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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Water rescue

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — While last Friday's storm caused plenty of damage across the Pointes (see related stories on this page), two groups of boaters were dealing with their own issue on Lake St. Clair.

"We were out boating and staying in touch with a group of friends who were on another boat," Dave Paschke said. "They told us they were having engine trouble, so we met up with them at Gull Island."

Paschke said they got the boat running, but it was only able to go five or six knots, roughly a little more than six miles an hour.

"I told them we'd follow them back, as they were heading to the Farms marina and we were going to Gregory's River Club where we store our boat," Paschke added. "At that time we didn't know how bad the

storm would be." As the wind and waves began to kick up, Paschke said he decided to go to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where he and his family are members.

"We could barely tie up to the fuel dock the way the wind was blowing," he added. "They called again and said they were basically in the eye of the storm."

The Paschkes, who purchased Jerry's Club Party Store earlier this year, unloaded most of their passengers before he and his wife, Gina, headed back out with three other passengers to help their friends.

"I basically retraced my route and luckily caught them out of the corner of my eye," he said. "The visibility was terrible, but when I spotted them, the port side of the boat was in the water and they were sinking."

Because of the slow speed, the nose of the 28-foot bowrider Chris-Craft was dipping below the waves as it traveled.

"They got absolutely



COURTESY PHOTO

A tree uprooted at Rivard and Goethe in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The wake of the storm

By GP News Staff

As of press time, several hundred DTE customers in the Pointes remained without power, according to the company's outage map, with restoration estimates ranging from late Tuesday, July 7, to late Wednesday, July 8.

Here is a look at some of the damage and issues.

City

As a result of the storm, the City for hours battled a significant fire that started around 8 p.m. on Maumee between Washington and Lincoln in a large three-car garage with a second-floor apartment.

Crews responded to a

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Novice boater acts fast, saves life

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Date night nearly turned deadly for novice mariners in a rented motorboat on Lake St. Clair.

A man, 24, jumped overboard to cool off from 96-degree weather and, reboarding, got mangled by the propeller, which neither knew was engaged.

It was 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 1.

His date, 28, called 911. She grabbed the wheel, hit the throttle and barreled and banged into Neff Park marina, City of Grosse Pointe.

The rough landing didn't disappoint first responders.

"She'd never piloted a

boat before in her life," Park Sgt. Stephen Thiel said. "Under stress, not knowing what was happening, not knowing how to drive a boat, she's in the middle of the water with her boyfriend bleeding — she had to act. I think she saved his life."

Officers from the City and Park, plus paramedics with the municipally contracted MedStar ambulance service, reportedly administered life-saving medical care and took him to Henry Ford St. John Hospital.

Medics aren't allowed to reveal the status of patients due to privacy laws, but police said the propeller sliced the man's abdomen and legs, causing profuse loss of blood.

"He underwent emergency surgery," according

to a statement issued that evening by the Park public safety department. "He is in stable condition."

Although the couple landed in the City marina, Park police are handling the investigation due to the injuries happening in waters off their shoreline.

"It was between Windmill Pointe Park and Three Mile Park," Thiel said.

The boat was a roughly 25-foot, open-bow, center-console mount. The design is good for recreation and fishing. Having the helm in the center of the boat makes it easy for passengers to walk front to back on both sides.

"Center-console boats may be the most versatile boats on the water,"

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

A Park public works employee on Nottingham immediately north of Charlevoix pitches the last of small storm debris into a chipper shortly after noon Saturday, July 4.

Park holiday storm cleanup

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Public works employees and a municipi-

pal contractor spent July 4 the same way woodsmen did during the days of the nation's founding

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Betsy Pugel
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Community wellness festival on The Hill next Saturday

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The inaugural Grosse Pointe Thrive on The Hill Health & Wellness Festival takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 18, on Kercheval in the Farms. Free and open to the public, Thrive on The Hill is the brainchild of Farms residents Kristen and Dominic Giancola, owners of iCRYO at 96 Kercheval. “You’ve got the Grosse Pointe Art Festival on The Hill and After 6 in the Park,” Kristen Giancola said, “and we were thinking, ‘What can we do that we have an expertise in?’ Of course,

that’s health and well-ness.” The high-energy well-ness block party will fea-ture more than 40 vendors spanning fitness programs, healthy food offerings, functional medicine doctors, recov-ery specialists and a healthy gardening guru, as well as a series of 30-minute live fitness classes. The class schedule is: ♦ 10 a.m. workout class by Pure Barre, ♦ 10:45 a.m. Pilates class by The Corner Studio, ♦ 11:30 a.m. Pilates class by The Corner Studio, ♦ 12:15 p.m. inclusive chair yoga class by American House Grosse

Pointe, ♦ 1 p.m. Orangetheory Fitness class, ♦ 2:30 p.m. yoga class by The War Memorial ♦ and 3:15 p.m. fitness class by Pointes Chiropractic. “Anyone who wants to participate in a class should bring a roll-up yoga mat, athleisure and some water,” Giancola said. “As for the sun, there will be a 20-by-30 (foot) tent, so people aren’t getting too hot.” A kids’ zone will house a giant blow-up obstacle course and bounce house, as well as a photo booth and balloon artist. “While the kids are having fun — maybe Dad’s watching — then Mom can go sample fit-

ness class and check out the health vendors in the area,” Giancola said. Raffles, giveaways and a DJ will round out the event, which organizers intend to make an annual staple on The Hill. Local restaurants also will be open for food options. “Thrive on The Hill is about bringing our com-munity together around the idea that wellness should be accessible, engaging and enjoyable for everyone,” Giancola said. “Whether you’re looking to improve your fitness, learn about nutri-tion, discover new well-ness resources or simply enjoy a fun day with fam-ily and friends, there will be something for every-one.”

Vendors

Aesthetic Theory Medspa GP	Orangetheory Fitness
American House	Orthodontic Associates, P.C.
Better Health Market	Pointes Chiropractic PLLC
Canna Consult You? LLC	Pure Barre Grosse Pointe
Club Pilates Grosse Pointe	Pure Beauty & Wellness
Deeply Nourish	Center, PLLC
Detroit Wellness Social Club	RAMP Athletics
Dream Vacations	Refill Emporium
Emcura Medical	The Corner Studio
Enagic	The Family Center
Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit	The Hill Association
GP Mom Runners	The Neighborhood Club
Greater Chiropractics	The Spice & Tea Exchange of GP
Grosse Pointe Therapeutic Bodywork	The War Memorial
iCRYO Grosse Pointe	Tower Therapeutic Fitness & Wellness
Infinity Mind & Body Wellness	Village Nutrition
Insurance Warehouse	Waterborn
Midwest Small Breed Rescue	Wellness Services
Mission Metabolic Health	
Onyx Athletic Club	

Park DPW gets three raises Former South hockey coach arraigned on CSC charge

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Meeting deadlines and being accountable are el-ements of professional conduct. Both were part of negotiating a new con-tract for public works employees. “It showed how aligned we are as personnel groups,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. He bargained on behalf of the city for a three-year contract with public works and clerical employees. “We were very pleas-antly surprised,” he said. “We were able to have two to three meetings

with DPW with good conversations all around.” Both sides benefited. “We were able to get a couple asks we wanted,” Sizeland said. “They were able to get a couple asks they wanted.” Both sides met in the middle with consecutive wage increases of 3.5 percent, 3.5 percent and 3 percent. “I’m proud of it,” Sizeland said. “We want our employees to be happy and comfortable in their work environ-ment.” During conversations with four public works employees, including one who asked to be

quoted in the Grosse Pointe News, prior to last Saturday’s Kercheval After 6 street fair, none had anything to say. Members of the city council Monday, June 29, unanimously approved the new agree-ment subject to review by the city attorney. The vote took place one day before the old contract expired. According to an explanatory memo Sizeland provided the council, provisions of the contract include: ♦ restructuring and retitling DPW positions into a new utility opera-

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Former Grosse Pointe South High School boys hockey coach Ben Warda was arraigned Wednesday, July 1, in Macomb County 40th District Court on one count of criminal sexual conduct in the third de-gree, which involves force or coercion. Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido’s office verified to the Grosse Pointe News that the complain-ant is an adult female.

A press release from Lucido’s office said the alleged incident occurred Saturday, June 13, on Warda’s boat while it was docked at a marina in St. Clair Shores. Warda, 38, faces up to 15 years in prison if con-victed. He is scheduled for a probable cause conference at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, in 40th District Court. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash/surety, which he paid. A letter sent at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, from Grosse Pointe Public School System Acting

Superintendent Roy Bishop to South families stated: “This afternoon, the Grosse Pointe Public School System was informed by law enforcement that a member of the boys South High School var-sity hockey coaching staff was arrested, charged and arraigned with criminal sexual conduct in the third degree. Based on the information currently available, the allega-tions do not involve GPPSS students or staff. See CHARGE, page 5A

STORM:

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report of a downed power line with a possible struc-ture on fire, where it ini-tially was thought someone may be inside. “During that time, one of our firefighters actu-ally got smoke inhalation while he was searching the carriage house and had to be transported by MedStar to a local hospi-tal,” reported Lt. Chris Saunders, incident com-mander. “He has since been discharged and he’s in good health now.” Upon confirming the structure was unoccu-pied, firefighters had to take a defensive approach and focus on preventing the fire from spreading to other struc-tures, while waiting for DTE Energy crews to arrive and shut off power to the downed line. “During defensive operations, the entire garage became ener-gized multiple times,” Saunders noted. “Once DTE cut the power, we continued to do defen-sive operations because the roof collapsed by that point.” Firefighters success-fully prevented the fire



COURTESY PHOTO

A downed power line ignites a significant fire in a carriage house on Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe Friday, July 3.

from spreading to a sec-ond carriage house abut-ting it about a foot away, as well as to the nearby main house. “We had a great mutual-aid response from Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Farms and also Grosse Pointe Shores to assist on the fire,” Saunders said. Following the storm, the city also dealt with utility pole fires and mul-tiple trees down on homes and cars. “It was a busy window for us, but I think the offi-cers did well,” Public Safety Director John

Alcorn said. **Farms** It was a long weekend for residents in the Farms, where some streets remained without power days after the storm. Public safety dispatch-ers fielded more than 200 calls — though many were repeat reports and actual incidents totaled around 75 — reporting downed power lines, tree limbs on structures and small fires in vegetation and on utility poles. “We were chasing (the small fires), but we never had anything major,” Farms Deputy Public Safety Director Andy

Rogers reported. “There was a good one on Kerby and there were a couple around town, but we didn’t have any major fires, just downed wires and smoldering areas.” The tally included more than 30 downed power lines, the majority of which were taken out by tree limbs. “It was a brutal storm,” Rogers said. “That storm we had a couple years ago in July was similar. There was probably more prop-erty damage during that storm, but this storm defi-nitely generated more fire responses due to trees, fences, garages almost getting on fire. And the City had their big fire.”

Adding to the chaos were nearly 20 individual reports of carbon monox-ide alarms from gas-pow-ered generators being placed in garages or too close to homes. The department sent a Nixle alert late Saturday evening, reminding resi-dents to operate gener-ators outside only and at least 20 feet from the home, garage and any windows or doors. The alert further added that residents should never connect a generator directly to a home’s elec-trical system unless it has been properly installed with a transfer switch. “I will say I’m very proud of the number of residents that do have CO alarms now,” Rogers said. “Where 10 years ago, maybe one out of 10 houses had it, now I would say almost all houses have it, which is great.” **Shores** Power was lost at Osius Park, causing the city to close the pool from Friday evening through late Monday afternoon. With no power, the pool’s filtration system couldn’t work. Once power was restored, the water had to be chemically treated, but that did not prevent Saturday’s Fourth of July festivities from continu-

ing, including live music, rides, food trucks and face painting. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, which also lost power, rescheduled its fireworks to Friday, Aug. 14, to coincide with its annual fleet review. **Woods** Public Works Director Jim Kowalski said the storm brought down hun-dreds of tree limbs and completely uprooted four large trees. “Our crews worked throughout the weekend to clear streets, sidewalks and other public areas, addressing potential haz-ards to ensure they were safe for residents,” he said. “Our cleanup efforts will continue throughout the week as crews collect brush and tree limbs that residents place at the curb. “While the damage in Grosse Pointe Woods was significant, we con-sider ourselves fortu-nate,” he added. “Several of our neighboring com-munities were hit much harder.” **GPPSS** In the Grosse Pointe Public School System, power was lost at both high schools, forcing staff to work remotely Monday, although it was restored around noon.

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From left, Tessa Gee, Hadie Delmont and Mahra Delmont in front of their lemonade stand.



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The kindness of neighbors

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The neighborhood around the intersection of Fairholme and Fairford is close-knit, but one family's struggle with cancer has made it even more so.

"We have received overwhelming kindness from the people around us," said Jay Turner, who was diagnosed with colorectal cancer a year ago.

It started with a can drive the Turner family conducted to raise money to pay sports registration fees for their

sons, Murphy and Dempsey.

"Everyone has been so great," Turner said, "making sure the boys get to practice and dropping off meals."

Staff from Grosse Pointe North High School, where Turner's wife, Jessica, is a counselor, also have been bringing the family meals.

After three surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation, Turner was in remission until a PET scan in May revealed some spots on the lymph nodes in his lungs.

Another neighbor, Erin Shuboy, started a

GoFundMe campaign last month.

"The Turner family has always been an important part of our community," the page reads.

"Whether it's on the sidelines at soccer games, supporting swim meets or roaming the halls at local schools, you're likely to find one of them lending a hand or sharing a smile. They're always finding a way to lend a helping hand and now they're facing a challenge no family should have to face alone."

As of press time, it had raised \$12,760 out of a

goal of \$16,000 through 129 donations. It can be found at shorturl.at/qZhUd.

Also last month, 11-year-old Tessa Gee decided to host a lemonade stand to raise money for the Turners, enlisting the help of friends Hadie Delmont, 6, and Mahra Delmont, 10.

"We wanted to do something nice to help them," said Gee, who previously hosted a lemonade stand to raise money for the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and knows the Turner boys from school.

Children trapped in home invasion

Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A Farms family is unharmed after a 42-year-old Warren man, attempting to hide from police, broke into their home and barricaded himself inside an upstairs bedroom with their two young children around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1.

Charles Edward Earl, who initially was being sought by officers for a run-of-the-mill soft drink theft from Mr. C's Deli, escalated matters exponentially when he entered a home near the corner of Webster and Calvin through an unlocked sliding back door.

"We were setting up a search perimeter, because the business owner who was chasing him lost sight of him ... and that's when I heard the screaming from inside the house," said Sgt. Mike Ryan, who ultimately would single-

handedly apprehend the suspect. "From the amount of screaming I heard, I knew there wasn't a lot of time to waste, so I ended up kicking in the front door."

The officer first came in contact with the homeowner — "All he knew was that he saw one person inside of his house and now there's another person kicking in his front door," Ryan acknowledged — before being directed upstairs, where the mother was trying to force her way into a bedroom, screaming her children were inside.

The man, who did not have any weapons on him, was using his body weight to hold the door closed. He is 6 feet, 2 inches and 260 pounds.

"With some very strong words, I got him to back away from the door, which allowed me to push through and then get him onto the ground

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Election Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Rescheduled City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe Board of Directors meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- ◆ Park Farmers Market, 9 a.m. to noon at Kercheval and Lakepointe.

DPW:

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tor career ladder tied to water distribution licensing,

- ◆ eliminating reduced starting wage percentages for new hires,
- ◆ increasing the city's

457 retirement match by 1 percent for existing participants,

- ◆ maintaining health savings account contributions (\$750 single/\$1,500 family) and
- ◆ continuing health insurance opt-out incentives (\$6,000 single/\$7,500 family).

"The agreement also creates several new non-union administrative positions (deputy clerk, accounts payable clerk and permit technician)," Sizeland wrote. "(It) moves the facilities operations manager into the bargaining unit under a memo of understanding,

updates insurance language, swaps Juneteenth for Presidents Day beginning in 2027, revises grievance and probationary procedures and includes numerous updates to bring the contract into compliance with current law and city practices."

BOATER:

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according to Boating Magazine.

Thiel didn't know where the boat was rented, but said it had been returned to its owners.

"Preliminary investiga-

tion is showing this is an accident," according to the release.

One of the golden rules of boater safety is to turn off the engine and remove the ignition key before someone hops off to swim.

"A typical three-blade propeller running at 3,200 rpm can inflict 160 cuts in

one second, traveling from head to toe on an average person in less than one-tenth of a second," according to a frequently cited statistic in "Boat Propeller Safety," in the Nov. 21, 2011, issue of Boating Safety Magazine.

"As the boating season continues, we encourage

all boaters to make safety a priority by ensuring engines are turned off before anyone enters or exits the water, remaining aware of passengers' locations at all times and following safe boating practices to help prevent similar incidents," Park police in a follow-up statement said.

RESCUE:

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swamped and the boat was just going in circles," Paschke said. "I'm not sure if they were able to put it in neutral or because the engine was out of the water, but it finally stopped."

The seven people on board the distressed vessel jumped into the water and Paschke was able to maneuver his 43-foot Pursuit close enough to rescue them as their boat sank.

"It really was a miracle," Gina Paschke said. "If we hadn't stopped at the yacht club, we never would have been able to get back to them in time."

She added her husband's actions were "heroic" and credited him with saving seven lives.

"He's a very experienced sailor (Paschke is considered an 'Old Goat,' having sailed in more than 25 Bayview Mackinac races) and knew just how to get close enough in the wind

to get everyone out of the water without anyone getting hurt," she said.

Dave Paschke said he gives a lot of credit to his three passengers — Egan Sullivan, Buck Rahm and Joey Michelotti — for helping with the rescue.

"They're young, strong guys and were able to pull them all in," he said.

Their daughter Grace Paschke said everyone was in shock when they returned to the yacht club.

Dave Paschke added

he wanted to be clear that the people on the other boat didn't do anything wrong.

"It was engine trouble, which a lot of boats have at one time or another," he said. "They couldn't do anything about it."



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Shooting for the stars

By Ted O’Neil
Associate Editor

The Grosse Pointes have produced no shortage of well-accomplished people: professional athletes; Olympic medalists; Grammy, Tony and Academy Award winners and titans of industry.

Most likely, however, there’s just one who has an asteroid named after them. And we’re talking about a legitimate asteroid name recognized by the International Astronomical Union (IAU), not those silly registries where you pay \$50 to “name a star after a loved one.”

Enter Asteroid 36994 Pugel, named for Shores resident Betsy Pugel, who spent her career as a NASA physicist.

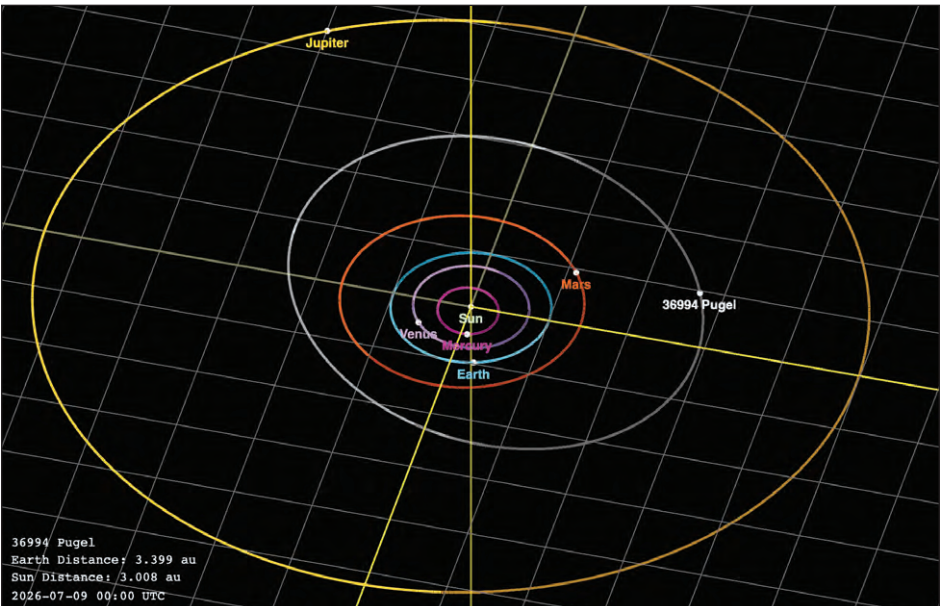
“I was really surprised when my colleagues told me they’d applied for it,” Pugel said. “It’s unreal. Truly an honor.”

Although Pugel did have one question when she learned about the honor.

“I asked if it was dangerous,” she laughed. “I wouldn’t want my name on it if it was going to head toward Earth!”

Pugel said the asteroid is about the size of Manhattan, or roughly 23 square miles. According to the IAU, it orbits between Mars and Jupiter around every 4.3 years.

The reason for the naming came from a 2019 NASA project Pugel worked on to retrieve pieces of a meteorite that came off the



This image, courtesy of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory Small Body Database, shows the location of Asteroid 36994 Pugel as of today, July 9, in relation to nearby planets.

asteroid and landed in the Pacific Ocean.

“You’d think it would be easy, but we had to do a lot of inventing along the way,” Pugel said. “We were on a research vessel, working around the clock and had to come up with some creative ideas to solve complex problems in order to retrieve meteorite fragments.”

The team finally was able to gather a few samples from the meteorite using an unmanned submersible vehicle and the tools they invented on ship while exploring the seabed.

“We couldn’t retrieve the whole thing, but we were able to gather some evidence around it that were about the size of marbles,” Pugel added. “It gave us conclusive evidence that it came from that asteroid.”

Pugel grew up in the Woods, attending Ferry

Elementary School. Her family moved to the Shores while she was at Parcels Middle School.

“I really struggled in middle school because I didn’t know if I wanted to be a poet or an artist or a scientist,” she recalled. “I probably spent as much time at the Detroit Institute of Arts as I did the Detroit Science Center.”

But Pugel said “something clicked” when she realized how much she loved math.

“There was no one moment, because there’s creativity in physics the same as in art,” she said. “When I told my parents my choice, they were delighted.”

When it came time for high school, however, Pugel didn’t follow the same path as her older siblings, who all went to Grosse Pointe North High School. Instead, she chose Our Lady Star

of the Sea, which closed its high school after the 1992-93 school year.

“I kind of nerded out in middle school and wanted a smaller class environment for high school,” she said. “It was a marvelous experience. I owe them a lot of credit because they were STEM before STEM was a thing.”

Pugel got her bachelor’s degree in physics from the University of Michigan, then had her first experience with NASA while getting her master’s degree at the University of Illinois.

“I did a summer internship with NASA in graduate school, but NASA was never on my radar,” she said. “I had done some work at the GM Tech Center in high school, so I thought I would go that route or pursue a career in academics.”

She worked for NASA



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Betsy Pugel aboard the Research Vessel Falkor looking at meteorite debris obtained with a specialized retrieval tool.

part time while getting her doctorate in physics at the University of Maryland, then joined full time after securing her Ph.D.

“It’s great to pivot toward neat stuff,” Pugel said. “Life is like that when you’re open to new things.”

During her career, Pugel worked on a variety of missions, including the Mars rovers, several Mars orbiters, most recently the ESCAPEDE spacecraft — which will arrive at Mars this year — DAVINCI, which is planned to study Venus in 2030, and the recently returned Artemis II, the first crewed flight beyond Earth’s orbit

since 1972.

“I’ve worked with some wonderful teams,” she said. “Every project has been great for its own reasons.”

In her spare time, Pugel enjoys swimming, gardening, cooking, playing the cello and, of course, science.

“I still do science though,” she laughed. “I recently completed a paper with a colleague regarding humans returning to the moon to an area we’ve never been to before.”

Pugel explained that since the creation of a moon base will eventually take place, the paper deals with what types of microbial life could grow there.

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and in handcuffs,” Ryan said. “It was definitely an adrenaline-pumping situation. I just happened to be at the right place at the right time.”

The 9- and 11-year-old boys, who had been in bed for the night, were unharmed.

“Both of those boys were very brave,” Ryan said. “They kept their composure, credit to them.”

The suspect is a habit-

ual offender with a long criminal history including bank robbery, assault with intent to commit murder, felonious assault and felony child abuse.

“Sgt. Ryan did an excellent job with restraint and with professionalism with addressing the situation and not knowing what is going on inside except for the fact that you hear frantic screaming for help,” said Keith Colombo, detective in charge of the case. “And then knowing that a person may have just bro-

ken into this house, he took it upon himself to immediately react to that and address the situation.”

Per the Wayne County Prosecutor, Earl is being charged with home invasion, a 20-year felony, and two counts of unlawful imprisonment, 15-year felonies, for trapping the children in their room.

He’s facing possible life imprisonment and won’t be getting out anytime soon, as his bond was set at \$250,000, no 10 percent.

“We spent some time there talking with the children and letting them know that nobody was injured and there was no intent for anybody to injure Mom, Dad or themselves,” Colombo added. “We assured them that this individual will be in custody for quite a while.”

Earl was arraigned before Farms Judge Charles Berschback Friday, July 3, and is scheduled back in court for a probable cause conference at noon Wednesday, July 15.

Career crook makes it easy

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A fumble-fingered career criminal starred in security videos showing him stealing a box of youth hockey donations at Rustic Cabins Bar on Kercheval, according to investigators enjoying his arraignment on multiple felony counts.

“Every second he was in our city, he was on camera,” said Park Detective Brady Baetens, heading the case. “He’s a career criminal and not a good one in my opinion, because he’s been

caught several times. Every aspect of the crimes he’s charged with (in the Park) was caught on camera.”

“This is a perfect example of the definition of catching a moron,” said Dan Jensen, executive director of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Public Safety Foundation.

The foundation in 2024 donated nearly \$60,000 worth of outdoor security cameras to the sister suburbs.

“It’s always exciting to use the cameras to assist our law enforcement partners in the apprehension of criminals,” Jensen said.

Suspect Joseph Eugene Harris, 33, of Detroit, was arraigned in municipal court Wednesday, July 1, on four felonies and one misdemeanor connected with actions Saturday afternoon, June 12. Each felony has a four-year maximum penalty. His status as a habitual offender qualifies him for longer sentencing.

He was accused of stealing a raffle box containing \$260 and a credit card benefiting the Detroit Bulldogs Hockey Club.

Judge John Parnell’s \$10,000 cash-only bond

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“They contacted us to see if it was OK, which we appreciated,” Turner said. “It was interesting someone as young as her would want to do something like that.”

The girls spent a few days preparing, making signs, handing out fliers

to neighbors and spreading the word on social media. They ended up raising \$500 in three hours.

“It was a pretty cool day,” said Kara Gee, Tessa’s mom. “A lot of people stopped by to donate money without

even taking any lemonade. One person dropped off a big jar of coins that ended up having about \$120 in it.”

Turner said his family is very appreciative for all the support.

“There’s just so much kindness here.”

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City of Grosse Pointe

Luck of the draw

A 34-year-old Detroit man was cited for not having vehicle insurance at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, after being pulled over at Mack and Guilford when a random check revealed his license plate was expired.

Accountability

An underage boy was turned in by his mother Saturday, July 4, for stealing two fifths of vodka from a store in the 17000 block of Kercheval.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Hands free

A 32-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested on a St. Clair Shores felony warrant for uttering

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and publishing at 3:58 p.m. Monday, June 29, after being pulled over on Moross for a cracked front windshield and using a cellphone while driving.

Prowler

A 37-year-old Harper Woods man was arrested for prowling in the 100 block of Vendome at 11:46 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, after residents woke to their dogs barking and noticed him lurking near their vehicles in the driveway.

The vehicles were locked and the man did not have any stolen items in his possession. He admitted to being a drug user — though he said he was sober at the time — and told officers he had entered Grosse Pointe seeking safety because he believed he was being chased.

Ran red

After driving through a solid red light at Mack and Kerby at 11:21 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, a 30-year-old Detroit man was pulled over and arrested for driving with a suspended license.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Van entered

A contractor employed inside a house in the area of Charlevoix and Somerset reported someone between 1 and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, stole tools from his work van.

Taken were two DeWalt bags containing

drills and batteries with a combined value of \$200.

Drunk hits tree

Police said a Utica woman, 55, failed field sobriety tests administered in connection with her driving into a tree in the area of Cadieux and Charlevoix at an unspecified time Saturday, July 4.

“(She) was located walking away from the scene (and) arrested,” police said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Payroll problems

A resident in the 1500 block of South Renaud filed a report around 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, that her company’s payroll account was hacked and a fake employee was added to it, resulting in a fraudulent wire transfer of \$9,870. Another wire transfer days later for \$17,800 was blocked.

She is having her computer checked for malware.

Not happy 4th

A 29-year-old Eastpointe man was

arrested for drunken driving around 4 a.m. Saturday, July 4, after an officer spotted him sleeping behind the wheel of his vehicle while it was parked halfway across the curb on Marter near Hawthorne.

He admitted to drinking and a preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.13 percent.

Lawn equipment stolen

Lawn equipment worth \$1,100 was stolen from an open garage in the 2100 block of Goethe around 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 3.

— Ted O’Neil

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

Amiable dispatch deal

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Contract negotiations with public safety dispatchers came and went in a blink.

“We met one time,” said Madison Scott, chief dispatcher and department employee since 2022.

“We met with them for a couple hours one day,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

“We settled it in that one meeting,” Scott said.

“It was a good conversation with good bargaining,” Sizeland said.

“There were no surprises to the city or union. It ended very amicably.”

“Everyone was reasonable with each other about what was brought up and asked for,” Scott said.

The resulting three-year agreement featured annual pay increases of 3 percent, 2.5 percent and 2.5 percent.

During a special meeting at 8 a.m. Monday, June 29, members of city council unanimously approved the terms subject to review by legal counsel. The meeting was scheduled to abide by terms of the current

contract, which expired the following day.

“Dispatchers voted over the weekend for the contract,” Sizeland said.

Terms also increased the shift differential to 75 cents per hour, which will be paid biweekly instead of in lump-sum payments, and added Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

“Additional economic improvements include a \$500 incentive for employees moving their 457 (retirement) plans to MERS (Michigan Employees’ Retirement

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represented Harris’ latest barrier to liberty. He also must deal with an outstanding warrant from Roseville for retail fraud and a domestic violence warrant from Warren for which there was no bond option.

“It couldn’t happen to a nicer guy,” said Michele Conlan, co-owner of Rustic.

Witnesses said Harris was accompanied during the theft by a woman. Baetens said she’s been identified as a 32-year-old Detroit resident and will be arraigned this week.

“Multiple area cameras captured them leaving with the box containing the money,” an officer reported during the initial investigation.

“He concealed the box in a booby-style golf hat,” Baetens said. “He was attempting to get the box out and put the hat on (behind a nearby business). He dropped it.”

Cash spilled out.

“A little clumsy,” Baetens said.

Court-appointed counsel James Czarnecki represented Harris during arraignment.

“I’ve reviewed the contents of the complaint,” he told Parnell. “I’ve had an opportunity to go through that with Mr. Harris. We waive formal reading of the charges and ask that a plea of not guilty be entered on his behalf.”

Baetens, citing Harris’ status as a habitual offender due to convictions in 3rd Circuit Court during 2013 and 2014, for receiving and concealing stolen property and armed robbery, respectively, requested the \$10,000 bond.

“It’s the job of the court when determining bond to consider the nature of the offense, the likelihood of you returning to court and the protection of the public,” Parnell told Harris. “I’m concerned about the severity of those charges. Your record is alarming. I’m also concerned about your likelihood to return to court.”

Czarnecki rated the terms “reasonable.” He said, “I advised Mr. Harris there would be a cash bond and tether. We ask the court to adopt those recommendations. I don’t believe he’s a flight risk.”

If Harris posts bond and is released of the domestic violence warrant, Parnell ordered he wear a GPS tether to track his comings and goings, which can’t include Rustic or anything to do with Bulldogs hockey.

Parnell scheduled a probable cause conference Wednesday, July 8, and a preliminary examination 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 15.

“Special thanks to the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Foundation for the generous donation of cameras,” Baetens said. “If it weren’t for their generous donation, this probably wouldn’t have been a crime we solved.”

Conlan wasn’t deterred about hosting fundraisers.

“We like to do charity events for kid’s high school or younger sports teams,” she said. “They can contact us.”

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250 years ago.

They cleared brush and cut limbs, but not for firewood or to build a nation newly born.

Crews last weekend spent their holiday cleaning debris from a windstorm that blasted southeast Michigan just before 7 p.m. Friday, July 3.

Gusts up to 50 mph punctuated the 30-mph front, according to weather reports.

Combined with a 25-degree temperature drop and an hour of rain totaling 0.3 inches, the area transformed from dry to soggy, muggy to clammy and orderly to unkempt, often in neighborhoods darkened due to power outages when falling branches hit electric lines.

Of 235,711 customers throughout DTE Energy’s service area, 295 were in the Park, according to the

utility’s power outage map.

Although by midnight many limbs in the city had been cleared from roadways, including the usual suspects — weak-limbed silver maples on Harcourt — there remained work to do.

“Last night after the storm hit,” said Tom Jenny, head of Park public works Saturday morning, July 4, “I roughly had six to eight guys, plus our tree company for the larger-diameter trees.”

Areas of the Park hit hardest were:

- ◆ the northeast section bounded generally by Cadieux and Bishop from Mack to below Jefferson,
- ◆ the lengths of Whittier and Audubon,
- ◆ below Jefferson on Whittier and Grand Marais,
- ◆ below Jefferson on Middlesex and Lakepointe from Essex to Windmill Pointe Drive and
- ◆ the lengths of silver maple-dense Harcourt and Trombley, plus a

portion of lower Berkshire.

“The damage was widespread (and) quite a few silver maples,” Jenny said. “Two larger trees came down in the Cabbage Patch. It seemed like the north side was hit harder than the south side.”

By noon Saturday, July 4, cleanup crews deposited at least three loads of ground-up limbs at the supplementary parking lot of Windmill Pointe Park, according to a gate attendant.

“The guys are back in today making sure roadways are open,” Jenny said. “They started at 8 a.m., will work the day and be back tomorrow on Sunday.”

“It has been a challenging weekend,” said City Forester Michael Gilmore early Monday, July 6. “We will be cleaning up and restoring order for the next couple weeks.”

Pockets remained without power Monday morning, July 6.

CHARGE:

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“Upon learning of the charges, the district immediately took action to ensure the

individual is no longer serving in any capacity within our athletic program,” it continued. “We are cooperating fully with law enforcement and will continue to do so

throughout the investigation.”

Warda became South’s coach in the fall of 2025. His attorney did not immediately return a call requesting comment.



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OUR VIEW

E-bikes.
E-nuff!

It seems like e-bikes are e-verywhere you look. As Staff Writer Laurel Kraus wrote in our June 25 edition, local officials are taking a closer look at the issue. “I have a challenge even calling them e-bikes anymore,” state Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores, said. “These are basically motor-cycles with an electric motor that can do 40 mph.” Hertel and state Rep. Veronica Paiz, D-Harper Woods, last month hosted a roundtable discussion with elected officials and public safety officers from around the Pointes and Harper Woods. The discussion was held at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, which has a relatively strict ordinance compared to surrounding communities. It prohibits operating unlicensed motorized vehicles — including e-bikes — on sidewalks, alleys, parking lots, school grounds and playgrounds. Under current state law, e-bikes are allowed to travel wherever bicycles are permitted, unless prohibited by local restrictions. Any e-bike that travels faster than 30 mph is considered a moped, which requires registration and a license to operate. While 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 City 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.’” One of the problems with e-bikes is how quiet they are. They pose a threat to pedestrians and shoppers exiting local businesses. Jim Bostock, public safety director in the Park, said his department is stressing education over enforcement for now as he deals with three separate business districts. “We’re putting the message out on social media about the dangers and responsibilities of riding these things, aimed at both kids and parents,” he told the Grosse Pointe News. “A lot of it comes down to common courtesy.” Bostock also said he is awaiting further direction from the state. 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. Chief Alcorn’s comment about Santa being gener-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Located on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, Kressbach Plaza is a gathering space located in the heart of The Village. The plaza is anchored by a stone fountain and was transformed into a visually appealing area by the “It Takes a Village” public art installation, which showcases pieces by local artists. Blue Adirondack chairs add color and provide a seating area for passersby to relax, visit and enjoy the art.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes letters to the editor. All letters should be typed and signed with the writer’s full name and local address, as well as a daytime telephone number for verification or questions. Letters longer than 300 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters may be submitted via email to editor@grossepointenews.com or by filling out the letters form on our website, grossepointenews.com.

Many thanks

To the Editor:
On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS), the proud fundraising arm for the Grosse Pointe Woods K-9 Program, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our community and a wonderful local business for making our June 30 fundraiser an overwhelming success. The team at Salvatore Scallopini in

Grosse Pointe Woods generously stepped up to support our cause, donating an incredible 30 percent of all lunch, dinner, dine-in and carry-out sales for the day. Thanks to the extraordinary turnout from our community, we were told it was the highest-grossing Tuesday in the restaurant’s history. An outstanding response like this requires incredible teamwork. We cannot thank owner Dida Paloka and the entire staff at Salvatore Scallopini enough for their hard work, seamless coordination and immense generosity throughout the day. Sharon Peters, a member of the GPW K-9 organizing team, was also instrumental in getting this event off the ground and propelling it toward success. Most importantly, we want to thank everyone who came out to share a great meal and back our mission. Your overwhelming support ensures that K-9 Arcos and Officer Duncan Gill have the vital resources they need, directly helping to make our community safer and more efficient. We will be transferring these donations to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods to help with the purchase and outfitting of a new K-9 vehicle for Arcos and Officer Gill. That vehicle will be hitting the streets of Grosse Pointe Woods and the surrounding area very soon. We are incredibly fortunate to live and work in a community that rallies so strongly behind its K-9 program. With sincere gratitude, CORINNE MARTIN Executive Director Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS)

Well said

To the Editor:
Brad Lindberg’s piece (“The Pelley principle,” published June 18, 2026) putting in proper perspective the huffy and self-important sign-off of Scott Pelley is a real gem. Perfectly written as I read it. Thank you, Brad, for your excellent work and realistic estimation of the life and work of a real journalist. Bravo! FRAN TWIDDY Grosse Pointe Farms

Well done

To Movie Junkie Mark:
I’ve written before to compliment you on very good movie picks and reviews. We’ve watched many of your selections and they were right on! I rarely have seen the movies you recommend. So I relish the selections! I think there was only one that we didn’t share the same appreciation for! That’s a great track record! We watched your most recent, “Looking Through Water” and really enjoyed it. Just as you wrote in the review! Keep up the good work. DAVE SCHUMACHER Grosse Pointe Woods

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

World Cup serves as reminder of why soccer is ‘the beautiful game’



While much of my life revolves around sports, I admit I have never followed soccer very closely. I would label myself as a casual soccer fan. The kind whose interest is piqued every four years during the FIFA World Cup to watch the best players in the world face each other and, of course, cheer on the United States Men’s National Team.

With the U.S. being eliminated after a loss to Belgium in the Round of 16 on Monday, July 6, some might say their interest in the World Cup is waning. However, this World Cup has pulled me in and kept me excited for the action more than the last few editions of the tournament. What is keeping me on the edge of my seat for this World Cup is simply the quality of many of the games, especially as the knockout stages have

begun.

The ultimate underdogs, Cape Verde, took Lionel Messi and defending world champions Argentina to the brink in extra time Friday, July 3, nearly pulling off what would have been one of the biggest upsets in international sports history. Mexico played a thriller against England on Sunday, July 5, on their home turf at the Estadio Azteca in a game that was full of drama from beginning to end. Spain scored a game-winner in the 90th minute to defeat its neighbor Portugal and the great Cristiano Ronaldo. Erling Haaland and Norway are on their best World Cup run ever, taking down Brazil to reach the quarterfinals for the first time.

Every World Cup has its defining moments, but this year’s tournament already feels like one people will be talking about for generations. Which is why no matter how big of a soccer fan you consider yourself to be, you should not let the United States’ elimination stop you from watching the rest of the tournament.

Sure, it is disappointing the way the U.S. went down against Belgium.

With everything surrounding the game before kick-off, which could be an entirely different article on its own, the U.S. letting Belgium control much of the game and win 4-1 was anticlimactic. It seemed like further proof of just how far behind our nation’s men’s soccer program is when it comes to competing on the international stage (I specify the men’s program because the U.S. Women’s National Team has more than proven its international standing with four World Cup championships).

That said, do not let the United States’ loss turn you away from the rest of the World Cup. The storylines and the games themselves so far in this year’s tournament have helped remind me and so many other sports fans why the World Cup is one of the greatest global sporting events, if not the greatest. Even as a self-admitted casual soccer fan, I have been wanting to watch as much of the action as I possibly can, because you never know when the next great moment is going to come — and there will surely be more as the stakes grow higher in these final weeks of the tournament.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

PARK APPROVES DEFENSE BUDGET: The City of Grosse Pointe Park council approved a \$2,500 budget for civil defense, to cover a six-month period starting July 1, presented at the regular council meeting by Capt. Milton R. Wortley, civil defense director for the Park. The sum is greater than the Park’s proportionate share of the overall civil defense budget, which is \$940.21, for the six-month period. The additional allotment will finance such purchases as are not deemed essentials for all municipalities.

MANY NEW SCHOOL CLASSROOMS TO BE AVAILABLE BY FALL: Construction work is progressing satisfactorily on all four of the Pointe School District’s major building projects, it was stated this week. It is assured that many new classrooms and other educational facilities will be ready for use by the time the new school term starts early in September.

1976

50 years ago this week

BOARD EYES DISTURBANCES: The Board of Education has wasted no time in embarking on a community-wide campaign to curb the type of student disturbances

and vandalism that marred the last days of the 1976 school year in The Pointe. Spurred by the June 1 incident at South High School where about 500 students gathered, with one police officer being injured in the ruckus, the Board is calling for city officials and parents alike to help them devise a program to halt end of year pranks at the schools.

2001

25 years ago this week

FARMS STUDIES PARKING DECK FOR RICHARD LOT: In an effort to find parking for a proposed private building on the Hill, the Farms is looking at building a parking deck on the Richard municipal lot. But while the parking deck idea has made it to the drawing stage, the Grosse Pointe Public School System was unaware of the plan until a Grosse Pointe News reporter sought the district’s comment on the idea.

2016

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PARK HONORS THOMAS: She may not wield the gavel, but Court Administrator Susan Thomas is definitely the one who keeps order in the Park Municipal Court. And for her outstanding administrative skills, Thomas recently was named Court Administrator of the Year by the Michigan Court Administrators Association.

FWO WLER EARN S SPOT IN STATE HALL OF FAME: Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Fowler was named to the Michigan High School Lacrosse Coaches Hall of Fame class of 2016. The induction ceremonies took place June 12 between the Senior Showcase Lacrosse games at Brighton High School. Fowler is a coach and teacher and worked for University Liggett, Grosse Pointe South, Warren De La Salle and Troy Athens.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission, under the provisions of Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 as amended, and Grosse Pointe Woods City Code of 2022 Chapter 50, Article 7, Section 50-7.15, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 28th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall in the Council Chamber/Courtroom (20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236) for the purpose of considering a special land use at 20439 Mack Avenue (Parcel ID: 007-03-0031-000). The subject site is zoned the C, Commercial Business District where a Miscellaneous Business Establishment (a proposed golf simulator) is considered a Special Land Use.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk’s Office at 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or at cityclerk@gpwmil.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.gpwmil.us.

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

Paul P. Antolin
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Correction

The July 2 Our View, a reprinting of the Declaration of Independence, should have begun with “When in the Course of human events ...”

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Rockin’ in the free world

Grosse Pointe heavy metal vocalist Derek Jendza, top left, takes the mic with bandmates Artificial Agent at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, July 11, during the Uncle Sam Jam Festival in Woodhaven. The set list is sure to feature cuts from the band’s sixth album, “Prismatic,” released recently and available on major streaming platforms.

“‘Prismatic’ captures themes of chaos, survival, rebellion and transformation,” said Jendza, of the City of Grosse Pointe. “The record combines sharp riffs, soaring melodies and relentless intensity into a sound that reflects the spirit of Detroit rock music.”

Artificial Agent is regularly nominated for the Detroit Music Awards.

In the lineup are, top right, Derek’s brother, Bradley Jendza, on bass guitar; and, clockwise, drummer Karl Crafton and lead guitarist Mike Elgert.

Derek Jendza said “Prismatic” drew inspiration from classic hard rock and metal while pushing a modern edge. “Prismatic” delivers a fierce blend of modern aggression, melodic hooks and the unapologetic energy that is the band’s trademark.

The Uncle Sam Jam runs Thursday, July 9, through Sunday, July 12, at Civic Center Park, 23977 Hall Road, Woodhaven. Admission and the concerts are free. Parking costs \$15. For information about carnival rides, a car show, fireworks and more, visit uncle-sam-jam.com.

Water tests safe

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The latest tests of Park drinking water showed lead levels far below that which cause alarm.

Samplings between January and June 2025 logged lead levels at Level 3 of the 90th percentile value.

“The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value,” according to the report. “If the 90th percentile value is above the action level, additional requirements must be met.”

Testing is conducted annually.

“The state or Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy requires each municipality, township and village to submit an annual drinking water quality report,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

“Within that requirement, there are multiple service locations that we provide to the state where we’re testing.”

“Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water,” Tom Jenny, public works director, wrote in the report’s introduction.

Most of the five-page report is boilerplate. Paragraph after paragraph defining impurities, contaminants and the health benefits of clean water appear in reports issued by jurisdictions throughout both of the state’s peninsulas.

For example, “Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children.”

Specific to the Park, however, are highlights of water system improvements during 2025:

◆ replacement of water main and lead service lines on Beaconsfield between Essex and Jefferson costing \$1.5 million and

◆ replacement of water main and lead service lines on Charlevoix between Wayburn and Beaconsfield costing \$1.5 million.

“It’s an annual report so residents can see the water we get from the Great Lakes Water Authority (the city’s water provider) is of good quality,” Sizeland said. “We have the assistance of OHM Advisors (the city’s consulting engineers) to provide this report.”

There were no violations for any regulated contaminant: fluoride, nitrate, lead, copper, chlorine residual, total trihalomethanes (TTHM), haloacetic acids (HAA5), bromate or turbidity.

“We report if we are below or above the averages with parts per billion,” Sizeland said.



Powerless

As of Tuesday afternoon, the traffic lights remained out at the intersection of Mack and Allard in Grosse Pointe Woods, following storms that blew through the Pointes late last week.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Guilty plea in pornography case

DETROIT — A Grosse Pointe Park man being prosecuted for the creation and possession of child pornography avoided trial this month by entering a plea of guilty.

Defendant Nelson Otto Ropke, 41, entered the plea Thursday, July 2, in Wayne County Circuit Court, Judge Darnella Williams-Claybourne presiding.

He was in court for a pretrial hearing. During an earlier hearing before Williams-Claybourne, Ropke’s attorney, Timothy Dinan, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tina Ripley said they were working

behind the scene on an out-of-court resolution.

“Mr. Ropke accepted a plea deal that gives him a minimum of 10 to 25 years in the Michigan Department of Corrections,” Dinan said. “He accepted the plea because it was in his best interest to do so.”

Ropke is due back in court July 27 for sentencing.

He’d been in a medical facility for heart problems. Early in the case

he attended hearings by video from a hospital bed.

Of the 26 crimes for which he was charged, the ones carrying the longest sentence were two counts of aggravated child sexually abusive activity. The charge has a maximum penalty of 25 years’ incarceration.

At the core of his deal, Ropke pleaded guilty to one count of child sexually abusive activity, aggravated; and one count of using a computer to commit a crime. All other charges were dismissed.

Details of the offenses are not being reported due to their graphic and sleazy nature.

They boil down to Ropke using a computer to distribute “photos and videos containing child sexually abusive images of prepubescent children,” including pornographic images onto which he pasted images of his family members’ faces, according to the prosecutor’s office.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is withholding comment until after sentencing.

— Brad Lindberg

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
2025 CONSUMER’S ANNUAL REPORT
ON DRINKING WATER QUALITY
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that copies of the 2025 Consumer’s Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality for the City of Harper Woods are available to the public fee of charge at the Harper Woods City Offices and the Harper Woods Public Library. Copies of said report were previously distributed to all residents via U.S. Postal Service the week of June 29, 2026, however, additional copies are available to interested persons at the above designated locations. For more information, call the Department of Public Works between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 313-343-2570.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
Leslie M. Frank,
City Clerk**

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DEAL:

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System),” Sizeland wrote in a memo to council.

The 457 plan lets retirees withdraw funds without penalty as soon as they leave the Park’s employ regardless of age.

City contributions to dispatcher health savings accounts were increased to \$750 per individual or

\$1,500 per family. Health insurance opt-out payments were set at \$6,000 per person or \$7,500 per family.

“The agreement also updates vacation and personal leave language, allows employees a one-time option to convert to the defined contribution pension plan by Dec. 31, clarifies tuition reimbursement, expands holiday benefits for part-time dispatchers and includes numerous housekeeping revisions,” Sizeland wrote.

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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on 7/13/2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall located at 90 Kerby Rd. to consider a petition submitted from the owner of the property located at 23 McKinley. The applicant requests the required approval of a 6’ fence along a portion of the Lake Shore side of the property.

In order to proceed with the plans, the following approval is required:

- City Council approval of a petition to allow a 6’ fence in the front open space along Lake Shore Dr.

All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearings. Public comments will be received during the Public Hearing, orally. If you are unable to be present at the Public Hearing, please submit your written comments to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or through the www.grossepointefarms.org/publiccomment, by 12:00 p.m. the date of the hearing. For detailed instructions on how to observe or participate in the meeting please contact the City Clerk office at (313) 885-6600 or visit the City website.

For further information regarding the application please contact Matthew Baka, Public Services Director, at (313) 885-4285. Plans are available at City Hall for review.

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Setting up for success

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — An educational nest where fledglings chart successful lives is a great fit for a family community, according to the owner of Studio Nido, an early childhood education and intervention center that opened recently on Kercheval.

“The goal is to help fill critical gaps through quality interventions and provide caregiver training on how to create language-rich environments, ultimately setting up the children in our communities for success both now and in the future,” Corynn Marchesi said.

She opened the studio recently at 15312 Kercheval between Nottingham and Beaconsfield, less than one block from Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools.

“Nido” is Italian for “nest.”

“Families are looking for childhood education resources and extracurricular activities for their children,” said Corynn’s sister, Rachel Marchesi, a former preschool teacher and K-12 art educator and one of the studio’s instructors. “We aim to



COURTESY PHOTO

The sisters of Studio Nido on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park, Corynn Marchesi, left, and Rachel Marchesi.

provide that in a way that incorporates the entire family, so it’s a more holistic approach.”

Preparing children to become successful adults doesn’t happen alone.

“A lot of people are looking for resources to help their infants and toddlers be set up developmentally on the right track, to stay on top of stepping stones,” Rachel Marchesi said. “With younger classes, that’s what we aim to provide. It’s not just doing it when you come to the class, but

to help you understand what you can do at home with your child so they can hit those marks and be set up for lifelong learning and development.”

Education is part of the sisters’ lineage.

“Our dad taught art at Grosse Pointe North (High School) for 30 years and we hold a lot of love for the area,” Rachel Marchesi said. “His fun approach to learning and art had a huge impact on both of us who have worked with children for

the last few decades, myself being an art teacher and Corynn being a speech language pathologist. Our space offers a cozy and playful experience, as well as many resources for families and kids.”

Language and development classes are available for students as young as 9 months. Open art studio instruction is for children up to 12 years old.

“Language skills shape how children communicate, build relationships,

learn and engage with the world around them,” Corynn Marchesi said. “Once I learned that language was the foundation for everything, I became passionate about communication development in early childhood. It is essential for making social connections with peers, academic language, literacy and learning success.”

Flexible scheduling lets families attend when learning works best for them.

“It has gotten a nice response from families that are busy,” Rachel Marchesi said. “You don’t have to commit to a several-week course. You can simply come when it works for families’ schedules, which we feel offers something much needed for those who work from home or have busy lifestyles.”

A clinician is available for free consultations for speech, language and communication services and services for developmental delays, autism, apraxia, speech and sound disorders, expressive-receptive language, cognitive impairments, literacy, stuttering, augmentative and alternative communication, deaf and hard of hearing services and more, according to the sisters.

The studio’s concept was inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach

to learning, which Rachel Marchesi studied through a scholarship and research grant at Wayne State University.

“A lot of parents are familiar with the Montessori method,” she said. “Reggio Emilia is a lesser-known cousin of that approach. It also came from Italy and incorporates families more. It follows what the child’s interests are and formulates a lesson or curriculum around where they naturally gravitate as far as subject matter. It also regards the child’s environment as a third teacher. I don’t want people to feel put off by a new approach. It’s a wonderful way of looking at education. It centers students in their learning.”

She encouraged parents to explore Studio Nido before signing up.

“Meet the instructors,” she said. “Ask questions about our approach. We want to be approachable and help families understand what we offer. They can either drop in for a class and fill out the paperwork when they arrive. Or, they can look on our website and pre-register. If they’re spontaneous, roll-with-the-punches people, they can just drop in.”

For more information visit theinclusionprojectmi.com/studio-nido/ classes.

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Sweet Pointe Candy, a destination candy shop owned by Dave King, was designed to be an experience for all ages, featuring nostalgic treats, an interactive floor projector for kids and a dedicated space for birthday parties. Guests can even make a candy charcuterie with expert guidance at Sweet Pointe, 15129 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit sweetpointecandy.com.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY CLERK’S OFFICE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on August 4, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at which time the following offices will be voted upon:
PARTISAN SECTION: State: Governor (1) Representative in Congress 13th District (1) State Senator 12th District (1) Representative in State Legislature 11th District (1) County Executive (1) Delegates to County Convention and to vote on the following proposal:
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All polling locations are fully accessible and have alternative voting instructions. Interested and qualified persons may make application to vote an absentee ballot at the City Clerk’s Office, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Absentee Ballot Applications can also be obtained online at www.harperwoodscity.org or www.michigan.gov/vote. Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot showing the candidates to be elected and the proposals in the City Clerk’s Office during regular business hours. For additional information - please call (313) 343-2510.

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BoE reviewing trustee compensation

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES
— The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education will be taking a look at how the district deals with board member compensation.

For background, board members each January at the first meeting are asked what they wish to do with their compensation, which is \$30 per meeting up to a maximum of 52 meetings per year. Trustees can elect to receive the money, direct it to a specific program in the district or refuse it, meaning

the money stays in the general fund.

As was discussed at a Policy Committee meeting last month, however, board policy doesn't have a mechanism for trustees to direct their compensation to organizations within the district.

Acting Superintendent Roy Bishop explained the district previously used policy language created by a company called NEOLA, which provides boilerplate policy language to school districts across the Midwest and in Florida.

That policy did include a provision for trustees to make such a determi-

nation. When the district switched in 2022 to policies written by the Clark Hill law firm, said provision was not carried over.

“Board members can always waive their compensation or accept it and make their own donation,” Jeremy Motz of Clark Hill said at the Policy Committee meeting. “It’s probably a question for the auditors, since trustees work on a calendar year and the district’s fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30.”

Board President Clint Derringer, who sits on the committee, said he "didn't want to make a mountain out of a mole-

hill since the issue gained some attention at a previous board meeting."

He was referring to a meeting in late April when, while reviewing the monthly check register, Vice President Colleen Worden asked why former board member Ahmed Ismail was paid "\$36,000," even though the amount was \$3,630. Neither Worden nor any other board member corrected the amount before the meeting ended.

Then-Superintendent Andrea Tuttle said Ismail and former board member Lisa Papas requested to be paid

because the district's business office could not provide proof the money they asked to be directed ever reached their desired recipients.

In a social media post after the meeting, Papas said in 2021, 2022 and 2023, she asked the money be split between the choir programs at both high schools. She said she became suspicious after realizing she had never received any recognition from either program, especially considering her longtime involvement with the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir. Papas added she missed the first meeting in

January 2024, because her father was in the hospital, later letting the administration know she preferred to receive her per diem the rest of the year. That came to \$1,020 for 34 meetings.

Ismail asked to be compensated for meetings dating back to 2021.

“When I learned it had never been distributed, I decided to have them send me the check and I can send the money where I want,” he said at the time. “We can only get paid for a maximum of 52 meetings, but in 2023, for example, I had 70 meetings. I was probably making about \$2 an hour.”

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Emma O'Donnell of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Fairfield University.

Evelyn Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in sport management from York College of Pennsylvania.

Ben Sheffield of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated in May from Bucknell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Grosse Pointe Park student **Cameron Thompson** was named to the Albion College spring 2026 Dean's List. This is Thompson's third semester on the Dean's List.

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Griffin Klautky of

Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the spring 2026 Chancellor's List at the University of Arkansas.

Charlie Janovsky of Grosse Pointe Farms graduated this spring from Marquette University with a Bachelor of Science degree in operations and supply chain management.

Amelia Fly of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated this spring from Marquette University with a doctorate in physical therapy.

Ann Sullivan of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Rebecca Moin** of Grosse Pointe

Woods were named to the President's List for the spring term at the University of Alabama.

Owen Thomas of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Grove City College.

Peter Hoffman, an engineering major from Grosse Pointe Woods, served as a team member on Kettering University's Formula SAE team, contributing to a milestone season that saw the team complete every dynamic event and finish the endurance competition for the first time in four

years.

Katherine Scott of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Lighthouse Connections Academy, an online, tuition-free public school serving students in K-12.

Rebecca Moin of Grosse Pointe Woods, **Rachel Rybicki** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Ann Sullivan** of Grosse Pointe Farms recently graduated from the University of Alabama. Moin earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree; Rybicki earned a Bachelor of Science degree in commerce and business.

administration; and Sullivan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

David Hamel of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Iowa State University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Lebanon Valley College student **Dylan Miller** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Miller is a member of the Lebanon Valley College men's ice hockey team.

hockey team and received a Bachelor of Science degree in digital communications.

Kaitlyn Barr of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Dean's List for the spring semester.

Jackson Rybicki and **Lauren Lemmen** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Harper Wallace** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring semester at the University of Mississippi.

Curtis Cameron of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Isabella Kuras** and **Carmella Crane** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll at the University of Mississippi for the spring semester.

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Matt Cassidy and Will Huber put new boards over a hole in a front porch on Roslyn during the Workcamp visit in 2024.



Lizzy Rennekamp and Abby Raab use screwdrivers to dig up weeds from a driveway on Bedford.

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Workcamp returning to GP Community support encouraged

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe population will see a temporary growth spurt the week of July 12, when around 400 volunteers from Kansas come to town as part of Group Mission Trips' Workcamp program, hosted by First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"Back in 2024, we first sponsored Workcamp in metro Detroit," said Renata Conger, parish education and youth ministry coordinator at First English. "Such a small, quick, random thing had such a huge impact. When I say it was little, of course, I'm joking. It was monumental."

That visit brought 180 campers from nine churches in six states to make repairs on 24 metro Detroit houses. It went smoothly thanks to support from the community, the congregation and the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as well as local business and churches, she said.

Though volunteers are brought to town courtesy of Workcamp, the pro-

gram is a tremendous commitment of finances and time for First English members, the Rev. Sean Motley added.

"God looked at us and said, 'Whom shall I send?' The congregation responded with, 'Here I am, send me,'" he said.

The work is doubling for 2026, with almost twice as many homes needing help. This year, 384 teens and 26 staff members, plus volunteers from First English, will take on repairs at 43 job sites — 41 in Detroit and two in Harper Woods. They were narrowed from an initial pool of 250.

"We had to narrow it down based on what projects teenagers could do the work on, but also on what were the most critical needs," Conger noted. "We prioritized needs and tried to address those first."

"Each one has between two to six projects going on," she added, "wheelchair ramps, porches, steps, railings, interior and exterior painting, drywall, landscape work. They'll do little odd jobs, too, but those are the big



2024 Workcampers Sydney Hottovy, Cadence Whited and Chloe Dirks touch up the paint of a house on Roslyn.



The crew working at a house on Bedford in 2024 is treated to ice cream donated by supporters of Workcamp. Donations again are sought this year.

ones."

"One house may have a crew outside that is building a ramp while another crew is inside working on drywall and painting," Motley said.

Motley and Conger thanked GPPSS, espe-

cially the teachers and staff at Brownell Middle School, for again housing volunteers for the week.

"We're so grateful they're so willing to work with us," Conger said. "It's a weird ask for a public school system. I've heard from others around the country that they wanted to host a Workcamp and they raised the money for it, but couldn't find a place to stay. So I'm grateful they'll work with us. They've been so supportive."

In addition to prayers — "for the people coming in and for the people who have needs," Motley said — action from the community also is welcome.

"There is tremendous need in our area," Conger said. "We could have Workcamp every week."

"I don't believe any

person can look around and not see a need," Motley added. "A lot of people are struggling just to survive."

He cited examples of an elderly person whose Social Security check covers medications, but isn't enough to repair a leaking roof; or a neighbor who can no longer handle using steps, but also can't afford a wheelchair-accessible ramp.

"We want to serve," he said. "And we want them to know the love of God and to live with dignity."

Instead of calling code enforcement on a neighbor whose lawn is overgrown, he said, "Knock on their door and ask, are you OK? Do you need help? These are tangible ways to help. I'd be happy to see people in the community respond."

"... Ideally, I'd like to

see Workcamp put out of business," he added. "Hopefully as we do these, people will say, 'I can do that,' and give \$500 to help with roof damage."

Added Conger, "This is one small thing. They're here for the week and then gone, but our neighbors stay with us. We hope they're inspired to help fill the need."

"Secondly, we hope they sign up," she continued. "People on that Tuesday afternoon (July 14) are bringing popsicles to every work crew."

Popsicles, slushies, ice cream, cookies, wrapped candy — whatever treats can be spared are welcome.

"It's something to help them feel cared for," Conger said, "a small community respond."

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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.

Mary Anne Gargaro

Mary Anne (nee Frenzel) Gargaro, 82, of Grosse Pointe Shores and Vero Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully Friday, July 3, 2026, after a courageous battle with corticobasal syndrome.

Mary Anne was born Feb. 1, 1944, in Detroit, to Alice (nee Dohany) Frenzel and Robert Frenzel. She grew up in Grosse Pointe alongside her older brother, Bobby. After graduating from the Convent of the Sacred Heart (now The Grosse Pointe Academy) in Grosse Pointe in 1962, Mary Anne pursued her education with characteristic curiosity and determination. She began her collegiate studies at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington, D.C., before transferring to Loyola University Chicago and spending a transformative sophomore year studying in Rome. She completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Michigan in April 1966. A devoted Wolverine fan until the end, Mary Anne could be found on game days in her U-M sweater singing the fight song with enthusiasm.

Mary Anne channeled her love of learning into teaching language arts and English in both the Detroit Public Schools Community District and

the East Detroit Public Schools (now Eastpointe Public Schools). She continued to give back through years of dedicated volunteering, including tutoring and mentoring elementary students in urban Detroit.

Mary Anne first crossed paths with Gene, her future husband, in grade school. Gene pursued Mary Anne after college and law school. They were married in Grosse Pointe in April 1970, beginning a 56-year partnership built on love, shared purpose and deep mutual admiration.

An accomplished athlete, Mary Anne competed on both the tennis court and the golf course, where she achieved two memorable holes-in-one. She enjoyed jogging, swimming and skiing. She found equal pleasure in creating floral arrangements for garden club contests, hunting for prized additions to her cherished collections and gathering with friends at the mahjong table.

As much as Mary Anne loved teaching, she was forever a student herself. Travel was one of her greatest passions; whether exploring the U.S., Europe or Asia, she never passed up a museum or missed an opportunity to immerse herself in a new culture. Her intellectual curiosity also extended to the financial world; she fol-

lowed and invested in the markets, read widely and remained an engaged viewer of CNBC’s “Fast Money” throughout her illness, a testament to the sharpness of her mind and strength of her spirit.

Mary Anne’s devotion to her community was evident in every organization she touched. Her passion for education, the arts and gardening led her to leadership roles in the Junior League of Detroit, Tau Beta Association, The Garden Club of Michigan, Detroit Institute of Arts, John’s Island Community Service League and Vero Beach Museum of Art.

Collecting American art, Tiffany inkwells and art glass led Mary Anne to a particularly meaningful chapter of service at the DIA, where she was elected as an honorary director and served as chair for the Associates of the American Wing Auxiliary. Her work on the museum’s Learning and Interpretation Committee was very important to her and her presence at official DIA functions made her an indispensable partner to Gene in cultivating lasting relationships with museum colleagues and supporters. In May 2015, Mary Anne and Gene were jointly honored with the DIA’s Lifetime Service Awards, recognized for their extraordinary volunteer contributions and dedi-



Mary Anne Gargaro

cation to the museum’s success.

Mary Anne lived fully and joyfully and knew how to celebrate. Her spooky Halloween dinners with her Convent of the Sacred Heart classmates, beautifully set tables, happy holiday decorations and discerning eye for jewelry and fashion reflected a woman who believed deeply in savoring life’s special moments. Her family admired the care she brought to every detail, large and small.

She will be remembered by all who knew her for her fun-loving personality, hearty laugh, “can do” attitude and the extraordinary strength and resilience with which she faced corticobasal syndrome during her final eight years. Her spirit will live on in the memories, traditions and love she leaves behind.

Mary Anne is survived by her beloved husband, Gene; son, Gene Gargaro III of Grosse Pointe Woods; daughter, Lauren Gargaro Grace (Michael) of Greenwich, Conn.; granddaughters, Maryanne and Alice Grace; and six nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; and brother, Robert Frenzel.

The family extends its



Barbara Helen DeCrick

heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate caregivers at K&K Eldercare and Hospice of Michigan, whose skilled and loving care was a profound comfort during Mary Anne’s final years.

Funeral services will be held privately in the family chapel at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery mausoleum. A memorial service for Mary Anne will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Children’s Center in Detroit, thechildrenscenter.com/donate; or The Garden Club of Michigan’s Piet Oudolf Garden on Belle Isle, gardenclubofmichigan.org/donation.

Barbara Helen DeCrick

Barbara Helen (nee Heymes) DeCrick, 92, passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in Grand Rapids. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Barbara was born Oct. 2, 1933, in Grosse Pointe Park, to Marion and Joseph Heymes. She graduated from St. Ambrose High School in Grosse Pointe Park before marrying William DeCrick and raising her three children in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Barbara will be remembered for her generosity and friendly nature; there wasn’t anybody with whom she would not strike up a conversation. Until the very end, she always was up for a competitive game of Scrabble and she didn’t like to lose. Her baking, especially cookies and banana bread, was legendary and given out freely to family, friends and local business employees. Barbara’s strength and courage in dealing with challenges will be respected and admired by those who knew her well.

Most of all, Barbara loved her family and lived for the phone calls and visits from children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her three children, Robert (Ilona), Michael and Elizabeth Lundwall (Bob); nine grandchildren, Katie, Bobby, Anna, Sara, Eric, Michelle, John, Dan and Mike; four great-grandchildren, June, Ari, Clark and Ciaran; and brother, Paul Heymes. She was predeceased by her siblings, William Heymes, Sister Shirley Heymes and James Heymes.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1935 Plymouth SE, Grand Rapids. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Memorial donations may be made to Michigan Humane, bit.ly/4btD2f8, 2937 E. Grand Blvd., Ste. 800, Detroit, MI 48202; or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207, cskdetroit.org/donate/monetary-donations/.



Scholarship winners from the May 19 meeting are, back row from left, Jacob Johnston, Charles Karr, Erin Glenn, Donovan Sims and Micah Walker; and front row from left, Allison Auld, Jordin Gaut, Dominic Gaines, Joshua Wilson and Lance Garmo. Not pictured is scholarship recipient Ian Robinson.

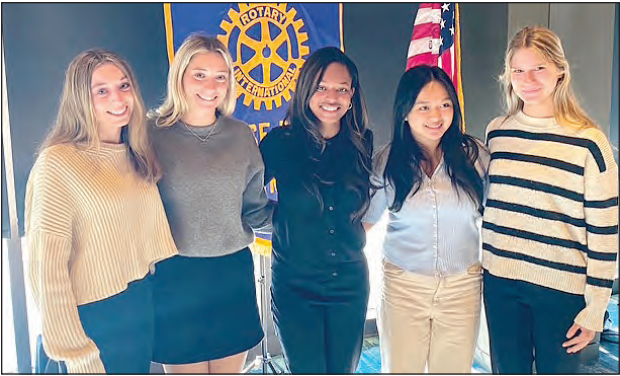
Sunrise Rotary Club presents scholarships

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary showed its support of outstanding graduates as they take the next step in their educational journeys.

At its May 12 and May 19 meetings, the club awarded 16 scholarships to students who have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence and a strong commitment to serving the school and

community.

The Grosse Pointe Run, sponsored by Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, is the main fundraising event for these scholarships. The community is invited to show support Sept. 19, for the annual 5K, 10K and walk, bringing neighbors together to invest in student success. Register at grossepointe-run.com.



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Scholarship winners from the May 12 meeting are, from left, Lilly Frey, Andia Nazarko, Shelby Stoudamire, Amelia Lopez and Emma Pasternak.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Storytime: “Through the Fairy Door,” 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays in July.
- ◆ Outdoor Summer Concert: Saved by the 90s, 7 p.m. Friday, July 10. Admission prices vary.
- ◆ Art Camp, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, to Friday, July 17. Cost for Friends age 3 to 17 is \$225. Cost for the public, ages 3 to 17, is \$275.
- ◆ Food Tales: “Every Night is Pizza Night,” 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 16.
- ◆ Food Tales: “Stone Soup,” 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23.
- ◆ Dog Days of Summer, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 27. Admission is free for Friends; cost for the public is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 3 to 17.
- ◆ Food Tales: “Enemy Pie,” 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 30. For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12, St. Margaret Catholic Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11

Mile, St. Clair Shores.

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 17, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19, Ray Laethem Buick, 17677 Mack, Detroit.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, Tompkins Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 30, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcross-blood.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers programs and activities for the community. For information on the following, visit warmemorial.org

- ◆ VetConnect Seminar Series: Trip to Selfridge Military Air Museum, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 14.
- ◆ SummerFest Concert: Rhythm Society Orchestra, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.
- ◆ Awaken Your Senses: A Morning of Yin Yoga & Sound Bath, 9 to 10:15 a.m. Sunday, July 19. Cost is \$35.
- ◆ SummerFest Movie: “The Sandlot,” 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 22.

- ◆ Picnic & Play by the Lake, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23.
- ◆ The Vintage Market at The War Memorial, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

Library

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

- ◆ Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms
 - ◆ RJ Spangler jazz concert, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9.
 - ◆ Commemorating America 250 — Keep our Republic, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 10.
 - ◆ Craft to-go, all day Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ Dino-mite Puppet Show, 11 a.m. to noon Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ Pixilation Animation, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ Author Event: Make a PLAY List with Rachael Ranae, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 14.
 - ◆ Storytime, 9:30 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16.
 - ◆ Michigan Science Center presents Eureka!, 2 to 3 p.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16.
 - ◆ D&D Kids Session, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, July 17.
- ◆ Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park
 - ◆ Art in Bloom: Gardens Inspired by Masterpieces (Georgia O’Keeffe), 2 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9.
 - ◆ Silent Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9.
 - ◆ Yoga Storytime, 10

- to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 11.
- ◆ Craft to-go, all day Monday, July 13.
- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14.
- ◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 14.
- ◆ Appy Hour, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 14.
- ◆ DigiLit, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.
- ◆ Art as Power, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16.
- ◆ Crafternoons @ the Library, 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 16.
- ◆ Brave Belle’s Book Club, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 16.
- ◆ Abstract with Anita, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, July 17.
- ◆ Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum Super STEAM Festival, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 17.
- ◆ Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods
 - ◆ Library Bigs & Littles, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11.
 - ◆ Teen Tabletop Game Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 11.
 - ◆ Craft to-go, all day Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ Family Movie Mondays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ Beginning CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ The Laughing Stacks Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 13.
 - ◆ Teen Crafternoon: Bedazzle a Book, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14.
 - ◆ Storytime, 9:30 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15.

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Rain, baseball & second chances: Living donors honored as heroes

The rain arrived at UWM Field, formerly Jimmy John's Field, on Friday, June 5, but it never stood a chance against the warmth already filling the ballpark.

On a night when the Birmingham Bloomfield Beavers faced the Utica Unicorns, the real stars were not in the box score. They were the living organ donors who walked onto the field — some beside the people they saved, some beside family members and some still not knowing the recipients whose lives were changed by their generosity.

The fifth annual Living Donor Awareness Night, presented in partnership with the Living Liver Foundation and Henry Ford Health, turned a summer baseball game into a celebration of courage, medical teamwork and second chances.

The mission of the Living Donor Awareness Games is to “honor, educate and inspire.” On this night, all three were on full display.

“Living donation can feel like a medical topic until you see the people,” said Lynn Galbenski, co-founder of the Living Liver Foundation. “At this game, families saw sons, cousins, strangers, nurses and recipients standing together. You could feel the message in the ballpark: Living donors give someone



COURTESY PHOTOS

People involved in throwing out opening pitches included, from left, Arnie Rodriguez, Jason Rodriguez, Living Liver Foundation co-founder Dave Galbenski, Shannon Venohr and Brian Hassenflug.

else a second chance at life.”

The evening opened with two ceremonial first-pitch moments that told the story better than any statistic.

Jason Rodriguez, who donated a portion of his liver to his father, Arnie Rodriguez, at Henry Ford Health on May 15, 2023, threw one of the final opening pitches to his dad. Shannon Venohr, who donated a kidney to her cousin, Brian Hassenflug, at Henry Ford Health on Oct. 29, 2025, threw another pitch to Brian.

In the few steps between mound and

plate, each pair showed what living donation means inside a family: sacrifice, love, fear, courage and gratitude — all wrapped into one throw of a baseball.

Henry Ford Health's transplant nursing professionals also were honored before the game. The group included nurse practitioners, pre- and post-transplant nurse coordinators and medical assistants whose daily work helps guide patients and families through some of the most important moments of their lives.

“The partnership with Henry Ford Health

means so much because their transplant team makes these miracles possible every day,” Galbenski said. “Together, we are able to bring the human side of transplantation into the community and show people that living donation is possible, powerful and deeply hopeful.”

The night's most rare honorees were three double living donors: Dr. Carl Boehlert, Judith Phillips and Phil Consiglio. A double living donor is someone who donates one kidney and, at a later date, donates a portion of their liver. Event organizers noted that only 100 people in the United States are believed to have done this.

Boehlert, a materials science and engineering professor at Michigan State University, began considering donation after seeing the impact of kidney donation in his own family. He donated a kidney at Henry Ford Health in December 2022, then donated part of his liver in August 2025. Both donations were anonymous, though he hopes to meet his recipients one day.

Phillips' story began with heartbreak. Her sister was hit by a drunken driver and suffered burns



Altruistic living liver donor Anthony Kiczenski hugs liver recipient Lori Parilo.

over most of her body. During that painful chapter, Phillips saw the importance of organ and tissue donation when her sister received skin grafts from deceased donors. Her sister ultimately died from her injuries, but Phillips carried forward the lesson. Years later, she became a living kidney donor at University of Wisconsin Health in 2021, then donated part of her liver in 2023.

Consiglio, a pediatric surgical nurse at University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, first promised to donate a kidney to a patient he had cared for during COVID. That patient died before a transplant could take place, but Consiglio did not forget the promise. In 2022, he donated a kidney anonymously. After working with pediatric transplant patients, he later donated part of his liver to Quinnlyn Smith, who was 2 years old at the time. Smith and her family joined him at the ballpark.

Then came a moment that hushed the crowd in a different way.

At the end of the third inning, Lori Parilo stood near third base. Anthony Kiczenski stood near

first. Earlier this year, on March 11, Parilo received a living donor liver transplant at Henry Ford Hospital. She did not know her donor. Kiczenski had donated a portion of his liver to a complete stranger.

On this night, the stranger had a name.

Kiczenski, a father of three, grandfather of two and entrepreneur, walked toward Parilo as the crowd looked on. Their first meeting unfolded on the field with a light mist coming down, foreshadowing the tears that accompanied the embrace — part introduction, part reunion, part living testimony to what one person can do for another.

There are moments in sports when the scoreboard stops mattering. This was one of them.

The celebration continued at the end of the fourth inning, when more than 50 living donors were invited onto the field with a recipient or guest. They represented five transplant centers: Henry Ford Health, Michigan Medicine, Trinity Health, Corewell Health and University of Wisconsin Health.

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More than 50 living donors were honored at UWM Field.



Double donors, from left, Phil Consiglio, Dr. Carl Boehlert and Judith Phillips.

Faith in Film series continues

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Rike will continue her Faith in Film series at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11, in the heritage room at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Coffee and bagels will be served.

The film is “Man on Fire,” starring Denzel Washington.

Through the Faith in Film series, guests watch films that seem to simply tell a story about modern life, but often have subplots and Bible references underpinning the storytelling — the

presence of which viewers often are completely unaware.

Rike taught a course on this topic at the University of Detroit Mercy and has deep insight into this area of study.

Attending Faith in Film mornings is a creative and new way of considering the influence of faith in today's culture and society, as well as a neat way to enjoy fellowship with the community.

Those who would like to watch the film at home, then join the after-watch discussion should plan to arrive around 12:30 p.m. All are invited.

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thing you can do on your lunch.”

Donations should be dropped off to First English by July 12.

Beyond food and water donations, the group is seeking tools and equipment that will make the work easier.

“Because there's so much drywall and painting work, ladder reach is important,” Motley said.

“Any business who can say, ‘We could loan you a 30-foot ladder,’ it will be labeled, returned, locked up when it's not in use. Ladders are tough to come by. If you're a business and you can spare a ladder for a week, we'd be happy to receive those.”

Group Mission Trips anticipated 120 ladders will be needed to handle the scope of work.

“Campers bring their own tools and some ladders, but to transport

everything across the country from Kansas, it's hard to bring ladders,” Motley said.

Other business support also is welcome.

“Any business that can offer discounts for meals or for cookies,” Motley said. “There are lots of options. Anybody who wants to support, there's room for that.”

Businesses interested in partnering, sponsoring or donating goods should call (313) 884-5040 or visit feelc.org.

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6:30 p.m. - Worship Service

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COURTESY PHOTO

From left, donation recipient Lori Parilo; her Henry Ford Health liver doctor, Dr. Humberto Gonzalez; and the stranger who donated a portion of his liver to save a life, Anthony Kiczenski.

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The donors had given kidneys or portions of their livers to friends, family members, coworkers and complete strangers. Some had saved someone they loved. Others had saved someone they had never met. All were honored as hometown heroes. “Every donor story is different, but the impact is the same,” Galbenski said. “Someone was sick, someone stepped forward and a life was changed. Our hope is

that someone in the stands, or someone reading this story, will begin to ask, ‘Could I be that person for someone else?’” The weather turned rainy as the night went on, but the energy in the stadium never faded. Fans stayed. Donors smiled for photos. Families gathered. And after the game, the fireworks still lit the sky. It was a fitting ending for an evening devoted to living donors — ordinary people whose extraordinary generosity continues to light the way for others.

Rendez-vous D trot celebrates French Heritage Month July 24-25

Rendez-vous D trot, a metro-Detroit French/French Canadian cultural group, will celebrate Detroit’s 325th birthday July 24 and 25. Festivities begin Friday, July 24, the day Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac and his convoy of 100 French/French Canadian men landed on the shores of present-day Detroit in 1701. A Founders’ Ceremony, free to the public, will be held at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit at 4 p.m. July 24, at the Founders’ Plaque near the Cadillac statue. Along with a number of dignitaries, the French Boys’ Choir of France will perform three national anthems: France, Canada and the United States. The ceremony will commemorate the perseverance and bravery of the French trailblazers who put Detroit on the map.

Following the ceremony, bilingual festivities will continue through July 25, at the Fort Pontchartrain Hotel, built on the site of Cadillac’s 1701 fort. Rendez-vous D trot will host three keynote presentations, a Detroit French history cruise on the Detroit River, two dinner dances with live music, French Canadian community dancing, French/French Canadian food and an opportunity for francophones, Francophiles, descendants of the founding French settlers and history enthusiasts to learn about the French heritage and history of Detroit and surrounding areas. The French were the first Europeans in Michigan. With Indigenous languages, French was the main language spoken in the Detroit River region until the 1840s, when vast numbers of set-

tlers came flooding into the new state of Michigan through the Erie Canal. Through marriage, many French were assimilated into other ethnic groups and also had their last names anglicized. However, in many areas, such as the Grosse Pointes, settled by the Tremblay and LaForest families, French surnames are still there. The French footprint is all over metro Detroit with street names such as Livernois, Dequindre, Gratiot, Vernier, Rivard, Beaubien, St. Aubin, Chene and others. Rendez-vous D trot is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission of increasing awareness and appreciation for the contributions made by the French in the early settlement of Michigan. For more information and tickets for Bonne F te D trot 325, visit rendezvousdetroit.org.

MI Shakespeare Festival announces 2026 season

The Michigan Shakespeare Festival will celebrate its 30th anniversary season in July and August at the Hilberry Gateway, Wayne State University’s performing arts center in Midtown Detroit. The season will feature Shakespeare’s “Richard III,” starring Detroit native Rico Bruce Wade, and “Much Ado About Nothing,” both directed by MSF Artistic Director Janice L. Blixt, alongside the world premiere adaptation of George Farquhar’s “The Beaux’ Stratagem: A Comedy of Bad Manners,” adapted and directed by Festival Artistic Associate Robert Kauzlaric. The season also marks the launch of a producing partnership between the festival and Wayne State University. In 2024, Michael J. Barnes, acting chair of the Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance at WSU, approached Blixt about bringing the award-winning classical theater company to the university’s state-of-the-art perfor-

mance venue, built in 2023. “Wayne State’s theater program focus has evolved in recent years toward more modern plays and musicals,” Barnes noted. “We recognized the value of having a professional classical theater company in residence and the Michigan Shakespeare Festival’s reputation made it a natural partner.” “We’re thrilled to bring the MSF to Midtown Detroit this summer and to introduce audiences to the incredible Hilberry Gateway,” said Blixt, a graduate of Wayne State’s MFA Hilberry Repertory Co. Following a two-year hiatus during the pandemic era, MSF returns as a fully professional union theater under Blixt’s leadership, continuing its mission to produce ambitious classical theater while hiring artists from metro Detroit, the Great Lakes region and across the country. Wayne State students also will be supported through internships, workshops and residency

opportunities. The festival will continue its tradition of “Bard Talks” before Friday and Saturday evening performances after opening nights, along with Q&A sessions following all preview and matinee performances. “We’re excited to bring professional classical theater back to Detroit and welcome audiences who are passionate about this work,” Blixt said. “With the Hilberry Gateway located near I-94, I-75 and M-10, audiences from across southeast Michigan will find it easy to visit while enjoying everything Midtown Detroit has to offer.” Discounts are available for seniors, students, teachers, veterans, nurses and firefighters. Group discounts are available for groups of six or more. The Hilberry Gateway is located at 715 Cass, Detroit. Tickets may be purchased at michiganshakespearefestival.com.

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- ◆ OpenSpot Theatre Workshop, 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.
- ◆ Hustle for Health, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.
- ◆ Playtime Pop-ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 16.
- ◆ Poetry Workshop, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods hosts a Teddy Bear Picnic for ages 18 months and older at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. This structured class led by Danielle Mitchelson includes a snack. Toddlers and their parents or caregivers should bring water and towel to sit on, along with a stuffed animal. RSVP to register@familycenterhelps.org.

POST Detroit

- POST Detroit, 14500 Kercheval, Detroit, hosts several workshops during July. To sign up for the following, visit mutualadoration.com:
- ◆ Screen Print Workshop: Pet Portraits, 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 11, OR Sunday, July 26. Cost is \$125.
 - ◆ Beginner Crochet Workshop: Make a Trivet, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11. Cost is \$60.
 - ◆ Intermediate

- Knitting Workshop: Troubleshooting, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 11. Cost is \$50.
- ◆ Two-day Woodworking Workshop: Folding Lounge Chair, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sundays, July 12 and 19, OR 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays, July 24 and 31. Cost is \$125.
 - ◆ Requiem: A Therapeutic Art & Writing Workshop focused on Grief and Loss, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15. Cost is \$75.
 - ◆ Three-week Papier-Mache Workshop: Supersized Objects, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, July 15, 22 and 29. Cost is \$180.
 - ◆ Mending Workshop: Mini Loom Darning, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, July 17. Cost is \$65.
 - ◆ Hapa Zome Workshop: Eco Printing on Fabric, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 17. Cost is \$65.
 - ◆ Intro to Sewing Workshop: Sewing Machine Essentials, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Cost is \$40.
 - ◆ Drop-in Sewing Workshop: Dog Bandanas, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Cost is \$25.
 - ◆ Ceramics Workshop: Decorated Bud Vases, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Cost is \$65.
 - ◆ Botanical Collage Workshop: Framed Pressed Flower Art, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Cost is \$85.
 - ◆ Mixed Media Abstract Collage

- Workshop, 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Cost is \$75.
- ◆ Weaving Workshop: Framed Wall Hanging, 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Cost is \$85.
- Harper Woods Library**
- The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts Gentle Evening Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, July 13 and 27, Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 21. Classes are taught by Yemisi Odetoynbo. Registration is encouraged.
- The Friends of the Harper Woods Library hosts A Novel Evening at the Library, 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 17, at 19601 Harper, Harper Woods. Tickets are \$40, and include food, drinks, live jazz and more. Proceeds benefit the Friends’ efforts to support the library.
- Rotary**
- The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Danielle Daguio, engagement manager at Keep Growing Detroit, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.
- The Helm**
- The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

- ◆ Drums Alive, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Thursdays in July, with instructor Rosa Hunter.
- ◆ Morning Mingle & Learn: Vein Health, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 15.
- ◆ Lunch & Learn: Energy Smart Seniors, noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 16. Cost is \$10.
- ◆ Field Trip: Canal Days, Grand Rapids, Ohio, 7:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Thursday, July 16. Cost is \$97 per person and includes transportation, lunch and a canal boat ride.
- ◆ Elder Fraud Town Hall, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 21.
- ◆ Out To Lunch Bunch: New York Deli, noon to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22.
- ◆ UFOs Over Michigan, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23.
- ◆ Shredding at The Helm, 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 23.
- ◆ Me & My Grand: Apron Art Party, 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 24. Cost is \$15 per adult, free for children.
- ◆ Jazzy Patio Party, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, with entertainment by Gwen and Charles Scales. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner.
- ◆ Friday Lunch & A Movie, noon Friday, July 31. “Eleanor the Great” will be shown. Cost is \$10.
- ◆ Canasta, noon to 4 p.m. Mondays.
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- Tuesdays.
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 - ◆ Pinochle Club, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
 - ◆ Crafting for Charity, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays.
 - ◆ Mahjong Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays.
 - ◆ Bingo and Treats, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
 - ◆ New Games at The Helm, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- GPAA**
- The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.
- ◆ Independent Painting Study with Liz Frankland, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays in July.
 - ◆ Plein Air with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, July 16 to 30.
 - ◆ Exploring Encaustic on Paper with Candace Law, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26.
- Reunions**
- The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1971 will celebrate its 55th class reunion 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available. For information, visit gpn1971.org

- The Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1976 will celebrate its 50th reunion Sept. 19, at MotorCity Casino Hotel. The event features a casual dress code, food stations and a cash bar. For more information or to RSVP, visit gpnclass of1976.com.
- Sunrise on Vernier**
- Sunrise on Vernier, 1850 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a support group at 4 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, call (313) 642-2000.
- Adaptive yoga**
- Yoga Moves Any Body, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit fulllotus yoga.net.
- Toastmasters**
- Northeastern Toastmasters meets in person at Wayne County Community College District’s Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom, at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

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Grosse Pointe Park Foundation elects new officers

The Grosse Pointe Park Foundation’s newest board of directors has its next goal lined up.

“Our next major project is the enhancement and renovation of the children’s pool at Windmill Pointe Park, creating a more accessible, enjoyable and modern experience for some of the youngest members of the community,” said Bob Bury, elected recently as president of the board of trustees.

Bury took over from Jay Kennedy, who remains a board member.

“I am honored to follow Jay Kennedy and the distinguished group of individuals who have led the foundation since its founding in 1984,” Bury said. “I look forward to continuing their work and building upon the strong foundation that is in place.”

Matt Burzynski was elected vice president.

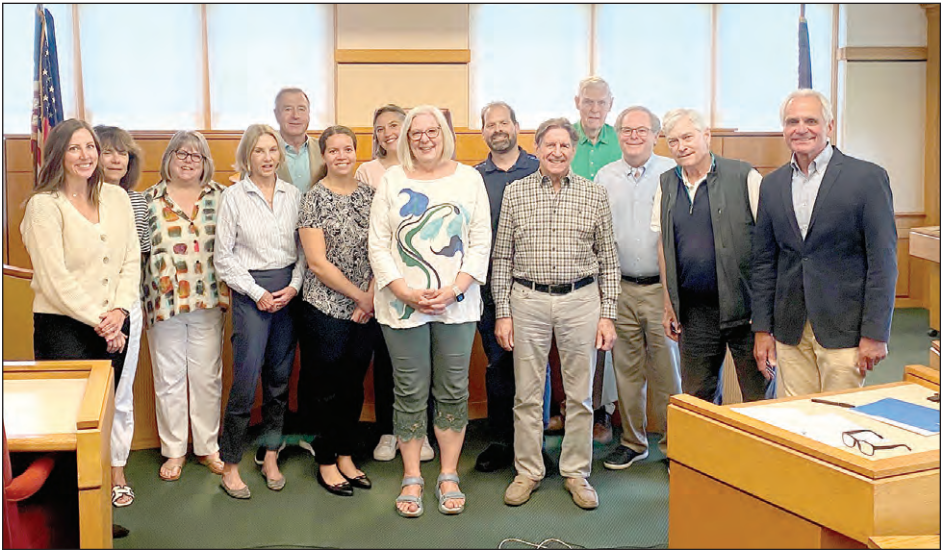
“My wife Cassie and I have enjoyed living in the Park for 10 years and look

forward to many more years as we raise our two young children,” Burzynski said. “I look forward to working with Bob and the entire board to lead the foundation to continue to make Grosse Pointe Park a great place to live.”

Trustees Melissa Levasseur and Julie Secord were reelected as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Board members volunteer three-year terms to the foundation, an independent non-profit organization. It relies solely on the tax-deductible contributions of its donors to support a range of practical and aesthetic enhancements to the city. Among many examples are the Lavins Center, two movie theaters, a fitness center, boardwalk, splashpad and the extreme emergency flood relief valve.

Everyone is invited to become a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. Learn more at grossepointeparkfoundation.org.



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Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation Board of Trustees are Melissa Levasseur, Matt Burzynski, Bob Bury, Julie Secord, Bob Denner, Bob Lucas, Mackenzie Johnson, Jay Kennedy, Anna Pitera, David Baxter, Shery Cotton, Barb Detwiler, Mark Farne n, Robin Perrone, Patrick McKeever, Julie Erickson, Abigail Tompkins, Monica Serran and Todd Lutheran.



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Anniversary visit

City of Grosse Pointe resident Anne Ryan, president of the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club, and Mary Lubera of Grosse Pointe Farms, the club’s vice president, attended the 100th anniversary celebration of the Women’s National Farm & Garden Association Inc., at the Clara & Henry Ford Estate. Clara Ford was the fifth president of the Women’s National Farm & Garden Association. Seated next to a bronze statue of Clara Ford during the June 17 event are Ryan, left and Lubera.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Maya Pinjala

How your brain changes as you age

This is part two of a two-part series.

How to slow down cognitive decline: The 6 pillars of brain health

“We used to think that once the brain was done growing all its neurons in early adulthood, that was it,” said Dr. Maya Pinjala of Henry Ford Health. “But we now know that new neurons can generate in the hippocampus and other areas of the brain throughout adulthood.”

Keeping your brain healthy as you age also can enhance neural connections and reduce the buildup of plaques that can lead to dementia and Alzheimer’s. Here are what neurologists call the “6 Pillars of Brain Health:”

- ◆ Eat a healthy diet: Reduce your intake of processed foods, sweets and high-fat foods in favor of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. The Mediterranean diet, DASH and MIND diets include these brain-boosting foods and have been shown to improve brain health.
- ◆ Exercise regularly: “Exercising helps grow new neurons in the hippocampus and counteract age-related brain shrinkage,” Pinjala said.
- Add some movement into your daily routine. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity per week, plus at least two sessions of muscle-strengthening exercises.
- ◆ Get quality sleep: Sleep is your

brain’s time to consolidate memories from the day. “It’s also when the brain washes itself,” Pinjala said. “During sleep, the brain naturally clears out the byproducts that can build up and contribute to Alzheimer’s.”

- ◆ Keep your brain engaged: “Use it or lose it” applies to brain functions as well as physical ones. Challenge your brain daily by learning something new (study a language, play a musical instrument or pick up a new hobby).
- ◆ Manage stress: Stress ages the brain, so anything you can do to reduce chronic stress can help. Yoga, meditation or a daily walk can reduce stress and its effects on your brain.
- ◆ Stay social: Social engagement — seeing friends regularly, having daily conversations and interactions — are key to brain health. “We know that isolation and loneliness are risk factors for dementia,” Pinjala said.

The brain is an amazing organ that has the capacity to change throughout your life. By treating it well, you can help it stay healthier longer.

Dr. Maya Pinjala is a neuropsychologist who sees patients at Henry Ford Health. For more health tips, visit henryford.com/blog

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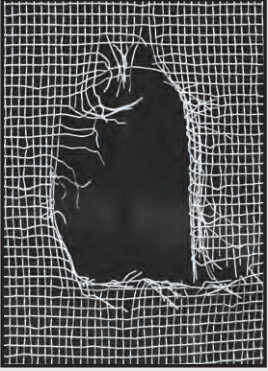
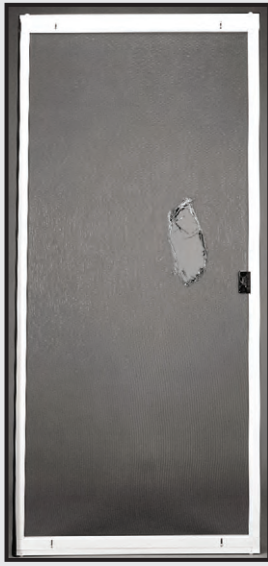
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Clear expectations can lead to more help

Dear Gabby: I'm involved with several community organizations. Lately I've noticed the same 10 people seem to do all the work while everyone else enjoys the benefits. The volunteers are burning out. Meanwhile, the people who never lift a finger often are the first to complain about how events are run. How do we encourage more participation without sounding resentful? — Tired in the City

Dear Tired In The City: Every community has two groups: the people who ask, "Who is going to do something?" and the people who just quietly do it. The challenge is that reliable volunteers often become victims of their own competence. Because they always say



yes, nobody else feels the need to step in. Instead of pleading for help, make requests specific and manageable. Instead of, "We need

volunteers," try, "Can you work the ticket table from 6 to 7 p.m.?" or "Can you sell 10 raffle tickets?" People are far more likely to help when they know exactly what's expected. And to your chronic complainers, remember this: Criticism is easiest from the sidelines (and behind the computer screen). If someone has strong opinions about how the parade, fundraiser or gala should be run, hand them a clipboard. You may discover your newest volunteer. — Gabby

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

Too many paws under one roof

DEAR ANNIE: My wife began volunteering at our local animal shelter last year, and at first I thought it was wonderful. She has always loved animals, and I was proud of her for giving her time to such a good cause. The problem is that she has now brought home five dogs. It started with one older dog she said no one else would adopt. Then came a nervous terrier who "just needed a quiet home." After that, there always seemed to be another

emergency. We now have dogs sleeping on the couches, barking at the doorbell and competing for space in our bed. Our two children love animals, but even they are overwhelmed. One dog chewed our son's baseball glove, another keeps having accidents in our daughter's room, and the kids have started avoiding inviting friends over because the house feels so chaotic. Last week, my daughter quietly asked me whether our home would ever feel normal again.

I have tried talking to my wife, but she says I am being heartless and that sending any of the dogs back would be cruel. I do not want to take away something that gives her purpose, but I also did not agree to turn our home into an extension of the shelter. How do I make her understand that compassion for animals cannot come at the expense of the rest of the family? And is it unreasonable to insist that some of the dogs be rehomed? — Living in the Doghouse

DEAR LIVING IN THE DOGHOUSE: Your wife certainly has a generous heart. But good intentions do not automatically make a peaceful home. Each of your five dogs needs time, training, exercise, veterinary care and money. The barking, accidents and chewing are signs that some of them may be stressed or overwhelmed — and, it seems, so is your family. Sit down with your wife at a moment when no one is angry. Make a realistic list of what each



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

dog needs and what your household can truly handle. Then speak with the shelter, your veterinarian and, if needed, a qualified trainer to find out for sure how to best deliver on those needs. Some of the dogs may need different homes. Having to rehome a dog is not cruelty. A careful rehoming can be the kind-est choice for everyone. And from now on, no more surprise dogs. Bringing home a pet should require approval from both parties. One loving heart does not get five votes. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2026 CREATORS.COM



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Left, Sarah Gadon as Michelle Person and Amanda Fix as Cea Sunrise Person in the 2022 movie "North of Normal," written by Alexandra Weir and Cea Sunrise Person and directed by Carly Stone.

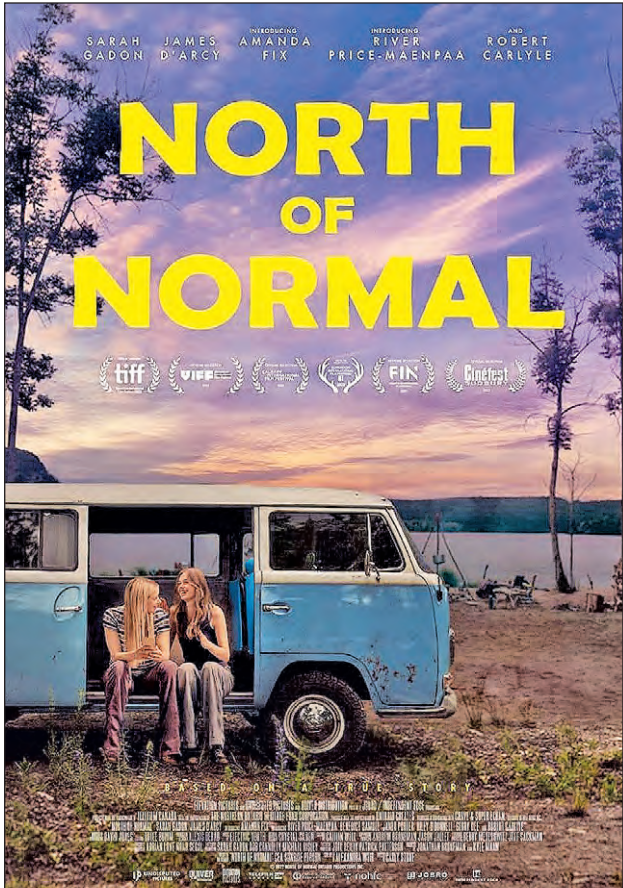
MOVIE REVIEW
"North of Normal"
2022 - Not Rated
1 hr 30 min
★★★★☆

I'll freely admit I'm an old hippie at heart. I came of age in the late 60s and early 70s, but was more into the music and politics than the alternative lifestyle. As much as I would have liked to, I was far too young to move out to San Francisco and settle down in Haight-Ashbury. However, one of my few regrets in life was not hitchhiking out east with my lifelong pal "The Hawk" to attend Woodstock. Oh well, I'll just have to settle for watching the documentary about the historic event.

These days, whenever I hear of a film involving hippies, it goes right in my queue. I'm glad this film was recommended to me — what a delightful find it is. "North of Normal" is based on the best-selling 2014 autobiography by model and fashion entrepreneur Cea Sunrise Person. It covers the writer's formative years growing up in communes in Western Canada and the Yukon. The film is directed by writer Carly Stone, best known for her wonderful television series "Kim's Convenience." She assembled a strong cast for the movie which includes Sarah Gadon ("Ferrari," "Enemy"), Robert Carlyle ("The Full



Celebrating Papa Dick's visit.



Movie poster for "North of Normal."



Above, Papa Dick teaching young Cea not to be afraid.

Monty," "Trainspotting") and Amanda Fix ("Orphan Black: Echoes," "High School"). Young Cea, played by the talented River Price-Maenpaa, is living an idyllic life out in the woods. It's the early 1970s and she's part of a hippie commune living off the grid. She spends her days exploring her surroundings and practicing archery. Cea's grandparents "Papa Dick" (Carlyle) and Grandma Jeanne (Janet Porter) are loosely in charge of the group. Her mother Michelle (Gadon) is a free spirit who loves to get high and sleep around. Certainly an interesting role model for the young girl. Early



on, her grandpa teaches her a valuable lesson. He asks her what she'd do when encountering a bear on the trail. "Don't give in to fear," he tells her. Then they both raise their hands in the air and roar. It's something she'll carry with her as she makes her way through life. One day Cea is shocked when her mother tells her she's leaving her and moving to the city and she'll be looked after by her grandparents. But she's in good hands and they give her all the love and attention she needs to mature. The film jumps ahead six years to Cea who's now a teenager. There's a joyous reunion as she and her mom start their new life in the big city. Just when you think things are

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At the campsite.



Young Cea played by River Price-Maenpaa.

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A quiet moment.

MOVIE

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going to be stable, Michelle continues her habit of falling for one disastrous boyfriend after another.

At one point they even resort to squatting at summer homes of city folk.

A telling scene occurs when Cea and Michelle spend the day at the beach. While her mom is off frolicking in the water, Cea is approached by a talent scout who tells her she's beautiful and asks her if she'd like to audition for a modeling job. It could end up with her working in Paris. During flashbacks, we learn that one of their dreams is to travel to Paris together, and her prized possession is a snow globe of the Eiffel Tower. Even



Michelle (Sarah Gadon) and Cea (Amanda Fix) at the beach.

though it goes against the anti-establishment mores of her upbringing, the job sounds very intriguing to her.

Another amusing scene is when Cea is being interviewed by the school principal and he inquires about her living situation. She tells him that she appreciates the fact that she now has her own bedroom, and doesn't have to sleep with her mom and her boyfriends. Realizing what it sounds like, she has to clarify that she doesn't actually sleep WITH the boyfriends,

they were just there. Even still, her living situation has an awkward ring to it.

The film was nominated for a number of awards and I can see why. It's a moving portrayal of a young girl coming of age in an interesting time and environment. I really enjoyed the performances from both Amanda Fix and River Price-Maenpaa. Maybe it's the teenager in me, but I got a kick out of hearing the younger Cea swearing like a sailor. There's just something innately funny about an



Grandma Jeanne (Janet Porter), young Cea (River Price-Maenpaa) and Papa Dick (Robert Carlyle).

innocent kid cussing. That's not to take away from her acting chops — I think we're going to see a lot more from this talented girl. I also thought it was interesting that while Robert Carlyle is Scottish, he somehow totally lost his accent. That takes talent!

The cinematography also was outstanding. David Robert Jones did a commendable job capturing the stunning beauty of the Canadian wilderness. Shot after shot could be easily

turned into postcards. Overall, one of the things I especially appreciated is that this is one of those movies where almost nothing really bad happens. Sure, there are plenty of emotional scenes but they're all in keeping with the narrative. And the ending, while a bit abrupt, sort of sets the stage for a sequel. Fingers crossed that that's in the works.

Note to parents: The film is unrated but I'd says it's in between a PG-13 and R, mainly due

to cussing and drug use.

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

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually buy it!

If you have any movie suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.

WINE

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consumers by giving the wine something the grapes never had, or it deals with a problem.

Years ago, I wrote a column in which I explained the broad use of the addi-

tive Mega Purple in the making of some expensive red wines. Strictly speaking, Mega Purple doesn't actually improve red wines. It just makes them darker and alters their aromas. It is best used in red, cheaper wines.

A winemaker confided

to me that wine at all quality levels was "adjusted" in some legal way, but that almost every wine is improved by the procedure. Today, one important procedure is how many wineries are reducing the alcohol content of their wines because consumers are looking for

that kind of product.

Winemakers who use additives should not be embarrassed to say so. They should be proud that they made proper use of tactics that improve the wine for every consumer.

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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Pointe Word Search

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

BUTTERFLY
DOGWOOD
FLOWER
GARDEN
PATHWAY
RABBIT
RAIN
SUMMER
SQUIRREL
SUNSHINE
TREE

H	A	D	O	O	W	G	O	D	S
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Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 9, 2026: You are curious, sensitive, imaginative and realistic. You're enthusiastic about a wide-range of subjects. This year you will reap the benefits of all your hard work. Acknowledgement from others, promotions and the spotlight will shine on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your desire to relate to others, especially at work, will be stronger in the next four weeks, which is why you might choose to make peace with co-workers or customers. In fact, it's an excellent window to extend an olive branch to someone. Tonight: Check your money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Romance is favored in the next four weeks! In addition, your social life will get a boost, because opportunities to schmooze with others, and enjoy the arts and the entertainment world, as well as visit restaurants and hotels will be pleasing options for you. Tonight: You're strong.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Look for ways to improve where you live or make your digs more attractive. This will please you. You might want to entertain at home as well, especially to show off your clever ideas. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
A lovely influence has just begun for your sign, which promotes interactions with siblings, relatives and neighbors. You'll find that you'll be more charming when talking to everyone. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You will attract money, favors and gifts from others in the next four weeks. This could make you feel more extravagant, which is why you might buy beautiful clothes, jewelry and objects to beautify your home. Tonight: Be modest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Lucky you! For the next few four weeks, fair Venus will be in your sign making you more charming and attractive in everyone's eyes. Communications with everyone will be easier and more gracious. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Some of you will be involved in secret love affairs in the next four weeks, or a saucy flirtation that makes your heart skip a beat. You will also be more generous and more selfless in your closest relationships. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Friendships will mean more to you in the next four weeks. You might feel closer to a friend or a member of a group. You might be involved in charitable activities more than usual as well. Tonight: Listen carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Others will admire you in the next four weeks. Someone will seek your advice about how to make something look more attractive — a webpage, design, layout work, even gardening. Tonight: Work and get better organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Opportunities to travel for pleasure will increase in the next four weeks. Be aware of this and be ready to act if you can break free of your daily routine and explore more of the world, either close to home or far way. Romance with someone "different" might blossom. Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The next four weeks are an excellent time for financial negotiations and discussions about shared property, inheritances or anything that you own jointly with someone else. Romance will be passionate! Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Fair Venus is opposite your sign for the next three weeks, which is one of the best places it can be. Relationships with others will improve — casual and romantic. Even your relations with your enemies will be better! Tonight: Enjoy a conversation.

BORN TODAY
Actor, filmmaker Tom Hanks (1956), artist David Hockney (1937), actor Jimmy Smits (1955).

Contract Bridge

A TANTALIZING PROBLEM

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 10 9 8
♥ A J 9
♦ A J 9
♣ A J 4

WEST

♠ 7 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 7 3
♣ 10 8 6 5 3

EAST

♠ 6 4
♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ K 8 6 5 4
♣ K 9

SOUTH

♠ K Q J 5 3
♥ K 10 8 5
♦ 2
♣ Q 7 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Today's deal features a relatively common problem: how to decide which opponent to finesse for a missing queen. In many cases, the solution is readily available — provided declarer is willing to put the necessary effort into finding it.

Assume you're in six spades and West leads a diamond. Your only possible losers are a heart and a club, and the problem is to find the best way of avoiding one or both of them.

Let's say you win the diamond with the ace, ruff a diamond, cash the K-A of trump, ruff another diamond and then lead a low club to the jack. You would be home free if the jack won the trick since you could next play the ace and another club; regardless of who won the king, the heart problem would be resolved. But, unfortunately, East takes the jack with the king and returns a club.

You win with the queen and cash the ace in order to gather as much information as you can about the composition of the unseen hands before tackling the heart suit. This proves illuminating when East shows out on the last club, enabling you to get a fairly accurate picture of the opposing distribution.

You know from the play thus far that West originally had two spades and five clubs, and judging from his opening lead of the diamond three (fourth-best), that he also started with four diamonds.

With 11 of West's cards in three suits accounted for, it follows that he was dealt only two hearts. East, with an original holding of four hearts, is thus twice as likely to have the queen as West.

You should therefore go with the odds and take the heart finesse against East. In the actual case, the finesse succeeds, and the slam is home.

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by Steve Becker

Universal Crossword

Edited by Taylor Johnson July 9, 2026

ACROSS

1 Celestial bear

5 Made less challenging

10 Ergo

14 Physics Nobelists Niels

15 Like an acrobat

16 Anger

17 Give off

18 Evaluates on Yelp

19 Penne _____ vodka

20 Square-shaped stuffed pasta (Note the last 3 letters of this answer + ...)

22 Confirm to be true (... the first 3 of this one)

24 Excel

26 Didn't just walk

27 Turned into (Last 4 letters + ...)

30 Scratch-off game, e.g. (... first 3)

34 Shake-speare's river

35 Quick scissor cut

37 Attempted

39 Allow

40 Car-stealing video game franchise, for short

41 Act nosy

43 Green veggie

44 Come onstage

46 El _____, Texas

48 Basic point

49 Vehicle you might hail (Last 3 letters + ...)

51 Soul icon Franklin (... first 4)

53 "Watch it!"

54 Extra feature

56 Political refugee (Last 3 letters + ...)

59 The "A" in LGBTQIA+ (... first 3)

63 Attempt

64 _____garde

66 Name that anagrams to "mare"

67 Against

68 Sister's daughter

69 Male sheep

70 Bygone

71 Born earlier

72 Mailbox feature

DOWN

1 Ride-booking choice

2 Tomato type

3 Makeshift knife

4 Craftsperson

5 First to arrive

6 _____ and _____

7 Stop standing

8 Mountain stat.

9 Habitat for cacti

10 Fitness coach

11 4/8, e.g.

12 "The _____ Duckling"

13 Word after "Caspian" or "Caribbean"

21 Unit of resistance

23 Shabby

25 Director Roth

27 Hay bundle

28 Decathlon component

29 Terra-_____

31 Enemies, in slang

32 Hit the ball hard

33 "Oof, that's horrible!"

36 California merlot source

38 Mined stuff

40 "Peer Gynt" composer

42 Type of sports car

45 Museum display

47 Lawyers' org.

48 Demographic before millennials

50 Title protagonist in a Rostand play

52 Fish eggs

55 Tango or Macarena

56 Active Italian volcano

57 Yoga surfaces

58 Villainous

60 Russian range

61 Donuts, say, in a food fight

62 Bringing up the rear

63 Tree goo

65 Device at a CPR class

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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Motor City Mile charity swim returns to Detroit July 10

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Swimmers who want to take to the open water and swim for a cause have the chance Friday, July 10, when Swim Across America returns to Michigan for its eighth annual Motor City Mile. The event, which begins at the Belle Isle Beach House, is an open-water swim for swimmers of all ages and skill levels to benefit cancer research at the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center.

“I have pride in the Rogel Cancer Center and the research that we do and I’ve also been a swimmer all my life,” said Erin Christensen, an administrative specialist for the Rogel Cancer Center and co-director of the Motor City Mile. “... It’s been an evolution in the community and the support just keeps getting better each year.”

Christensen began swimming in Swim Across America’s first Motor City Mile in 2019.



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Swimmers gather for last year’s edition of the Swim Across America Motor City Mile. This year’s event will take place Friday, July 10, beginning at the Belle Isle Beach House in Detroit. The Motor City Mile is open to swimmers of all ages and skill levels to help raise funds for the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center.

The event has raised more than \$600,000 throughout the years to fund research at the Rogel Cancer Center. The swim attracts more than 150 swimmers, volunteers and spectators each year, sometimes

even including appearances from local Olympians.

Swim Across America is dedicated to raising money and awareness for cancer research, prevention and treatment through swim-

ming-related events. The organization holds open-water and pool swims in 27 communities across the country. Proceeds from the Motor City Mile benefit the Rogel Cancer Center at the University of

Michigan, where roughly 500 researchers are working to prevent cancer, improve outcomes for those diagnosed and improve quality of life for cancer patients and survivors. Registration for this

year’s swim is still open. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. Friday, July 10, at the Belle Isle Beach House, located at Oakway Drive and Riverbank Drive in Detroit. A welcome ceremony and words from this year’s “Why I Swim” speakers begin at 8 a.m., with the swim following at 8:45 a.m.

Swimmers can choose the length they would like to swim, with options including two miles, one mile, a half mile and a quarter mile. The swim is not competitive, but is focused on raising awareness and funding for cancer research as well as an opportunity for self-reflection.

“It is timed, but it’s not competitive,” Christensen said. “It’s more about it being a personal journey. ... Have it be a moment of personal growth and triumph and connect it to a really good cause.”

Those interested in participating, volunteering or donating should visit swimacrosseamerica.org/motorcitymile.

Former ULS football, track standout mentors young athletes for success

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Santino Cicarella is used to balancing a lot of responsibilities. He was a multi-sport athlete at University Liggett School, playing football and running track and field, and just finished his freshman year competing in both sports at the Division I collegiate level at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. While he learned plenty of valuable lessons about balancing academics and athletics in high school, Cicarella learned that handling both in college, especially at an Ivy League school, can present a whole new set of challenges.

However, Cicarella wants to share the lessons he learned as a student-athlete in the Ivy League during his freshman year. That is why he has begun his own mentorship program to help teach younger student-athletes what it takes to be successful both on the

field and in the classroom.

“It really started from a lot of my peers and friends being really interested in my experience at Dartmouth and wanting to know how challenging school was and what practices are like and things like that,” Cicarella said. “I thought that a lot of the valuable information I can share with people and give back to the youth can be helpful if they aspire to play Division I at that level and develop the habits that you need to be successful at that level.”

Cicarella’s first year competing in the Ivy League came with some highlights, mainly in track, including personal bests in the 60-meter dash at a meet against Columbia and Yale, as well as in the 200-meter dash at the Ivy League Indoor Championships in February. He began his mentoring program soon after he returned to Michigan following his freshman year.

Services include video calls and in-person meetings to help middle school and high school student-athletes learn how to properly manage things like sleep and recovery, self-discipline, time management and more when balancing academics and athletics at a high level.

Cicarella’s philosophy in mentorship focuses mainly on building strong habits in the classroom and having those translate to other areas of life. He believes focusing on academics first can help lead to athletic excellence, with things like sleep and recovery, leadership and time management being key to forming healthy habits for student-athletes. Cicarella said it is especially important for young student-athletes to learn these skills as early as possible because of how the habits and routines he formed as a student-athlete in high school both helped and hindered him at the col-

legiate level.

“It taught me a lot of valuable lessons about the daily habits I formed in high school and how those things carry over into college,” he said. “... In college, nobody is really telling you when to study or when to recover properly. You have to hold yourself accountable every day to be successful, so one of the things that inspired me to get into mentoring was seeing people struggling in college with time management or sleep. ... I think a lot of those habits are developed when you’re younger.”

Cicarella already has begun mentoring some clients and is accepting more applications for consulting as the summer continues. When he is not helping younger student-athletes, he is spending his offseason training for the upcoming football and track campaigns with Dartmouth, focusing mainly on improving his speed.



COURTESY PHOTO

Santino Cicarella graduated from University Liggett School in 2025 and is currently a member of the football and men’s track and field teams at Dartmouth College.

The philosophy he has during the offseason is the same thing Cicarella tells the student-athletes he mentors. One’s

approach to one aspect of life mirrors their approach to everything

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else, so approach everything with a positive and successful mindset. It has helped Cicarella begin to excel in all aspects of being an Ivy League student and athlete. He wants more people to realize their full potential

in the same way. “How you do anything is how you do everything,” Cicarella said. “That carries over into all areas of your life, whether it’s academics or athletics or just how you carry yourself. I can represent that by being a student-athlete at a school like Dartmouth. I want people to under-

stand that talent in athletics can get your foot in the door, but your academics and your habits as a person will determine how far you can go.” For more information about Cicarella’s mentorship program and to book a consultation, visit www.Santinocicarella.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Santino Cicarella poses with his championship plaque for winning the 2025 Division 3 100-meter dash state championship while a senior at University Liggett School.

Pointes native Joint defeats Williams at Wimbledon

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Few athletes in the world transcend their sport more than Serena Williams. The women’s tennis legend made her long-awaited return to Grand Slam singles competition at the 2026 Wimbledon Championships, but waiting for her in the first round of the Ladies’ Singles competition was a young challenger in the form of Grosse Pointe native Maya Joint. The 20-year-old Australian tennis player was born in Grosse Pointe and spent some of her earliest years playing tennis at local places like the Neighborhood Club. Tuesday, June 30, Joint defeated Williams in three sets to eliminate the 23-time Grand Slam champion in the opening round of Wimbledon. “I’ve always dreamt of this moment,” Joint said in her post-match press conference. “To play Serena Williams at Centre Court at

Wimbledon — I never thought I’d have the opportunity to do that, so I’m very lucky. ... Every tennis player, at some point in their life, thinks that they don’t want to play anymore. This sport is my life and I love it.” Joint won the first set of the match 6-3. In a tight second set, Williams won 7-6 in a tiebreaker to force a decisive third set. Joint then won the third and final set 6-3 to secure her victory. “I was pretty nervous,” Joint said. “I don’t think I was very free, but I got a good start, which was helpful. I tensed up a little bit when I got close to winning, but I played my best tennis when I needed to.” Joint is the 87th-ranked women’s singles tennis player in the world by the Women’s Tennis Association (WTA). She was born in Grosse Pointe, but currently trains out of and represents Australia. Williams held the No.

1 spot in the WTA rankings for a total of 319 weeks over the course of her career. Before her matchup with Joint at Wimbledon, Williams had not competed in a singles match at a Grand Slam tournament since the 2022 U.S. Open. Joint’s victory over Williams marked a second consecutive first-round exit for Williams in her most recent Wimbledon singles appearances. Williams lost to Harmony Tan in the opening round of the 2022 Wimbledon Championships. “I went in expecting that (Williams) would bring her best game that she had at her peak, because you have to prepare for the hardest possible match,” Joint said. “I think she played really well.” Following her victory over Williams, Joint was eliminated from Wimbledon in the second round after falling in three sets to Alexandra Eala from the Philippines.

Little League teams begin collecting district titles

Little League baseball and softball district tournaments have begun, and some teams from around the Pointes have already been crowned as district champions. As some tournaments continue after press time, come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week to see if more local teams emerge with titles.



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The Grosse Pointe Little League Softball 12U team defeated Lac St. Clair in two games of a three-game district championship series last week, clinching the title Tuesday, June 30. The team moves on to the state tournament beginning Thursday, July 9, hosted by St. Clair Little League at Legacy Park in St. Clair. The 12U championship team’s roster includes: Annabelle Reck, Eleanor Simaika, Emma Case, Evelyn Jensen, Giuliana Cubba, Gwyn Surma, Haylie Demay, Izzy Kopp, Maggie Scott, Mariella Campion, Rosie Battjes and Sophia Alles. The team’s manager is Brian Surma, with coaches Dan Battjes and Jeff Jensen.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER ROBERTS

Grosse Pointe Little League Softball’s 10U team emerged as district champion after defeating Lac St. Clair in two games of a three-game series last Tuesday, June 30. Grosse Pointe will host the 10U state tournament at Ghesquire Park beginning July 17. Volunteers interested in helping with the state tournament should contact Grosse Pointe Little League Softball. The 10U district championship squad includes: Anna Toth, Ellie Klingbail, Ellie Mixon, Francesca Coyro, Jo Stanley, Kate Dobberowsky, Katelyn Mangol, Katerina Kostis, Lainey Luyk, Lucy Tymrak, Penny Kuczynski, Savannah Fisher. The manager is Dan Dobberowsky with coaches Anthony Toth and Damian Kostis.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League 8U team won this year’s district championship over Grosse Pointe Farms-City. The team’s roster included: CJ Collier, Mikey Minor, Easton Mannino, Michael Traver, Alex Girodat, Rocco Battani, Cash Korte, Anthony Tocco, Michael Rahaim, Joey Shubnell, Alex Laquere and Sabastian Graff with manager Jason Traver.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores 9U Hicks team emerged as district champions, defeating Grosse Pointe Farms-City for the title. The team included: Bradley Balkema, Grayson Sharrow, Joe Hicks, Max Fekin, Ben Perlin, Conner Smith, Levi Chapel, Theo Chapman, Sam Sherer, Jordan Hogan and Will Farmer with manager Brian Hicks.

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THURSDAY COMICS

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

TOURNAMENT TIME AGAIN, HUH?



I HEAR YOU'RE PLAYING IN THE THIRTY-FIVES...



YOU'RE NOT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OLD



YEARS? I THOUGHT THEY MEANT INCHES!



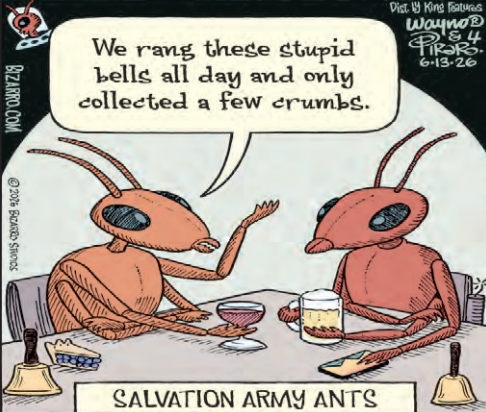
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Dan Piraro and Wayno

Andy Capp

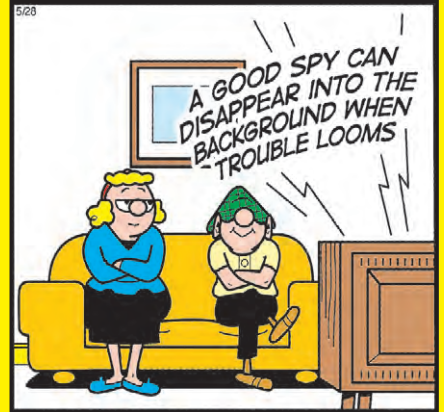
Reg Smythe

We rang these stupid bells all day and only collected a few crumbs.



SALVATION ARMY ANTS

A GOOD SPY CAN DISAPPEAR INTO THE BACKGROUND WHEN TROUBLE LOOMS



YOU'D MAKE A GREAT SECRET AGENT, ANDY

HOW'S THAT?



YOU CAN VANISH INSTANTLY WHEN FOLKS WANT YOU TO REPAY DEBTS



Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy

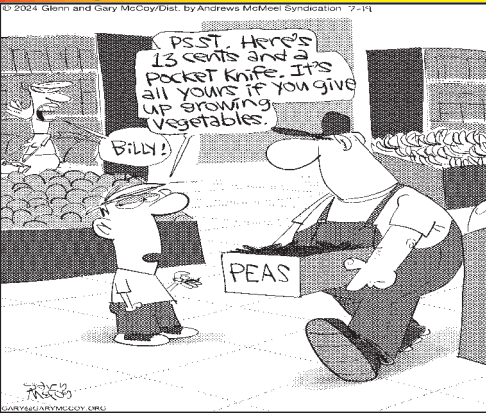
B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni

PEAS

PSST. HERE'S 13 CENTS AND A POCKET KNIFE. IT'S ALL YOURS IF YOU GIVE UP GROWING VEGETABLES.

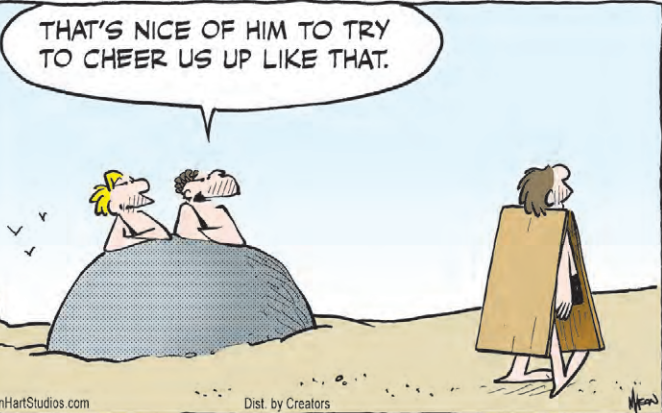
BILLY!



THE END IS NEAR



THAT'S NICE OF HIM TO TRY TO CHEER US UP LIKE THAT.



Reality Check

Dave Whamond

Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker

HARMACIST



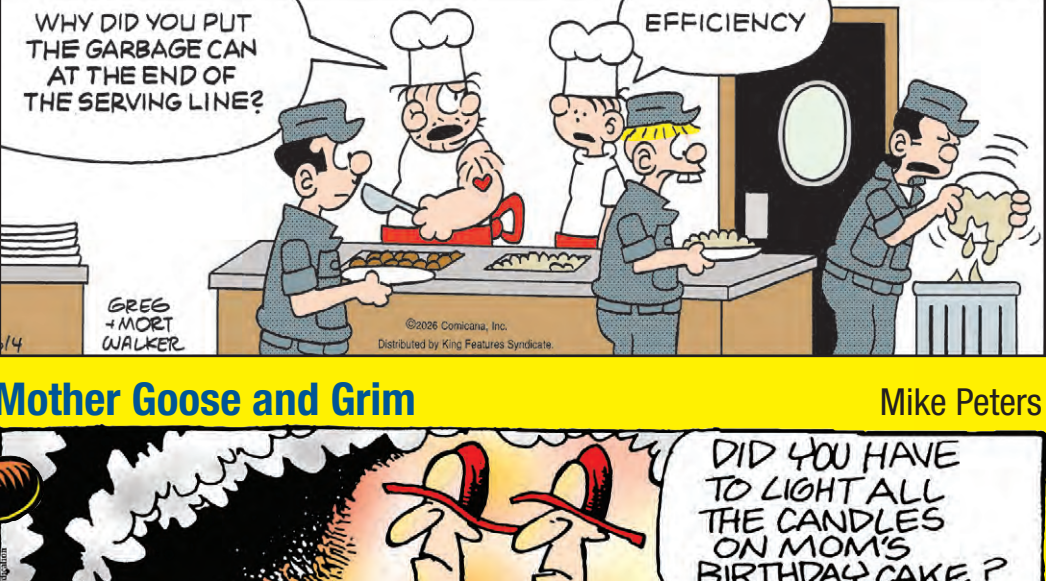
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SORRY, SIR... ALSO, THAT'S GONNA COST YA!



WHY DID YOU PUT THE GARBAGE CAN AT THE END OF THE SERVING LINE?

EFFICIENCY

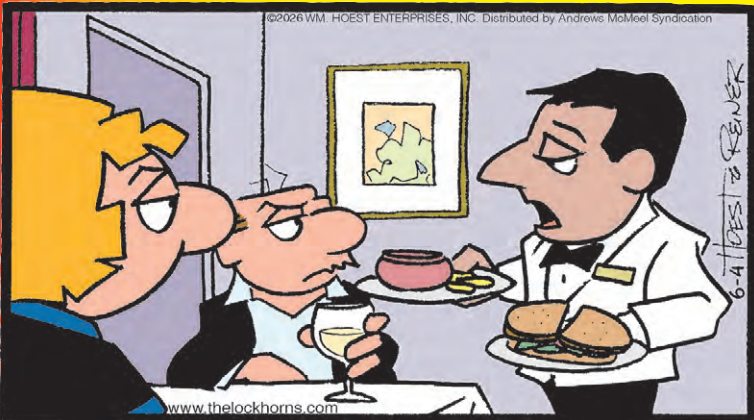


The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner

Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



"LET ME GUESS... YOU'RE THE POTTED SHRIMP, AND SHE'S THE TONGUE."



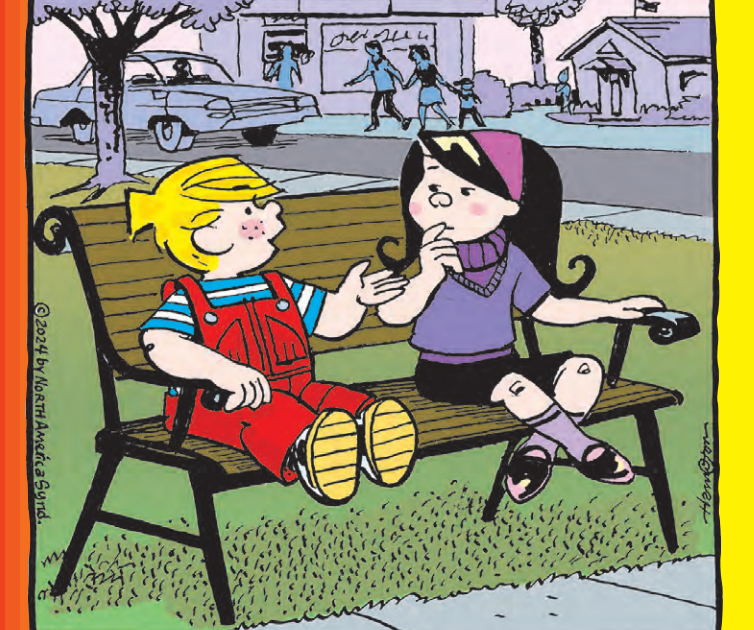
DID YOU HAVE TO LIGHT ALL THE CANDLES ON MOM'S BIRTHDAY CAKE?

Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton

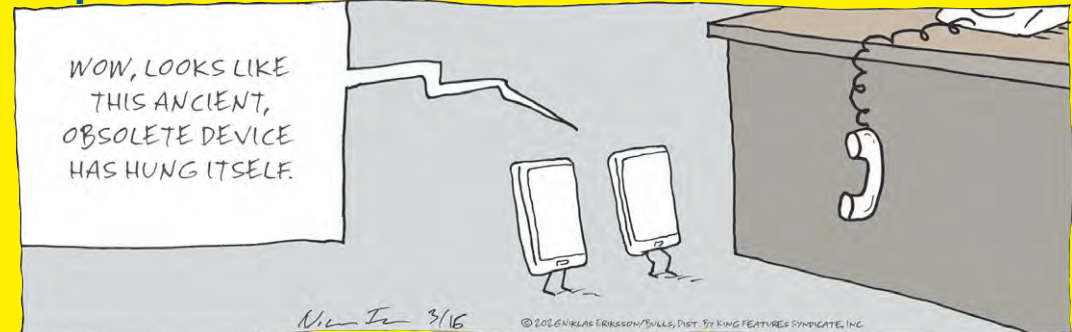
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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



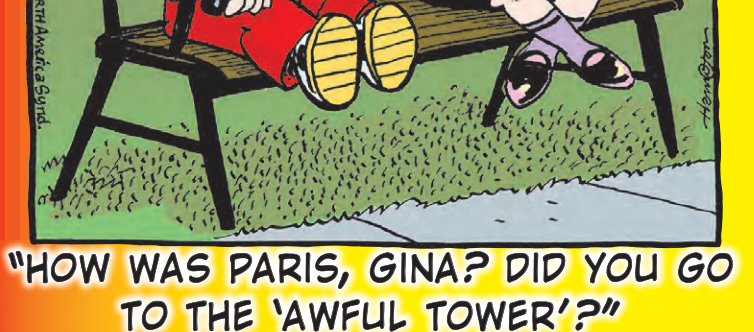
"HOW WAS PARIS, GINA? DID YOU GO TO THE 'AWFUL TOWER'?"

WOW, LOOKS LIKE THIS ANCIENT, OBSOLETE DEVICE HAS HUNG ITSELF.



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler





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THURSDAY

COMICS

Garfield

Jim Davis

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR AN EMERGENCY

THE PORCH LIGHT BURNED OUT

BREAK OUT THE EMERGENCY DONUTS!

Hagar The Horrible

(Dik Browne & Chris Browne Original Creators)

Bob Webber Jr. and Gary Hallgren

Close To Home

John McPherson

GO OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS ON THE FRONT LINE AND REPORT BACK!

I CAN'T DO THAT!

WHY NOT?

I MADE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE!

"Mom! It's me, Zoey, from 35 years in the future! I'm 42 now and people think I'm 60! Slather me every day with SPF 30!"

Wizard of Id

Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni

HE REALLY WANTS THIS PUTT...

Ziggy

Tom Wilson

NEW YORK CITY FLEEWAY

Blondie

Chris and Dean Young

VERY NICE! DO YOU MIND IF I SIT BEHIND THE WHEEL AND CHECK IT OUT?

BE MY GUEST

YOU'RE IN LUCK...THE FEE FOR CHECKING IT OUT IS ONLY TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS THIS WEEK

OBVIOUSLY, THAT WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOU PAY OFF THE BALANCE IN THREE EASY PAYMENTS

Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis

OH, BOTHER. WHAT IS IT?

NOSE-BLEED.

I CAN HELP!...

FRED THE WOOD TICK!

WHAT?

YOU'RE BLEEDING...I LOVE BLOOD...IT'S A WIN-WIN!

HE'S JUST TRYING TO HELP.

I REALLY NEED NEW FRIENDS.

Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker

SORRY, CHESTER. ... THIS IS IT

WHAT ABOUT MY WIFE AND DOZEN KIDS?

WHY SUCH A BIG FAMILY?

THAT'S HOW THEY CAME IN THE CARTON

Popeye

Bud Sagendorf

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE EATEN SIX STRAWBERRIES TO SEE HOW HIGH HE COULD JUMP!

HE'S OUT OF SIGHT!

HE'S COMING DOWN! LOOK! HE'S CARRYING SOMETHING!

MOON ROCK!

F Minus

Tony Carrillo

I LOOKED INTO WHY THE EMERGENCY ALARMS ON OUR PHONES ARE ALWAYS GOING OFF, AND AS IT TURNS OUT, IT'S ALWAYS AN EMERGENCY NOW.

Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson

HAUNTED HOUNDS - PG-13

5:00 7:40 9:20

SLOW AND CALM

5:30 7:40 9:20

"How much is PG-13 in dog years?"

Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane

Why Daddy is Special

by Billy

"He always gets me a good seat at the parade."