded early last year when its dog retired. “That money was

raised specifically for K-9 purposes, so that’s all it can be spent on,” Martin said. “We were able to transfer it over to Arcos.” Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation President Lisa Fuller said that group has raised close to \$25,000. Major donors were edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Buccellato Development, J. Lewis and Judy Cooper Jr., Michael and Ariana Gula and the Rutkofske family. “Our fundraising was in response to a grant request from the city and in conjunction with parallel efforts by GPAAS,” Fuller previously said. “These gifts will transfer to the city and help reduce the burden on GPAAS for initial program costs.” Other expenses include veterinarian care, food, supplies and equipment. The city covers Gill’s salary and benefits. “Once we get the project going, we’ll need \$10,000 a year to sustain it,” Martin said. “It costs \$4,000 to go through training each year.” For more details and information on how to donate, see gpaas.org/police-k9-program.

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basically motorcycles with an electric motor that can do 40 mph.” Hertel last week hosted a roundtable discussion on e-bikes in Grosse Pointe Woods. It was attended by various city managers, mayors, public safety directors, council members and officers from across the five Pointes. The intent, the senator said, was to understand what the cities were seeing on the ground, what the challenge for law enforcement has been to enforce existing laws and what may need to be considered at the state level to update the law. “I think one of the things we found was that the current classes of e-bikes don’t really encompass what some of this new technology is producing,” Hertel said. Michigan law legalized

the use of e-bikes in 2017, at that time creating a three-class system to define how they are regulated. Class 1 e-bikes are equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and stops assisting at 20 mph. Class 2 e-bikes are equipped with a throttle that can propel the bike without pedaling and stops assisting at 20 mph. Class 3 e-bikes are pedal-assist only and capable of assisting up to 28 mph. For this third class, riders must be at least 14 years old and are required to wear a helmet if they’re ages 14 to 17. “By default, Michigan law allows e-bikes to go where bikes can go, as it stands right now,” Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins said. According to a public awareness alert by Hutchins’ department, any e-bike that can travel



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Last week’s e-bike roundtable in the Woods included Sen. Kevin Hertel, State Rep. Veronica Paiz, Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke, Farms City Councilman Neil Sroka, Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins, City of Grosse Pointe Councilwoman Maureen Juip, City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Joe Valentine, City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn, Park Public Safety Director Jim Bostock and public safety officers from all five Pointes.

faster than 30 mph is considered a moped and licensing requirements apply. “It was really loud and clear from the officers that were there that (e-bike restrictions are) very difficult to enforce given the way the law stands today,” Hertel said, following the meeting in the Woods. He’d like to see state law updated — in regard to requirements on age, registration and helmet

usage — to reflect some of what public officials and community members are seeing in real time. “(State Rep. Veronica Paiz and I) will work with stakeholders to try to see where we can get to on some policy changes,” Hertel said, “and then hopefully introduce some legislation in the not-too-distant future that we can try to work through the legislature to provide

some more safety for our communities.” In the meantime, the Farms recently began a public awareness campaign and may consider updating related ordinances with e-bike restrictions. “Right now, we have one sign at Kercheval and Muir that basically just tells bicyclists to pay attention to customers exiting stores,” Hutchins

said. “That’s really all we have in place right now in terms of bicycles.” As part of the public awareness campaign, the Farms Department of Public Safety is circulating the following safety tips: ♦ Always wear a properly fitted helmet; ♦ obey all traffic signs, signals and roadway rules; ♦ ride in the same direction as traffic; ♦ stay alert and avoid using cell phones, headphones or other distractions while riding; ♦ use lights and reflective gear when riding at dawn, dusk or nighttime; ♦ slow down near pedestrians and provide an audible warning before passing; ♦ never carry passengers unless the e-bike is specifically designed to do so; ♦ parents should ensure their child’s e-bike is age-appropriate and that the rider understands how to safely operate it; ♦ and ride at a safe speed for conditions and be prepared for vehicles entering driveways and intersections.



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Passing the gavel

Twelve-year-old John “Tripp” Studstill III recently wrapped up his one-year term as the City’s inaugural junior mayor. “I had a great time,” he said. “It was an honor to be junior mayor and it was very, very cool, in my opinion. It was very fun.” At the completion of his term, the City last week gave Studstill a certificate of recognition. “I’d say I made a name for myself and I had helped out in a couple public speeches here and there like the Juneteenth event and (Music on the Plaza),” he said. “It was nice and I feel like I gained confidence with my public speaking.”



COURTESY PHOTO

2025 Junior Mayor John “Tripp” Studstill III holds a certificate of recognition from the City.

High Pointe Burger Jointe wins big in regional Hour Detroit contest

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — High Pointe Burger Jointe was voted the Best New Restaurant in Wayne County in Hour Detroit Magazine’s annual contest.

“I was in shock,” said owner Jennifer Bierkle, who opened the burger place across from Grosse Pointe South High School about a year and a half ago. “I couldn’t believe it. That’s huge for a new restaurant and it just shows we’re putting out good food and people are loving our environment and our atmosphere.”

To celebrate, Bierkle last week hired artist Jay Kopicki to paint High Pointe’s windows, thanking the community for its support and many votes.

“I can already tell we have been super busy since Hour Magazine came out (June 3),” she said. “I can tell it’s gaining popularity and we are working on adding more staff. We’ve just been completely slammed.”

“I think that, combined with the weather getting better, all hit at the same time. We’ve been very, very busy, so I’m looking to hire more servers, more hosts and a couple

more bartenders just to keep up with our busy-ness.”

The community’s vote of confidence, Bierkle said, may have something to do with the family-friendly environment she’s fostered within such a tight-knit family community.

“I think parents enjoy having a place where they can bring their children,” she said. “They can have a cocktail. Their son or daughter can enjoy a slushie and play with our Wikki Stix.”

“I just feel like it’s a comfortable community vibe and it’s kind of starting to feel like ‘Cheers’ to me, where everybody knows your name.”

High Pointe also makes every attempt to source its food locally.

It has partnerships with Fairway Packing Co., Metropolitan Baking Co. and Blu Dot Farm and Vineyard — all of which are owned by Grosse Pointe families.

“It’s good, fresh food at a good price,” Bierkle said. “We’ve had 8-year-old birthday parties here and we’ve had 60-year-old birthday parties here. So it’s really, I think, filled a spot in the community where everybody just feels at home.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Artist Jay Kopicki, @Jko_studios, painted the windows of High Pointe Burger Jointe last Tuesday, in celebration of its Hour Detroit win

The eatery at 369 Fisher also was a finalist in Hour Detroit’s contest for best kid-friendly restaurant, best specialty burger and best gluten-free menu.

Bierkle’s daughter was diagnosed with celiac disease when High Pointe was in the planning stages and, now, almost its entire menu can be converted to gluten free.

“I didn’t want to open a

restaurant she couldn’t eat at,” Bierkle said. “So we get a lot of people from the gluten-free community coming from very, very far as well. ... I’ve had people come and say, ‘I haven’t had a french fry in nine years,’ so it’s huge that we have a separate fryer and all that.”

As a thank-you and reward for the staff, High

Pointe will be closed next week, leading up to the Fourth of July, and reopen Wednesday, July 8.

Its normal hours are 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It recently extended its hours to include lunch service and Bierkle additionally

intends eventually to be open five days a week.

“I’m just so thankful the Grosse Pointe community has been so welcoming and so amazing to us,” she said. “...The surrounding community has just welcomed us with open arms and we’re just very, very appreciative and thankful for all the support from everyone.”

Pricing allows more sewer cleaning

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Sewer cleaning this summer will be done, done right and done until it doesn’t need to be done anymore, according to terms agreed to by one of the city’s established contractors.

“Designated sewer pipe segments shall be cleaned using hydraulically propelled, high-velocity jet or mechanically powered equipment,” read specifications of the city’s consulting engineers. “This work will include an unlimited number of passes by high-velocity hydro-cleaning equipment.”

Terms also emphasize the party in charge: “The equipment and methods selected shall be satisfactory to the ‘ENGINEER.’”

sulting engineers.

The absence of a price increase means the city has more money available to assign extra cleaning.

“We’ve added another dozen-plus sections of sewer,” Droze said.

Sewers slated for cleaning range in diameter from 12 to 60 inches and lengths of 100 to 6,996 feet.

“All debris must be removed from the sewer(s),” according to contract specifications. “If cleaning an entire section cannot be successfully performed from one manhole, the equipment shall be set up on the other end of the pipe segment and cleaning again attempted.”

Some pipes may not be

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Sidewalk repair area outlined

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — To reduce the odds of pedestrians tripping the light fantastic, the third round of sidewalk repairs kicks off this summer.

Work centers in District 3, bounded by Somerset to Devonshire between Mack and Jefferson. The district is residential except for properties at both ends of Somerset.

Individual sidewalk slabs will be replaced when exhibiting the following decay:

- ◆ offset at least a half inch between slabs,
- ◆ cracks larger than three-eighths inches in width,
- ◆ spalling or scaling where the surface is deteriorating more than 75 percent of the flag,

- ◆ holes more than two inches wide and/or a quarter-inch deep and
- ◆ cross slopes exceeding 2 percent.

Slabs are marked for repair with white and pink dots. White dots designate slabs being repaired at city expense due to damage caused by the city, such as being dislodged by roots of municipally owned trees.

Residents will be billed for repairs to slabs marked with pink dots.

Park council members approved the contract June 8, with Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Co. in the amount of \$292,695.72.

This is the third consecutive year of the sidewalk program.

“In fiscal year 2024-2025, the city initiated a multi-year sidewalk

replacement program, dividing the city into districts for phased implementation,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

This also is the third year in a row the city contracted Ferdinandi & Son to do the work.

Company officials beat five competitors for the initial job with the lowest bid and ingratiated themselves to municipal counter-

parts by doing good work and not raising prices.

“When the project was originally bid in 2024, the next lowest bidder was 18 percent higher,” said Patrick Droze, principal at OHM Advisors, the city’s engineering consultants.

“The city approached Ferdinandi & Son

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Advanced Underground Inspection, a company in Westland, received a \$200,000 extension this month to continue using closed-circuit television monitors and other tools to inspect and clean segments of the municipal sewer system.

Company representatives agreed to maintain prices from work it was contracted to do last year.

“The city approached AUI regarding the possibility of extending their current pricing for the fiscal year 2025-2026 (starting July 1) program,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“AUI has been really good to work with and has exceeded expectations,” said Patrick Droze, principal of OHM Advisors, the city’s con-



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Inspiration is everywhere for Woods poet

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Though formally educated in business, Doug Tanoury has spent his lifetime training in the art of poetry.

Of the latter, he said, “It’s a very quiet art form in a very noisy world.”

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has been writing and publishing poetry since his early 20s.

“I’ve always had a gift for language,” he said. “I took Advanced English in high school. ... I drifted toward my talent.”

Though he’s been published numerous times — he’s published 20 chapbooks, including St. Mary’s Art Cloister, Tolstoy’s Ghost and Wounded Muse — Tanoury leaned toward another strength in earning a degree.

An Eastside Detroiter, Tanoury earned a Bachelor of Business



Doug Tanoury

Administration degree from Wayne State University, then spent years working for various companies, including Michigan Bell and EDS.

“I don’t know how many poets are members of the Detroit Economic Club, but I am,” he said. The father of three and grandfather of four currently is a management consultant.

“I tried to retire,” he added. “I missed solving problems. My life is rich with friends ... but I

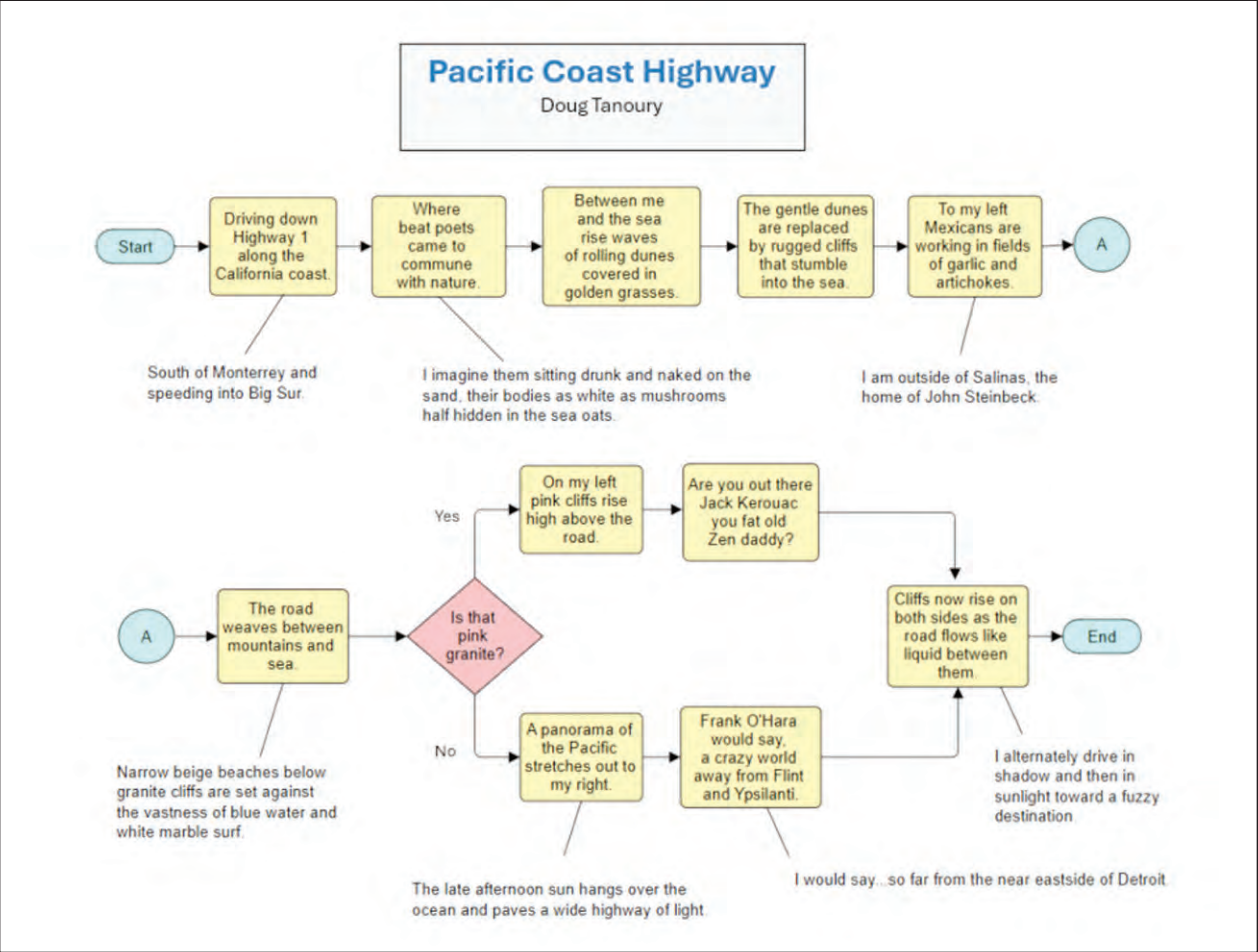


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Sunset in Barcelona

I. It is sunset in Barcelona and I am walking with her, watching how the light shifts toward the red side of the spectrum, painting the pale underside of the sycamore leaves in a watercolor wash of soft pink. I wonder...the sound of her voice interrupts my thought... Touching her as I speak, unconsciously running my finger down her upper arm, lightly, barely touching, my nails leave a thin line like a scalpel blade the twilight color of the air, is the saline and blood of a fresh surgical incision. I wonder how faithfully I will remember this moment at some far future point

II. when light sinks a bit further down the spectrum from reds to blues to violet hues with this introspection, this post-mortem of a moment that is a corpse laid out on an autopsy table, where all personal identification is a single poem written on a tag and tied to a toe that tells the tale of what is important when our voices fall silent and the leaves no longer twist on their stems in the breeze but remain still and unmoving and the vertical and horizontal coordinates that separate us in space shrink to the narrowness of a gothic street, sunken in the shadows of sunset in Barcelona.

One of Tanoury’s process poems, “Pacific Coast Highway.”

missed the challenge of solving business problems. I was at General Motors for three years, then an old client reached out and I’ve been doing part-time consulting for them.”

His business background informs the structure of his current spectrum of “process poetry,” which roughly resembles a series of organizational charts.

“As a management consultant, I stare at process maps all day,” he said. “So I thought, let’s do something creative with it.”

His work is well-received by readers, especially those involved in the Detroit Poetry Salon. The group meets to write together and critique each other’s work. “They’re talented people; they inspire me,” he said. “We meet every two weeks, though I write something weekly, sometimes daily. It fills those idle hours.”

“... I’ve always found contact with other poets to be inspiring,” he added. “This group in particular is inspiring. They’re very talented people.”

Tanoury’s poetry often explores themes of place, memory, spirituality “and the emotional landscapes of urban life with a lilting lyricism, particularly in and around Detroit.”

“I’m preoccupied with time and space, though in my world it’s time and place,” he said. “So many poems gravitate to one particular place at one particular time.” His chapbook, “Detroit

Poems,” features a lot of local places, including the Scott Fountain on Belle Isle, the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. “Like politics, poetry is local,” he said.

Tanoury’s taste in poets has changed with age.

As a child, he said, he admired Edgar Allan Poe and Robert W. Service. As a teen, he turned to Richard Brautigan and Wallace Stevens.

“Now, I’d say Sylvia Plath and Kenneth Rexroth,” he said. “And Ezra Pound, William Carlos Williams.”

Of his own work, he noted “Sunset in Barcelona” among his favorites.

“Some I respond to more emotionally than others.

“... When I was a young poet, I thought the world was full of poetry,” he added. “Everywhere I looked was poetry. Then I learned I’m where the poetry resides, inside me.”

Now, just about everywhere he looks, he finds inspiration.

“I could be inspired by a Chinese menu,” he said, adding that he used to wait for the Avon catalog to arrive so he could write haikus about the peculiarly named fragrances and lip balms.

“I am the poet of the mundane task,” he added. “I elevate the human experience. I can be inspired by the shopping aisle at Kroger. To take the mundane, everyman experience and transform it into a poem is magical.”

More Beaconsfield main work planned

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It’s construction season and, therefore, time to replace a water main under part of Beaconsfield.

This is the third consecutive year an old, cast-iron main is budgeted for replacement with a new, larger plastic one under a block of Beaconsfield.

Work is scheduled from Vernor to

Kercheval. Last year, the Beaconsfield main was replaced and enlarged on a two-block stretch between Essex and Jefferson. The same thing happened two years ago between Mack Avenue and Vernor.

Water main upgrades are chosen in part to eliminate break-prone lines while replacing high concentrations of lead service lines, which the city is doing incre-

mentally throughout the community in obedience of a statewide mandate applicable to all municipalities.

Low-bidder Bidigare Contractors, based in Plymouth, submitted a winning \$826,271 price for this year’s contract.

“(The) bid is approximately 20.8 percent below the engineer’s estimate,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The extra money will be used to replace more lead lines than originally

budgeted, according to Patrick Droze of OHM Advisors, the city’s consulting engineers.

A construction schedule hasn’t been set, but Park representatives anticipate work beginning toward the later half of summer.

This is the third straight year Bidigare won the job. For its second-year contract, company officials maintained rates from the first year.

“We have a pretty good program in place,” Droze

said.

Terms this year also include installing a new main through Patterson Park to link, or loop, systems between Bedford and Grand Marais.

“It’s an old pipe we want to get renewed,” Droze said.

“Loops improve overall water quality,” Councilman Max Wiener said.

On Grand Marais, elimination of a dead-end pipe will connect with a main at the spot where Bedford turns into Windmill Pointe Drive.

“It will help with flow,” Droze said.

Work is expected to start in August.

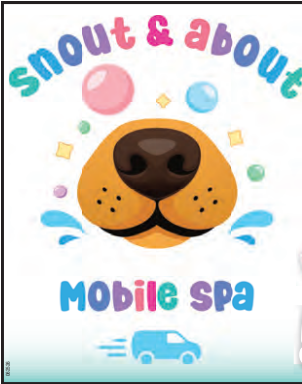
Incidental to the new main under Patterson Park is the eventual installation of more water spigots to aid watering flowers and plants.

2nd graders raise money for GPAAS

As a part of the second-grade economics curriculum, Grosse Pointe Public School System students were challenged to help the community by creating products or services to sell and selecting a charity to receive the proceeds. After watching videos about three charities, students voted and collectively decided to support the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

Throughout the process, students learned to conduct market surveys and create advertising. Buttons, magnets and bracelets were among the items they made and sold.

A check for \$1,367.47 was presented to GPAAS Tuesday, June 2, in Theresa Comilla’s classroom at Ferry Elementary School.



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accessible due to collapse or major blockage “Proof of a collapse or impassable obstruction must be provided to the engineer for review and approval before the segment can be eliminated from the contract,” according to the terms.

City of Grosse Pointe

Sleight of hand

A DoorDash driver is suspected of stealing a waiter’s cellphone from the bar of a restaurant in the 17000 block of Kercheval when the waiter went to check on the DoorDash order at 3:15 p.m. Monday, June 15.

An investigation is ongoing.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Creepy behavior

A 28-year-old female living in the Deeplands subdivision filed a report around 3 p.m. Monday, June 15, stating that every day between 5:30 and 6 p.m. for a few weeks, a man she does not know parks his vehicle in front of an empty lot on South Deeplands

and watches her walk her dog.

—Ted O’Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O’Neil

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

E-bike theft

An e-bike was stolen from outside a store in the 18000 block of Mack, after its owner left it unlocked at a bike rack to work a shift from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday,

June 15.

The suspect, caught on surveillance footage, is described as a white man in his 20s wearing a gray jacket, red hoodie, black shorts, black Nike shoes with white soles and a black hat with colorful “O” emblem.

Carpet fraud

An 82-year-old Farms woman pre-paid \$3,100 for new carpeting to a Warren business last December and no work has been done. Upon recently calling, she was told the prior owner died and the new owner agreed to return \$1,000, but has yet to do so.

Bike theft

A purple and gray metallic Batch bike was stolen from inside an open garage in the 400 block of Allard between 3

and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18.

Keep your enemies close

A 40-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over for repeatedly stepping on the brakes for no apparent reason while driving along Mack at 11:07 p.m. Thursday, June 18.

While the woman refused sobriety tests, officers overheard the passenger state she needed to be quiet or the officers would discover she was drunk.

She ultimately was arrested for operating while intoxicated, driving while license suspended and not having vehicle insurance.

Domestic violence

A 58-year-old

Eastpointe woman sought the help of officers at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, June 21, after her boyfriend, a 62-year-old Farms man, grabbed her by the neck inside his home in the 400 block of Manor.

As she exited the house, she grabbed a small rock and threw it at the door. He retaliated by picking up a five-pound rock and throwing it through her rear car window.

Driving blind

A 29-year-old Highland Park man believed he was in Warren when pulled over on Bournemouth for driving without headlights at 1:30 a.m. Monday, June 22.

A bottle of tequila could be seen on a child car seat in the rear of the car and a preliminary

breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.182 percent, for which he was arrested.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Stolen auto

A 2020 Jeep Grand Cherokee was stolen during an unspecified hour Thursday, June 18, while parked curbside in the 1400 block of Maryland.

“Broken glass (was) observed on the street,” police said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Log rolling and ax throwing part of KA6

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It’s a show, it’s entertaining, it’s interactive. It’s also living history. Lumberjack demonstrations highlight the Kercheval After 6 street fair Saturday, June 27.

The fair is 6 to 10 p.m. in the Kercheval business district between Wayburn and Nottingham.

“We have the Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows coming down from Mackinaw City,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. “They’ll be performing at 6:30 and 8 p.m. They have everything from ax throwing to log rolling in a 5,000- or 6,000-gallon pool. They have guys flying from across

the country to perform. It’s been six years or so since we had them here.”

“The show is a half-hour of action,” said Dan McDonough, a nine-time world champion log roller and show owner. “We divide the audience into two rival logging camps and then have two competitive lumberjacks chopping, sawing, ax throwing and log rolling with a little carving routine. It ends in a surprise. What the guys do is pretty amazing.”

The nation was young but developing rapidly when the lumber industry in Michigan and else-

where supplied materials to build the future.

“By 1880, Michigan was producing as much lumber as the next three states combined,” according to the Center for Michigan History Studies. “Lumbering was dangerous and risky work. Men who worked in the camps were injured or killed. There were also many other results of logging, including the growth of cities around mills, the quick spread of farming (because) the land was easier to clear.”

“We’re part of America,” McDonough said. “It’s

great to display that. The events we do are actually work-a-day skills of a lumberjack. We tie in the history of the North American lumberjack.”

Lumberjacks are called lumberjacks for a reason.

“Lumberjack is a term that comes from ‘jack of all trades,’” McDonough said. “A lumberjack is a man versed in all trades of the lumber industry.”

That’s east of the Mississippi.

“When logging moved west of the Mississippi, it took only one log to fill a trailer, so you became a logger,” McDonough said.

— Brad Lindberg

REPAIR:

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regarding the possibility of extending their current pricing for the fiscal year 2026-2027 (starting July 1) replacement program,” Sizeland said.

He acted in part on the recommendation of the engineering consultants.

“Due to the favorable pricing, reliability and quality of work, OHM recommends the city extend the contract with Ferdinandi,” Droze said.

“We will hold pricing for the entire 2026 calendar year,” company Vice President Luigi Ferdinandi wrote to Droze earlier this year.

AFTER 6:

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Live music

Sound stages are located at either end of Kercheval.

On the Zealous Root stage, located at the Wayburn end, a live karaoke band, School’s Out, with members from the teaching profession, performs.

“They play the music and invite event-goers on stage to sing,” Craig said.

“Be part of the show,” it says on School’s Out’s Facebook page. “Who’s brave enough to grab the mic at After 6 on Kercheval?”

On the Red Crown stage near Beaconsfield, Atomic Radio performs top-40 music.

“They will perform between Jack Pine Lumberjack performances,” Craig said. “So, when there’s no entertainment going there, there will be music on the stage.”

Atomic Radio is booked for 30 concerts this summer throughout metro Detroit. A video of the band posted on YouTube shows them performing, in succession, songs by David Bowie, The B-52s, a-ha, Billy Idol and Katrina & The Waves.

Dunk tank

The fundraiser dunk tank benefits the Grosse Pointe South High School field hockey team.

“Who doesn’t love dunking somebody in a tank of water?” Craig said.

He booked the team with a purpose.

“I try to focus on things that might not get the funding that other programs do, so this is a nice

one,” Craig said. “Every group that’s fundraised at that dunk tank seems to do really well. I try to share it with as many programs as I can.”

More and more

Peoples’ Pierogi Collective is scheduled among food trucks. It’s owned by a Park woman.

“She’s been a staple since this event started,” Craig said.

Members of the recreation commission intend to have a booth set up to gather information from residents about preferred municipal park features and recreation amenities.

“That will be helpful for the (park system’s) five-year plan,” Craig said.

A couple hours prior to the fair, from 2 to 3 p.m., is a children’s bicycle parade sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

The route is on Kercheval between Wayburn and Beaconsfield. Judges choose the best patriotically decorated bike, best decorated wagon and best costume.

The parade revives an event from decades ago that remains a favorite childhood memory for Tom Caulfield, city council’s liaison to the foundation.

“We have 230 kids registered,” Caulfield said. “It’s going to be awesome.”

Registration ended last week.

Additional Kercheval After 6 fairs are scheduled for Saturday, July 25 and Aug. 22.

Craig said people interested in being a vendor or sponsor may email him at craigc@grossepointepark.org.



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OUR VIEW

Feeling stressed?

The Grosse Pointes rank high in any number of categories. Quality schools, idyllic lake views, beautifully landscaped houses of all shapes and sizes, wonderful municipal parks. A new ranking came across our desk recently, however, that we do not think Pointers will be very happy about.

A recent survey found the top ZIP codes in the country where parents feel the most pressure. The Pointes came in at No. 48 nationally and No. 3 in Michigan.

We think the press release promoting the survey hit the nail on the head: “Parenting has never exactly been a low-stress hobby, but in some parts of America the daily juggle feels less like family life and more like a full-contact sport. Between daycare bills, school pressures, high grocery prices, work commutes, screen-time battles, sleep deprivation and the quiet panic of trying to hold everything together, parents in certain areas may be feeling the squeeze more than others.”

The survey was commissioned by a group known as A Mission for Michael, which runs mental health care clinics in California, Minnesota and Virginia. The impetus for its founding reads much the same as our very own Kevin’s Song, which this area is so blessed to have.

Technically, the survey lists the 48236 ZIP code, but we are pretty sure the same issues apply in 48230.

The press release notes: “Parents in Grosse Pointe often enjoy access to strong schools, historic neighborhoods and a highly engaged community. At the same time, the cost of maintaining an active family lifestyle can create pressure, with extracurricular activities, childcare and educational opportunities adding up quickly. Many households find themselves carefully balancing priorities despite the area’s affluence.”

So we asked our readers what stresses them out the most as parents (below). The top item was housing costs at 35 percent. We have all heard the phrase “house poor,” meaning your mortgage payment is so high it leaves you with little money left over for essentials, savings or discretionary spending.

Next up, at 27 percent, was education. Are the children getting good grades? Will they get into the “right” college? Close behind at 25 percent was childcare. Hey, nannies and daycare are expensive.

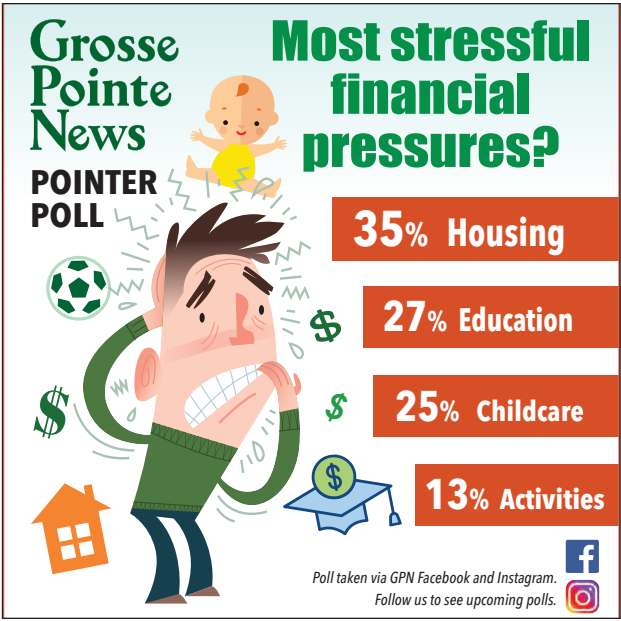


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Pure Grosse Pointe

This photo was taken at 8:42 p.m. Friday, June 19. The evening ended on a soft and quiet note; it was warm, but not hot or humid. A single sailboat makes the journey home on the blue lake as evening clouds set the stage for a peaceful night.

Last was activities, at 13 percent. Games, practices, plays, band concerts. No wonder parents often refer to themselves as taxi drivers.

For those of you feeling stressed, parent or not, the Grosse Pointe News has what we think are some helpful tools.

First off is our Ask the Experts feature, which runs twice a month on the front page of our Life & Leisure section. The content is coordinated by The Family Center, which provides free programs and resources on topics important to families, including parenting expertise, mental and physical well-being, trauma and grief, substance misuse prevention and more, all free of charge.

Recent topics have included a book review focused on peaceful preschool years, the benefits of parents stepping back and letting their teens make more decisions on their own and creating drama-free holidays.

Also in our Life & Leisure section each week is Grosse Pointe Gabby. Basically a localized version of Dear Abby wherein Gabby gives advice to questions from readers. Recent topics have included setting ground rules for teenage guests, how to best handle petty behavior from a neighbor and reducing summer screen time for kids.

Again in Life & Leisure — sensing a pattern here — is the weekly We Tried It! It has all kinds of life hacks designed to help your household run more smoothly, such as the best eye drops to use during allergy season, the best product for removing warts or how to pack nutritious school lunches that also taste good.

Finally, again in Life & Leisure, we have Mombeau’s Table, providing easy-to-follow recipes for every kind of dish imaginable, from quick snacks to awesome side dishes to gourmet meals.

Birmingham, No. 20 nationally, and Northville, No. 22 nationally, were first and second ahead of the Pointes in Michigan. No other ZIP codes in the Great Lakes State made the top 150.

ZIP codes that made the top 10 are just as, if not more, affluent than the Pointes. Coming in at No. 1 was Scarsdale, N.Y., where the median home price pushes \$2 million. No. 2 was Huntington, N.Y., where the average home price — \$900,000 — is more than double compared to here.

Rounding out the top 10 were:

- ◆ Westfield, N.J.,
- ◆ Irvine, Calif.,
- ◆ Palo Alto, Calif.,
- ◆ Alpharetta, Ga.,
- ◆ Hoover, Ala.,
- ◆ Cary, N.C.,

- ◆ Bellevue, Wash. and
- ◆ Frisco, Texas.

“Parental stress is rarely caused by one single issue,” said Anand Mehta, executive director at A Mission for Michael. “It is usually the result of several pressures building at once — financial strain, lack of time, academic expectations, work demands and the feeling that parents have to be constantly available and constantly performing. What this study shows is that in some communities, those pressures appear to be especially concentrated. When parents are stretched too thin for too long, it can affect not only their own mental health, but the emotional climate of the whole household.”

This survey included 3,012 parents. Respondents were asked about the biggest pressures facing modern families, including childcare costs, school expectations, extra-curricular commitments, commuting, household expenses and balancing work and family life. It used a geographically representative panel balanced by age, gender, household income and region.

LETTERS

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Objection

To the Editor:

I strongly object to Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe, or We-GP, holding its Pride event this Saturday in the parking lot of Maire Elementary School.

This is not about hating anyone. Adults are free to love whom they love, live as they choose, march, celebrate and gather in peace. That is not the issue.

The issue is judgment. Why did this event need to be held at an elementary school?

District policy on the use of school facilities says use may be allowed when the expected use is not harmful to the public image of the district. How is a public drag show at an elementary school not harmful to that image? For the first time ever, we had a public drag show on district property. What changed?

An elementary school is a place for young children. It should not be used for a drag show where children hand dollar bills to men in tight women’s outfits, thigh-high boots and large wigs.

Parents have a right to ask basic questions. Who thought this was appropriate for 4-year-olds, 6-year-olds and 8-year-

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Random facts make great conversation starters



I think random facts and bits of information are fascinating, sometimes weird and definitely entertaining. And sometimes you can use them in a conversation. I have found some interesting facts to share, so get ready to be entertained. Have you heard of the power pose? If you stand like a superhero with your hands on your hips for two to three minutes, it is said to boost your confidence and lower your cortisol. Plus, it's fun. I read that slouching causes sadness because studies show that a col-

lapsed posture drains your energy and your brain interprets it as defeat. Yikes. Are you slouching now? I was until I typed this. I also read that a dream only lasts four minutes, but your brain makes you think it lasted all night. And apparently you can tell if you're dreaming or not by looking for a clock. There is no sense of time in a dream, so a clock will never appear. Did you know music changes the way you perceive time and can impact your perspective? Eye contact increases trust. High school and college grads need to know that for job interviews. Identical twins don't have the same fingerprints. Compliments boost dopamine levels, but the human brain processes negative words

faster than positive ones. Drinking a cold glass of water in the morning wakes you up faster than drinking a cup of coffee, though I am sure there will be some people who will dispute this. An apple gives you longer-lasting energy than coffee. Coconut water is so pure it once was used as an IV fluid. Dark chocolate gives you more iron than beef, which is great since you don't have to kill chocolate in order to eat it. Broccoli has more vitamin C than an orange. I eat broccoli several times a week, so that's good news for me! Have you ever looked closely at a walnut? They say it looks like a brain, which is why eating four or five a day can support brain function and memory. An avocado has more potassium than a banana,

less sugar and more fiber. And, it's yummy. That new-car smell is a mix of over 200 chemicals, including toxic hydrocarbons benzene and toluene. Yuck. LEGO bricks withstand compression better than concrete. Laughing came before language, but did you know laughter boosts your immune system? Seek out people who make you laugh. OK, this next one is a bit weird, but here it is. Apparently, you can tell if a pair of jeans will fit you by putting the waistline around your neck. I guess that is supposed to be the same as trying them on. I think I will stick to trying them on. If you are feeling grumpy, mad or sad, smile because it can trick your brain into feeling happier. Now here is a

mind boggler: When you remember a past event, you're really remembering the last time you remembered it. Get ready to have your mind blown. Water might not be wet. That's because most scientists define wetness as a liquid's ability to maintain contact with a solid surface, meaning that water itself is not wet, but it can make other objects wet. This next one is amazing. Dogs can smell cancer. Yep. Because cancer emits a unique pattern of chemical compounds, it gives off a scent profile. While a dog isn't a home diagnostic tool, they can be trained to detect the VOCs that cancerous tumors and the body's metabolic response emit. Humans' best friend, for sure. Yawning cools your brain, cold showers

improve your circulation and green space and nature boost mental health. Ahh, I'm calmer already. This next fact might be my favorite. There are more trees on Earth than stars in the Milky Way. I had to really think about that, because it would seem the opposite was true. A major global estimate says there are around 3 trillion trees and roughly 100 to 400 billion stars, which means that for every star in the galaxy, there are about 20 to 30 trees on the planet. Speaking of trees, did you know sharks predate trees by 50 million years? OK, one more. A banana is a true berry, but a strawberry is not, botanically speaking. Wait, one more. Scotland's national animal is the unicorn. That rocks. Gotta love the Scots.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

ALGER WILL RUN FOR GOVERNOR: Secretary of State Fred M. Alger Jr., has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for Governor in the 1952 primary election "to give Michigan a responsible and morally honest administration."

HOPE REVIVED FOR COUNTY TO RELIEVE MOTORISTS BY REPAVING EAST JEFFERSON: The old, old question of whether or not East Jefferson Ave., is to be resurfaced in the Park and City, may produce an answer soon from the Wayne County Road Commission. New contacts have been made between officials of the two Pointe municipalities and the Commission in an effort to get some action. The Pointes have tried repeatedly for the last three years to have the county fix this main thoroughfare which is in

1976

50 years ago this week

SCHOOLS GREET NEW HEAD: The new superintendent of Grosse Pointe schools, Dr. William Coats, introduced himself to a group of top school administrators June 18, as a tough negotiator and strong administrator, who will come to The Pointe with no predispositions about what needs to be done. Dr. Coats will assume his post here later in the summer on a full-time basis. He is replacing Dr. James A. Adams, who left for a position as head of the Winston-Salem, N.C., school district.

GOVERNMENT PROBES INTO GP SCHOOLS: The U.S. Department of Justice confirmed reports last week that the Grosse Pointe School System is one of several in the Detroit area under investigation for possible hiring

and promotion discrimination practices. Board of Education President Joan Hanpeter said that a letter requesting employment records for the past few years was delivered to the School Board offices sometime in April by an FBI agent. **CHURCH MERGER AFFECTS MANY:** An historic first service of two church congregations was held earlier this month at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, marking the culmination of months of work and study leading to the merger of two congregations. The congregations include members of GP Congregational and the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Roy R. Hutcheon, D.D., head pastor for the merged congregations, indicated around 500 families within the Pointes alone were affected by the action.

2001

25 years ago this week

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: There are

several ingredients that make a championship baseball team. Talent is obviously one of them. Luck is another. It also takes the knack of being able to perform in the clutch. Grosse Pointe South's baseball team had all three this year as it won the Division I baseball championship with a 2-1 victory over Grand Ledge in Saturday's title game in Battle Creek. **SOUTH PRINCIPAL RETIRES, TAKES CONSULTING JOB:** After 20 years of service in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Grosse Pointe South

Principal Ben Walker is leaving the district for a new venture, effective June 30. Walker, who began his teaching career as a vocal music teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School in 1981, has been the principal at Grosse Pointe South since May 2000. **TWO STATE CHAMPS:** University Liggett School ended the 2015-16 school year with a bang, winning two state

championships at Michigan State University last weekend. The baseball team captured the Division 3 state crown and the girls soccer team took the Division 4 state title in a shootout. **SMITH NAMED CITY ADMINISTRATOR:** Bruce Smith will begin wearing two hats July 2, as he takes over as city administrator and remains public safety director. The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved Smith's appointment and contract with an annual salary of \$112,000 at its Monday meeting.

LETTER:

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olds? Who decided little boys and little girls should be encouraged to give money to adults dancing in this way? Who approved having young girls come on stage and dance for a crowd? Our schools need to grow enrollment, build

trust with families and unite the community. Events like this do the opposite. We-GP should not have asked to use Maire for this purpose. Dr. Bishop, Clint Derringer and Colleen Worden should not have allowed it. The Grosse Pointe Public Library and the GPEA should also explain why they supported this event.

I supported the bond and sinking fund because I believed our schools needed help. I did not vote for public school property to be used for divisive adult entertainment around young children. Elementary schools should be for children. This crossed the line. LISA PAPAS City of Grosse Pointe

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South culinary team finds success at Disney’s Epcot competition

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

The Grosse Pointe South culinary team recently returned from a competition at Epcot in Orlando, Fla., where students finished in third place after testing their skills in a fast-paced, improvisation-style environment that challenged both their creativity and teamwork.

For senior Carla Cavaliere, the experience offered both professional insight and personal growth, as the team was exposed to real-world culinary environments and industry professionals.

“Competing at Epcot was a really cool and fun experience,” Cavaliere said. “It also gave me a better idea of different career options to consider after high school.”

Cavaliere, who served as a team captain and expo, helped coordinate tasks and keep the group on track during timed challenges that required quick decision making and organizational skills. The format of the competition meant teams had to develop dishes on the spot with minimal planning time.

“We had only 10 minutes to draw out what we were gonna do for our entree and appetizer,” Cavaliere said.

Despite the unpredictability, she said prior experience in similar competitions helped the team adjust and perform at a higher level. Much of their preparation focused on efficiency and collaboration in high-pressure situations.

“The Disney competition was much more relaxed and we already had the experience of plating and working together in a small space,” Cavaliere said.

Beyond the competition itself, Cavaliere emphasized the importance of preparation and teamwork, noting that much of the work happened long before students ever stepped into the competition kitchen.

“We all have to memorize basic recipes to help us create a new one that can impress the judges,” Cavaliere said.

Still, she said some of her favorite memories came outside the compe-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MAGGIE HOUK

The GPS culinary team poses with Chef Duff Goldman and Mickey Mouse as they head into the competition weekend.



The entree that won the GPS culinary team its third-place entree award, as well as its appetizer.

etition setting and highlighted the bonding experience among teammates while traveling and visiting the parks.

“My favorite moment was seeing the progress we made from the beginning of our practices to the actual competition, as well as spending time laughing with my teammates at the parks,” Cavaliere said.

Junior Maggie Houk returned to the team this year after a positive experience in the program, saying the environment and relationships make it an easy decision to continue.

“I joined the culinary team because I was on the team last year and wanted to continue,” Houk said. “I love the environment and it is so fun to learn new cooking skills and be around my teammates.”

Houk said the competitive environment shifted once the team moved from the park atmosphere into the official

competition space, where focus and intensity increased.

“At Epcot, I didn’t feel much competition, but once we got inside the competition building the team definitely had more of a competitive spirit,” Houk said.

Preparation played a major role in how the team handled the event, with students dividing responsibilities and planning strategies ahead of time to prepare for unknown ingredients and challenges.

“We talked about everyone’s strengths and weaknesses and what we would do for each scenario,” Houk said. “That meant when we got to the actual competition we knew what to do.”

As the timed portion of the event progressed, she said pressure significantly increased, especially as the clock ticked down and components remained unfinished.

“I didn’t feel the pressure until 30 minutes left when our entree still had lots of components to get finished,” Houk said.

Even with the stress, the experience reinforced trust in teammates and their ability to perform under pressure.

“I learned that if you have confidence in your teamwork and ability, you can execute a dish that you are proud of,” Houk said.

Culinary instructor Chef Nick Lopez said the opportunity to compete at Epcot was made possible through grant funding from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for

STEAM Support and long-term planning within the program.

“I got together with the department head and got a grant for the majority of the cost and we got it put together and funded,” Lopez said.

He said preparation for the competition began months in advance with students practicing their improvisational cooking techniques and working through unfamiliar ingredients to simulate competition conditions.

“Competition is improv style so they don’t know what ingredients or protein source they’ll see,” Lopez said.

Lopez said one of the most encouraging aspects of the experience was seeing how naturally the students worked together under pressure, even in an unfamiliar environment far away from their school kitchens.

“They looked like a veteran group that has worked together for a long time,” Lopez said.

He also noted a key challenge before and during the competition

was identifying team roles and adapting quickly when faced with unfamiliar ingredients and conditions.

Still, he said the trip reinforced the strength of the program and the value of hands-on culinary education that mir-

rors real industry expectations.

“We operate day to day how the competition was set up, making ingredients from scratch and doing lots of fundamentals,” Lopez said. “Working together and introducing unfamiliar ingredients sets us up for good success in the future not only at South, but for those going into culinary and creating their own vision for food.”

For South, this shows promise for the future of the culinary program as the underclassmen rise to these challenging opportunities.

“It was promising to see the skillset form in younger students and their leadership and motivation, which is inspiring for the next step,” Lopez said. “We based it around upperclassmen and vets who had competed before, but even underclassmen were super promising so I am excited for the future.”



The GPS culinary team with their third-place entree award in Epcot.

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between 15 and 20 percent.

The fund balance fell between 2020 and 2023 as the district used its COVID relief money to continue funding positions instead of rightsiz-

ing personnel based on enrollment losses.

The district’s community services fund, which brings in revenue through programs like Kids Club and preschool, has a fund balance of \$751,000, while the food service account has a fund balance of \$423,000.



The Grosse Pointe South culinary team hard at work cooking a three-course meal while Chef Duff Goldman watches.

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ULS Day Camp celebrates 65 years of outdoor adventure, youth development

University Liggett School Day Camp is celebrating its 65th anniversary this summer, marking more than six decades of outdoor adventure, youth leadership and community-building for generations of metro Detroit children.

Founded by Muriel Brock, faculty emeritus in 1961, ULS Day Camp has introduced generations of children to archery, swimming, sports, performing arts, nature exploration and team-building activities. The camp's emphasis on outdoor play, creativity and community has remained consistent throughout its 65-year history.

The anniversary comes at a time when educators and pediatric experts continue to emphasize the importance of outdoor activity and face-to-face social interaction. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, children ages 8 to 12 now spend an average of more than five hours per day on entertainment screen media outside of schoolwork.

“Day Camp gives kids the opportunity to put down their devices and simply be kids,” said Pete Dettlinger, ULS summer programs director. “Whether they’re swimming, playing sports, exploring nature or spending time with



Julie Kilmer, a former camp employee, smiles with a satisfied camper during a past camp.

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friends, they're building connections and confidence through experiences that happen away from a screen."

For Pam Thomas, a member of the Ahee family, Day Camp has become a family tradition spanning generations. More than 15 members of her extended family have attended the camp, including

her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. This summer, another grandchild will attend while her granddaughter, Olivia, returns as a counselor.

“When my boys came home from camp, they were exhausted in the best possible way because they had spent the entire day swimming, playing, exploring and being active outside,” Thomas said. “Day Camp gives kids something that’s becoming harder to find today. They’re not on screens; they’re spending hours outdoors with friends, learning new skills and simply being kids.”

To commemorate the 65th anniversary, ULS is inviting current and former campers, counselors and families to share their favorite camp memories. The school also will host a special event the last day of camp, Friday, July 31, to celebrate the people and traditions that have shaped the camp during the past 65 years.

Current and former campers may share their memories online at bit.ly/ULSmemories.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Elizabeth Marie Groustra graduated in May from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business. She was a dean's scholar, earning a degree in finance and business analytics. She also was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, serving as vice president of finance. The 2022 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate will begin her career at MarshBerry investment banking in Grand Rapids.



Elizabeth Groustra

chapter of The Phi Beta Kappa Society this past spring.

Charlotte O'Dell of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for spring 2026.

Grosse Pointe Park student **Cameron Thompson** graduated from Albion College with a degree in psychology and a minor in philosophy. Thompson is a graduate of De La Salle Collegiate High School.

Grosse Pointe Farms student **Katie Woerner** graduated cum laude from Albion College with a degree in environmental science and a minor in geographic information systems. Woerner is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Stephanie Westrick,
Grosse Pointe North High
School Class of 2022, was
inducted into the
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Rachel Rihani of Grosse Pointe Park and **Elizabeth Davey** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Belmont University.

Dylan Miller of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Bachelor of Science degree in digital communications from Lebanon Valley College. He also was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Bryan Carney of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from the University of Olivet. He also was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Edmund Shall and **William Shall** of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Ben Ameye** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Lawrence Technological University.



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Youth council making strides for Thrive

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It’s been two years since the Thrive Youth Council was formed, but its small and mighty team of young people at Grosse Pointe South High School already is making a difference.

The council shares a common mission with its “parent” nonprofit, Thrive, which raises funds to provide meals to students in Bangladesh and the Philippines. Since 2012, Thrive has served more than 5 million meals.

Through fundraisers and direct pitches, the youth council itself has raised more than \$19,000 to benefit the children of Dawahon Integrated Public School in the Philippines.

Most recently, it creatively raised \$1,300 by hosting a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament.

“We do this thing at family reunions where



Above, Dr. Chady Haurani and Maeve Shine went up against each other during the tournament. Shine’s scissors ended up beating Haurani’s paper. Right, Thrive Youth Council members, clockwise from top left, Throop Linnell, Nadeem Haurani, Charlie Marks, Alice Gabel, Lily Romolino, Ava McMillin and Daphne Spies.

we have a tournament,” said Alice Gabel, a rising senior at South whose mother, Gina Gabel, co-founded Thrive. “You buy in to get a spot and play Rock, Paper, Scissors until one person’s left.”

A relative hosted a similar event in Ohio for the

benefit of Thrive and gave tips to local organizers to host their own.

“It was mostly families and friends,” fellow rising senior Throop Linnell said. “It was a lot of fun.”

Rising senior Sadie Hill handled registration at the May 17 event; around 80 people participated.



The hour-long tournament was hosted in the Gabels’ Grosse Pointe Farms backyard. Fresh Farms Market donated 20 pizzas. Savvy Chic

and Sweet Pointe Candy donated prizes for the winner and runner-up.

In addition to a gift card, tournament winner Vanessa Lindow claimed the coveted golden banana trophy. Margaret Czojkowski placed second.

Buy-in for the tournament was \$10; all proceeds benefited Thrive.

“A donation of \$10 ... can feed a kid for an entire month,” Alice Gabel said. “We raised \$1,300, which is 130 kids fed for a month or 10 kids for a year.”

Alice Gabel has firsthand experience with students facing food insecurity.

“I lived in Bangladesh when I was 3,” she said. “That’s when Thrive all started. I went back when I was in fifth grade and I was so moved visiting the schools and students. Food is such a vital part of their lives.”

When she got back home, she said, she donated \$100 of her own money and started a fundraising page.

Since the Thrive Youth Council was formed two years ago, the total local support it has received has surpassed \$19,000.

Linnell, who has known the Gabel family since elementary school, has been interested in Thrive nearly as long as Alice Gabel.

“I’ve not yet been to Bangladesh, but between videos Mrs. Gabel showed us and other things, it seemed like a great opportunity to give back,” he said. “We have the means, so I feel like in a way, we’re obligated to give back. Ten dollars ... is much more of a

deal to them; it’s a whole meal to them. It’s a much easier lift for us to do it.”

Though Linnell hasn’t been overseas, he and other students were able to interact via Zoom with students in the Philippines last winter.

“It was really late here and really early there,” he said. “Kathleen told us about her day. She wakes up and goes to work. ... Her 11-year-old life is so much harder than any of our high school lives. She helps support her family, working tirelessly, but she seemed so happy and bubbly and she was happy to talk to us.

“... It seems so far away and different in Bangladesh, but it’s just a matter of where you’re born. We’re all similar.”

Hill, who has been a member of Thrive one year, joined after overhearing a few friends.

“They were talking about meetings and about what Thrive was doing and I thought it was interesting,” Hill said. “They’re making a big impact and I wanted to be a part of it. I’ve enjoyed being in Thrive this year.”

Though it won’t be as mission-driven during the summer as it is when school is in session, the Thrive Youth Council would like to explore more fundraising opportunities, as well as make its pitch to more organizations.

“Every single pitch the kids have given has a 100 percent success rate,” Gina Gabel said. “They have a story and they love telling it.”

Support has been

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Members of Thrive Youth Council share what the Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament means to the kids Thrive serves.



Left, tournament champion Vanessa Lindow poses with her banana trophy. She also received a \$100 gift card from Savvy Chic. Right, runner-up Margaret Czojkowski was pretty happy with her prize: a basket full of candy courtesy of Sweet Pointe Candy.



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Imprinted memories by local mom last forever

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

Following in the footsteps of another creative stay-at-home mom, Grosse Pointer Lisa Ulbrich launched This Lil’ Piggy Prints. In the 23 years since she launched the business, she has captured myriad handmade clay memories that will be treasured by families forever.

A few years after Ulbrich left a career in automotive marketing to stay home with her kids, a friend told her about a Birmingham mom who was creating beautiful keepsakes of children’s handprints and footprints in clay. Artistic herself, Ulbrich was on the lookout for unique ways to preserve childhood memories for her own family. After scheduling an appointment with the Birmingham artist, she was hooked.

“I wanted to make these gorgeous ceramic tiles for everyone I knew!” Ulbrich said.

The Birmingham artist happily took her under her wing and trained her in the basics of ceramics. Ulbrich took the following year to further learn the craft, develop her business plan and order needed supplies. The next step was figuring out how to start a home-based small business while raising a growing family. Somehow it all came together and blossomed all around.

These days, most of Ulbrich’s appointments take place at her home studio in Grosse Pointe Farms. During the 15-30 minute appointment, the children have a blast in the home’s

playroom while adult clients choose styles and glazes for their custom tiles. After creation, tiles are ready in about 4-6 weeks.

“I’ve made thousands of tiles representing every age group, from newborns to grandparents,” Ulbrich said.

She also makes This Lil’ Piggy Prints for store events promoted by children’s boutiques such as Apple Blossom Baby that celebrate special occasions like Mother’s Day and Christmas.

Because they are family too, Ulbrich has imprinted many beloved family pets — from cats and dogs to bunnies and birds.

If you can think it, Ulbrich can likely create it. “If you have a creative idea, I am always game to collaborate!” she said.

In addition to many different styles of impression tiles, This Lil’ Piggy Prints also makes other personalized gifts for milestone occasions such as baptisms, confirmation, engagements, weddings and more.

One of her most popular pieces is impression ornaments, which people like to order in multiples to give as holiday gifts. She can make other personalized ornaments as well.

Ulbrich’s favorite part of doing this work is watching families grow and change through the years. Whether she is imprinting each new baby that comes along or the same child at various ages, she finds joy catching up with customers at each visit.

Happy clients tend to send their friends and family for generational

word of mouth referrals. “I’ve especially enjoyed printing the babies of the young women who watched my children back when I started this business so many years ago. Talk about full circle moments!” she said.

Gift certificates are available, so recipients can make an appointment at their convenience — and select the styles and colors they prefer.

To inquire about creating a custom tile, visit thislilpiggyprints.com, text Lisa Ulbrich at (313) 804-5500 or send an email to laulbrich@gmail.com.



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PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Unique ceramic crosses, left, are a sweet gift for new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation or wedding.

A collection of family handprints, right, make a lovely keepsake to display and enjoy. Various styles, colors and designs make each family's tile personalized.



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IMAGINATION STATION

If you can envision it, This Lil' Piggy Prints can bring it to life. Lisa Ulbrich works with each of her clients to dream up individualized creations that are perfect for their families. She enjoys watching children and families grow — and capturing the changes in beautiful ceramic memories.



MULTIPLE GIFTS

Many clients duplicate imprints to create ornaments that are given as gifts. It's a great idea for new baby announcements or beloved grandparent gifts.



IMPRINTS ON THE HEART

A hand-and-footprint tile in a beautiful deep green, left, is decorated with tiny stars. The plaque is an adorable decoration for the nursery — or makes a cute gift for family members who just can't get enough of a new baby!



4B | BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

First-time author getting noticed with ‘The Beauty of Individual Things’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

K. Thomas Yoo’s debut, “The Beauty of Individual Things,” is the “only thing I’ve ever really written,” but the amount of attention already heaped on the novel — largely set in Grosse Pointe and Detroit — is turning heads.

Especially since it won’t officially be released until July 14.

The lifelong Grosse Pointe resident clearly remembers when she was struck with the idea to write a novel. Around 10 years ago, while renovating her house, she was intrigued by the history she uncovered tearing back the layers that had built up over decades.

“Our house was built in 1924,” she said. “I love architecture from the ‘20s.”

That intrigue led her to



K. Thomas Yoo

research the house and “the interesting people who used to live here,” she said. “I was in my garden one day and this whole scene came into my head, line by line. And it kept coming back, so I wrote it down. That was the start of it.”

“The Beauty of Individual Things,” set in 1924, tells the story of Margot Andrews, a 20-something woman

swept up in New York high society.

“She comes from an upper-class background,” Yoo said. “She has ties to Detroit from her mother’s side, but she’s not from here. Her father is from the East Coast upper class.

“She fulfills everything expected of her in the first act,” Yoo continued. “Then things go awry and she decides to reinvent herself. She ends up in this area with the other side of her family.

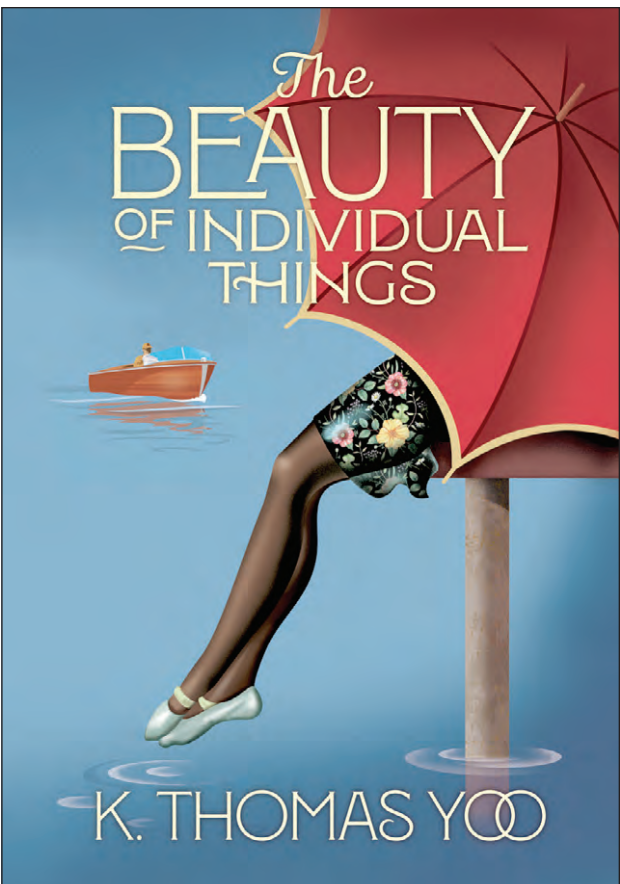
“It was a good place to be; in the 1920s in this area, everyone was reinventing themselves. Who you were mattered a lot less than who you wanted to be. And that time, in your 20s, when you’re two steps away from being (out of) your parents’ house and two steps away from being in your own house, is such a piv-

otal time for who you’re going to be.”

Yoo found several parallels right in front of her as she penned her first draft. The ages of her children, for example, were close to her protagonist’s age, so she paid close attention to how they navigated their lives. She also wrote the book just after the pandemic; it’s set in the era just after the Spanish flu, which “changed your outlook in a way nobody could have known,” she said.

She presented her first draft to close friend and established author, Cynthia Sohn, who told Yoo she was on to something and offered advice.

“I started rewriting,” Yoo said. “I rewrote it probably five times, but it’s the same novel. When I started it was a little lighter and I made it a little heavier.”



Yoo shopped around for a publisher and was turned down, feedback she used as guidance rather than rejection.

“I finally decided to just do a book that I love,” she

said. “It’s much more literary, which is harder to sell, but Mission Point Press was OK with that.”

Inspired by Ernest

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WEDDING



Lauren and Dan Ferrin

Ferrin—Parrott

Lauren Parrott and Dan Ferrin were married April 18, 2026, in Warren.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Lisa Parrott of Grosse Pointe Woods. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 2006, and a Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 2012.

The groom is the son of the late Larry and Christine Ferrin. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stony Brook University in 2004, and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University School of Law in 2009.

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received from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, Soroptimist Club of Grosse Pointe and American Association of University Women of Grosse Pointe, among other individual donors and through fundraising pages.

Hill, along with her classmates Aubrey Lindow and Ava McMillin, were able to secure a \$1,000 donation by convincing their economics classmates that Thrive was an organization worthy of their donation.

“We have fundraising pages set up, but we’d love to give more pitches during summer too,” Alice Gabel said.

Getting meals to students on Dawahon Islet is the youth council’s main project.

“Dawahon is an island that was used as a landfill,” Alice Gabel said. “People built on top of it makeshift houses.”

During her last visit, she said, everyone in the community came out to welcome and thank their guests from Thrive.

“It really showed us that the meals Thrive provides don’t just impact the schools; the whole community is impacted,” she said.

“Because this community is so generous, we used to feed 200 kids at that school,” Gina Gabel added. “Now we’re able to add another 200 kids at the school. Our goal



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GINA GABEL

A student of Dawahon Elementary School with her meal, which was provided by the participants of the Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament. Dawahon began its new school year June 1.

was to feed the entire school, so that’s what we’re doing now.”

She noted that a lot of Grosse Pointe parents are trying to teach their children that there’s a world beyond Grosse Pointe.

“There are a lot of needs that need to be met that are easy to solve if you’re in the position to do that,” she added.

Members of the Thrive Youth Council are finding all sorts of ways to bring in donations. Some hosted lemonade stands during their elementary school years — before the council was even

formed — and others ask for donations to Thrive in lieu of birthday presents.

“When you see kids understanding the importance of this work enough to say instead of buying me a gift, I want you to feed a kid, it’s remarkable,” Gina Gabel said. “It’s an easy way for kids to get involved.”

Added her daughter, “When you’re a kid, you want to help other kids.

It’s relatable. We’re just more fortunate, so we need to help. We come from a really privileged area in the United States of America and we’re connecting with kids from impoverished parts of Asia, but there are still so many similarities.”

“The global issue of childhood hunger feels super overwhelming, but when you break it down into meaningful chunks, it costs \$120 to feed a child for a year,” Gina Gabel said. “It’s a meaningful contribution that makes a difference. ... I love that piece of the program, that is so relatable to all ages. It’s cool to present youth with this really huge problem and show them it’s not that hard to solve it.”

With a first-year tournament under their belt, Rock, Paper, Scissors organizers hope to come back stronger next year with more event sponsors. In the meantime, donations are welcome.

“Any contributions, no matter how small, make a difference,” Alice Gabel said. “Instead of having pizza for dinner one night, you can feed a kid for a month.”

The Thrive Youth Council also is accepting new members. Anyone who wants to join may contact the group on Instagram @gothrive youthcouncil or learn more at thrive-global.org.

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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.

Paul Keyes

Paul Keyes, 82, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his home Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Paul was predeceased by his parents, Frank H. Keyes and Esther Bergquist of Newington, Conn. He was the loving husband of 39 years to Mary Ellen Keyes; the proud father of Robert Keyes; and the grandfather of Leo and Ella.

Paul received a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He then earned a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Maryland and conducted his post-doctorate research at the University of Delaware. He was a professor of physics at the University of Massachusetts, the University of Delaware and Wayne State University, from which he retired as an emeritus professor after mentoring countless students. As a highly respected physicist, Paul often attended physics conferences all over the world.

Paul also planned mystery trips for Mary Ellen, who was unaware of where in the world they would end up. Ever the data collector, Paul kept a list for 35 years of the places they visited, eventually totaling 64 countries.

Paul always found the humorous side of life. During these trips, he would make silly faces for the camera, take pictures of the back of Mary Ellen's head or close-up selfies. He would photo-bomb trash cans around the world by strategically placing them in front of the best backdrop. He also would stare at thermostats in art museums and walk like the "minister of silly walks."

An avid sailor since his college days, Paul and Mary Ellen sailed out of Crescent Sail Yacht Club (CSYC), their "extended fun family," which was only seven minutes from their home. They also were active in their cruising group and spent time all over Lake St. Clair. Paul worked the Monday night sailboat races and cooked some amazing lunches for approximately 125 CSYC members. He also owned around 300 cookbooks and used them regularly to create wonderful dishes at home and for potluck parties. Paul also loved to garden, listen to classical music, cook, read books, complete word and number puzzles, critique physics papers, write his own

physics papers and speak like Donald Duck. Paul lived a life of discovery, wisdom and curiosity, all with a smile for the many people whose lives he touched. He lived his life to the fullest.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at Crescent Sail Yacht Club, 276 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The ceremony will begin at 1:15 p.m. and will be followed by light hors d'oeuvres.

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Rose B. Palazzolo

Rose B. Palazzolo, 101, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Rose was born Jan. 30, 1925, to Frank and Frances Bastone. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband of 43 years, Joe; and her sisters, Grace, Catherine and Frances.

Rose married Joe in 1951, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Joe served in the U.S. Army and the couple met at a wedding in 1948. They spent a month on their honeymoon driving Joe's Packard to California, visiting friends and relatives along the way. They had one son, Frank, who became mayor of Harper Woods the same year Joe died.

Rose and Joe worked in real estate for many years before opening their own office on East Warren Avenue in Detroit in 1974. Rose graduated from the High School of Commerce in Detroit and returned to school at Oakland University after they opened their real estate office. She became one of the first women in the state to earn the GRI designation. Rose retired at age 80.

After Joe died, Rose started volunteering by ministering to the sick and dying at St. John's Nursing Center (now Riverview Health & Rehab Center), bringing them the Eucharist, a prayer and a kind word. On Saturdays at the center, she worked with visiting priests from St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery as a cantor for the evening worship service. She did this until age 90. She inspired her family to volunteer and help the needy, both locally and nationally.

Her greatest joy came from teaching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren how to cook and bake. Rose lived independently until three months before her

death.

Rose is survived by her son, Frank (Lois); grandchildren, Erika Peterson (Kraig), Lauren Van Gemert (Mark) and Marc Palazzolo (Jessica); great-grandchildren, Audrey, Mattie, Violet, Brady, Elliott and Isabel; as well as many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Rose will lie in state at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 26, before a noon funeral Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Frank C. Piku

Frank Chrystem Piku, 91, passed away peacefully Friday, May 29, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Frank was born Dec. 2, 1934, in Detroit, to Frank and Phyllis Piku, and attended Denby High School. Frank married the love of his life, Shirley Zapotny, June 9, 1956. They shared 70 wonderful years together that were full of great adventures.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley; children, Chris Piku and Grace Piku (John Boladian); grandchildren, Frank Alexander Piku (Kailey Oppat), Phoebe Piku, Lilly Boladian and Lexi Boladian and Lexi Boladian; brother, Gerald Piku; and sister-in-law, Patricia Hrubiak.

As a young man, Frank learned to play the accordion and played the French horn in the Denby High School band. At age 18, he started his own music business, the East Detroit Conservatory of Music. The music store offered lessons and sold pianos, organs, guitars, drums and vinyl records. Frank and his band, Men of Note, played at weddings and dances for more than 15 years.

Frank developed and built luxury waterfront condominiums on Lake St. Clair. He and Shirley also built three custom waterfront homes, each designed by award-winning architects.

Frank began his love affair and dedication to sailing in 1966, when he bought a Cal 36 sailboat, which he named AL DI LA, to race in the Bayview-Mackinac Race. He was considered an



Paul Keyes



Rose B. Palazzolo



Frank C. Piku



Thomas Craig Williams



Peter Frederic Weiss

"Old Goat," having sailed 38 Bayview-Mackinac races and 12 Chicago-Mackinac races. In 1972, Frank represented the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club while sailing Aggressive, a custom Two Ton designed by Dick Carter, in the final series to choose the U.S. challenger for the Canada's Cup. He won Offshore Club Boat of the Year in 1973. Frank shipped Aggressive to San Remo, Italy, for the 1974 World Two Ton Championship and won. He was first overall in the Bayview-Mackinac Race in 1975, sailing Aggressive II, a bilge board radical/innovative aluminum sailboat, designed by Bruce King.

Then came another career switch: Frank became a fishing captain and began Captain Frank's Fishing Charters to catch muskies and walleye in Lake St. Clair. His sport fishing boat, Golden Streaker, was custom-built on an offshore catamaran racing hull. He wanted to be fast and get to all the great fishing spots. He opened a retail fishing store and produced "how to" fishing videos for friends and customers on YouTube.

Frank also chartered in Key West, Fla., for more than 20 years, fishing for grouper, snapper and other big game fish. He fished in The Bahamas and participated in the Ernest Hemingway International Billfishing Tournament in Cuba.

Frank was a founding board member of the Key West Symphony Orchestra (now the South Florida Symphony Orchestra). He served as its auctioneer for charity events, during which he used beads and jewelry to decorate bikes, mailboxes and even a dumpster, earning him the nickname "The Bead Man." Frank also conducted the orchestra during "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Frank and Shirley enjoyed traveling, skiing and scuba diving. Their travels took them to Barcelona, London, Brazil, Argentina, the Galapagos Islands, Israel, Egypt, Berlin, Vicenza, Italy, Cuba and Cuernavaca and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. They enjoyed hot air balloon trips to vineyards in Italy and France.

Frank and Shirley are members of Bayview Yacht Club, the Detroit Institute of Arts and

Cranbrook Academy of Art. They lived at American House Village at Bloomfield since 2023, and enjoy the friendly people, great staff, medical team helpers, musical events, movies and day trips.

A celebration of Capt. Frank's life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit. All family and friends are welcome.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailors, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215, bycjuniorsailing.org/donate; or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741, bit.ly/3SyJzi2.

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Thomas Craig Williams

Thomas Craig Williams, 81, passed away peacefully at home Monday, June 8, 2026.

Tom was born Nov. 24, 1944, in Detroit, to Charles and Margaret Williams. He was a lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointes. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1962, and attended Northern Michigan University before returning home to pursue a journeyman's card in metal pattern making. He married his college girlfriend, Jackie Collins, in 1969. They were married 57 years and had three children.

In the mid-1970s, Tom left pattern making to work for Valiant Industries, a prototype machine and gear shop. By the mid-1980s, Tom purchased the business and successfully ran it for many years.

At age 49, Tom's life changed when he suffered a major stroke that left him paralyzed on his left side. He had to give up his favorite pastime of playing golf, but it never diminished his spirit. He

never complained or lost his remarkable sense of humor; on the contrary, it only strengthened his commitment to endless generosity, which he often carried out through his love of traveling with family and friends.

Tom is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jackie; daughter, Stacy Bingham (Zack); sons, Craig (Stephanie) and Ross; three grandchildren, Mark, Loren and Anna; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved sister, Roma Hess (Tom). He was predeceased by his parents; and his brother, Charles.

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Peter Frederic Weiss

Peter Frederic Weiss, 46, died Saturday, May 2, 2026, in Los Angeles.

Pete was born March 11, 1980, in Grosse Pointe, to Susan Moore Weiss and Mark Weiss. He leaves behind his parents; sister, Vicki Weiss (Seth Hanson); nephews, Zeke and Rex; aunts, Patricia Keresztes and Nancy Moore (Greg Calder); and uncle, Jim Moore.

Pete graduated from The Grosse Pointe Academy and then from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1998. He attended the School of Visual Arts in New York City and The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.

Pete was a film buff and had the opportunity to collaborate on several projects, attend film school and watch a variety of famous and lesser-known films. His favorite haunts were Blockbuster Video and the Detroit Film Theatre. His circle of friends performed standup comedy in the Detroit area at open-mic nights and sometimes as featured performers.

Memorial donations may be made to the Detroit Film Theatre, inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 John R, Detroit, MI 48202, dia.org/support/donate.

Garden Conservancy's Open Days program is June 27

On Saturday, June 27, the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program partners with Oudolf Gardens Detroit to welcome garden lovers for a one-day-only opportunity to explore five Michigan gardens that provide a glimpse of the artistry, talent and dedication of the garden owners. The participating gardens include:

Highgate Garden — Bloomfield Hills. This historic earth-conscious refuge fea-

tures many native shrubs, grasses and forbs. The central aspect of the garden is the focus on preservation and the effort toward converting a portion into a wildlife sanctuary.

Partridge Garden — Bloomfield Hills. This unique oasis exhibits various exotic trees, plants, shrubs and flowers surrounding the house. The spacious garden also features pine needle pathways,

eclectic birdhouses, a Zen garden and waterfall bubbling into a pond.

Turkel House — Detroit. This historic haven displays areas like a meadow and woods, with a sculpture courtyard and terrace. The defining feature of the 1 1/2-acre garden is the restored Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house. Gayle and Andrew Camden Garden — Grosse Pointe. This landscape garden features

various annuals like coleus, a tall grass, ivy, sweet potato vine and salvia that attracts hummingbirds. A highlight of the garden is the rocks and boulders that emphasize the beauty of the foliage.

Resilient Retreat — Detroit. This native-friendly sanctuary displays various plants that are self-maintaining like many fruit-bearing trees and bushes. There is a rain garden that manages storm water

runoff where koi can be seen swimming between stone steps.

The gardens will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for registered guests. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for members of the Garden Conservancy. Children 12 and younger are admitted free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Pets are not allowed.

All registrations must be processed online through the Garden Conservancy's website, gardenconservancy.org/opendays.

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YNEF presents
14 scholarships

On May 17, the Youth Nautical Education Foundation honored 14 young sailors during its annual scholarship presentation at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Since its founding in 2009 as the Grosse Pointe Nautical Education Foundation, YNEF has given out more than \$350,000 in scholarships, with several funds now permanently endowed, proving the foundation’s growing impact and steady commitment to youth sailing.

Recipients are chosen for their sailing skills, leadership, integrity and dedication to their communities. The 2026 scholars join a group of more than 186 past recipients, all of whom have shown perseverance, sportsmanship and achievement on and off the water.

Applications for next year’s scholarships will open Dec. 1, and close April 4, 2027.

The next ceremony is scheduled for 2027, day and time to be announced.

Learn more at ynef.org.

Scholarship winners, listed with their high school, college or university and scholarship, are:

◆ George Chesterton, Grosse Pointe South High School; attending Miami University

Scholarship: Commodore James and Sandy Morrow

◆ Claire Fagan, Marian High School; attending St. Louis University

Scholarship: Benno Steinborn

◆ Jackie Goode, Grosse Pointe North High School; attending Michigan State University

Scholarship: Zach Rockwell

◆ Peter Horst, Grosse Pointe South High School; attending University of Miami

Scholarship: W.W. Williams Co.

◆ Annabel Klaasen, University Liggett School; attending Elon University

Scholarship: Manuel J. and Nora Moroun

◆ Ashwin Kresliker, Troy High School; attending Michigan State University

Scholarship: Commodore Gary and Christine Gonzalez

◆ Caleb Moreno, University of Detroit Jesuit High School; attending University of Dayton

Scholarship: Commodore James and Patricia Anderson

◆ Sydney Rosenberg, Groves High School; attending University of Michigan

Scholarship: Edwin and Felicia Shaw

◆ Mackenzie Simon, Grosse Pointe South



George Chesterton



Claire Fagan



Jackie Goode



Peter Horst



Annabel Klaasen



Ashwin Kresliker



Caleb Moreno



Sydney Rosenberg



Mackenzie Simon



Connor Smith



Julia Triculescu



Gaven Vogel

High School; attending University of Michigan

Scholarship: Commodore Tymon C. and Sheri Totte

◆ Connor Smith, University of Detroit Jesuit High School; attending University of Wisconsin

Scholarship: Youth Nautical Education Foundation

◆ Julia Triculescu,

Troy High School; attending Yale University

Scholarship: Commodore Ilja and Kelley Vreeken

◆ Gaven Vogel, Grosse Pointe South High School; attending University of Michigan Dearborn

Scholarship: Commodore Sean and Kristen Schotthoefer

◆ Charles Weikel,

University of Detroit Jesuit High School; attending Marquette University

Scholarship: Commodore John and Marlene Boll

◆ Maya Nagy, Troy High School; attending Oakland University

Scholarship: Harry and Lynn Kurtz

Not pictured: Maya Nagy



Charles Weikel

Haunted Garage nominated in annual WDIV contest

Voting open until July 20

Haunted Garage Productions once again has been nominated for the 2026 Vote 4 The Best, led by WDIV Local 4.

“We are honored to be nominated and appreciate those who may have nominated us,” said Glenn Williams, proprietor of Haunted Garage.

“The next step in this program is to vote.

“We are seeking your support by asking you to vote and spread the word to your organizations and community to vote as well,” he added.

Voting runs through

Monday, July 20, and individuals are allowed to vote once per day.

Participation may require those voting to register and/or log into a WDIV Insider account, Williams noted.

Registration to WDIV

Insider is free at clickon.detroit.com/insider/

To cast a vote, visit vote4thebest.clickondetroit.com/, then select “Things to do” and scroll to “Haunted House,” Haunted Garage Productions is listed.

“We appreciate your support,” Williams added. “We also encourage you to like and follow Haunted Garage Productions’ official social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram.”

BEAUTY:

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Hemingway, Edith Wharton and F. Scott Fitzgerald, Yoo said writing the novel came easy as she filled the book with “really interesting people.”

“Historical fiction has gotten very broad,” she said. “You take an interesting event or interesting person or group of people, make the names the same, but add the dialogue. One of them is the protagonist. You add the dialogue but stick to the facts as much as you can.”

Her book includes the Dodge family and Garfield Wood, as it is set

in Prohibition-era Detroit and includes the area’s yacht races, rumrunners and industrial strengths.

“The story I made up,” she said. “I’m clear about that. ... But some of the achievements are based on all the research I did. I looked a lot into the Vanderbilt family, what was expected of young heiresses — their only purpose in life was to marry well — and what it did to them after the wedding.”

Though the book features real people, Yoo doesn’t delve too deeply into their personal lives. She sticks to the facts of their accomplishments.

“Without conflict, there’s no story,” she said, “but I had no inter-



A well-attended book launch took place in May at Lisa Cullen’s house on Washington, City of Grosse Pointe. The event was centered around book clubs; Yoo said the enthusiasm of this great group of readers was remarkable.

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est in digging through people’s pasts. The thing that inspired me, the thing I tried to show, was the amazing things they

did, how bold they were, how smart they were. They were from working-class backgrounds and achieved these amazing things in a short amount of time. I kept that accurate.

“Margot I made up,” she added. “Plausibility is what I’m looking for.”

The City of Grosse Pointe resident and mother of three — she and George are parents to Nick, 30; Charlie, 27; and Olivia, 22 — said she has in mind a topic for her next historical fiction: Detroit as the Arsenal of Democracy during World War II.

“(There were) amazing feats people in Detroit pulled off, like Edsel Ford and other automo-

tive industry people,” she said. “... Airplanes were not standardized then, not coming out quickly, but they figured it out, built a plant, brought in people, built housing for people and built an air force. I have more research to do, but I’m thinking something along those lines.”

In the meantime, Yoo is enjoying the feedback she’s received in advance of her debut’s release. She said she’s grateful to the friends and family who’ve not only read advanced copies, but asked for more copies to share with others.

Two launch parties already have occurred with a final one planned from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday,

July 23, at the Grosse Pointe Club. All are welcome.

Currently available for pre-sale, “The Beauty of Individual Things” can be ordered wherever books are sold, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble, as well as mission pointpress.com or kthomasyooauthor.com. Just as Yoo has found steady encouragement since she began promoting the novel, she encourages others forging a new path to keep moving forward.

“I didn’t know what to expect at 62, but I didn’t expect this,” she said. “If you’re thinking about trying new things, do it. It could be one of the best parts of your life.”

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Farms Boat & Social Club to host 3-day regatta

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat & Social Club invites Farms residents to celebrate Independence Day at the annual Fourth of July Regatta, taking place Friday, July 3, to Sunday, July 5, at Pier Park, in partnership with the city of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The regatta brings together boating enthusiasts, families, neighbors and friends for three days of waterfront excitement, entertainment and patriotic celebration. The weekend is open to Farms residents and their guests.

Highlights of this year’s festivities include:

- ◆ live music Friday and Saturday nights,
- ◆ family and children’s activities in the park and on the beach,
- ◆ a pickleball tournament;
- ◆ the Farms Sail Cup sailboat race;
- ◆ a decorated boat parade;
- ◆ a cornhole tournament and mechanical bull-riding contest and
- ◆ food, beer, wine and spirits.

“The Fourth of July Regatta celebrates everything that makes summer in Grosse Pointe Farms special — our waterfront, our traditions and the incredible sense of community that brings people together year after year,” G P F B C Commodore Amy Sanford said. “I’d like to thank our amazing sponsors whose generosity makes this event possible.”



Activities for kids include face-painting, a bounce house, water slide and taking photos with their favorite costumed characters. Time-honored regatta family activities like the bike parade, pie-eating contest, yellow ducky race, rubber raft race and sandcastle contest also are planned, as are newer traditions including yoga and Pilates classes, cornhole and a mechanical bull-riding contest.

The decorated boat parade remains one of the regatta’s most anticipated attractions, showcasing the creativity and spirit of local boaters as they transform their vessels into floating displays of patriotism, imagination and hometown pride.

About the club

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat & Social Club welcomes new members throughout the year. Membership is open to individuals and families interested in boating, sailing, community service, waterfront activities and social events.

Club members enjoy:

- ◆ seasonal racing programs,
- ◆ social gatherings and special events,
- ◆ community traditions and volunteer opportunities,
- ◆ access to a great boating and waterfront community and
- ◆ family-friendly programming throughout the year.

For regatta schedules, membership information, event registration, sponsorship opportunities and club activities, visit gpfbcc.com.

For additional information, follow the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club on social media.

ASK JEFF AND DEBRA

The spirituality of taking action

Dear Jeff and Debra,

Our daughter is 29 and has always been bright and capable. She graduated from college and has had several good jobs, but she keeps losing them. We believe alcohol is a big part of the problem and possibly other drugs. She says she’s depressed, but she doesn’t take her medication consistently and refuses to work with a therapist. Her friends have contacted us because they’re worried. She recently lost another very good job and got a DUI, and now she’s coming back home to live with us.

People are giving us a lot of conflicting advice. Some tell us we need to “let go” and let her find her own way and that this is the most loving and spiritual thing we can do. But that doesn’t feel right to us, especially now. We don’t support her financially, so we’re not sure how much influence we really have. We’re afraid of making things worse, but we’re also afraid of doing nothing. Is letting go really the right approach? Isn’t there something more we can do?

— Concerned Parents

Dear Concerned:

Spirituality in recovery is often misunderstood. People imagine something quiet, like prayer, or mindfulness, or just letting go. Those things have their place. But in the real world of addiction and recovery, spirituality usually looks different and it’s all about taking action.

Recovery doesn’t happen by accident. It begins when someone is willing to take the next right step, even when the full path is uncertain. For families, that step is often the hardest one, because it means committing to a real plan.

Your daughter is showing a pattern that suggests a loss of control. Losing jobs, getting a DUI and returning home after having been independent are not isolated events. They are signals that something more serious is happening.

But the most powerful warning comes from her friends. Young people socialize a lot and they naturally cover for each other when they step out of line. The fact that her friends have come to you with concerns about her drinking should set off alarm bells.

When families wait for the person to “figure it out,” the situation almost always gets worse, not better. You are right to question the advice that says you should simply step back. The time for waiting for her to self-correct has passed.

You may feel you have little influence because you are not supporting her financially, but that’s not the whole picture. You have more influence than you think, especially now that she is coming home. You can decide what happens in your house, what you are willing to support and what needs to change. That is not being controlling. It’s taking appropriate action when someone you love is in trouble.

The goal is not a short-term improvement. The goal is lasting change — a life where alcohol or drugs no longer run the show.

For many families, the most effective next step is to stop having circular conversations and instead prepare a structured approach. This often is done through a guided intervention process. When done properly, an intervention is not a confrontation. It is a calm, organized conversation where family members speak from the heart with one voice, express their concerns and present a plan for recovery.

Preparation is the key. Family members begin by taking time to understand the problem, decide on a course of action and plan exactly how the conversation will unfold. This takes much of the emotion and guesswork out of the situation. It replaces chaos with clarity.

Over time, “letting go” has come to mean stepping aside and waiting for the disease to run its course. But that was never the intention. As Debra often has said, you must never surrender the family to addiction. Letting go means letting go of fear and confusion, not letting go of your loved one.

At the same time, you will need to make decisions about your home. If your daughter is going to live with you, that should come with reasonable expectations. Those expectations might include participation in treatment and an active program of recovery. But these should be presented carefully, as part of a loving intervention process.

This does not mean being harsh or punitive. It means being consistent and that consistency often is what helps a person begin to take the situation seriously.

You do not have to figure this out on your own. We strongly recommend families in your situation have at least one strategy session with a clinician who is trained in intervention and family recovery. An experienced professional can help you assess the situation, avoid common mistakes and develop a plan that fits your family. You also can find step-by-step guidance in our book, “Love First: A Family’s Guide to Intervention” (3rd ed., Hazelden, 2021), which is available through many public libraries. You don’t even have to buy it.

We know this can feel overwhelming, but you don’t need to solve everything today. Just take the next step. Get good guidance, get organized as a family and move forward with a clear plan.

Real change begins when a family stops waiting and starts moving forward — with love. That’s the spirituality of taking action.

Jeff and Debra Jay have been helping families resolve substance and mental health problems for more than 30 years. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms and provide many helpful resources on their website, lovefirst.net.



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Attending or not, grad gifts come in all sizes

Dear Gabby: Graduation season has arrived and with it comes a stack of invitations, including some for children I vaguely remember meeting once at a soccer game in 2017.

Some invitations arrive from close family friends, of course, and everything in between. Am I required to attend every party? And if I don't attend, am I required to send money? More importantly, how much money are we talking about these days? — Graduating into Massive Debt in the Woods

Dear Graduating: Graduation etiquette can be tricky. The good news: An invitation is not a mandate. If you're close to the graduate or family, attend if you'd like and bring a gift that fits your relationship and budget. If you're not particularly close, it's perfectly acceptable to simply send your congratulations and decline.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no federal law requiring you to write a check to every teenager who successfully completed high school. If you haven't spoken to the graduate in years, don't know what college they're attending and would struggle to identify them in a lineup, a heartfelt "Congratulations!" is sufficient.

As for gift amounts, many people seem to follow the following:

- \$25: "I know who you are. I think."
- \$50: "I like you and remember your name."
- \$100: "I've watched you grow up."
- \$200+: "I may have changed your diapers."

In general, just do what you can do and don't go into debt over it! — Gabby

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



Married to the tube

DEAR ANNIE: My husband is one of those people who always needs the TV on. Eating dinner? TV on. Getting dressed? TV on. Even working, he'll have it on — muted if necessary, but on.

I'm not anti-TV, but I do feel it steals from the quality time we could be sharing. When we eat, he looks at the screen instead of at me. Beyond that, I worry about why he's so uncomfortable with silence. I meditate almost daily and find stillness important. His constant need for dis-

traction looks like running from his own thoughts. How do I bring this up without sounding like a nagging wife?

— Turn Off the TV

DEAR TURN OFF THE TV: First, drop the fear of sounding like a nagging wife; you won't feel comfortable asking for anything if that's always in the way.

Skip the broad conversation about his need for noise. People rarely receive "I think you're avoiding your thoughts" with open arms. Instead, set a couple of clear boundaries: No TV at dinner is a good start. Frame it as something you want — some time to actually connect — rather than something you're taking away.

DEAR ANNIE: Recently, my brother's health has taken a nose-dive. He's only 33 and he's always been pretty active. But he's gained about 50 pounds and eats fast food at least once a day. I know he's unhappy with his appearance, but what I'm worried about is his health.

Our father died young of a heart attack and if he doesn't take care of himself, he's headed in the same direction.

I'm just not sure how to get through to him. He says he wants to work out and eat better, but then he loses motivation. I've offered to cook him meals and work out with him, but he always makes excuses or bails. Nothing is changing and I'm getting worried that he won't take this seriously until it's too late.

— Scared for My Brother

DEAR SCARED FOR MY BROTHER: You've already tried the hands-on approach and he's not biting. The nudge probably needs to come from somewhere else.

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Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

Protein lattes at 'Two Dudes Coffee Bar'

Two dudes walk into a gas station, looking for a quick-serve cup of coffee. One's a disability lawyer, the other a personal trainer. Oh! You thought this was the beginning of a joke, didn't you? Well, the jokes on you!

They did find that cup of coffee, just not your average cup of joe. Let's meet the dudes who are Two Dudes Coffee Bar.

Alex Georgoulis and Logan Gray, aka Dude No. 1 and Dude No. 2, knew they created something special at the corner of Lakepointe and Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park. Alex owns a Social Security Disability law practice in Troy and was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Woods. We have known each other for decades; he's as funny now as he was at 14. Logan is a personal trainer who loves to deejay and is the co-owner of Move Detroit Gym in Royal Oak. Alex caught me up to speed on how this all came to fruition in just two years.

Once upon a time, these two dudes were roommates who made protein lattes for themselves each morning before heading to work. Eventually, their creativity kicked in and the product became what is now their signature coffee: an iced peanut butter, salted caramel latte with cookie butter protein. And let me tell you, it's worth my 40-minute drive, round trip, to get one.

"At this point in time, Logan was doing pop-up workouts throughout metro Detroit," Alex said. "On June 22, 2024, while holding a large parking lot workout class, they had a difficult time getting a coffee cart. We both were like, hey, why don't we take our espresso machine and make our Peanut Butter Protein Lattes?"

They did just that. Alex said from that event on, they were getting booked at other gyms, fitness studios and Pilates studios around Oakland County, which then turned into bookings every weekend. Four months later, the dudes decided it was time to accept some helpful offers from mutual friends, who watched this hobby blow up.

Enter their "step dudes," mutual friends, Alex Trombley and Kyle Alburtus. With their managerial backgrounds, one in retail and fitness, the other in automotive, they were intrigued by what Alex and Logan created and knew they wanted to be part of it.

"Logan would deejay workout classes at the studios and we would whip up coffees," Alex said. "It was a great break from our normal 9-to-5 jobs. We got to talk to so many people and provide a great, fun experience. We didn't know where this venture was going, but we were having fun in the meantime."

In the blink of an eye, a year passed. The traveling old service station. With three out of four dudes living on the west side, Grosse Pointe was not their first choice. Tommy, however, is a Grosse Pointe resident. All it took was for him to drive past this old gas station on Charlevoix in the Park and see that it was available.

"This was perfect for our brand," Alex said. "Walkable, community driven and diverse. This was the perfect spot."

All the dudes loved the concept of a vintage gas station.

"Back in the day, full-service stations were the hub of the community," he continued. "Everyone went there for gas, service and good conversation."



Nitro Cold Brew, Banana Cold Brew Latte, Peanut Butter Salted Caramel Latte and Berry Summer Breeze.

coffee cart dudes were popping up everywhere, including athletic clothing stores like Vuori, which caught the attention of Tommy Vasilos, owner of Crazy Gringos Mexican restaurant, who also has known Alex for many years and has been in the hospitality business for 40-plus years. He was impressed with their unique branded coffee experience. He saw something bigger than just weekend pop-ups and suggested they start looking for a small brick-and-mortar location. With that, Tommy became their final "step dude" by partnering up.

Their next main focus was to find a location with the same energy and community focus as the pop-ups. They found it in a tiny,



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

the same outcome. Their gigantic "Two Dudes" sign is the first thing you see when you walk in the door and now it gets photographed daily.

While the cup logo has a fun look, let's discuss what's on the inside. I asked Alex to explain their protein coffee concept to this coffee-drinking gal. I was fascinated and it makes so much sense, especially for those of us who are not big breakfast eaters, but can't start the day without a cup.

"Protein in regular coffee doesn't always taste great and when we do our pop-ups, people always ask if the protein is chunky and does it taste chalky," Alex said. "So that was a big deal to us when we created it. Most servings are about one scoop of protein, 25 grams. We use half scoops in our drinks."

Alex said all of their lattes are mixed with milk and are frothed before adding shots of espresso. Here's a bit of espresso education Alex provided for us all: Having protein with espresso provides a steady energy boost without the crash. The natural caffeine in espresso enhances cognitive alertness, while the protein slows the caffeine absorption, preventing an energy crash. This also is great for appetite control. Protein promotes fullness paired with caffeine's natural metabolism boost,

which prevents overeating later in the day. These protein lattes also help with supplying essential amino acids to build, repair and maintain lean muscle before or after working out.

They specifically choose to use clean products, so most of the protein brands they use have minimal ingredients. They don't use a lot of syrups either, as the protein powders already have enough natural sweeteners to them.

Two Dudes has something for everyone. There isn't an option they don't have as far as coffees go.

"We have our Daily Dude Brew, which is a medium-roast blend," Alex said. "Our The Park Roast is a medium roast and The Charlevoix Roast is a French roast. We have them bagged, ground and whole bean, for \$16. We have most espresso-based drinks as well, including cold brew and nitro brew made with our French roast.

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Two Dudes with their "step dudes," from left, Logan Gray, Alex Georgoulis, Alex Trombley and Kyle Alburtus. Not pictured: Tommy Vasilos.

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



There are few products that claim to provide dewy skin that I won't try. No matter what trend for skin, lips and eyes is "in," I will always go for a dewy glow over matte any day of the week.

When I saw the ads for Molly Sims' YSE Xtreme Glow, for some reason I was absolutely convinced it was going

to be amazing.

It arrived in a few days and it looks really good. The color is nice, the bottle is cool and the font is simple and clean. The smell of the product also is subdued and high-end.

The first few days I used it (on



clean, dry skin as directed) and sort of forgot about it. When I remembered I was testing it out, I perched myself at my bathroom mirror and inspected my face in my magnifying mirror as well.

I have to be honest: I did not notice a single benefit from this product. I didn't even really notice a glow at all, which seems odd since there are a lot of really strong reviews for this product.

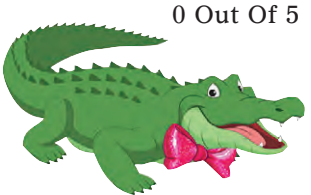
The product says it's made with a blend of vitamin C, hydrating ingredients and oxygenating technology. I am calling

BS. I see no difference and I'm out \$68. If I were you, I would skip this product and save your money for something else.

I'm giving it zero out of five alligators for being totally unnecessary and not helpful.

If you have tried this product and have a different experience, I would love to hear from you!

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Greek chicken flatbread

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

There was a time in my early 20s when I thought I was the master at cookery. That's because I watched The Food Network all day every Sunday when I stayed out too late on Saturday night.

Looking back, it was a time when I made all the cooking mistakes and learned what worked and what didn't. I over-whipped, over-seasoned and over-did everything. The line was crossed when the idea of baking cucumbers into a pizza crossed my mind. It was an epic disaster, but sounded like the most brilliant idea in my head. Some ingredients are just better raw.

This recipe is a flatbread with grilled chicken, tzatziki and a fresh cucumber and tomato salad on top. It's an easy-to-put-together recipe done mainly on the grill and leaps and bounds better than a baked cucumber pizza.

I'm giving you the long version of this recipe and will share the shortcuts, too. The chicken is marinated in lemon, olive oil and oregano, but you can substitute a rotisserie chicken. I made the tzatziki, but you could buy it anywhere — though know that homemade is still best. The fresh herbs are tough to

replace.

Also, I used the flatbread from Trader Joe's, which are long rectangles. They grill quickly after brushing with olive oil and are easy to slice. Pita would work just as well for the base of this flatbread. You could buy the pocketless Greek pita found in most grocery stores and slice them like a pizza.

These flatbreads were devoured by my family. The warm chicken and crispy flatbread was the perfect base for the cooling sauce and fresh salad. All elements of a well-balanced dinner were present in each bite. The best part was they stayed crisp and were just as good at room temperature. I'm in the mood for any recipe that can be mainly cooked outside on the grill. Better yet, a shareable that can be enjoyed on the patio with friends and family.

This recipe feeds at least six people and can be as under-complicated or over-complicated as you're in the mood for. Enjoy!

Cheers, Mombeau

Greek Chicken Flatbreads

2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken breast

Juice of 1 lemon

1/3 cup olive oil

- 1 tsp dried oregano
 - 1 tsp salt
 - Tomato Cucumber Salad**
 - 1 heaping cup of halved grape tomatoes
 - 1/2 English cucumber, thinly sliced
 - 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
 - 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
 - 1 tbsp olive oil
 - 1 tbsp fresh dill, chopped
 - 1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
 - 2 long flatbreads
 - Tzatziki Sauce**
 - 1 cup Greek yogurt
 - 1/2 English cucumber, grated
 - 2 cloves garlic, finely minced
 - Juice 1/2 lemon
 - 1 tsp red wine vinegar
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 2 tbsp each fresh dill and parsley
- Slice each chicken breast in half horizontally through the center to create two thin cutlets. Whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, salt and oregano and pour over the chicken. Marinate in a bowl or



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large resealable bag for at least 30 minutes. The longer the better.

To make the tomato salad, add the tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, herbs, vinegar and oil to a bowl. Add a pinch of salt and pepper and toss together so the vegetables marinate while you cook the rest. This salad is best if it can sit and come to room temperature.

For the tzatziki, grate the other half of the cucumber and put it into a clean kitchen towel. Squeeze out the water

and add to a bowl along with all of the other ingredients. Mix to combine and store in the fridge until you are ready to eat.

Preheat your grill to medium-high heat. Grill each side of the chicken breasts about four minutes per side if they are thin, or until the center is no longer pink and the internal temperature is 165 degrees. Take off the grill and let them rest. While the chicken is resting, brush each side of the flatbread with olive oil.

Place on the hot grill and cook for about two minutes per side. The bread should come out browned and crisp.

To assemble, slice the chicken breasts into thin strips. Divide the tzatziki between the two flatbreads. Spread evenly down the center leaving a crust. Lay down the sliced chicken breasts and finish with a layer of the tomato cucumber salad. Garnish with any leftover herbs you may have. Slice the flatbreads into strips and enjoy.

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COFFEE

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We also have an aerocano (an ice whipped version of an Americano) and cortado (a shot of espresso mixed with an equal amount of warm, steamed milk)."

For the two Greek dudes, Alex and Tommy, they offer the Two Dudes Euro drinks, which include the Freddo (Greek Freddo plus brown sugar, syrup and cookie butter protein cold foam) and a frappe. Rounding out the coffee list is four signature protein lattes: Peanut Butter Salted Caramel Latte, Two Dudes Bon Fire, Banana Hammock and a featured protein latte of the month. June's protein latte is banana.

You also can customize your protein lattes. Two Dudes also offers vegan and whey proteins. Most of them are gluten-free as well. Everything is offered hot or iced and with multiple cream options to fit dietary needs and preferences.

That's the scoop on the coffee. Here's the tea on

their other drinks.

"We have hot tea, iced tea, chai lattes, hot matcha, iced matcha and signature protein matchas like the lavender vanilla, The Park Matcha, which is our take on the GP colors of pink and green," Alex said. "The cold foam has a black cherry beet powder, the Matchaccio, which is a pistachio and lavender with vanilla protein matcha. We also just launched our Summer Breeze menu of fruit lemonades (strawberry, peach, berry) with green tea for the summer. You can also add a cold foam as an option."

You know what goes great with coffee and tea? Something sweet, savory or both. Currently, blueberry and banana are the muffin choices, and they offer spinach pies made by Tommy's wife, Angela.

"We are rotating baked goods according to the signature featured lattes," Alex said. "With June being all about the bananas, we also have banana bread slices and carrot cake slices too."

On weekends, their sweet treats are three varieties of

amazing stuffed cookies by Grosse Pointe's own, Cookies by M-K, all of which are vegan. And they're working on vegan spinach pies and gluten-free cookies.

With grad season underway, if you're looking to add a coffee cart and a dude or two to your party, request forms can be obtained via the dudes instagram page — @twodudescoffeebar — or by emailing 2dudesmobilecoffee@gmail.com. They're available weekends only.

For pop-ups and private events, check social media pages, including Two Dudes Coffee Bar on Facebook, the first of the month for a schedule. They recently welcomed Studio 313 for their first outdoor Pilates event on the Two Dudes patio. They encourage everyone to attend events that are partnered with studios and ensure that all fitness and wellness levels are welcome.

"It's always hard to find a place to belong to, but we like to go to spaces that just welcome you with open arms," Alex said.

Two Dudes has filled the

void of not being able grab a late caffeine fix locally, as most small business coffeehouses close by 3 p.m. Currently, brewing begins at 7 a.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. weekends. And ends at 4 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, with a 6 p.m. closing time Friday and Saturday.

"We were just a bunch of dudes going around town with our adult lemonade stand selling coffee," Alex

said. "It's a simple concept of bringing people together with community and wellness and we have a fun time doing it."

Welcome to the neighborhood, dudes! We're so happy you're here!

* Fun Fact: The dudes just celebrated two years of being in the protein coffee business. From the days of designing the logo at their kitchen table, to post-workout coffee cup photo shoots

and storefront patio pics, sometimes Alex and Logan look at each other, laughing in disbelief and wonder, do people even care who the dudes really are or do they just care about the cups? That's successful marketing, dudes. You and your cups have officially arrived. Cheers to two years and continuing to rock on!

Stay tuned. Stay caffeinated.

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Mackenzie Hurd, 5, above, of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Jacob Zeldes, 11, above, with his 16” largemouth bass.



KEEPING IT “REEL”

Last week to enter! Fishing Classic closes June 28

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

As the 2026 Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic winds down to its final week, the spirit of friendly competition remains high. Division A had an incredible turnout, with a variety of fish and a robust roster of contestants. They were led by Charlie Posby, George Ellis II, Frederick Lucassian and Parker Hurd for the muskie, bass, pike and walleye categories, respectively. This included the only muskie of the week and one of only two walleye.

Overall longest fish honors went to boaters Christian Phillips, 12, of Division C, with a 32” pike, and Andrew Phillips, 16, Division D, who also nabbed a 32” pike. Each will also get an award for the pike category in their respective divisions.

From B Division — David Fikany, 13, took top pike for his big 22-incher, while Joe Miller got the top bass award for his 20” smallmouth.

Christian Phillips also ranked first in the bass category in Division C, for a 15” largemouth. Division D bass honors went to Will Gryzenia, 17, for his 17” smallmouth bass, while Andrew Phillips took the walleye category for his 16” fish.

As the contest sails to a close, it’s another opportunity to thank our generous premier sponsor, Charles Schwab Grosse Pointe, who through their dedication and support have made the Classic possible for the last four years. They have enthusiastically provided the cash prizes for all the winners. Their ongoing belief in supporting an event that promotes community fun outdoors on our beautiful lakes and rivers is much appreciated — and has helped build family memories that will last a lifetime.

We also thank our generous prize sponsors, whose exciting donations have made the weekly drawings so much fun: 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.

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- Parker Hurd - \$25 gift certificate for Lakeside Fishing
- Paul Ament - \$25 gift certificate for Fairway Packing Co.
- Charlie Posby - \$25 gift certificate for The Lobster Pot
- Luke Ament - \$25 gift certificate for Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy
- Mackenzie Hurd - \$10 gift certificate for Chocolate Bar Cafe
- A.C. Stahl - \$10 gift certificate for Wally’s Frozen Custard

- Frederick Lucassian - \$10 gift certificate for JJ’s Custard Company

Stay tuned for the Fishing Classic wrap up section on July 16 — where we’ll announce the grand prize champ along with all the winners from the final week of the competition. We will also announce the final winners of the raffle giveaway — including extra prizes drawn from all past contestants! Free Mr. Muskie tape measures are still available at the Grosse Pointe News offices at 16980 Kercheval.

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DIVISION B (ON SHORE) - Ages 13 & older
DIVISION C (BOATING) - Ages 12 & under
DIVISION D (BOATING) - Ages 13 & older

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2	GEORGE ELLIS II	20" SM BASS	
3	A.C. STAHL	19.5" LM BASS	
4	LUKE AMENT	19" LM BASS	
5	PAUL AMENT	18" LM BASS	
6	FREDERICK LUCASSIAN	17" PIKE	
7	LUKE AMENT	17" LM BASS	
8	PAUL AMENT	17" LM BASS	
9	PARKER HURD	16" WALLEYE	
10	JACOB ZELDES	16" LM BASS	
11	A.C. STAHL	16" SM BASS	
12	MACKENZIE HURD	15" LM BASS	
13	A.C. STAHL	11" LM BASS	
14	PARKER HURD	10.5" LM BASS	
15	PARKER HURD	8.5" LM BASS	
16	PARKER HURD	8" LM BASS	

DIVISION B

ON SHORE - AGE 13 AND UP

1	DAVID FIKANY	22" PIKE	
2	JOE MILLER	20" SM BASS	
3	ALLAN MORTON	19" SM BASS	
4	MICHAEL SLOMSKI	18" SM BASS	
5	DAVID FIKANY	15.5" LM BASS	

DIVISION C

BY BOAT - AGE 12 AND UNDER

1	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	32" PIKE	
2	CHRISTIAN PHILLIPS	15" LM BASS	

DIVISION D

BY BOAT - AGE 13 AND UP

1	ANDREW PHILLIPS	32" PIKE	
2	WILL GRYZENIA	19" SM BASS	
3	ANDREW PHILLIPS	17.5" SM BASS	
4	WILL GRYZENIA	17" SM BASS	
5	ANDREW PHILLIPS	16" WALLEYE	

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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Christian Phillips, 12, of Grosse Pointe Woods, nabbed top prizes for his 32" pike, above. It was caught on Lake St. Clair. Now that's a whopper!



Andrew Phillips, 16, of Grosse Pointe Woods, caught the winning 32" pike, above, for Division D. The skilled fisherman is a regular contestant in the Classic and has made some impressive catches this season.



Charlie Posby, 9, above left, is the muskie winner for Division A for this huge 29" specimen. Division B's David Fikany, 13, above right, displays his winning 22" pike, caught on the pier in Grosse Pointe Park.



Luke Ament, 10, of Grosse Pointe Woods, above left, shows the 19" largemouth bass he caught at the park in Grosse Pointe Shores, as a sweet supporter looks on.



Frederick Lucassian, 12, caught the 17" pike, far left.

Will Gryzenia, 16, reeled in his winner — a 19" smallmouth bass, center left, in the Farms.

Parker Hurd's winning 16" fish, left, was one of only two walleye.



Paul Ament, 12, above, got this 17" largemouth bass at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He also caught an 18" fish!



A.C. Stahl, 12, of Grosse Pointe Shores, above, caught the 19.5" largemouth bass he's holding at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.



George Ellis II, 11, of Grosse Pointe Park, took the Division A bass category with this 20" smallmouth.



Michael Slomski, 13, of Grosse Pointe Woods, caught this giant at Shores Park. The 18" smallmouth bass has gorgeous bronze markings.

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Claire Foy as Helen with her goshawk Mabel in the 2025 movie “H is for Hawk,” based on the nonfiction memoir written by Helen Macdonald with the screenplay written by Emma Donoghue, Philippa Lowthorpe and Helen Macdonald and directed by Philippa Lowthorpe.

MOVIE REVIEW
“H is for Hawk”
2025 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 59 min
★★★★★

Several years ago, a friend introduced me to the captivating world of birding. I immediately caught the bug and I was an avid birder for many years. One of my favorite events was the annual Hawk Watch every fall on Holiday Beach, a few miles south of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. The attraction was watching thousands of raptors forming kettles as they prepared to cross the river on their long journey south for the winter. To this day, I still find members of the hawk family endlessly fascinating.

When the best-selling-book “H is for Hawk” by Helen Macdonald came out, I devoured it. Obviously it was about hawks, but it’s so much more. It’s a very moving and eloquent memoir about a university professor dealing with the death of her father. It’s one of those books that you’re pretty sure could never be successfully adapted for the big screen. Well, the British certainly have a knack

for accomplishing just that. And what director Philippa Lowthorpe has created is remarkable. The award-winning Ms. Lowthorpe is best known for the beloved television series “The Crown,” which coincidentally also stars Claire Foy.

I was a bit hesitant about watching this film. However, when I saw it starred Claire Foy (“All of us Strangers” “Women Talking”), I decided to give it a chance. I was not disappointed. In fact, it’s one of the best movies I’ve seen this year. Everything about the movie is absolutely perfect. Foy’s performance is spot on (as the Brits would say) and her quiet, melancholic demeanor is riveting. Brendan Gleeson (“In Bruges,” “The Banshees of Inisherin”) plays her father and as usual, he’s wonderful. Of course, they’re working with some great material. The film was written by Lowthorpe along with Emma Donoghue and the author Helen Macdonald.

The main protagonist Helen (Foy) has a special bond with her father, the famous photojournalist Alisdair Macdonald. I



Having a fun with Mabel.



Strolling through Cambridge.

wasn’t familiar with his name, but when a series of his photographs flashed across the screen, I immediately recognized a bunch of absolutely iconic images. The couple share a mutual love of birding and the two of them spent a great deal of time together, traipsing around the countryside. On their last outing, they’re overjoyed when they spot a pair of goshawks, flying together.

When her father unexpectedly dies, Helen’s soul is crushed. She finds it hard to concentrate on anything, which begins to have a negative effect on her teaching duties. She’s a professor at the University of Cambridge, Jesus College. She starts to withdraw and eventually decides that buying and training a goshawk may be her salvation. So she does exactly that.

When she meets with a raptor dealer on a fishing trawler, it almost

plays out like a covert drug deal. Thus begins the slow process of training the beautiful bird she names Mabel.

Mabel begins to take over Helen’s life. She spends all of her waking moments with the bird, to the detriment of her personal and professional life. Helen skips meals, neglects her personal hygiene and her apartment turns into a total pigsty. We follow her as she slowly slips into a deep depression and begins to shut out the outside world. Both her mother (Lindsay Duncan, “Gifted”) and her brother (Josh Dylan, “Mama Mia! Here we Go Again”) are concerned about her condition. But she keeps telling them she’s fine and is dealing with her issues.

While she’s distraught over the death of her beloved dad, her passion for training the raptor acts as a way for her to heal. One of the most uplifting scenes in the

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

“Life is too short to watch mediocre movies”



movie is when her good friend Christina (Denise Gough, “Andor”) joins her in teaching Mabel to return to her. She walks farther and farther away before releasing the bird and it’s such a joy to see them interact with the bird and each other.

There’s also a harrowing sequence when Helen walks along the city streets of the university town where she and her skittish bird literally bump into other pedestrians. Mabel gets a little flustered and you fear she might end up attacking someone. Fortunately, she doesn’t, which is a relief.

Some of the most incredible parts of the film are when Helen takes Mabel out to hunt. Sure it’s a bit barbaric, but that’s what raptors like goshawks are meant to do.

When we see her carefully wend her way through a thick stand of trees, in hot pursuit of another bird, it’s nothing short of breathtaking. It’s some of the finest nature cinematography I’ve ever seen. Kudos to award-winning director of photography Charlotte Bruus Christensen. Not only are the nature sequences masterfully handled, there are countless other shots that easily could be turned into paintings. It doesn’t hurt that Cambridge and the surrounding countryside are so beautiful.

I should also mention the gorgeous soundtrack to the film. The original score is from Emilie Levienaise-Farrouch, who composed the music to “Living” and “All of Us Strangers.” It features contemporary classical sounds from a small string ensemble. It made

an already emotional film^o that much more heartfelt.

If you’re looking for a beautiful film that will make you want to rewatch it right after it’s over, don’t miss this wonderful movie. After seeing it, I think I need to reread the book as well.

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

- My rating system:
- ★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you’re embarrassed to admit you’ve seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.
 - ★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.
 - ★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren’t any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.
 - ★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.
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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.



Alisdair Macdonald played by Brendan Gleeson.



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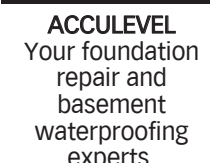
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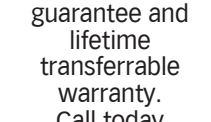
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Athlete of the Year voting opens June 25

By GP News Staff

The end of another strong run of sports seasons across the Pointes means it's time once again for one of the Grosse Pointe News' favorite traditions, the Athlete of the Year contest.

Voting for the fifth annual Athlete of the Year contest begins Thursday, June 25, and runs through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. You can cast your votes online at grossepointe-news.com. Paper ballots also will be available and can be submitted at the Grosse Pointe News office, 16980 Kercheval Place in The Village.

This year, 41 athletes have been nominated through our Athlete of the Week feature series,

which has highlighted standout performances all year long. From Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School, these athletes have represented their teams with major accomplishments across all three sports seasons.

The Athlete of the Year contest is your chance as readers and community members to recognize the athletes who made the biggest impact this year. It's a way to look back on the moments that defined the year and celebrate the achievements of amazing student-athletes.

In the July 16 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, four Athletes of the Year will be announced. One male and one female winner

will be selected by the Grosse Pointe News staff, while one male and one female winner will be chosen by readers through the voting process. Each winner will receive a \$500 scholarship to their respective college or university.

Voters are allowed to submit one ballot per person every 24 hours, so readers are encouraged to return daily to support their favorite athletes throughout the voting.

The Grosse Pointe News thanks readers for continuing to support local athletes and the community sports scene throughout the year. A full list of nominees and the official voting ballot may be found on pages 2D and 3D, as well as online at grossepointe-news.com/athlete.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Wayman's successful spring makes him South golf's rising star

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The jump from freshman to sophomore year can come with a lot of changes and improvements for a high school student-athlete. Grosse Pointe South varsity boys golf's Marty Wayman saw quite a leap in his sophomore year this spring after an already impressive freshman campaign in 2025

that saw him finish in the top 20 at the Division 1 state tournament.

As a sophomore, Wayman went from top 20 to top 10 at this year's state finals and has firmly cemented himself as one of the top players who can lead South's golf program to more success over the next couple of years. That leap from promising freshman to a face of the team is, Wayman said,

largely due to the great coaches around him, both in and outside of South's program, and his preparation between freshman and sophomore year being more serious than ever.

"I got a swing coach this year at Shenandoah Country Club," he said. "I see him about once a week and it helps with both my swing and my mental approach to the game. My coaches at

South, too, are so good and really help everyone develop well and it really helped me a lot this year."

His work in between seasons helped Wayman become one of the most consistent players for South's team this spring, especially in the biggest matches. His score of 76 at the MAC Red Division championship tournament May 20, put him third overall and helped South win the league title. A week later, on May 27, Wayman shot an even-par 71 at Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club to help the Blue Devils capture the Division 1 regional championship, putting himself fourth overall in the individual standings.

That led Wayman and the Blue Devils to the Division 1 state finals June 5 and 6, at Ferris State University's Katke Golf Course. Wayman shot even-par 72 both days of the tournament for a total score of 144, good enough for sixth on the individual leaderboard, while helping South to an 11th-place team finish.

"I was really well-pre-

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Marty Wayman

School: Grosse Pointe South
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PHOTO BY ERIN WAYMAN

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Marty Wayman tees off for the Blue Devils at Country Club of Detroit in April. Wayman had a strong sophomore season this spring that included a top 10 finish at the Division 1 boys golf state finals.

pared going into it and felt like I was ready," Wayman said about this year's state finals. "Last year, when I got 18th, it was a little bit harder. This year, I knew I could finish pretty strong in the top 10 or top five. I started pretty rough both days, but was able to climb back and finish pretty well, so it felt really good."

Wayman's top 10 finish at states helped him earn All-State recognition in Division 1 from the Michigan

Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association. It was a successful end to a sophomore year that included great golf and strong play on the ice as a defenseman for Grosse Pointe South's varsity boys hockey team.

He found himself near the front of the pack regularly this spring in big tournaments and matches and often had some of his teammates right there alongside him. He was one of three Blue Devils to finish in the top 10 at regionals and one of three who made up the top three at the MAC Red championship.

Golf is one of those sports that can feel so individual at times. Everything ultimately

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Mighty Marty

- Finished 6th in individual standings at 2026 Division 1 boys golf state finals
- Finished in top 10 at 2026 Division 1 regional finals and MAC Red championships
- 2026 Division 1 All-State by Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association



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Hockey



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Basketball



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Anna Nguyen
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Gymnastics



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- ☐ Jack Danielewicz
- ☐ Nick Gould
- ☐ Javion Gray
- ☐ Matthew Holowinski
- ☐ Dane Lezotte
- ☐ Trevor Lipscomb
- ☐ Landen Maltby
- ☐ Griffin Marchal
- ☐ Charlie Michelotti
- ☐ Charlie Mueller
- ☐ Lucas Reynolds
- ☐ Kooper Richards
- ☐ Sam Rouleau
- ☐ Lewis Simmons
- ☐ Jack Smith
- ☐ Charlie Thomas
- ☐ Marty Wayman
- ☐ AJ Zieleniewski

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- ☐ Laila Aslam
- ☐ Eva Borowski
- ☐ Caroline Bryan
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- ☐ Gabby DiVita
- ☐ Morgan Duff
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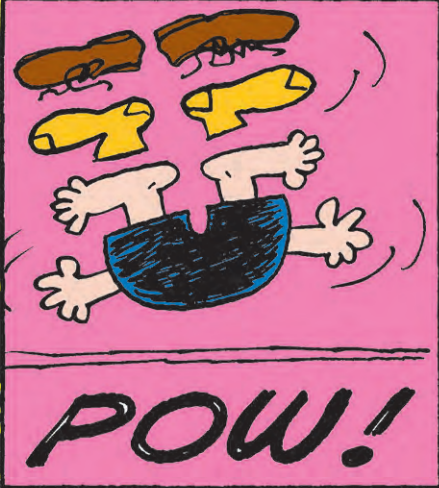
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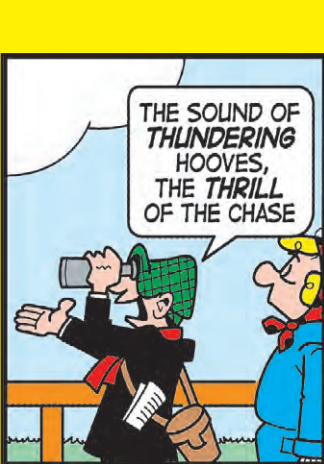
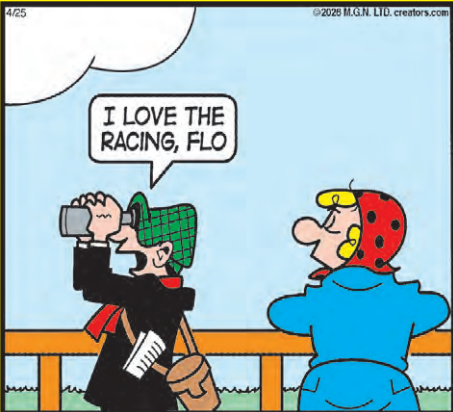
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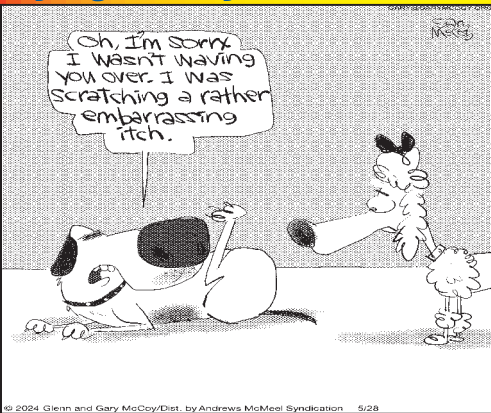


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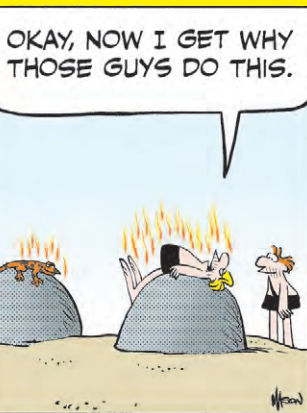
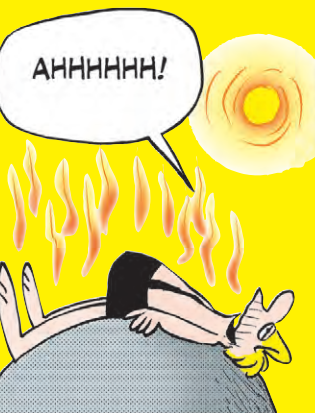


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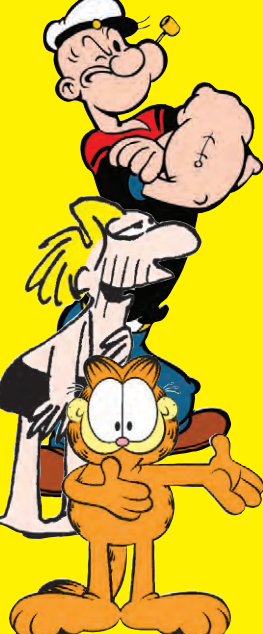


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Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni

Reality Check Dave Whamond



Beetle Bailey



Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



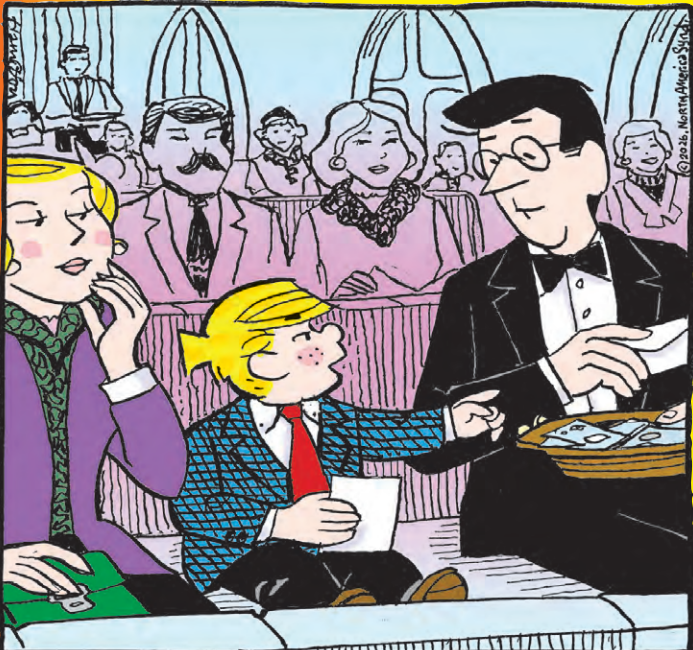
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"SHE BOUGHT SOMETHING ONLINE AND FORGOT TO APPLY THE PROMO CODE."

Dennis the Menace

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"YOU'D THINK YOU COULD PAY WITH PHONE NOW!"

Mother Goose and Grim

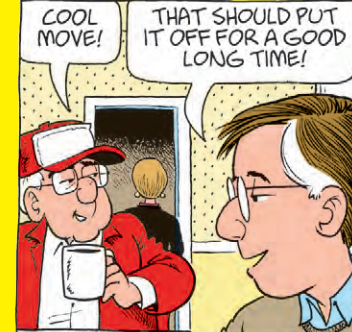


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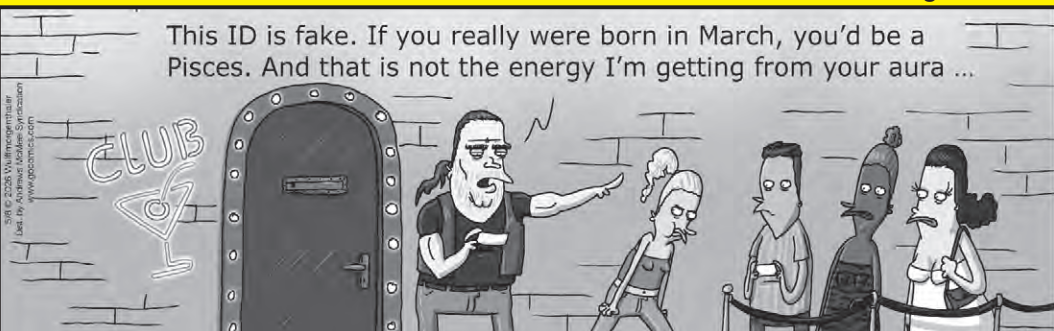
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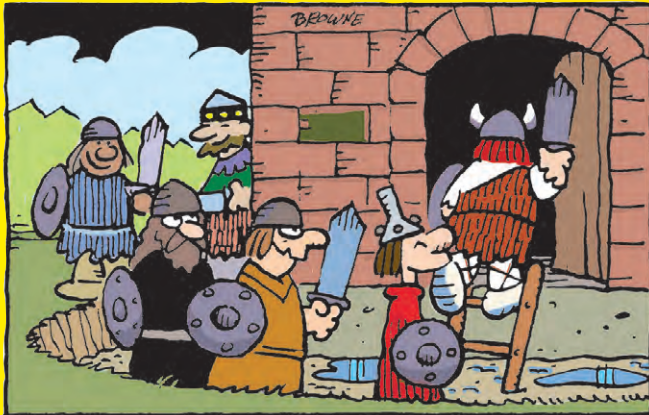
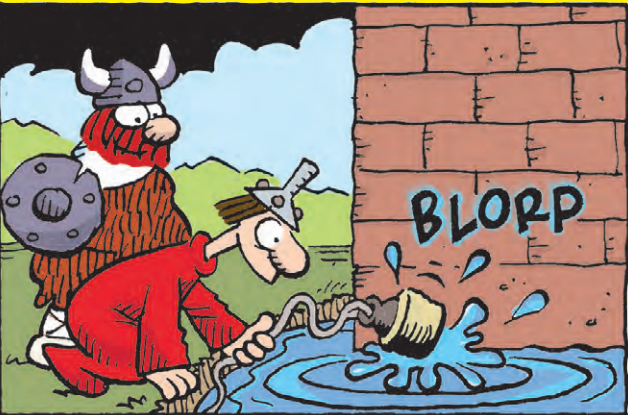
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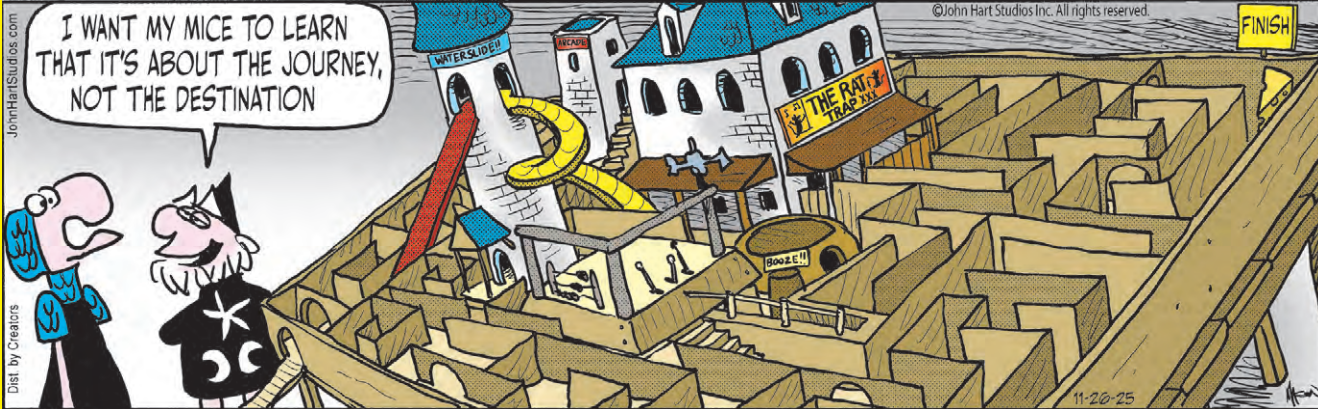
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John McPherson



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"Oh, you didn't know? Yeah, Tony the Squid was a champion diver when he was in high school."

Ziggy

Tom Wilson



Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



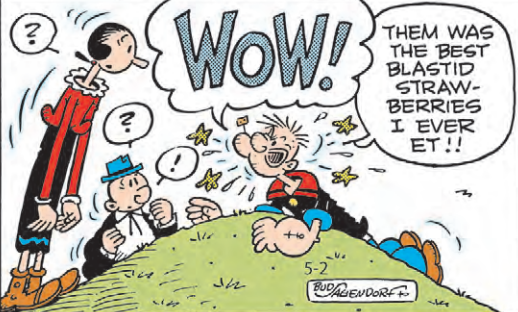
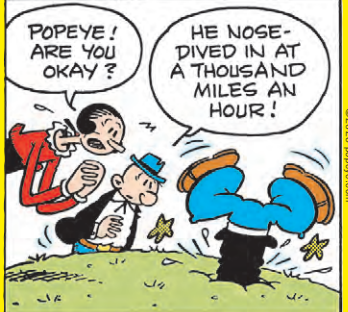
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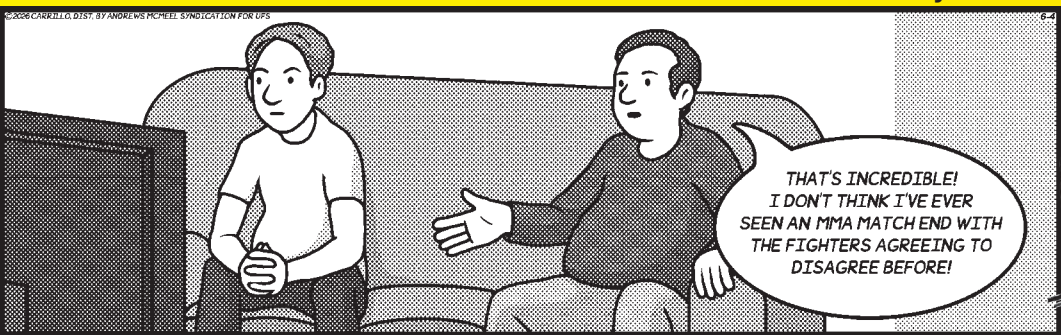
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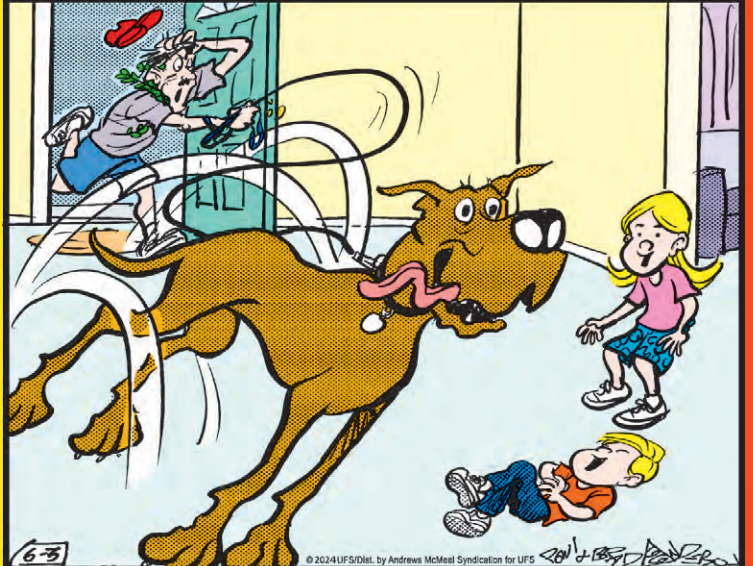
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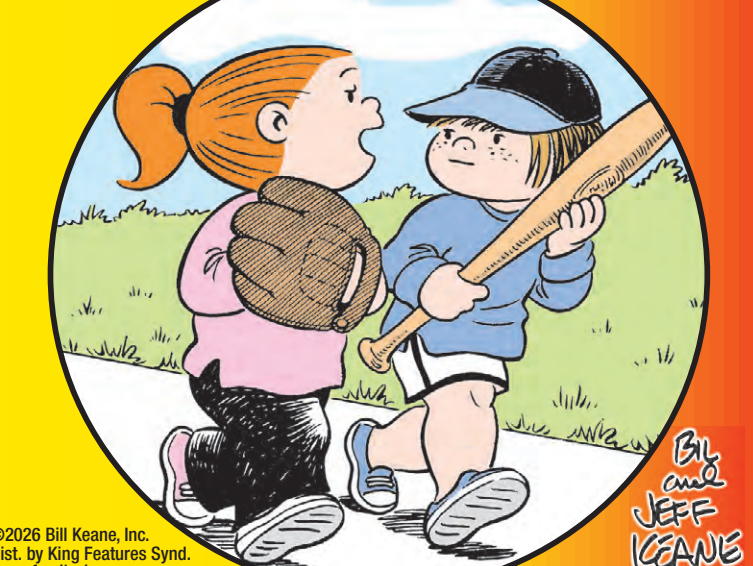
Paul & Brad Anderson



"Which one of you gave Marmaduke a super-duper sugar chew before our walk?"

Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



"I wanna be a pitcher. You get a little hill all for yourself."



Gage ranks Tigers all-time greats for latest baseball book

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After spending nearly four decades as the team’s beat reporter for The Detroit News, few people know the Detroit Tigers as well as Tom Gage. So, who better to put together a comprehensive ranking of the best hitters and pitchers to ever wear the iconic Old English D?

Gage’s latest book, “Your Detroit Tigers: The Great, The Good, The Top 400,” started from a simple idea he had when Miguel Cabrera retired from the team a few years ago — to see where he ranked among the Tigers’ all-time great hitters based purely on statistics and metrics.

“I didn’t originally plan for it to be a book,” Gage said. “... Miguel Cabrera retired and I acknowledged that he was a great hitter, but didn’t really know where to put him in the pantheon of great Tiger hitters. They’ve been an American League team since 1901, and have had ups and downs, but have always had great hitters. So, I devised a

way, based on 14 metrics, to develop an algorithm to rank the hitters. ... I ended up with Cabrera at seventh on the all-time list and I just kept going until I got to 258 hitters.”

Gage ranked those 258 hitters based on metrics such as plate appearances, total bases, games played, hits, RBIs and more. The work did not stop there. Another system of metrics — including wins, innings pitched and strikeouts — was made to analyze the best pitchers in Detroit’s history. For both hitters and pitchers, each player’s two worst categories were dropped from consideration.

He added 142 pitchers to the list alongside the 258 hitters to rank the 400 greatest Tigers in the team’s history. Helping co-write the book with Gage was former Tigers catcher Alex Avila, who spent nine of his 13 MLB seasons in Detroit.

“I always had a great relationship with Alex and he’s a wonderful person,” Gage said. “I ran the idea by him and he wanted to do it. ...

He helped me expand the book and I let him choose who he wanted to talk about and he learned a lot himself about some of the guys.”

The list includes some surprises. Hall of Fame catcher Mickey Cochrane does not rank as highly on the list as one might expect due to the fact he only played two seasons in Detroit before suffering a career-ending injury.

There were things that surprised Gage in the process of compiling the rankings and writing the book. For someone who knows as much about Tigers history as he does, it was an opportunity to keep learning about players and eras from the franchise’s past that even he may not have known much about, giving the veteran baseball writer the chance to once again feel like a student of the game.

“I knew a lot about the Tigers from about 1935 on, and I knew a little bit about the Ty Cobb years, but I didn’t know anything about the 1920s, really, or the late 1910s,” Gage said.

“I didn’t know all that much about the 1940s either. ... I went back through about 70 years of my own knowledge of the Tigers, but for the 50 other years, I went back and researched. I was a student.”

That feeling is what makes “Your Detroit Tigers: The Great, The Good, The Top 400” special. It is the opportunity for fans to learn more about some of their favorite legendary players and guys they may not have heard of before who had their own unique stories and careers.

“I hope people get to learn a little bit of history,” Gage said. “There are so many players who are fascinating that young fans or young students of the game don’t really know anything about.”

Gage and Avila will be on hand to sign copies of “Your Detroit Tigers: The Great, The Good, The Top 400” beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at the Grosse Pointe History Center, 175 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event, hosted by Pointe



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“Your Detroit Tigers: The Great, The Good, The Top 400” is the latest book by longtime Detroit Tigers reporter and Grosse Pointer Tom Gage, along with former Tigers catcher Alex Avila. Gage and Avila will be signing autographed copies of the book Thursday, June 25, at the Grosse Pointe History Center.

Magazine, is open to of the book available the public, with copies for purchase for \$30.



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Farms-City wins Commerce Classic

The Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League 11U All-Stars were champions of the 2026 Commerce Classic tournament last weekend. The Farms-City squad included: Andrew Krall, Ethan Arnold, Henry Nix, Henry Miller, James Mason, James Dzubak, Liam Dewitt, Lukas Hofmann and Parker Crandall. The coaches were Mike Dzubak, Rob Crandall and Brian Arnold.

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comes down to one’s own shots and final score at the end of the round, but Wayman also keeps in mind he is doing it for the good of the team. Whenever he is near the top of the leaderboard, his South teammates are supporting him and rooting for him to have the best round possible. He does the same if any of his teammates are having a great round. It is all part of the mutual support they have for each other that has helped South have so much success this spring, with everyone playing their

best for one common goal.

“I love my teammates,” Wayman said. “The guys I traveled with to most of the tournaments made it so fun and it was fun cheering on all of my teammates. Like when Charlie Thomas won the MAC (championship), we got to cheer him on. My teammates supported me all year and it helps a lot as a player to just know that you have that support behind you all the time.”

With the high school season over, Wayman will not have the team experience until next spring. He plans to work on his game throughout the summer with coaches

and by playing tournaments to keep his competitive edge. Even though individual achievements in the summer would be great, Wayman knows it is all to help him prepare for getting back to the team at South next spring and doing what he can to help the Blue Devils continue winning.

“I have probably a tournament a week this summer,” Wayman said. “I want to play well in those and work with my coaches and get ready for junior year. I want to do even better next year and eventually prepare myself for college golf, because that’s a big goal for me.”



PHOTO BY ERIN WAYMAN

Marty Wayman was named Division 1 All-State for the 2026 season by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, meeting as the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 through 125.3702 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will consider the following on July 13, 2026:

A variance at 839 Cook Road (014-02-0124-002) to construct an addition to an existing, non-conforming single-family residence. The variance is requested from Section 50-3.1.B: Rear Yard Setback:

A 28-foot rear yard setback is required.
A 23-foot rear yard setback is proposed.
A variance of 5-feet is requested.

The ZBA hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00pm, at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236). The application is available for inspection at the City Clerk’s office between 8:30am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwmi.us up to close of business preceding the hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk’s Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at www.gpwmi.us.

For additional project information, contact the Building and Planning Department at (313) 343-2426 or e-mail: building@gpwmi.us.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS
2026 SUMMER TAX
COLLECTION AND PENALTIES

The 2026 Summer Taxes are due July 1, 2026, and payable without interest if paid on or before September 15, 2026. On September 16, 2026, a 1% penalty will be added and an additional 1% on the first day of each succeeding month.

Summer taxes may be paid as follows:

By mail, in person, or City drop box (rear parking lot) at:
Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall - Treasury Department
90 Kerby Rd. Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Credit card or E-Check payments - www.grossepointefarms.org
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Tim Rowland
Finance Director/Treasurer/Controller

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