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Thrive on The Hill rescheduled

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Coming off two days during which metro Detroit had the worst air quality in the world according to IQAir, event organizers made the tough call to postpone the inaugural Grosse Pointe Thrive on The Hill Health & Wellness Festival originally scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

Thrive on The Hill now will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, on Kercheval in the Farms — pending approval from city council at its next meeting.

"God forbid we have this festival and the numbers don't go down like they're supposed to," said Kristen Giancola, event organizer and owner of iCRYO, of the decision. "And maybe they go back up. Then a longevity clinic is hosting a health festival and we have invited everyone out to enjoy toxic air."

The call was made at 6:30 a.m. the morning of the event, as Giancola and others were hopeful the Air Quality Index would settle in the green range, which is zero to 50. Instead, the number was close to 100.

Several instructors for the free fitness classes were uncomfortable with proceeding due to severe asthma, compounded by a number of vendors canceling the morning of.

"We had told people, we'll go forward with the event if it's in the green and it wasn't in the green," Giancola said. "Hopefully people see that we were simply trying to make sure that it was a safe environment for everyone, because trust me, we

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The view from the second floor of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club shows the marina lightly engulfed by smoke, which is shown more prominently to the southwest, toward Grosse Pointe Farms and beyond.

Canadian smoke clouds the city

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Polluted air from Canadian forest fires turned safety upside down at the municipal swimming pool.

Smoke was dense enough last week to deem it more dangerous above water than under, causing closure of the pool and other city-sponsored outdoor activities at Windmill Pointe Park and closure of Patterson Park.

Restrictions lasted three days amid 90- to 98-degree heat starting Wednesday, July 15.

"Due to the poor air quality and for the safety of our staff and residents ... pools will be closed, swim team activities and swim lessons canceled," according to a notice midmorning Wednesday, July 15.

Operations returned to normal Saturday, July 18.

Before then, clouds of smoke were dense enough to fool good Samaritans into thinking the source was closer than forests northwest of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

"On that initial day when it was bad — that Wednesday night — the night shift had about 20 phone calls, some of them through 911, from people thinking that there was a house on fire somewhere on their street," Sgt. Stephen Thiel said Sunday night, July 19. "All calls were

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GPPSS retooling enrollment process

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — As the Grosse Pointe Public School System struggles with declining enrollment, it plans to make some changes to the registration process when families face an initial rejection.

"We want to be more welcoming while still holding the line when we need to," Acting Superintendent Roy Bishop said at a Policy Committee meeting last month. "We want families to feel welcomed and let them know we're happy they are here, because we don't want to turn anyone away based on some things that may not be clear if they're addressed in a timely fashion."

Moussa Hamka, who recently transitioned from assistant superintendent for human resources to assistant superintendent for operations, compliance and strategic initiatives — which includes overseeing enrollment — said he wants to put more of a personal touch on the process.

"Over the years, with an increase in technology, we've become less forward facing," he said. "In looking at what we

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Left is the form for the new recreation pool and right is the form for the competition pool. In back is the structure for the new bathhouse.

Pier Park pool project proceeds

Construction of the multi-million dollar Pier Park aquatic complex remains on schedule, according to city administration.

As of mid-July, the exterior framing has been completed on the new bathhouse and the recreation and competitive pools have been formed, with sections of concrete poured.

Still to come are the forming of the tot pool and construction of the pool mechanical building, as well as installation of the pool equipment, which is scheduled to be installed over the winter.

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Kercheval After 6 adds zip line

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The planner of this weekend's Kercheval After 6 street festival thought about expanding attractions with a 200-foot overhead zip line. Then he thought some more.

"I wanted to go bigger and better," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation. "In the past, we've had a 200-foot line. So, let's add another 100 feet."

A 300-foot zip line joins a pirate ship carnival ride during the second of three Kercheval After 6s this summer, 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 25, in the Kercheval business district from Wayburn to Nottingham. Admission is free.

"The pirate ship swings back and forth and up in the air," Craig said. "It's fun for all ages — a pirate ship; why not?"

Also scheduled are two musical acts and scores of vendors and food trucks.

Grosse Pointe Park Little League is beneficiary of the fundraiser dunk tank.

Park resident Hannah Ayrault performs at the Zealous Root Stage near Wayburn.

"She has a four-piece band and covers indie pop, jazz, Motown and rock," Craig said.

At the other end of the festival, the East Side Dad Band performs on the Red Crown Stage at Beaconsfield.

"They cover classic rock, blues and sing-alongs," Craig said.

Organizers have a job to do if they want to top attendance at the June fair.

"It was busy," Craig said.

"It was busier faster," said Michele Conlan, co-owner of Rustic Cabins Bar, a supporter of the events. "At 6 o'clock — boom, everybody was ready to go."

"That was probably the most perfect night of weather we've had for Kercheval After 6," Craig said. "Everyone was eager. Having the kids' bike parade prior let them hang around and maybe get a bite to eat or join activities at Pointe Hardware. It's become a popular enough event that people are telling friends and neighbors to come down and check it out."

Conlan wants the city to add more fairs.

"I wish they would do May and September," she said. "They're incredible. Usually everybody's outside. They'll get a drink and wander within the social district."

Waref Hawasli, owner of Pointe Hardware Group, is taking time off from being a prime sponsor of Kercheval After 6, but remains involved.

"When we produce events, we go big or go home," Hawasli said. "It takes over all our time, so we don't get to feel the energy of Kercheval After 6 from the perspective of a community member by walking around and checking out other businesses."

He focused this year to do-it-yourself craft kits.

"Kids, parents and families can pick up a craft kit we've curated, take them home and build them together," he said. "Our first one is a prepackaged cedar planter."

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Many businesses in the district stay open during the fairs.

Joining them this month are five food trucks: Pure Mitten BBQ, Aruba Freeze ice cream, Funk It Up Fries, The French Cow crepes and Sno Biz Detroit shaved ice.

"There are plenty of food truck and restaurant options," Craig said. "If you want to get out of the heat or something, you can always pop into one of the patios, Atwater or the Park Grill for a quick bite to eat, a drink or two and go back out for the festivities."

Lakeshore resurfacing is this fall

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — After several consecutive years of applying for federal funding to resurface Lakeshore Road from Fisher to Warner, the Farms learned earlier this year it had been approved for a grant through Wayne County's Federal Aid Committee, which will cover 90 percent of the approximately $1.4 million project.

Though the funding initially was approved for next year, the city recently further learned it was approved to prefund the project. It will proceed with the project on its own dime up front and later be reimbursed by the FAC when the funding becomes available in 2027.

"This has been a long time coming," City

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investigated and determined to be smoke from the wildfires."

The head of the city's ambulance service, MedStar, said heat and smoke contributed to the company receiving increased call volume throughout its 10-county service area of southeast Michigan.

"Heat will increase 911 calls 3 or 4 percent," CEO Kolby Miller said. "Then, add smog. Our 911 calls are up systemwide by about 30 per day."

Conditions impacted numerous Park recreation programs and facilities.

Canceled were tennis lessons, the adult volleyball league and swim team practice. The snack shack was closed. Knapsackers Day Camp shifted indoors. The air-conditioned Lavins Activity Center at Windmill and the McKeever Lounge at Patterson were offered as havens from 90-degree air temperatures.

Although Patterson reopened in time for the beautification commission's Saturday morning volunteer garden cleanup, commissioners called it off.

"The air quality forecast is still in the poor range," Chairwoman Lisa Kyle said Thursday, July 16.

Smoke was causing her enough trouble without subjecting herself to more.

"My sinuses, eyes and lungs feel terrible," Kyle said. "Today my ears hurt. I have allergies and allergy-induced asthma. It is just gross out there."

That evening, Wayne County gave the Park Department of Public Safety a limited supply of masks for free distribution at the Windmill gatehouse.

Around the same time, the state department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy issued a forecast as gloomy as the air was gray with the odor of burning black spruce, jack pine and aspen: "During Thursday, pollutants are expected to be hazardous throughout the state. During Friday, pollutants are expected to be very unhealthy in the Lower Peninsula and hazardous in the Upper Peninsula."

"The air quality forecast for Saturday remains unhealthy for sensitive groups," according to a recreation department notice toward the end of last week. "Residents are encouraged to take appropriate precautions and limit prolonged outdoor activity if they are particularly sensitive to air pollution."

Heat and smoke accounted for MedStar receiving a 10 percent bump in 911 calls for a total of about 230 per day, according to Miller.

"We're up about 25 to 30 (calls for) respiratory, difficulty breathing and general malaise," Miller said. "Those are heat-related emergencies and hydration-related situations. Some are anxiety and symptomatic medical conditions. Some people don't have a specific symptom. They are generally elderly or medically fragile patients who are (shut in, hot) and now breathing ash. It exacerbates underlying conditions, especially among the elderly or otherwise fragile populations."



Jasse Schmidt came to work Thursday, July 16, well-prepared for the Canadian wildfire smoke that smothered southeast Michigan last week. When Grosse Pointe Park resident Nancy Malefyt snapped this photo as she entered Windmill Pointe Park, where Schmidt works as a gate guard, the Air Quality Index had reached 500.

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Not every call results in a patient being transported to a hospital.

"Under normal conditions, 35 percent of calls don't result in a transport," Miller said.



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The smoke can be seen in the Village giving it a hazy look but not quite obscuring the clock.



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Former Woods officer battling ALS

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Family, friends and former colleagues are coming together to support a retired public safety officer and his family after he was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Jim Arthur, who retired from the Woods in 2000 after 24 years, was diagnosed last October. The Woods native and Grosse Pointe North High School graduate spent two years with the Detroit Police Department at the start of his law enforcement career.

"For nearly 40 years, Michelle and Jim have built a beautiful life together centered around family, love, hard work and service to others," reads a GoFundMe page started by a family friend. "Today, they are facing a challenge no family should have to face alone.

"Throughout this journey, Michelle has done everything possible to care for Jim while working full-time to support their family financially," it continues. "Their children, Hope and Wade, have stepped in every way they can, helping care for their dad and supporting their parents through unimaginable circumstances."

As of press time, the page had raised $22,675 toward a goal of $50,000 through 140 donations. It can be found at gofundme.com/f/support-jims-als-care-and-family.

Rebecca Eberhard, Michelle Arthur's sister, said Jim recently was moved to an assisted living facility.

"They have gone through so much, it's just heartbreaking," she said. "It just got to be too much to care for him at home."

Because Arthur is in hospice, insurance will not cover the cost of the facility, which Eberhard said is $11,000 a month.

"He's such a good guy," she added. "He loved to cook and tell jokes."

Eberhard said Jim and Michelle met in high school working at Eastside Charley's.

"She was a waitress and he was a busboy," she laughed. "I don't know how many times he asked her out before she finally said yes."

A post on the Woods Public Safety Department Facebook page says Arthur, "faithfully served our community with professionalism, compassion and dedication" before his retirement.

"The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety family stands united behind Jim and his loved ones," it continues. "Thank you, Jim, for your years of selfless service to our community. We are thinking of you, praying for your strength and standing with you every step of the way."

According to Mayo Clinic, the exact cause of ALS — often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease — remains unknown in most cases. It stems from the progressive deterioration and death of motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord, which stops messages from reaching muscles.



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Jim Arthur, who retired from the Woods in 2000 after 24 years, was diagnosed with ALS last October.

GP Art Festival returns with 80 vendors

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The fifth annual Grosse Pointe Art Festival, put on by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, returns 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, on Kercheval in The Hill business district.

Around 80 vendors will fill the closed street from Muir to McMillan offering paintings, crafts, pottery, jewelry and representations of other varieties and mediums of art.

"We're excited, of course, to always have some new artists and there are quite a few new ones who are coming," said Abigail Barroso, chamber director of engagement, "but for people who have attended in the past, it'll be the same wonderful event that it's been before."

Children can enjoy an expanded kids' zone with face painting, princesses from Part of Your World Princess Co. — "They're always a favorite," Barroso said — and other hands-on activities.

There will be a handful of pop-up food stations — including Pangea Global Kitchen, which was a hit last year — in addition to the plethora of food options that already exist on The Hill.

"We really try to get the traffic to the restaurants that are on The Hill, but we know it can be really busy and overwhelming, so we'll have a couple chamber members doing pop-ups," Barroso said. "We tell people to go into Morning Glory, FlyLeaf, Tavola Mia, Luxe and Dirty Dog — all the restaurants that are already here."

The Grosse Pointe Art Festival is free and open to the public. Parking also is free in the municipal lot behind Kercheval the day of the festival.

"I think it's grown a lot, so we're excited to be able to give the artists somewhere that they can come and showcase their art," Barroso said. "And we have quite a few vendors that are coming from outside of Grosse Pointe, so it's great to know that this is drawing in traffic from all over the region, really.

"... And we always pick the hottest day of the summer, so we're excited to be together for that again."

Sponsors of the Grosse Pointe Art Festival include Floor Coverings International, Ford House, Haven Dental Spa, The Hill Association, iCRYO, Mercer Agency — Farm Bureau Insurance, Orthodontic Associates, Pernicano Law, Saturnalia Stitching, St. Clair Tile & Stone, The Helm and The War Memorial.



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The Grosse Pointe Art Festival last summer on The Hill.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JULY 27

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

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

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Manager Shane Reeside said. "I think we've had three years that the city has applied for a grant through the FAC, because Lakeshore is an eligible road for funding, but funding is very hard to get. We're competing with all the other jurisdictions in Wayne County, but persistently we've applied."

Lakeshore reconstruction is slated to proceed this fall and incorporate hot mix asphalt resurfacing, concrete base repair, curb ramps, signing and pavement markings.

Going out to bid and selecting a contractor will be facilitated by the Michigan Department of Transportation, with which Farms city council authorized a contract last Monday.

"(We've) been talking about this project for years," Mayor John Gillooly said. "We've heard a lot from residents.

"This is going to be a huge improvement to a very heavily traveled corridor into our great city and it will make lives a lot easier for those like some of us who live within feet of that road."

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did not want to make that call."

So far, she added, no vendors have said they wouldn't be willing to move to a future date.

"It did turn out all right," Giancola added Saturday evening. "I know we're not in the green, but it's not horrible and we could have potentially put it on, but we just felt that it was our responsibility to make sure with the continued alerts going that we were making the right choice for people and not putting anybody in a bad spot."

The Grosse Pointe Park Farmers Market planned for Saturday morning also was canceled, as were city-wide events in Detroit.





Entrepreneur runs toward her fear with eco-friendly carpet cleaning business

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

For more than two decades, Tricia Edwards was in corporate America's IT branch.

Born and raised in southwest Detroit, she went to Western Michigan University, majored in computer information systems for her undergraduate degree and earned an MBA from Wayne State University. She built a stable, successful career, including 23 years with Ford Motor Co. But when corporate restructuring removed her department, Edwards found herself at a crossroads.

"I wanted to maybe go to someplace smaller where I can feel like I'm really making a difference," she said.

That led her to a career coach who was a franchise broker. Though business ownership had never crossed her mind, one specific opportunity stood out: Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning. Today, Edwards is the owner and operator of the franchise serving Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities, managing operations out of her "mobile office."

While locals can search for and book her services under the national brand name, Oxi Fresh Carpet Cleaning, the legal entity behind her franchise holds a deeply personal title: MB Knows Clean.

When Edwards bought the franchise, she learned that corporate regulations required her to establish an independent business name for her checking account and tax filing. She immediately thought of her grandmother, Mary Bell, who raised her.

Bell and her husband migrated to Detroit from southern Alabama in the early 1920s, seeking a better life for him to work in the automotive plants. Shortly after arriving, her husband died of pneumonia, leaving her pregnant with her eighth child and entirely on her own. To support her family, Bell took a job cleaning office buildings and large homes in the area.





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Tricia Edwards and her "mobile office" before she heads in to renovate carpets.

Tricia posing on Easter Sunday with her siblings and her grandmother, Mary Bell, after whom she named her company.

"She was a super strong woman," Edwards said. "She's always just been this incredibly strong person and she raised both me and my sister to be super independent. She would always tell us, 'Don't depend on a man for anything. Have your own.'"

When Edwards purchased her first condo years ago, her grandmother, who was never able to own a home or get a driver's license, shed tears of joy. Naming her business MB Knows Clean was Edwards' way of keeping her grandmother's spirit alive in her daily work.

"My grandmother's still with me," she said. "She sees everything that I'm doing and she knows everything that I'm doing and she would just be so proud of the fact that I purchased this cleaning company. I just wanted to honor her with that."

Traditional carpet cleaning relies on massive volumes of water that take up to 24 hours to dry. Edwards' Oxi Fresh system works differently.

"It's not the traditional steam cleaning where you use tons of water and it takes 24 hours to dry," she said. "We use maybe about two gallons of water and it's mainly the product that is used. You spray the product and then you use the water to get up all of the little dirt balls that are hiding in the fibers of the carpet."

Because the process uses less water, Edwards said, carpets dry in about an hour.

Stepping away from the world of corporate IT has given Edwards a newfound appreciation for direct results. Her favorite part of the job is the immediate, emotional reaction of her clients. She recalls a job she did to clean two rugs for a local client who left a five-star review online.

"I did not think we would be able to save my rug," the review read. "I have had it for about 20 years. ... Trish came in and a short time later, it smelled and looked like new. I think I'll get another 20 years out of it."

"The lady was just so blown away about how her rug looked and she left me the greatest review," Edwards said. "... She was thinking that she was gonna have to throw the rug out, but now it just looks revitalized. I was really touched and it's seeing the surprise on clients' faces like, 'Wow, I was gonna throw this carpet away and now it looks brand new.' It's instant gratification that I'm leaving this situation better than how I first came into it."

On another job in Grosse Pointe, a client recognized Edwards as the owner and expressed her delight at supporting a female-owned business, sharing stories of how she had marched for women's rights in the 1960s.

Transitioning to entrepreneurship hasn't been without its learning curves. Coming from Ford, where high-level quarterly metrics often felt disconnected from her daily work, Edwards had to quickly adjust to the reality of owning a small business.

"If I don't get leads, then I don't get money and if I don't get money, then I can't pay these monthly expenses," she said.

Yet, her IT background makes her a natural problem solver when equipment cords get caught or machines act up on site. For those standing on the edge of starting their own business, Edwards has a powerful piece of advice.

"If you're afraid of something, or if you have fear, or you're really hesitant about a decision, run towards your fear," she said. "A lot of times, that is where you are rewarded. Don't let fear deter you from anything. If there's fear, you should run towards it. You'll get the most out of it."

Moving forward, Edwards plans to expand her services into commercial accounts and partner with more local small businesses.

Edwards operates under the Oxi Fresh brand and posts as @oxi grtrdetroit on Instagram.



The carpet that held so many memories for one of Edwards' customers, which she was able to restore before it became a ruin.

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Sewer cleaning guards against flooding

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Every circle of the underworld is within reach of this year's storm sewer cleaning campaign.

"This year we've pulled more than 2 ½ times the debris out of sewers than we had been," Councilman Max Wiener said.

Volume topped 400 cubic yards, he said.

"We were averaging about 150 cubic yards every year, give or take," Wiener said.

He linked the increase to this year's goal of relining or replacing 4 ½ miles of municipal sewers.

Work this year consists of relining 26,500 feet of sewers 12 to 36 inches in diameter, plus 19 sites requiring excavation to remove obstructions or repair collapses.

The insides of old, dirty pipes are inspected by closed-circuit television and cleaned before new, smooth liners are installed.

Some 5,641 feet of the sewers require regular cleaning, according to the contractor bid form. Another 16,688 feet need heavy cleaning.

Clean pipes handle more flow at greater rates. Higher flow cuts the odds of backups into roads and basements, as happened during heavy rains five summers ago. Relined pipes also are stronger and shielded from groundwater infiltration.

"(A contractor is) cleaning and televising now to get a good scope of what's going on," said Tom Jenny, director of public works.

"They're pulling even more (debris) out to prepare the system," Wiener said.

"They'll be starting mid-month with a couple of dig-ups, then relining after that," Jenny said.

To put the volume of debris in visual terms, a standard, full-sized dump truck hauls 10 to 16 cubic yards of material, according to industry statistics.

By that measure, Park sewers have been cleared this year of between 25 and 40 dump truck loads of obstructions.

"That's a lot of debris," Wiener said. "The sewers are getting better and better."

The winning bid for this year's work came in 6 percent under budget. Savings allowed relining to be expanded by a half mile.

Council members in March awarded the contract to Pamar Enterprises for $2,978,519. The total outlay for the city is $3,178,519 due to the city's engineering consul-

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Grosse Pointe Farms

Home invader court update

Charles Edward Earl, 42, was scheduled for a probable cause conference before Grosse Pointe Farms/Shores Municipal Judge Charles Berschback Wednesday, July 15, on charges of home invasion and two counts of unlawful imprisonment.

Two weeks prior, while fleeing police, he entered a home near Webster and Calvin through an unlocked back door and barricaded himself in an upstairs bedroom where two young children were sleeping. Due to swift action by a Farms sergeant, the family was unharmed.

During the PCC, Earl demanded a new court-appointed attorney, as he believed the initial appointee was a liar and could not meet his expectations for representation.

"My case is very serious and it's not what ya'll think it is," he told Berschback.

The defendant's request was granted and the PCC was moved to Wednesday, Aug. 12.

Pedestrian struck

Early morning Friday, July 16, a 71-year-old Detroit pedestrian was hit by a car in the Mack/Moross intersection. The woman, who works in Grosse Pointe, was crossing Moross on the Grosse Pointe side of Mack, when a driver turned left off Mack onto Moross and struck her.

The woman is recovering in an area hospital and the driver was issued a ticket for careless driving.

Extensive scam

A 53-year-old Shores woman was scammed out of $19,000 Tuesday, July 14, after receiving a text from someone claiming to be with Huntington Bank, who said there was a login attempt to her account in Miami. She then received a call from someone stating a wire transfer attempt was being conducted at a Kercheval bank.

The woman followed instructions to interfere with the transfer at the bank, where the caller said an FBI officer would walk behind her for protection. A man in a plaid shirt approached the counter next to her, but she was instructed not to make eye contact.

The woman proceeded to wire $10,000 to a Wells Fargo Bank account and further withdraw $9,000 from another bank in the Woods, which she delivered to an Uber driver, who was sent to her house.

Unlocked

Nothing was missing from an unlocked car rummaged through in the 100 block of Muir overnight into Wednesday, July 15.

The title to a different vehicle was stolen from an unlocked car in the 400 block of Lexington around 4 a.m. Thursday, July 16.

Too close for comfort

A 77-year-old Farms man nearly was scammed Wednesday, July 15, when he received a voicemail falsely advising he had purchased an Apple laptop and should contact the support team if the charge was incorrect.

Drunken

A 35-year-old Clinton Township man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:22 a.m. Sunday, July 19, after an officer observed his vehicle swerving in the area of Mack and Elizabeth.

A preliminary breath test found his blood alcohol content to be 0.160 percent.

— Laurel Kraus

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Big loss

Approximately 140 vials of injectable skin-care products worth around $38,000 were stolen from a front porch on Cameron Place shortly after they were delivered in April.

The recipient, a sales rep, only recently learned they were missing from her inventory.

Thefts galore

A store in The Village last week belatedly reported two thefts that took place in June.

Two men stole $390 worth of groceries Saturday, June 6, while a woman attempted to steal $700 worth of groceries Sunday, June 14, but abandoned the cart in the vestibule when she noticed a police presence outside.

A month later, the same store lost around $500 in grocery items in a theft at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, July 14.

Investigations are ongoing.

All you can carry

A man wearing an Amazon vest packed his backpack with an unknown amount of merchandise and fled a store in the 17000 block of Mack at 10:10 a.m. Tuesday, July 14.

Caught

A 24-year-old Detroit man was identified and arrested last week for a June incident in which he stole a waiter's cellphone from the bar area of a Village restaurant when the waiter went to check on a DoorDash order.

Ran red

A 63-year-old Eastpointe man ran the red light at Mack and Cadieux and was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.

Gift card scam

A Grosse Pointer was scammed Wednesday, July 15, into buying $1,300 worth of gift cards from CVS and sending the card numbers and security codes to a suspect.

Hiding in backyard

After stealing $370 worth of items from a store in The Village at 1:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, a 40-year-old homeless man was arrested as he fled on a bike and then on foot.

Officers found him hiding in a backyard on Notre Dame and the stolen items were returned to the store.

Altered check

After mailing a $5,280 check to his insurance company, a Grosse Pointe man last week discovered the check had been altered and cashed by someone other than his insurance company.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Fled and gone

Two unknown men fleeing a Park traffic stop in a stolen 2021 Jeep caused a wreck in Detroit, injuring at least one innocent victim, according to police.

Events began at 10 p.m. Monday, July 13.

"A black Jeep was speeding on Mack near Lakepointe," a Park officer said. "Patrol officers attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled."

The escaping driver reportedly hit two cars on East Warren near Alter in Detroit.

"Two suspects ran from the crash," the officer said. "Detroit police, fire and medics responded. One driver from the struck vehicles sustained an arm injury. The Jeep was stolen out of Detroit."

Laptop taken

A Dell laptop computer valued at $300 was reported stolen overnight Wednesday, July 15, from an unlocked pickup truck parked in the driveway of a house in the 1300 block of Nottingham.

Scooter thefts

Security video recorded the late-night theft Wednesday, July 15, of a pair of scooters in the 1400 block of Somerset.

"Video (at 1:30 a.m.) showed (a) male wearing a hoodie going through yards," police said.

The outfit consisted of a white hooded sweatshirt, gray pants and black shoes, according to police.

Taken were a light blue 2003 Piaggio valued at $1,000. Taken but recovered was a 1971 Vespa.

"The Vespa was located in the rear yard" of a nearby house on the same block, 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

Look behind you

A 63-year-old resident was ticketed after hitting a parked vehicle while backing out of a driveway on Stonehurst around 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14.

Speeding

A 19-year-old St. Clair Shores man was ticketed for speeding on northbound Lakeshore near Edgewood around 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16.

Suspended

A 63-year-old Farms woman was ticketed for driving with a suspended license after getting pulled over on southbound Lakeshore near Clairview around 4:30 p.m. Saturday, July 18.

An officer pulled her over after seeing her talking on a cellphone. Her 2025 Land Rover was impounded.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

POOL:

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As of last Thursday, access also swapped for Farms residents using the Woods and Park pools this summer. Residents in voting Precinct 1 now may swim at Windmill Pointe Park in the Park, while residents in Precinct 2 are assigned to Lake Front Park in the Woods.

— Laurel Kraus

Council seeks senator's help on housing

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — If the city's state senator can wrangle $2 million for stormwater management at the eastside's premier performing arts center on Jefferson next to city hall, municipal officials figure he can block proposed legislation that opponents said sabotages local control of zoning laws.

"We ... raise significant concerns about eliminating community-driven residential development," according to a letter city council intends to send to state Sen. Kevin Hertel, D-St. Clair Shores.

Park officials joined counterparts in the Pointes and Harper Woods July 13 by pushing back against a package of nine House bills that "significantly limit local authority over zoning and residential development decisions," as summarized by Park Manager Nick Sizeland.

"This would significantly limit our local authority over zoning," he said. "It would be one size fits all."

A portion of the letter to Hertel reads, "Our priority is to preserve existing housing stock rather than incentivize its replacement with the higher-yield, large-scale developments that would be allowed under this bill package's reduced setback requirements."

Aspects of the legislation promote increased housing density by promoting small lot sizes.

"There's a lot of lobbying being done by developers for this legislation," Sizeland said.

"The governor told me she would sign these bills if they got to her," Mayor Michele Hodges said.

One of the bills, "prohibits municipalities from establishing a minimum parcel of more than 1,500 square feet."

Another bans 500-square-foot minimums for dwellings.

Other limits front setbacks to 15 feet and 5 feet on sides and rear.

Still more provisions limit parking restrictions and override ordinances on duplexes.

Jamming additional housing into a community not designed for it would overload existing infrastructure, according to Park officials.

"Current housing and zoning standards are not arbitrary," according to the letter. "They are calibrated to align with the capacity of roads, stormwater systems, water and sewer infrastructure as well as police and fire services."

"Our strength comes from local control," Councilman Max Wiener said. "(The package) is completely counter to what makes us unique. It will completely redesign the community in which we're living. It effectively takes the city's master plan and sets it on fire."

"These bills lead to strained infrastructure and create administrative burdens without guaranteeing housing production," according to an analysis by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. "Local governments are best positioned to tailor missing middle housing reforms to their infrastructure, market conditions and community goals."

Jimmy Saros, a member of the Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission and president of Saros Real Estate Services, posted on his LinkedIn account, "The proposed Michigan state legislature housing bills are not the solution for adding housing supply. If passed, the fabric of communities could be changed for worse and property values would be negatively affected. Keep

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OUR VIEW

A wild few days

As we were putting together the July 9 issue and copyediting stories, a weird theme started to develop. That edition was chock full of crime and chaos stemming from the first few days of the month.

It also included a few examples of heroism.

First and foremost were the actions of Sgt. Mike Ryan from the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department.

After attempting to steal a drink from a nearby party store, a 42-year-old Warren man broke into a family's home through an unlocked sliding glass door near the corner of Calvin and Webster and barricaded himself inside an upstairs bedroom with two young children.

"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," Sgt. Ryan, who ultimately would single-handedly apprehend the suspect, told us afterward. "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 suspect, standing 6 feet, 2 inches and weighing 260 pounds, was using his bodyweight to hold the door closed. Sgt. Ryan said he used some "very strong language" to get the man to back up, allowing him to push through and handcuff him.

As a habitual offender, he is facing three felony charges and possible life imprisonment.

This was just the latest example in a long list of fantastic work all of our public safety departments do. Other recent examples include Farms officers jumping into Lake St. Clair to rescue a woman whose vehicle entered the water, an officer and dispatcher in the Park working together to save a boy choking on a grape and Woods officers arresting an armed man threatening to kill his ex-girlfriend, her family and himself.

This is why our reporters enjoy writing about the yearly awards each department gives out, as well as new officers being sworn in, promotions and retirements. We know our community appreciates the men and women in blue — as evidenced by meals provided to them during holidays — and we like to point out their accomplishments, especially at a time when law enforcement is looked down upon in many parts of the country.

Another heroic effort detailed in that edition of the paper came the evening of July 3, when massive storms ripped through the Pointes.

Dave and Gina Paschke and three passengers — Egan Sullivan, Buck Rahm and Joey Michelotti — left the safety of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where they had just docked after returning from Gull Island, to respond to a request for help from friends having engine problems with their boat.

Seven people on a 28-foot Chris-Craft bowrider were in trouble, slowed by the faulty engine and taking on water. Mr. Paschke said when he reached them, the port side of the boat was in the water.

"They got absolutely swamped and the boat was just going in circles," he told us. "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 Mr. Paschke was able to maneuver his 43-foot Pursuit close enough to rescue them as their boat sank.

Mr. Paschke made sure to point out the young men helping him that day were vital to pulling the other boaters out of the water.

When a member of our staff relayed the story to an acquaintance who is a multiple first-place finisher in the Bayview Mackinac Race, he laughed and said, "First he saved Jerry's Party Store and now he's saving lives."

As it turns out, Mr. Paschke was the one who needed to be pulled out of the water this past Saturday during the 102nd Bayview Mackinac Race when he went overboard during a sail change in high winds.

"I feel like I just paid it forward," he told Shifting Gears, a blog about motor sports, sailing and politics written by former Detroit Free Press reporter Phoebe Wall Howard. "I said to somebody Friday night, 'I probably paid it forward for this race.' My friend was like, 'Don't say that.' And I said, 'Hopefully I did.'"

Also on the lake, on July 1, date night turned bloody for a young couple on a rented boat.

According to police reports, the man jumped into the water while the throttle was still engaged and sustained multiple cuts from the propeller while climbing back in the boat.

The woman called 911, hit the throttle and wound up at the Neff Park marina.

"She'd never piloted a boat before in her life," Park Sgt. Stephen Thiel told us. "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."

He was transported to Henry Ford St. John Hospital for emergency surgery and was reportedly in stable condition afterward.

Kudos to the young woman for remaining calm and taking action. A statement from Park police afterward included a reminder that boat engines should be turned off before anyone enters or exits the water.

In looking at one local boat rental company, it was disconcerting to see this under Frequently Asked Questions:

◆ Do I need boating experience?

◆ No, our team provides a quick walk-through before departure to ensure you're ready for a great time on the water.

A "quick" walkthrough for renters with no boating experience. Maybe that walkthrough should be longer, say 30 or 45 minutes. Perhaps instances like the one above could be avoided.

We also wrote about the extensive damage the July 3 storm caused and the quick response by our public safety and public works employees in dealing with fires, downed trees and power lines to keep us safe. You have our heartfelt thanks.

Hopefully we do not have another crime and chaos edition any time soon.



(Im)pure Grosse Pointe?

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club often is the subject of photographs from passersby. Here, Grosse Pointer Bob Gorski snapped the landmark as it was surrounded by hovering smoke that permeated the region due to Canadian wildfires.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB GORSKI

LETTERS

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Truly blessed

To the Editor:

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful people who came to my husband's aid after he fell while getting into the car as we were leaving physical therapy at Henry Ford Health System on Kercheval on Thursday, July 16.

My husband is disabled and uses a wheelchair. A senior gentleman rushed to his aid, supporting his head so it was not lying on the pavement, and held his hand to comfort him while I went to get help. His compassion in those first few moments meant more than words can express.

Within minutes, three members of the physical therapy staff came rushing outside to assist. Their quick response, professionalism and genuine concern helped us through an exceedingly difficult situation and we are deeply grateful for their care.

A kind woman in the parking lot offered to follow us home and help me to get my husband safely into the house. Her generosity and willingness to help a stranger touched our hearts. Another gentleman, who was in the waiting area, also rushed out to the parking lot to help.

This experience reminded us that kindness and compassion are still very much alive. To each of the people who stopped to help us, please accept our sincere thanks. You turned a frightening experience into one we will always remember for the goodness that surrounded us. Our only regret is that we did not get anyone's names.

We are truly blessed to live in a community where people are willing to step forward without hesitation to help someone. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

DONNA AND ALEC BUCHANAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Missed one

To the Editor:

It seems to me that your excellent team missed including one very deserving award winner for the "Best of the Best 2026" section of your July 16 edition.

You most certainly should have included the Grosse Pointe News.

It's great to know that Grosse Pointers are blessed with an award-winning newspaper. It is an admirable reflection on our community.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

What your preferred seating choice says about you



My brother-in-law is a floor person. At any given time, you can find him down there playwrestling with his boys, watching a YouTube video about the War of 1812 or dozing off for a quick rest.

As his self-proclaimed biggest fan, naturally, I think floor people are pretty great.

It got me thinking about where people subconsciously gravitate when chairs aren't available — or perhaps even when they are.

As such, here's what your preferred nonstandard type of sitting may say about you:

The Asian squatter

You are constantly on the go and either unable or unwilling to stay in one spot for too long.

Your solid core strength comes from carrying the weight of soccer schedules, grocery lists and the Mount Everest of laundry piles. You often wonder how so many socks can go missing while the pile only rises.

You're used to taking care of others' needs before your own and often find yourself close to the floor making eye contact with kiddos who don't understand why they have to go to bed before 9 o'clock if it's still light outside.

You're very aware of your surroundings, may find silence uncomfortable and enjoy dabbling in a bit of gossip.

The counter sitter

You have an undiagnosed fear of commitment.

You appreciate the freedom that comes with the unspoken rule that you could hop down and exit the room at any moment.

You prefer to be at the edge of a conversation: close enough to feel included but without the pressure of being responsible for keeping it going. You like to speak when you actually have something to say.

You walk through life with an air of whimsy, the agility of someone half your age, an uncanny ability to read the room and zero interest in standing any longer than necessary.

The stander

You might get a kick out of defying social norms, have ADHD or work in a white collar profession, stuck at a desk for eight hours, five days a week.

You're often spotted lurking at the edge of a room, adamant that you don't want to watch the reality show your wife just put on, but remain eyes-glued to the screen for the next 30 minutes nonetheless.

You tend to feel responsible for the well-being of everyone around you, have a commanding presence and aren't one to mind bringing up an uncomfortable conversation.

You probably like chopping firewood.

The floor person

You are very comfortable in your space or very tired — often both.

You are the first to give up your chair at a big family gathering, but also tend to doze off during movie night no matter how much you swear you won't this time.

You have a healthy relationship with germs, aren't afraid to get your hands dirty, possess an unassuming confidence and are at least partially still a child at heart.

You probably like dogs.

The public bench rester

You're the type to stop and smell the roses.

You rightfully grasp what the rest of us are continually working toward — the grass is greenest right under your feet, if you stay still long enough to appreciate it.

You enjoy a good chat with a stranger and fit right in in Grosse Pointe, where people greet each other with a friendly smile and a "Hello!" in the middle of the street.

You're an appropriately punctual person, but you're seldom in a rush, nor are you glued to your phone.

You still use a wall or pocket calendar to manage your appointments; aren't deterred by a bit of rain; and either walked to school uphill both ways back in the day or were born in the wrong generation.

Disclaimer: These categories are not backed by science, but rather my own imagination.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1951

75 years ago this week

BIG STORM FLOODS MANY BASEMENTS IN WOODS SECTION: The severe rain which flooded streets and many basements in Grosse Pointe Woods struck with real intensity about 1 a.m. on Sunday. The Pointe was drenched with 2.06 inches of rain overall. The two Woods pumping stations, located at Marter and Hollywood and at Torrey Road and the Milk River, were operating efficiently during the storm, according to Philip F. Allard, City Administrator.

LE SABRE TAKES UP RESIDENCE IN THE POINTE: Mr. And Mrs. Harley J. Earl were photographed Sunday at their Touraine home in the world's most amazing car. Mr. Earl is vice president in charge of design at General Motors Corporation. Under his supervision, the Le Sabre was developed over a period of five years. A purely experimental car, it has more than 80 features never used on other automobiles. Designed on aviation principles, its 345 horsepower motor will drive in excess of 150 miles per hour.

POOCH ON LOOSE IN CANADA LEADS MANY MERRY CHASE: A black cocker spaniel wearing a Grosse Pointe license tag is wandering around the vicinity of Lakefield, Ont., Canada, 375 miles from home, in case the owners are interested. Word of the stray was brought back to the Pointe by Mrs. W. A. Bailey of Rivard Boulevard, who was a recent guest at Forest Hills Lodge, about 7 miles from Lakefield.

1976

50 years ago this week

PIER OUTLOOK DIM IN GPW: A motion to place the subject of a fishing pier on the November 2 election ballot was defeated by the Woods Council via a 4-3 vote at its regular meeting. As a result, the outlook for further action this year on the proposed pier appears slim.

ANNEXING OF COLONIAL ROAD LAND VIEWED: While considering extension of water and sewerage service to two proposed new homes to be built at the end of Colonial Road, the Shores Council expressed an interest in the possibility of arranging for the annexation of all properties at the end of that street, which are presently in the Woods, but are serviced by the Shores.

ROSE TERRACE FACES FINAL DAYS: Crumbling steps, litter and an empty shell are all that now remain of the once great Rose Terrace. The former home of Anna Thomson Dodge has been completely stripped of interior and exterior furnishings. Panels, tiles, glass, doors, draperies and all fixtures have been removed. Workmen estimate the walls of the relic of a bygone era will come down in two to three weeks.

2001

25 years ago this week

NIGHT WATCHMAN LIVES WITH HORROR OF BURNING BARN: He says he's not a hero. "I just want to be a plain, gentle old man." Ray Neal, 69, the night watchman at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, saved five horses the night the old barn burned down. There wasn't time to save more. Nineteen died, and it haunts him. "Have you never tried to do something you couldn't accomplish? That's what I did. I tried to get them horses out." He's had a constant headache during the week since fire consumed the barn a couple hours before sunrise, Sunday, July 8.

SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS ARE 'KIDS ON THE GO': Special needs children in the Pointes will have yet one more place to go this summer. Last week, the Neighborhood Club kicked off its Kids on the Go program, a speech, occupational and physical therapy program for children ages 3-6 which meets twice a week for six weeks.

GROSSE POINTE SCHOOLS ENACT TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR PLAGIARISM: As computers have made it easier for students to plagiarize material, the safeguards for preventing plagiarism have increased and the penalty for getting caught has become more severe. The Grosse Pointe Board of Education recently amended the district's student code of conduct and beefed up the penalty for plagiarism to range from a failing grade on an assignment and possible temporary separation up through failure for the quarter.

2016

10 years ago this week

BASHARA APPEAL DENIED: Judge Vonda Evans issued a scathing denial last week to Bob Bashara's request for a new trial in the murder of his wife, blasting Bashara's contention he had received ineffective counsel as the reason the guilty verdict should be overturned. Evans contended the only reason Bashara wanted a new trial was not that his representation was ineffective, but because the verdict was not what he wanted.

BROWNELL APPOINTS NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: After a rigorous selection process, Holli McNally, a 10-year teacher at Parcells Middle School, was appointed assistant principal at Brownell Middle School. The selection committee received more than 160 applications, according to Principal Rodger Hunwick. A screening process brought that number to a field of 20, narrowed to six after a full day of interviews. From two finalists, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus recommended McNally's appointment to the Board of Education.

Trusted contractor wins contract

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A trusted municipal contractor received an infrastructure job despite being eked out of submitting the lowest bid.

The contractor's history of performance and quality of work overcame a rival that dealt a bid 1.4 percent lower.

As a result, Bidigare Contractors received a $574,959 contract to replace 50 lead water service lines. Work coincides with replacing a water main on Beaconsfield from Vernor to Kercheval.

A competing bid from VIL Construction totaled $566,825, or $8,120 less than Bidigare, which has been replacing lead lines in the city for a couple of years.

"It was determined that Bidigare has significantly more experience performing lead service line replacement projects than VIL," said Nick Sizeland, city manager. "In addition, Bidigare has successfully completed work for the city over the past two years through which they proved to be reliable, efficient, clean and responsive to engineer calls and resident concerns."

Bidigare won a separate contract lately to carry out this year's water main replacement project.

"Given Bidigare's extensive lead services replacement experience, proven performance on recent city projects, ongoing work with the city and the relatively small difference in bid prices, city staff expressed a preference for working with a single contractor for the city's 2026 underground utility improvement projects to improve coordination, communication, scheduling and overall project efficiency," said Patrick Droze, a principal of city's engineering consultants, OHM Advisors.

Of six bids for lead line work, the most expensive exceeded $749,000.

OHM reviewed the bids and ranked applicants.

"(We) contacted references and reviewed the relevant experience of the two lowest bidders," Droze said.

Water main upgrades are chosen in part to eliminate break-prone lines while replacing high concentrations of lead service lines, which the city is doing incrementally throughout the community in compliance with a statewide mandate applicable to all municipalities.

LETTERS:

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My sincerest congratulations to you and your entire staff. Your dedication and hard work has paid off. My only suggestion is that you must never be satisfied and keep up the great work.

A grateful subscriber,
BOB HRTANEK
Grosse Pointe Farms





Woods sisters releasing live gospel album

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — There have been more than a few highly successful musical sister acts over time, dating back to the Andrews Sisters of Big Band fame to Sister Sledge to Detroit's very own Grammy-winning Clark Sisters.

Now, the Fielder sisters are hoping to one day reach that level. Joselen, a 2020 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, Maressa, a 2026 North grad and Mariah, a rising freshman at North, make up Fielder Prayze. They recently recorded a live gospel album titled "Born 2 Praise" that should be released in time for Christmas.

"I was always singing growing up," said Joselen, who appeared on "American Idol" in 2019 and "The Voice" in 2020. "Maressa and Mariah also started singing and we decided we liked how we sounded together."

The recording included six songs, with one more to be done in-studio, and an appearance by Jacky Clark Chisholm of the aforementioned Clark Sisters.

"Joselen came out of the womb singing," said the girls' mom, Marlena Fielder, a playwright and director. "Then one day I heard Maressa singing from another room and thought it was Joselen."

Maressa was singing "Home" from "The Wiz," in which Joselen had the leading role at North in 2018. Mariah, meanwhile, prefers singing harmony, according to her mother.

The sisters had plenty of musical and artistic influence growing up. Their dad, Joseph Fielder, is pastor at Redeem Church of God in Christ in Detroit and is a singer, musician and producer.

Their oldest brother, also named Joseph, recently graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in jazz studies and soon will be off to Juilliard. Jerry, the youngest, is a rising third grader at Mason Elementary School, where he is in the band.

A rundown of what the family plays includes drums, keyboard, piano, xylophone, stand-up bass and electric bass.

The sisters list gospel, classical, opera and R&B among their favorite music to listen to.

"I am so proud of my girls, and to use my skills, talent and music experience to help make their dream a reality is such a powerful feeling that I almost can't describe," Pastor Fielder said. "My heart is full."

Marlena Fielder said her mother, before she passed away a few years ago, told the girls they would become gospel singers and would tour and perform with the Clark Sisters.

"I wish she had lived to see her vision come to life," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Joselen, Mariah and Maressa Fielder, the Grosse Pointe Woods sisters behind the gospel group Fielder Prayze.

Joselen said her grandmother was the reason behind writing the song "He's There," which is on the album. Listen to it at youtube.com/watch?v=63tjxNe8MxU.

In addition to the album, Joselen is studying business at Henry Ford College, while Maressa will start the same this fall at Wayne State University. Joselen also started a nonprofit organization called Gifted Young Minds that focuses on the performing arts.

The next step could be a tour depending on reception of the album.

"Whatever the Lord wants," Joselen said.

Parcells pool plan coming together

By Ted O'Neil
Associate Editor

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's Facilities Committee spent its last four meetings discussing how to reshape the pool at Parcells Middle School into what is being called a STEAM Commons.

The pool has been unusable the past few years due to damage from humidity. Paul Theriault from Plante Moran told the district's Bond Advisory Committee last year there had been some consideration given to installing a dehumidifier in the space, but architects said there was already too much structural damage. He also noted dehumidifiers should be placed in the pools at Brownell and Pierce middle schools to avoid the same problem.

The committee invited a few Parcells teachers, parents and a student to be part of the discussions. The Collaborative, an architecture and interior design firm from Ann Arbor, has been shaping the plans and at the committee's meeting June 23 presented floor plans and a 3D rendering.

The group agreed that the design for a simplified, interactive space was preferable to what was termed full immersion.

The STEAM Commons will be two floors and include classrooms, huddle spaces, an elevator and a 360-degree room surrounded by white boards and video screens. It also will have a makerspace, which is a collaborative community workspace equipped with tools and technology where people gather to design, prototype and build projects.

The group agreed to keep the makerspace on the smaller side so as not to duplicate others in the community, including one in the adjoining Woods Branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

The commons also will be available for evening use, with secure doors closing it off from the rest of the school.

"Every step of the way we have more opportunities to create something for our students," Acting Superintendent Roy Bishop said. "I truly believe if we do this right with kids in mind it will be something that's going to be revolutionary."

Although there is no exact schedule for the transformation, the district's Bond Advisory Committee last year earmarked $3.7 million for the project.

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do, there is a great opportunity to invite people in, especially if their paperwork is out of order.

"We want to invite people in for a face-to-face meeting and walk them through exactly what is not in order and help them better understand what they need to do," he continued. "Or, if they are not eligible, explain that to them."

Hamka said he intends to set up a 30-day window as a sort of appeals process.

"If their paperwork is contested, it gives them 30 days to get it in order," he said. "Or they can explore the tuition model."

That rate is $12.07 per day. It generally applies to three groups of students:

◆ those moving into the district after school starts but who want to start attending on the first day of school,

◆ those moving out of the district who want to complete the current semester or school year and

◆ seniors moving out of the district who want to graduate from GPPSS.

"This will give us an opportunity for more of that human touch," Hamka added. "There are multiple pathways to prove residency."

Bishop said he doesn't want to see students missing any days of school, but the district must do its due diligence.

"We don't want to hurt students academically for something that isn't their problem," he said. "On the other hand, we don't want students enrolling and starting to make friends and then tell them they can't go here. That's a hard thing to watch."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 43-foot telecommunications pole at the approx. vicinity of 20600 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, MI 48236; Lat:42-26-31.236, Long: -82-54-25.236. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Lisa Skeens, l.skeens@trileaf.com, 1821 Walden Office Square Suite 500, Schaumburg, IL, 60173, 630-227-0202.

GPN: 7/23/26

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND GROSSE POINTE WOODS MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, O THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE AFOREMENTIONED MUNICIPALITIES ON AUGUST 4, 2026. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AT THE FOLLOWING POLLING LOCATIONS:

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS

PRECINCT	
All Precincts	Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Road

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

PRECINCT	
All Precincts	Neighborhood Club Recreation & Wellness Center, 17150 Waterloo

GROSSE POINTE PARK

PRECINCT	
001-002	Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.
004-007	Lavins Activity Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

PRECINCT	
001	St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park
002-003	Community Center – 20025 Mack Plaza Dr.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY

PRECINCT	
All Precincts	Municipal Building, First Floor, Council Chambers, 795 Lake Shore Road

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that registered voters will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

PARTISAN: United States Senator; United States Representative in Congress (13th District); Governor; State Senator (12th District); Representative in State Legislature (10th District); County Executive; Delegates to County Conventions.

PROPOSALS: County: Wayne County Public Transportation Millage Proposal

Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local Clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

All electors who are registered with the Clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04
CITY OF HARPER WOODS

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOFAND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND AND THE SYSTEM. THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

(b) "Adjusted Net Revenues" means for any operating year the excess of revenues over expenses for the System determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, to which shall be added depreciation, amortization, interest expense on the Bond and payments to the City in lieu of taxes, to which may be made the following adjustments.

(i) Revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted prior to the issuance of additional bonds or to be placed into effect before the time principal or interest on the additional bonds becomes payable from Revenues as applied to quantities of service furnished during the operating year or portion thereof that the increased rates were not in effect.

(ii) Revenues may be augmented by amounts which may be derived from rates and charges to be paid by new customers of the System.

The adjustment of revenues and expenses by the factors set forth in (i) and (ii) above shall be reported upon by professional engineers or certified public accountants or other experts not in the regular employment of the City.

(c) "Authority" means the Michigan Finance Authority or its successor.

(d) "Authorized Officers" means the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and Finance Director of the City.

(e) "Bond" or "Bonds" means the Series 2026 Bond, together with the Outstanding Bonds and any additional bonds hereafter issued of equal standing with the Series 2026 Bond or the Outstanding Bonds.

(f) "City" or "Issuer" means the City of Harper Woods, County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

(g) "EGLE" means the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or any successor agency.

(h) "Engineers" means Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc., registered engineers.

(i) "Outstanding Bonds" means the Series 2012 Bonds.

(j) "Prior Ordinance" means Ordinance No. 08-129-12.

(k) "Project" means the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of additions, extensions and improvements to the System, including sanitary sewer rehabilitation and collection system improvements, together with all related site improvements, equipment, appurtenances and attachments.

(l) "Purchase Contract" means the Purchase Contract to be entered into between the Authority and the City relating to the purchase by the Authority of the Series 2026 Bond.

(m) "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" means the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues" the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by the Prior Ordinance and this Ordinance, and other revenues derived from or pledged to operation of the System.

(n) "Series 2012 Bonds" means the Water and Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 2012, dated September 18, 2012, in the outstanding principal amount of $1,395,000.

(o) "Series 2026 Bond" means the Water and Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 2026, of the City in the principal amount not to exceed $5,500,000 authorized pursuant to this Ordinance.

(p) "Sufficient Government Obligations" means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the City, the principal and interest payments upon which, without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the interest as it comes due on the Bond and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Bond as it comes due whether on the stated maturity date or upon earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any principal installment of the Bond is to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call the principal installment for redemption shall be given to the paying agent.

(q) "Supplemental Agreement" means the supplemental agreement among the City, the Authority and EGLE relating to the Bond.

(r) "System" means the Water and Sewer System of the City, including the Project and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.

Section 2. Necessity; Approval of Plans and Specifications. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the City to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Engineers, which plans and specifications are hereby approved. The Project qualifies for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund financing program being administered by EGLE and the Authority, whereby bonds of the City are sold to the Authority and bear interest at a fixed rate of one percent (1.00%) per annum.

Section 3. Costs; Useful Life. The cost of the Project is estimated to be an amount not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($5,500,000) including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than thirty (30) years.

Section 4. Payment of Cost; Bond Authorized. To pay the cost of acquiring and constructing the Project, including payment of legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 2026 Bond, the City shall borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($5,500,000) and issue its Series 2026 Bond therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The remaining cost of the Project, if any, shall be defrayed from City funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Except as amended by or expressly provided to the contrary in this Ordinance, all the provisions of the Prior Ordinance shall apply to the Series 2026 Bond issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance in detail; the purpose of this Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional revenue bonds of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues with the Outstanding Bonds to finance the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping improvements to the System; such purpose being authorized by the provisions of the Prior Ordinance (as amended by this Ordinance), upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully met.

Section 5. Issuance of Bond; Details. The Series 2026 Bond of the City, to be designated WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2026, is authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($5,500,000) or such lesser amount as finally determined by order of EGLE for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2026 Bond. The Series 2026 Bond shall be payable out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 8 hereof.

The Series 2026 Bond shall be in the form of a single fully-registered, nonconvertible bond of the denomination of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable in principal installments serially as finally determined by the order of EGLE at the time of sale of the Series 2026 Bond and approved by the Authority and an Authorized Officer. Principal installments of the Series 2026 Bond shall be payable on October 1 of the years 2028 through 2057, inclusive, or such other payment dates as hereinafter provided. Interest on the Series 2026 Bond shall be payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2027 or on such other interest payment dates as hereinafter provided. Final determination of the principal amount of and interest on the Series 2026 Bond and the payment dates and amounts of principal installments of the Series 2026 Bond shall be evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract and each of the Authorized Officers is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when in final form and to make the determinations set forth above; provided, however, that the first principal installment shall be due no earlier than April 1, 2027 and that the total principal amount shall not exceed $5,500,000.

The Series 2026 Bond shall bear interest at a rate of not to exceed one percent (1.00%) per annum on the par value thereof or such other rate as evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract, but in any event not to exceed the rate permitted by law, and any Authorized Officers as shall be appropriate shall deliver the Series 2026 Bond in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Authority.

The principal amount of the Series 2026 Bond is expected to be drawn down by the City periodically, and interest on principal amount shall accrue from the date such principal amount is drawn down by the City.

The Series 2026 Bond shall not be convertible or exchangeable into more than one fully-registered bond. Principal of and interest on the Series 2026 Bond shall be payable as provided in the Series 2026 Bond form in this Ordinance.

The Series 2026 Bond shall be subject to optional redemption by the City with the prior written approval of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

The Treasurer shall record on the registration books payment by the City of each installment of principal or interest or both when made and the cancelled checks or other records evidencing such payments shall be returned to and retained by the Treasurer.

Upon payment by the City of all outstanding principal of and interest on the Series 2026 Bond, the Authority shall deliver the Series 2026 Bond to the City for cancellation.

Section 6. Execution of Series 2026 Bond. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized to execute and deliver the Series 2026 Bond in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Authority. The Series 2026 Bond shall be signed with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk and shall have the City's seal impressed or printed thereon. The Series 2026 Bond bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk sold to the Authority shall require no further authentication.

Section 7. Registration and Transfer. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the transfer agent. Whenever any Bond shall be surrendered for transfer, the City shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The City shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Series 2026 Bond contained in Section 15 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The City shall give the transfer agent notice of call for redemption at least 20 days prior to the date notice of redemption is to be given.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal office sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the City; and upon presentation for such purpose the transfer agent shall under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe transfer or cause to be transferred on the books Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the City, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended ("Act 354"), being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the City, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond the transfer agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 8. Payment of Bond; Security; Priority of Lien. Principal of and interest on the Series 2026 Bonds shall be payable from the Net Revenues. There is hereby recognized the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues created by this Ordinance which shall be a first lien that is equal in standing with the lien of the Outstanding Bonds created by the Prior Ordinance, to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of all Bonds of a series then outstanding, principal and interest on such Bonds to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any.

Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to that series of Bonds, the holders of that series shall have no further rights under the Prior Ordinance or this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the bonds of that series shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under the Prior Ordinance or this Ordinance.

As additional security for repayment of the Series 2026 Bond, the City hereby pledges the taxes collected by the State of Michigan and returned to the Issuer pursuant to Act 140, Public Acts of Michigan, 1971, as amended, to the Authority as purchaser and holder of the Series 2026 Bond, and the City hereby authorizes the Authorized Officers to approve, execute and deliver a Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement between the City and the Authority, authorizing the State Treasurer to transmit the revenue sharing moneys assigned and pledged therein directly to the Authority or its designee if payments on the Series 2026 Bonds are not made in accordance with this Ordinance. The City shall be reimbursed for any such advance from the Net Revenues of the System subsequently received which are not otherwise pledged or encumbered by this Ordinance.

Section 9. Bondholders' Rights; Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty percent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the City, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Series 2026 Bond, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the City and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the City more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Bonds and the security therefor.

Section 10. Management; Fiscal Year. The operation, repair and management of the System and the acquisition and construction of the Project shall be under the supervision and control of the City Council. The City Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the City Charter, may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The City Council may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System. The fiscal year of the System shall be the fiscal year of the City.

Section 11. Rates and Charges. The rates and charges for service furnished by and the use of the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

Section 12. No Free Service or Use. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than cost, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the City.

Section 13. Funds and Accounts; Flow of Funds. The funds and accounts and the flow of funds established by the Prior Ordinance are hereby continued, and the applicable sections of the Prior Ordinance setting forth the funds and accounts and flow of funds are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.

Section 14. Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of the sale of the Series 2026 Bond as received by the City shall be deposited in an account separate from other money of the City and held in a bank or banks qualified to act as depository of the proceeds of sale under the provisions of Section 15 of Act 94 designated 2026 WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND (the "Construction Fund"). Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely in payment of the cost of the Project including any engineering, legal and other expenses incident thereto and to the financing thereof.

Section 15. Bond Form. The Series 2026 Bond shall be in substantially the following form with such changes or completion as necessary or appropriate to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance and further subject to such modifications which may be required by the Michigan Attorney General and the Authority and approved by bond counsel:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN • COUNTY OF WAYNE • CITY OF HARPER WOODS

WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2026
REGISTERED OWNER: Michigan Finance Authority
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: _____ Dollars ($5,500,000)
DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE: August 27, 2026

The CITY OF HARPER WOODS, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay, primarily out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the City's Water and Sewer System (hereinafter defined), to the Michigan Finance Authority (the "Authority"), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, or such portion thereof as shall have been advanced to the City pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the City and the Authority and a Supplemental Agreement by and among the City, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid or reduced prior thereto as hereinafter provided.

During the time funds are being drawn down by the City under this bond, the Authority will periodically provide to the City a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the City of its obligation to repay the outstanding Principal Amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of this bond.

The Principal Amount shall be payable on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule may be adjusted if less than $5,500,000 is disbursed to the City or if a portion of the Principal Amount is prepaid as provided below, with interest on said principal installments from the date each said installment is delivered to the holder hereof until paid at the rate of one percent (1.00%) per annum. Interest is first payable October 1, 2027 and semiannually thereafter and principal is payable on the first day of October commencing October 1, 2028 (as identified in the Purchase Contract) and annually thereafter.

Principal installments of this bond are subject to prepayment by the City prior to maturity only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of this bond, (a) this bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the City's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the City shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this bond shall be given by the City and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Additional Interest

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the City's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the City shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the City's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the City has irrevocably pledged the revenues of its Water and Sewer System, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory first lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum indicated above issued pursuant to Ordinance No. 08-129-12 and duly adopted by the City Council of the City (together, the "Ordinances"), and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the System.

The bonds of this issue are of equal standing and priority of lien as to the Net Revenues with the City's Water and Sewer System Revenue Bond, Series 2012, dated September 18, 2012 (the "Outstanding Bonds"). For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of equal standing may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinances. The City has reserved the right to issue additional bonds of equal standing with the bonds of this issue and the Outstanding Bonds on conditions stated in the Ordinances.

This bond is a self-liquidating bond, payable, both as to principal and interest, primarily from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory lien hereinbefore mentioned. As additional security, the Issuer has pledged certain taxes collected by the State of Michigan and returned to the Issuer pursuant to a revenue sharing pledge agreement as further described in the Ordinances.

The City has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of this bond, and any bonds of equal standing with this bond, the Outstanding Bonds, and any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds, as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption fund therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the System as are required by the Ordinances.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the City by the registered owner in person or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinances, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, by its City Council, has caused this bond to be executed with the manual signatures of its Mayor and its Clerk and the corporate seal to be impressed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
By Valerie Kindle
Its Mayor

Countersigned:
Its Leslie M. Frank
Its City Clerk

EGLE Project No.: 5968-01
EGLE Approved Amt: $_____*

SCHEDULE A

Based on the schedule provided below unless revised as provided in this paragraph, repayment of the principal of the bond shall be made until the full amount advanced to the City is repaid. In the event the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (the "Order"), approves a principal amount of assistance less than the amount of the bond delivered to the Authority, the Authority shall only disburse principal up to the amount stated in the Order. In the event (1) that the payment schedule approved by the City and described below provides for payment of a total principal amount greater than the amount of assistance approved by the Order or (2) that less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order is disbursed to the City by the Authority, or (3) that any portion of the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order and disbursed to the City is forgiven pursuant to the Order, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule which shall be effective upon receipt by the City.

Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Maturity Date	Principal Amount
October 1, 2028	$158,000	October 1, 2038	$175,000	October 1, 2048	$193,000
October 1, 2029	160,000	October 1, 2039	176,000	October 1, 2049	195,000
October 1, 2030	161,000	October 1, 2040	178,000	October 1, 2050	197,000
October 1, 2031	163,000	October 1, 2041	180,000	October 1, 2051	199,000
October 1, 2032	164,000	October 1, 2042	182,000	October 1, 2052	201,000
October 1, 2033	166,000	October 1, 2043	184,000	October 1, 2053	203,000
October 1, 2034	168,000	October 1, 2044	185,000	October 1, 2054	205,000
October 1, 2035	169,000	October 1, 2045	187,000	October 1, 2055	207,000
October 1, 2036	171,000	October 1, 2046	189,000	October 1, 2056	209,000
October 1, 2037	173,000	October 1, 2047	1910,000	October 1, 2057	211,000

Interest on the bond shall accrue on that portion of principal disbursed by the Authority to the City which has not been forgiven pursuant to the Order from the date such portion is disbursed, until paid, at the rate of 1.00% per annum, payable April 1, 2027, and semi-annually thereafter.

The City agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository, or such other place as shall be designated in writing to the City by the Authority payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise. In the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the City's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the City shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment.

Section 16. Additional Bonds. The City may issue additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds and the Series 2026 Bond for the purposes and on the conditions set forth in the Prior Ordinance.

Section 17. Negotiated Sale; Application to EGLE and Authority; Execution of Documents. The City determines that it is in the best interest of the City to negotiate the sale of the Series 2026 Bond to the Authority because the Clean Water State Revolving Fund financing programs provide significant interest savings to the City compared to competitive sale in the municipal bond market. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to make application to the Authority and to EGLE for placement of the Series 2026 Bond with the Authority. The actions taken by the Authorized Officers with respect to the Series 2026 Bond prior to the adoption of this Ordinance are ratified and confirmed. The Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract, the Supplemental Agreement, the Revenue Sharing Pledge Agreement and the Issuer's Certificate. Any Authorized Officer is further authorized to execute and deliver such contracts, documents and certificates as are necessary or advisable to qualify the Series 2026 Bond for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Prior to the delivery of the Series 2026 Bond to the Authority, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes to the form of the Series 2026 Bond contained in Section 15 of this Ordinance as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan 1985, as amended ("Act 227"), including, but not limited to changes in the principal maturity and interest payment dates and references to additional security required by Act 227.

Section 18. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds. The City shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the Series 2026 Bond from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Series 2026 Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds.

Section 19. Approval of Bond Counsel. The representation of the City by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. ("Miller Canfield"), as bond counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding the representation by Miller Canfield of the Authority in connection with its financing programs and borrowings.Section 20. Approval of Bond Details. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing are authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including but not limited to determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters, provided that the principal amount of Series 2026 Bond issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this Ordinance, the interest rate per annum on the Series 2026 Bond shall not exceed one percent (1.00%) per annum, and the Series 2026 Bond shall mature in not more than thirty (30) annual installments.

Section 21. Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or part thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 22. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 23. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the *Grosse Pointe News*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the City Clerk.

Section 24. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted and signed this 13th day of July, 2026.

Signed Valerie Kindle
Mayor
Signed Leslie M. Frank
City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Harper Woods, County of Wayne Michigan, at a regular meeting held on July 13, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting: Costantino, Foster, LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant Jr., Williams and Kindle and that the following Members were absent: None.

I further certify that Member LaPratt moved adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Member Costantino.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance: LaPratt, Sawicki, Toussant, Jr., Williams, Kindle, Costantino and Foster and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance: None.

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and the Clerk.

Leslie M. Frank
Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Alleys don't get state funds

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Alleys are the wet dog of state road funding. No one in the capital wants anything to do with them.

"We don't get state support for alleys," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee.

As a result, more than $500,000 spent on municipal alleys in recent years came from the city budget. There were no pass-throughs of state receipts, according to Tom Jenny, head of public works.

"Between 2023 and 2024, we've put about $284,000 into alleys," Jenny said.

The figure doesn't include alley work behind the new public works garage and headquarters on Mack between Wayburn and Maryland to Goethe Avenue.

"That would be another $250,000," City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

"So, more than a half-million dollars in alleyways," Wiener said. "If we break it down, it's more than $100,000 per year."

"We thought we were going to get extra (state) revenue for major and local streets," Sizeland said. "But we still don't know what we're going to get. We initially heard we were getting another $400,000, which would allow us to put more money towards municipal roads, which we could put more in alleyways."

No alley resurfacing is scheduled this year. Nor is separation of combined alley storm and sanitary sewers. Roadwork this year is focused on the Charlevoix streetscape, which is about halfway done, according to Jenny.

"Next year, I think we're going to (separate sewers under) the alley behind (the) Beaumont (building on Kercheval)," he said. "We can separate that whole alley."

Separating alley sewers can be difficult because the lines aren't standardized. Each job becomes a custom project.

"Alleys are not at all consistent," Wiener said. "Some we can separate because they're close to the surface. Some are really deep. You start tearing it up and have a lot of other issues. We're trying for low-hanging fruit that gives the most bang for the buck, especially if it's a separation. We're trying to get what is the most square footage for the least dollar amount."

Alley projects this year are limited to filling potholes and cracks.

"We're in alleys actively with the patch machine," Jenny said.

"There is no shortage of infrastructure things we'd love to do," Wiener said. "We're trying to prioritize the water side. We hit the biggest-hitters first, water mains that need it."

Spending money on infrastructure improvements is a balancing act.

"We hear when residents have issues and concerns about different areas, but any money put into a project is not spent somewhere else," Wiener said. "So, we're trying to be as smart and efficient as we can. Alleyways are being looked at. They're being prioritized, especially considering the financial reality of how our income is coming in and how we can distribute it."

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tant's $200,000 fee for engineering, oversight and the contractor's compliance.

Another benefit of the price was lowering by $500,000 the maximum amount requested in a water-sewer bond. City officials planned to request $7 million, but lowered it to $6.5 million.

"Right now, bids are coming in a little low," Wiener said. "Four years ago, bids were coming in really, really high. It all comes out in the wash eventually, but we're in a great position because of the funding mechanisms we have. As projects come in lower (cost), we can accelerate things. We can redirect projects if we have to. It makes us a lot more efficient, at least in my view."



COURTESY PHOTO

Surrounded by history

Middle school students from The Grosse Pointe Academy recently traveled to Richmond and Petersburg, Va., as part of an immersive educational experience supported by the American Battlefield Trust's History Field Trip Grant Program. Led by middle school teacher Trevor Clor, the multiday trip gave students the opportunity to explore some of the nation's most significant Civil War sites while connecting classroom learning to real-world historical experiences.

"We are incredibly grateful to the American Battlefield Trust for helping make this experience possible for our students," Clor said. "History comes alive when students can walk the ground where these events took place, engage directly with the stories behind them and experience learning beyond the classroom."

Clor, who has been at GPA 17 years, has been nominated for Michigan Teacher of the Year for the 2026-27 school year. Three rising sixth graders at the school — Finn Ezop, Finn Malloy and Lia Bruner — advanced to the Michigan History Day state finals earlier this year after winning first place at the district competition for their project about Edsel Ford and the B-24 Bomber. Middle school student James Darke, also a rising sixth grader, made it to the national tournament in the Great American History Challenge in May.

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zoning power to local municipalities. What works in one city won't work in others."

The bills, their status and the House Fiscal Agency's analysis of financial impacts on state and local government, are:

◆ 5529, in Committee of Government Relations, prohibits municipalities from setting a minimal parcel size of 1,500 square feet, no fiscal impact;

◆ 5530, in Committee of Government Relations, prohibits municipalities from setting a minimal parcel size of 1,500 square feet, no fiscal impact;

◆ 5531, in Committee of Government Relations, may reduce revenue where relevant fees are eliminated;

◆ 5532, in Committee of Government Relations, indeterminate impact; and

◆ 5581, 5582, 5583, 5584 and 5585: introduced, no analysis.

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From left, James and Maggie Lady and Cathy and Jim Hassett hold up a finished bandana.

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Park woman leading charge to honor 9/11 hero

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In advance of the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, a Grosse Pointe Park woman is seeking support in remembrance of one of the day's heroes.

Cathy Hassett first heard the story of Welles Crowther, also known as "the man in the red bandana," from her son, John. Crowther was a 24-year-old equities trader when he risked his life to save more than a dozen others from the 78th floor of the South Tower (see sidebar).

So moved by his heroism, Hassett began hanging a giant red bandana on her porch each September in his honor. It became her tradition three years ago; now, she hopes other families in the 1100 block of Beaconsfield — and beyond — will join her.

"It's hard for me to understand how somebody could do that — run into danger," Hassett said. "I'm not that brave. It made me think of our firemen and policemen. I don't understand that kind of bravery. I think it should be honored. These people in many situations don't get respected the way they should. Same with health care workers. Anything I can do to help morale, I'm all for it."

Hassett already has recruited six neighbors to hang red bandanas on their porches.

"Since they were so enthusiastic, I thought it would be nice to see if anyone else would," she said.



Friends and neighbors gathered Sunday, July 19, at the Hassett house in Grosse Pointe Park to make large bandanas to hang like flags, like the one hanging behind the group. Pictured are, top row from left, Laura Heenan, Jarrod Kudzia, James Lady and Cathy Hassett; and second row from left, Maggie Lady, Heidi Black, Finn Heenan and Jim Hassett; and bottom row from left, Christine Hoffman, Liam Kudzia, Mike Heenan and Earl Black.

She's planning to make participation easy for the rest of her block as well. She is making 40 large bandanas that she plans to distribute to houses on the block, along with a note asking them to hang the bandanas and why.

"It doesn't take much effort to show appreciation," Hassett said. "On our block, we are providing them to make it as easy as possible. I don't think anybody will refuse it if they know the story."

Hassett typically raises her bandana a full week before the 9/11 anniversary and keeps it up a week or so after. She encourages anyone who wants to do so to join her, whether they live on Beaconsfield or not.

"We know many of our neighbors already," Hassett said. "Once they start hanging them, hopefully people will see them and do it too."

Sweetening the celebration is an annual block party, which this year will feature representatives from the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.

"The theme will be first responders — especially firefighters, police officers and EMS," she said. "I think it's a cool idea: the entire block, in unison, honoring 9/11 heroes, along with a block party honoring our local firefighters, police and EMS responders."

From 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, Beaconsfield from Kercheval to St. Paul will feature food and drinks, live music and games, with a party tent, high-top tables and chairs. Hassett already purchased bandanas and mini firefighter helmets to give away to children during the gathering.

In addition to displaying red bandanas, she urged the community to

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From left, Liam Kudzia and his dad, Jarrod, cut the bandana material to size while Mike Heenan and his son, Finn, make adjustments to the bandana.

'Man in the Red Bandana'

On Sept. 11, 2001, New Yorkers demonstrated extraordinary courage and risked their lives to save others. One of these heroes was the man in the red bandana, Welles Crowther.

When hijacked Flight 175 hit the World Trade Center's South Tower, people on the 78th floor sky lobby huddled together, frightened and confused. There was no escape as far as they could tell.

Then, a man with a red bandana covering his nose and mouth suddenly appeared from the wreckage and smoke. He spoke in a calm voice and guided them to a stairway, leading them to safety.

The man in the red bandana made three trips to the sky lobby, saving as many people as he could, until the burning building collapsed.

A few months after 9/11, stories from survivors surfaced about the mysterious man wearing the red bandana.

When Alison Crowther read an article about the hero in The New York Times, she knew that man was her son, 24-year-old Welles Crowther. He had carried a red handkerchief since he was a boy. Welles Crowther worked as an equities trader and was also a volunteer firefighter.

Welles Crowther's bravery and heroism on 9/11 will never be forgotten. As survivor Judy Wein, who was rescued by Crowther, noted, "People can live 100 years and not have the compassion, the wherewithal to do what he did."

Courtesy of the National Sept. 11 Memorial & Museum


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OBITUARIES

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Edward Victor Keelean



Ethel H. Ogden Burwell



Sarah Ann Verlinden

Edward Victor Keelean

Edward Victor Keelean, 77, passed away suddenly Sunday, July 12, 2026. He was an endlessly devoted husband, steadfast father, grandfather with boundless energy and affection for his six grandkids and loyal and cherished friend.

Ed was born June 29, 1949, in Cadillac, to Sam "Stanley" and Rose "Rosalie" Keelean. The youngest of eight siblings, Ed was loved deeply and cared for by all of his siblings from the moment he was born, especially by his oldest sister, Liz, and his next oldest brother, Mike, with whom he shared a birthday.

Ed graduated from Mount Pleasant High School before joining the U.S. Navy and serving as a data processing technician petty officer 2nd class. He was stationed in Scotland on the USS Simon Lake out of Charleston, S.C. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Central Michigan University before pursuing a Juris Doctor at Wayne State University. He had a long and rewarding career as a corporate defense attorney before becoming the deputy corporation counsel for the city of Detroit. Ed was passionate about the law and remained dedicated to it throughout his life, even after retiring at age 70.

Ed was a mentor to his colleagues and guiding force to his children; his family said he was likely the best man any of them will ever know. In a world where division is the expectation, Ed brought them together, told them to be curious and asked them to see the humanity in each person.

Ed met the love of his life, Chris (nee Suhrland), while at CMU. They were married Aug. 16, 1975. Ed and Chris celebrated 50 years of marriage in summer 2025, and were known by many for their strong, meaningful bond and inspirational partnership. Their children said they were lucky to grow up with a living example of a marriage based on mutual respect, a common guiding force and showing up every day with intention and integrity.

Ed and Chris had four children: a son, Brendan Suhrland, and triplet daughters, Allison Rose, Bridget Ellen and Meghan Mary. Their children always looked up to their parents for many reasons, but especially for the example they set of prioritizing family above all else. Ed never missed a special occasion, a "Keelean Get-Together" at one of his siblings' homes or a trip to East Lansing for a weekend with Chris' parents. Ed taught his children that the truest form of love is being present in people's lives.

Ed carried on his dedicated parenting when he became a grandfather. He had six grandchildren whom he loved deeply and without condition: George and Edward Keelean, Fiona and Lana Baum and Josephine and Bernadette Keelean. As "Papa," he was known for being game for anything the kids suggested, including projects in the workshop, ranging from a bike trailer to a pirate ship to endless amounts of swords and shields, games of make-believe or just snuggling in his chair for a nap. Papa was always the first one up in the morning and every grandchild knew they could find him at the kitchen table, reading The New York Times and watching birds out the window. Ed also was an avid fan of anything the kids were involved in and attended as many games, recitals and plays as he could.

Ed had much professional success and his personal life was just as full. He spent his free time in his wood workshop, honing the skills his father had instilled in him at a young age. He crafted many of the family's most prized possessions. He was a lifelong Detroit sports fan and attended Tigers and Red Wings games as often as he could. In the summer, he could be found filling out his scorecard while watching the Tigers, a novelty for which he was featured in the Detroit Free Press. With his passion for reading nonfiction, he built a wealth of knowledge that became a resource to his family. He was somehow always able to answer the most obscure of questions.

Among Ed's most meaningful and passionate work was local politics. Ed played a huge role in recruiting members for the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club and precinct delegates around Wayne County. He worked tirelessly on many campaigns, most recently for Democratic candidates in 2024, where he knocked on more than 1,100 doors. He worked hard for candidates up and down the ballot and, with Chris at his side, never missed a protest or a bridge brigade.

While the U.S. Navy introduced Ed to many corners of the world, Chris made sure to expand on those journeys when they began biannual cruises around the world. While he enjoyed traveling, he was happiest making regular trips to their chalet in northern Michigan.

Ed is survived by his wife, Christan (nee Suhrland) Keelean; siblings, George Keelean (Merilou), Virginia Keelean, Joe Keelean (Nancy), Mary Mehringer and Mike Keelean (Jean); children, Brendan Keelean (Shelleyann), Allison Keelean (Karla), Bridget Baum (Scott) and Meghan Keelean; and grandchildren, George and Edward Keelean, Josephine and Bernadette Keelean and Fiona and Lana Baum. He was predeceased by his parents, Sam and Rose; sister, Liz; brother, John; and brother-in-law, Mike Mehringer. Despite missing Ed, his family takes comfort in knowing he would tell them to "soldier on."

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club, secure.actblue.com/donate/gpddonate; or any local Democratic cause.

Ethel Hunter Ogden Burwell

Ethel Hunter Ogden Burwell, 89, passed away Friday, July 17, 2026. Her life was characterized by friendliness and kindness and anchored in the security of her family and faith in God.

Ethel was born Sept. 13, 1936, in Atlanta, to William Frederick Ogden and Ethel Farmer Hunter Ogden. Within her first year of life, the family moved to Chicago where her father took a job with Hotpoint, a subsidiary of General Electric. Ethel began her education at the Chicago Latin School for Girls (now the Latin School of Chicago). Right before she started high school, the family moved to Greenwich, Conn., where she attended and graduated from Rosemary Hall for Girls (now Choate Rosemary Hall). She continued her education at Sweet Briar College (SBC) in Virginia, because it was "a college that felt the most like home," beginning her lifelong devotion to SBC. Over the years, Ethel was an active recruiter of prospective students and took on numerous volunteer roles, most notably acting as president of the SBC Alumnae Association and later as a member of its board of trustees. In 2003, she was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award.

While at SBC, she met John Armistead Burwell Jr., who was enrolled at the UVA Darden School of Business. They found they had similar backgrounds; both were born into families with strong Southern roots and had fathers with college degrees in electrical engineering who moved their families north for better-paying jobs. They were married in fall 1958 in Greenwich and began married life in Indianapolis. After two years and the birth of their first child, Armistead was transferred back to Chrysler Corp. headquarters and together they made their home in Grosse Pointe for the next 50 years.

Ethel fully embraced her Grosse Pointe community, as well as the adjoining city of Detroit. She was an active volunteer with the Junior League of Detroit, Sigma Gamma Association, National Society of Colonial Dames in America and Wayne State Metro Teen Conference for racial reconciliation. She also was a preschool reader and admissions volunteer for University Liggett School. In 1996, she was awarded the Spirit of Detroit Award for service to the residents of Detroit. She gave her most volunteer hours to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, where she served in almost every possible volunteer capacity and numerous leadership roles. Although it is a large church, almost everyone knew her and of her interest in getting to personally know each member. That personal interest was evident in her hospitality toward the church's annual ecumenical ministers in countries around the world. Another favorite church project of hers was assisting Vietnamese families in their assimilation into life in America. When the families arrived, they knew little English and had been stripped of their money and possessions by pirates. The youngest children of both families went on to obtain college degrees and launch into successful careers, but they continued to stay in touch with "Mrs. Burwell."

During the 1980s, as her son was completing school, University Liggett School hired Ethel to work in admissions for the lower grades. She later served on the school's board of trustees.

Ethel's original career aspiration was to be a preschool teacher; she always enjoyed spending time with children. After her own children had "left the nest," she claimed the three young children of her pastor, Peter Henry, as her extra grandchildren. She loved having them in her home to enjoy her toy drawer and taking them on the same outings on which she took her grandchildren when they came to visit, including to the Detroit Zoo, which the Henry children referred to as "Miss Ethel's zoo."

Together, Ethel and Armistead had many close friends with whom they enjoyed spending time. They were known for their Southern hospitality, hosting numerous dinner parties, their greatly anticipated annual Christmas caroling party and homemade Christmas peanut brittle. But her own family was the primary recipient of her hospitality. She planned parties, outings and play dates for both her children and grandchildren. Picnics by the lake at Pier Park were a staple of summertime. The majority of family vacations were spent building happy memories visiting the grandparents.

Ethel was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, John Armistead Burwell Jr.; their infant daughter, Mary Armistead; as well as her older brother and two sisters-in-law. She is survived by her younger brother, Ross Ogden of Greenwich, Conn.; children, Ethel Dowling (Ben) of Lexington, Va., Lisa Reichard of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Armistead Burwell (Hannah) of Marietta, Ga.; grandchildren, Andrew Reichard (Katy), Mary Reichard Kuik (Max), Peter Dowling (Hannah), Hunter Reichard, Betsy Dowling, Ben Reichard, Sarah Burwell and John Burwell; six great-grandchildren; and her dearly loved nieces and nephews.

Over the last two years, Ethel had the most amazing team of caregivers one could hope for who are now dear friends of the family.

A memorial service, officiated by Ethel's son-in-law, the Rev. Benjamin W. Dowling III, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 25, at Lauderdale AR Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Va. She will be inurned at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Upperville, Va. For information about viewing a recording of the service, contact Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, (313) 882-5330.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sweet Briar College, P.O. Box 1057, Sweet Briar, VA 24595, bit.ly/4yCaFpk; or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, onrealm.org/GrossePointeMem/-/form/give/GPMC.

Arrangements entrusted to Harrisons Funeral Home.

Sarah Ann Verlinden

Sarah Ann Verlinden, 77, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 14, 2026, surrounded by her family at home in Harbor Springs, after a valiant and courageous 20-year battle with cancer.

Sarah built a family legacy that continues to grow stronger every day. She is survived by her loving spouse of 56 years and sweetheart of 61 years, Michael James Verlinden; their four children, Sarah Ann "Sadie" Sveum (Matthew), Amy Sottile (Christian), Michael James Jr. and Jeffrey; 16 grandchildren and grandchildren-in-law, Alice Horstman (August), Emma Mantha (Phalgun), Jack Sveum (Karly), Isabella Langley (Francis), Michael J. III, Michael A. Sottile, Vincent Sottile (Anna), Madison Sveum, Indigo Catalano, Thomas Sottile and Eli; two great-grandchildren, Elowyn Horstman and Beatrice "Baby Bea" Langley, with two more on the way; brother, Thomas Drummy (Mary); and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. She cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly.

Sarah was preceded in death by her loving parents, Sarah Ann Fisher Drummy and John Leonard Drummy; and six siblings, MaryAnn Merikoski (the late Juha), John Drummy Jr. (Christine), Mary Virginia Copley (Charles), Lawrence Drummy (Joan), Brian Drummy (Linda) and Gloria Lawton (the late Charles).

Sarah was a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe. She attended Elizabeth Seton College in Yonkers, N.Y., and decided to move closer to home to be with her sweetheart, Michael, and finish her associate degree at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Sarah held many professional sales positions throughout her life. A few of her favorites included working at Young Clothes in Grosse Pointe and Silver's in downtown Detroit. She and Michael also were entrepreneurs. They owned and operated American Log Furniture in Birmingham before expanding and moving to Novi, where they designed and built beautiful log furniture to last a lifetime.

However, Sarah's most treasured profession was being a homemaker. She had a hand in making so many life events lovely and memorable, from family Christmas parties and holidays to birthdays with doll cakes, baptisms, graduations, showers, weddings and more. "Mom" was always there to make everything right. "Grandma," "Aunt Sarah," "Sarah" was always planning and making family memories special and beautiful with food, laughter and love. There were many boating trips in the Great Lakes and North Channel, followed by years of memories at The Lodge in Grayling and then The House in Harbor Springs. Her family loved to attend "Camp Grandma" and Bumpa's for a visit, because they knew the days would be filled with fun. There were always dancing parties, crafts, cocktails, "more-derves," pancakes and storytelling. She gave her time without hesitation and made room for all.

Sarah was a limitless source of comfort and generosity to family, friends and anyone in need. Her tender heart and voice were precious gifts she freely shared each moment of her life. She constantly advocated to make the world a better place with grace and authority. From acting as PTO president and her work with the Junior League of Detroit to the Sarah Fisher Home and helping a stranger on the street, Sarah was a champion for all in need.

Most recently, Sarah loved volunteering for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church. She also enjoyed praying with her Bible study group in Birchwood and spending time at the water in Harbor Springs while watching the boats on the bay with her beloved sweetheart, Michael.

Services were held at Holy Childhood of Jesus Catholic Church in Harbor Springs. She was laid to rest at Holy Sepulcher Catholic Cemetery in Southfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Society of St. Vincent DePaul St. Kateri Tekakwitha Conference, 150 W. Main, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Longtime banker calls it a career

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Comerica Bank on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods is down one familiar face after Darryl John officially retired last week.

July 14 was John's last day after 33 years serving customers at the branch and giving 48 years total to the bank.

"It's been good; I've liked it," he said of his career, which began in 1978, right after he graduated from high school.

He used to wait for the bus in front of Bank of the Commonwealth and decided one day to put in an application. He got his foot in the door at the Grand River office and eventually made his way to the Mack Avenue branch when Manufacturers Bank merged with Comerica.

He said he's enjoyed getting to know his customers — many of whom like to come in to sit and chat — as well as going the extra mile for them.

"I like talking to people and helping them with their needs," he said. "I feel comfortable doing that."

Many have been customers for generations.

"When I first came here, one lady had her son with her in a stroller," he said. "Last year she came in with a gentleman much taller than her. She said, 'You'll never guess who this is.' Her son. And he had children, too."

"His favorite thing is helping customers," said branch manager Anida Sabanovic, who has worked with John the last 11 years. "I saw Darryl glow every single time he was able to help. He's a distinguished employee."

John, who recently moved to Clinton Township, worked in management relations. His responsibilities, which extended beyond the Woods branch to other branches in the region, included managing the teller line, scheduling staff, helping clients open new accounts and secure loans. He also was involved in business development, operations and compliance.



PHOTOS BY JODY MCVEIGH

Darryl John is all smiles the day before he officially retired from Comerica Bank.



From left, John Ruhe, senior vice president, Eastern Michigan retail executive at Fifth Third Bank; Darryl John; Angela Prantzalos; Anida Sabanovic, Comerica Bank branch manager; and Marvin Rushing, Comerica Bank district manager.

"When I think about Darryl John, I think about the quintessential colleague for this community," said Marvin Rushing, Comerica Bank district manager. "He listens and understands and makes it work. That is the essence of Darryl John. This will be a heavy loss for us. I'm excited for Darryl, for his future, and I congratulate him on his retirement."

John said he'll most miss working with his colleagues, particularly Angela Prantzalos, with whom he has grown close the last 23 years.

"I'm an only child and so is Angela," he said. "She's like the sister I never had."

The feeling is mutual for Prantzalos, who said John's last few days at the branch were emotional.

"He's amazing, hard-working," she said. "He has a good heart. I was blessed to work with him.

"We have fun together," she continued. "This is a business and we take care of customers, but we enjoy our time together and have fun. He's a good friend."

Sabanovic agreed.

"We are going to miss him so much," she said. "I have so much gratitude for all his years of service. I wish Darryl the best in his retirement."

"It's time," John said. "I'm 65. I put it off for a while, but my partner and I are ready to start our next chapter."

The next chapter will involve traveling, including an upcoming trip to Toronto. He also hopes to explore Nice, France, at Sabanovic's recommendation.

"Darryl has given 48 years to this bank and 33 years to this office," she said. "I've been able to witness for 11 years the firsthand impact he's had on clients, colleagues and the overall community."

She noted the kind words and well wishes from customers who stopped by during his last few days of work.

"His 33 years of impact truly will be felt for many years to come," Sabanovic said. "... Darryl provided such a distinguished service that is irreplaceable. His friendliness, his charm, his smile, his consistent commitment — he had all of it and it's something we will all miss tremendously."

John Ruhe, senior vice president, Eastern Michigan retail executive at Fifth Third Bank, which acquired Comerica earlier this year, said he immediately recognized John's stature in the community.

"When you walk in, he is the light everybody looks at," Ruhe said. "Every customer sees him as that stability for the community. After 33 years, that should be what you see when you come into this branch.

"We wish him the very best in this next stage," he added. "He's earned it. We appreciate all he's done for the community, Fifth Third and Comerica."

"I'm excited," John said. "I'm excited, but sad. I'll be missing everybody — my clients, my coworkers and the bank as a whole.

"The bank has been very nice to me," he added. "I've got no complaints. It's been a good ride. Now it's time to do something else."

The Helm launches free falls risk screening program

The Helm at the Boll Life Center is helping older adults take a proactive approach to preventing falls through a new falls risk screening initiative offered in partnership with Able Care, a health care technology and screening company. Made possible through a grant from the Detroit Area Agency on Aging, The Helm will begin offering free Able Assess Falls Risk Screenings to members starting Monday, July 27.

Falls are one of the leading causes of injury among older adults, but many falls can be prevented by identifying potential risks early and taking simple steps to improve strength, balance and mobility. The Able Assess screening is a quick, noninvasive, clinically validated assessment that measures grip strength, leg strength, gait speed and balance using the same evidence-based measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through its STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries) framework.

The screening takes approximately 15 minutes and provides participants with a personalized report highlighting their strengths, areas of concern and recommended next steps. Those identified as being at increased risk for falls will be connected with The Helm's fitness programs, essential services and community resources to help reduce their risk and maintain their independence.

"Falls can have a significant impact on an older adult's health, confidence and independence, and many falls are preventable," said Krista Siddall, executive director of The Helm. "By offering these screenings, we're helping people identify potential concerns early and connecting them with practical resources that can help them remain active, independent and engaged in their community."

Unlike many screenings that simply identify a concern, The Helm helps participants take the next step. Those identified as being at increased risk may be encouraged to participate in fitness and balance classes such as tai chi, Strength & Balance, yoga, chair yoga, Enhanced Fitness and Active Fit to help improve strength, balance and confidence. Beyond fitness, The Helm can provide transportation to medical appointments and physical therapy, lend mobility aids such as walkers and canes through its Medical Equipment Loan Closet and connect participants with case coordination, information and assistance and other community resources to help them remain safe, independent and supported.

Appointments for the free screenings will be available through Friday, Aug. 14. Follow-up screenings will be offered approximately three and six months later, allowing participants to monitor their progress over time.

Screenings are available to The Helm members by appointment. The assessment takes approximately 15 minutes and appointments are encouraged, although walk-ins may be accommodated as scheduling allows.

To schedule a Falls Risk Screening or learn more about membership, call (313) 882-9600 or visit helmlife.org.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Laura Heenan cuts red rope the perfect length to tie into the bandana material so it can be hung up on porches like a flag.

HERO:

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learn more about Crowther and his sacrifice.

"Read his story," she said. "It's not just about hanging a bandana. His story is all over the place when you start looking; you'll find books and documentaries.

"When I start telling people the story behind it, they want to participate," she added. "Any way I can help make this larger than (the 1100 block of) Beaconsfield, I will."

Read more of Crowther's story at maninredbandana.com.

Watch the documentary, "The Man in the Red Bandana," on YouTube.

Anyone with questions about the tribute or how to join the effort may email Hassett at chassett9@hotmail.com.



Soroptimist Grosse Pointe elects 2026-28 board members



Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe recently announced its newly elected 2026-28 board. Installed July 8, were, from left, President Bette Lepouttre, Director Marlane Washington, Assistant Treasurer Roseanne Horne, Treasurer Kerri Green, Past President Diana Langlois and President-Elect Lillian Frazier. Not pictured is Secretary Susan Madro.

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. The Grosse Pointe club welcomes new members any time of the year. There are many short- and long-term volunteer opportunities within the club, including giving financial awards to help women meet their educational goals, service projects for women in need, presenting human trafficking awareness events, supporting high school girls in taking the preparatory class for ACT/SAT, helping with the tuition of girls in Ghana and getting together socially. Members need not reside in Grosse Pointe.

If interested, email grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com

For more information, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org

Good Taco



On June 13, the Junior League of Detroit received a $1,093 donation from Lola's Taco Bar's charity program, The Good Taco.
Each month, Lola's selects a nonprofit charity to receive $1 per purchase of its taco of the month. May's special taco was the Pork Carnitas, which carried into June due to the Memorial Day holiday.
The Junior League uses funds to support its signature project, Brilliant Detroit, a community partner, as well as local community grants and scholarships.
Pictured from left are Junior League members Dona Reynolds, Dianne Bostic Robinson, Sherry McRill, Jill Richner and Sandra Davis with Lola's general manager Tony Nouhan.

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The Helm launches evening Summer Patio Party Series

Summer evenings are coming to life at The Helm with a new Summer Patio Party Series and additional evening opportunities designed to bring together food, entertainment, activity and community connection.

All patio events take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The series begins Tuesday, July 28, with the Jazzy Patio Party. Guests will enjoy a summer cookout, live jazz entertainment from Gwen and Charles Scales, as well as time to relax and connect with friends and neighbors on The Helm's patio. Admission is $25 and includes a meal and live entertainment.

The fun continues Thursday, Aug. 13, with Courtyard Cookout — Games Nite! The event features tasty bites, games and a relaxed evening designed for connection and a little friendly competition. Admission is $10 per person.

The series wraps up Tuesday, Sept. 22, with the Fall Bonfire Bash, during which guests will enjoy dinner, s'mores around the fire and live music from The Neighbors. Admission is $25.

Summer evenings continue beyond the patio with additional opportunities to gather and connect, including Bocce Club from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 24, and a special Twilight Bingo evening from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, featuring snacks, drinks and summer-themed prizes.

Whether enjoying live music, friendly competition or simply spending time together, The Helm's summer evening lineup offers something for everyone.

Registration is encouraged as space may fill quickly. Visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600 for more information.



AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

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

Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms

◆ Grosse Pointe Community Game Meet-up, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, July 27.

◆ Drop-In Afternoon Kids' Craft, 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 27.

◆ Storytime, 9:30 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, July 30.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park

◆ Art in Bloom Gardens Inspired by Masterpieces, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23.

◆ Creating with Pastels with Lloyd Cheatham Jr., 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 23.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, July 27.

◆ Crafterhours—Adults, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 27.

◆ Storytime Shuffle with Miss Mo — Dino Day!, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 28.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside: Nature Detectives, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ GPPL Friends $5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

◆ Craft-to-Go, all day Monday, July 27.

◆ Teen Crafternoon: Junk Journaling, 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

◆ The Maasverse Book Society, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

◆ Storytime, 9:30 to 10 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 29.

◆ Teen Movie Afternoon: "10 Things I Hate About You," 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.

◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 30.

POST Detroit

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

◆ Two-day Woodworking Workshop: Folding Lounge Chair, 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays, July 24 and 31. Cost is $125.

◆ Succulent Planter Workshop: Fairy Gardens, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Cost is $70.

◆ Drop-in Workshop: Decorative Magnets, 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Cost is $15.

◆ Therapeutic Art Workshop: Automatic Art Making, 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Cost is $75.

◆ Screen Print Workshop: Pet Portraits, 10:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, July 26. Cost is $125.

◆ Painting Workshop: Making Ink with Foraged Plants, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Cost is $60.

◆ Beginner Sewing Workshop: Drawstring Bags, 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Cost is $75.

◆ Drop-in Workshop: Bead Bar Jewelry + Accessories, 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 26. Cost is $55.

◆ Code as Craft: Free Community Meet Up, 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, July 31.

Live music

Planet D Nonet will perform its monthly swing dance party, with guest saxophonist Jon Lynn, at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Cadieux Cafe, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Cover is $10.

Ford House

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

◆ 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.

◆ Lake Fest, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. Admission costs vary.

◆ Storytime: "Stuck," 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4.

◆ Food Tales: "Pop!" 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6.

◆ Shakespeare Stroll at Ford House, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. General admission is $50, VIP admission is $75 and student admission is $25.

◆ Science Saturdays, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Ticket prices vary.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.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

◆ Rhythm & Release: An Open Air Lakeside Yoga + Yin Experience, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 27.

◆ SummerFest Concert: 1981 The Concert — A Simon and Garfunkel Tribute, 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 29.

◆ SummerFest Movie: "Super Mario Galaxy," 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5.

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra outdoor summer concert, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and veterans, $10 for college students and free for students in K-12.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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 redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Laura Brown, executive director and CEO of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Harper Woods Library

The Harper Woods Library, 19601 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts Gentle Evening Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, July 27, Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 21. Classes are taught by Yemisi Odetoyinbo. Registration is encouraged.

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.

GP Sail Club

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club presents its Peche Island Detroit River Classic Race at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the main pier at Windmill Pointe Park. All sail clubs are welcome to compete for a $10 entry fee. Visit gpsc.org for details.

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Detroit Zoo welcomes newborn gorilla

The Detroit Zoo recently announced the birth of a baby gorilla, only the second born in the zoo's nearly 100-year history and the sixth to currently call the zoo home.

The female infant was born to first-time mom Tulivu (Too-Lee-Voo) the late evening of Sunday, July 12. Zoo representatives reported that mom and baby, along with father Mshindi (Meh-Shin-Dee), are all doing well.

"As a first-time mom, Tulivu made this about as smooth as a pregnancy can go," said Mike Murray, chief life sciences officer for the Detroit Zoological Society. "Over her eight and a half months of pregnancy, she voluntarily trained to receive routine ultrasounds through positive reinforcement, giving our veterinary team a clear window into the baby's development the entire way."

The new arrival is the second gorilla ever born at the Detroit Zoo, following the historic birth of Motema (Mo-Tem-Ahh) in August 2024. Because Mshindi is father to both, the infant and Motema are half-siblings.

"To have a second gorilla born here at the zoo and be a half-sibling to Motema is incredibly meaningful for our team and for this critically endangered species," Murray said. "Every birth in an accredited zoo helps strengthen the conservation story for gorillas. This is the result of years of careful, coordinated work and I am so proud of our entire team who worked tirelessly along the way to make this happen."





Tulivu and Mshindi came to the Detroit Zoo in 2023 from the Cincinnati Zoo on a breeding and transfer recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Gorilla Species Survival Plan, a cooperative program that manages the population of gorillas in human care to keep it healthy and genetically diverse.

Tulivu and her baby will be closely monitored in the coming days and weeks. So far, Tulivu is showing excellent maternal behaviors and the infant is reaching early milestones. Animal care staff will continue to watch the pair closely and observe how the rest of the troop responds to the newest addition.

The Great Apes of Harambee building currently is open, but Tulivu and her baby have access to their behind-the-scenes areas and may not always be visible to guests while they settle in.

"When guests will be able to see the baby depends on Tulivu and what she needs as a first-time mom," Murray added. "We want to keep things calm and quiet so mom, baby and the rest of the troop have time to bond and get comfortable. And they'll have full access to their habitat once our animal care team feels they're ready."

Beyond its own conservation work, the DZS also supports gorilla conservation through partnerships and programs that include the Great Ape Heart Project (based at the Detroit Zoo), Gorillas on the Line, the Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education Center and the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.

For naming updates and progress reports, visit detroitzoo.org.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Arshpreet Saraan

Recognizing marijuana toxicity: Key indicators & risks

As legal cannabis use continues to rise, healthcare professionals, myself included, are working to better educate patients about the signs of marijuana toxicity, who is most at risk, when to seek medical attention and how to prevent negative outcomes.

In both adolescents and adults, marijuana intoxication can manifest through various symptoms. Typical clinical signs include tachycardia (increased heart rate), elevated blood pressure, increased respiratory rate, red eyes, dry mouth, increased appetite, impaired coordination (ataxia), confusion, paranoia and slurred speech. Cannabis use occasionally can result in more severe health issues. Its consumption, particularly through smoking, has been linked to exacerbations of asthma, pneumothorax (collapsed lung), myocardial infarction (heart attack) and stroke. Additionally, studies indicate that regular cannabis users may face a heightened risk of cardiovascular events compared to non-users.

When considering who is most vulnerable, children, especially toddlers, are at significant risk. Their mobility and curiosity might lead them to accidentally ingest marijuana products found in the home. Older adults are another population at increased risk. According to Stanford Medicine experts, adults ages 65 years and older may be particularly vulnerable to the known cardiovascular effects of marijuana, as well as its potential effects on cognition.

Other populations at risk include individuals with mental health disorders and other substance use disorders, first-time marijuana users and people using edibles, as edibles can remain in the body longer and their effects may take longer to be noticed, which can lead individuals to consume more before the initial dose has taken effect.

The University of Florida Health provides helpful guidance when it comes to knowing when to seek medical care and how to prevent marijuana-related adverse effects. They recommend seeking medical attention if you are having chest pain, irregular heartbeat, trouble breathing or confusion.

In terms of prevention, keep marijuana products away from children, avoid mixing with alcohol and other drugs and know the THC strength in any product you choose. Licensed manufacturers will have the most reliable accuracy, but be aware that cutting edible products can cause an uneven distribution of THC, resulting in dose variations.

In my opinion, there is always a low threshold to contact your local Poison Control for free advice. In the Detroit area, that number is (800) 222-1222. It's a good idea to take a minute now to add the number to your phone contacts.

Dr. Arshpreet Saraan practices family medicine at Corewell Health East-Grosse Pointe. For more information, visit, corewellhealth.org.

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org.

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Dealing with didn't-make-varsity blues

Dear Gabby: My daughter didn't make the varsity team this year in her sport. Even before formal tryouts, we were informed she isn't at that level yet. We know the coach socially and several friends have encouraged me to "have a conversation," because they think she deserves a spot. I'm upset, but I also don't want to become that parent. What should I do? — JV in the City

Dear JV In The City: Take a deep breath before taking a meeting.

It's perfectly appropriate to ask a coach what skills your daughter needs to improve. It's not appropriate to ask why another athlete made the team instead.

Sports teach lessons far beyond wins and losses — especially resilience, accountability and perseverance. Those lessons disappear quickly when parents try to negotiate outcomes.

Your daughter will benefit far more from seeing you support her through disappointment than from watching you try to eliminate it.

— Gabby

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Your first job doesn't have to be your last

Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

DEAR ANNIE: I'm a recent college grad and I've always wanted to be a writer like you. I've applied to more jobs than I can count at newspapers and magazines, but haven't landed a single offer. Everyone keeps saying "the job market is tough right now," but knowing that doesn't pay rent. I still live with my parents and I'm dying to get my own place. I don't want to give up on writing, but it's been six months with no offer and I need to start making some money. What do I do? — Unpublished

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Above, Will Tilston as Christopher Robin with his friends in the 2017 movie "Goodbye Christopher Robin," written by Frank Cottrell Boyce and Simon Vaughan. Directed by Simon Curtis. Right, the original Pooh toys on display at the New York Public Library.

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

"Life is too short to watch mediocre movies"



MOVIE REVIEW
"Goodbye Christopher Robin"
2017 - Rated PG
1 hr 47 min
★★★★☆

I wish I'd read the "Winnie-the-Pooh" books when I was a kid. But alas, I didn't discover these magical books until I was well into adulthood. These days, they occupy a valuable space on my nightstand and whenever I need a little pick-me-up, I'll read a chapter or two from one of the books. I recently read the autobiographies by Earnest Shepard, the book's illustrator, and Christopher Milne, AKA, Christopher Robin. Both fascinating reads. A.A. Milne's autobiography is next in my reading queue.

When I stumbled upon the film "Goodbye Christopher Robin," I knew I had to check it out and I was not disappointment. It's an in-depth look into the early life of Christopher Milne and the creation of one of the most beloved characters in literature — the enchanting Winnie-the-Pooh! The film was written by Frank Cottrell Boyce and Simon Vaughan, who worked with the director Simon Curtis to create a truly delightful biopic — one that Pooh Bear would certainly approve of.



Movie poster of "Goodbye Christopher Robin."

In the beginning of the movie, we see author Alan Milne (Domhnall Gleeson, "Ex Machina") and his wife Daphne (Margot Robbie, "Barbie," "I Tonya") receiving word of their son Christopher, who had enlisted to fight in World War II. Then, there's an abrupt flashback to Milne fighting in the first World War. It's a gruesome scene watching him navigate the trenches as enemy fire and bombs rain down on his fellow soldiers. The action shifts to Milne walking into a fancy ball. From this point on, the story unfolds and explains the events that lead to the writing of the classic books.

Alan Milne, who preferred to be called "Blue," was a very successful playwright. His plays were all the rage in London's West End. However, his career was put on hold when he fought in the so-called "war to end all wars." Upon returning to civilian life, he had a hard time coping. The war definitely took its toll on him and he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which could be brought on by flashing lights and loud noises, like the popping of a champagne cork or a bursting balloon. Sadly this affected him for the rest of his life. It also prompted Milne to concentrate his writing on anti-war pieces in the hopes there would never be another war of that magnitude.



Pooh, Christopher and Blue take in the Hundred Acre Wood.

While Milne was a deep thinker and rather introspective, Daphne was just about the polar opposite. She was from old money — a society maven who loved wining and dining and attending fancy balls. After the birth of their son, Christopher Robin (Will Tilston), who preferred to be called "Billy Moon," they moved to a country house in East Sussex. They were accompanied by their beloved nanny Olive "Nou" (Kelly Macdonald, "No Country for Old Men"). We learn early on that 8-year-old Christopher and Nou had a special relationship. In fact, she was almost more of a parent to him than either his dad or mom were.

There's a pivotal moment in the film when Daphne returns to London for an unspecified period of time. We sense that she's totally bored by country living and needs the stimulation of life in the big city. When Nou announces she needs to leave for three days to tend to her ailing mother, Christopher is devastated. What is he going to do for three whole days? His father is put in an awkward position. He knows virtually nothing about raising or even entertaining his son. It's at this point that Blue slowly lets his guard down. Until now, he could be characterized as one of those stiff-upper-lipped English gentlemen.

So father and son end up taking long walks in the real Hundred Acre Wood, in which their home is nestled. While exploring this beautiful and now legendary forrest, the two make up stories. They play at dropping Poohsticks into the stream and go on all sorts of adventures, which eventually would make their way into the Winnie-the-Pooh books. When the idea of writing the now-classic tale gels, they're visited by illustrator Earnest H. Shepard (Stephen Campbell Moore, "The Bank Job"). He promptly begins sketching the enchanted woods and renders Pooh Bear and his faithful companions.

Needless to say, not long after the books were published, they became instant bestsellers. The world was determined to put the war behind them and they were more than ready for some lighthearted entertainment. The last third of the film deals with Christopher Robin's rise to fame and how he and his family dealt with it. It reached the point where he couldn't go anywhere without being noticed and mobbed by his adoring fans. Not only did he yearn for a normal childhood, but his parents felt tremendous guilt over the situation they had created. But the film deals with him growing up in a light manner.

It also ends on a positive note with the Milnes coming to terms with what occurred.

If you're interested in reading more about the characters involved in the "Winnie-the-Pooh" story, here are a few books you may enjoy: "The Enchanted Places" by Christopher Milne, "It's Too Late Now" by A.A. Milne and "Drawn From Life" by Ernest H. Shepard.

Note to parents: The film is fine for family viewing.

Currently streaming on HBO-Max and YouTube, and to rent on Apple TV, Fandango, Prime, and other streaming services. .

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

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

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I was initially skeptical of LED face masks. I didn't see them as something that would make a meaningful difference in my skincare routine. They seemed more like a social media trend than an actual at-home treatment that would be practical.



After seeing them consistently featured in skincare routines by dermatologists, I decided to try one to see if there was any noticeable benefit beyond aesthetics. I started using it a few times a week as part of my nightly routine.

What stood out most was how easily it fit into my routine. It requires no effort once it's on, which makes it simple to use consistently. I typically wear it while I wind down at night, which has made it easier to stick to compared to more involved skincare steps.

Over time, my skin has appeared more even and calm, particularly in texture and occasional redness. These changes were definitely gradual and not immediate, but they became more noticeable with consistency.

This also has shifted the way I approach my night routine overall. Instead of rushing through skincare, it has encouraged me to have a more structured and slower routine. The main limitation is that the results depend on consistent use over time. It also is a higher-cost item compared to drugstore skincare products.

I would rate this a 4.7 out of 5. It functions more as a long-term skincare tool than a quick fix, but has been a great addition to my routine and I do not see it leaving anytime soon. Find the one I use at tinyurl.com/4p6jv3kx

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4.7 Out Of 5

Summer cherries with brie

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

A couple weeks ago, I mentioned I had planned to make baked brie with peaches only to find my daughter had eaten half the ingredients.

As frustrated as I was, I couldn't get mad at her because she ate all the peaches, which probably was the only healthy thing she consumed in a week.

I was expected to bring an hors d'oeuvre to a cocktail party and had one hour to pivot. Luckily, we had a whole bag of Michigan cherries waiting to be eaten.

Summer cherries are always plentiful in my kitchen because they are the perfect midafternoon snack. I send the kids outside with the bag where they devour them while spitting the cherry pits in the bushes. These also make a great beach snack. Everyone loves a juicy, sweet treat in the heat and cherries travel much better than watermelon slices. I rarely cook with cherries, so this recipe was fun to make.

Pitting cherries isn't hard, but it does take patience. You could substitute with cherry jam, but it would be a completely different outcome. In this recipe, the cherries turn out soft, but they don't fall apart. I like that they maintain their shape. Each bite has texture to it.

Some bites are super sweet and some are slightly sour depending on the cherry. They're sweetened with honey and perfumed with thyme. For some salt and substance, I added shreds of prosciutto that crisp a bit and add a great counter to the sweet and sour cherries.

I like the addition of balsamic, too. It makes the dish a bit more savory and goes so well with the brie. Balsamic glaze drizzled over the top would be a great addition if you have it.

Some of my best cooking happens when I have to improvise. I never would have thought to make a baked brie with cherries I had in the fridge, but it was absolutely delicious.

You could halve the recipe and only use one wheel of brie, but it really is too good to make just one. Everything was eaten in record time and everyone raved about it.

Go find some Michigan summer cherries and make this for your next summer cocktail party.

Cheers, Mombeau



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Brie with Cherries

2 8 oz. wheels of brie cheese

2 cups pitted, halved cherries

4 slices prosciutto

4 sprigs of thyme

1 tbsp honey

1 tsp balsamic vinegar

3 tbsp olive oil

1 baguette, sliced thin

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Start by prepping your crostini slices for dipping.

Lay the baguette slices down over a large baking sheet and brush with one tablespoon of olive oil. Flip the slices and then brush the other side with another tablespoon of oil. Set aside.

Unwrap the wheels of brie and use a knife to score the top in a crosshatch pattern. This way, the creamy cheese will be exposed to the heat while the rind holds the cheese in tact.

Place the cheeses in the center of a cast iron skillet.

To pit the cherries, use a large knife to gently press down and smash the cherry. The pit should pop right out. Slice each one in half. Make sure you don't bash the cherry or you will end up wearing the juice!

Place the two cups of cherries in a bowl with the remaining olive oil and teaspoon of balsamic vinegar. Mix it together and then pour around the brie.

Tear the prosciutto and tuck the pieces into the cherries. Scatter the thyme sprigs over the top. Place the baguette slices and brie together in the oven and bake for about 15 minutes.

Check the bread at around the 12-minute mark to make sure it's not getting too crispy.

Remove and serve with the crostini directly from the cast iron pan where it will stay warm. Offer a cheese knife and spoon so everyone can get a spoonful of cherries and prosciutto along with warm brie.

Enjoy!



Collecting wine

Wine collectors often are a target of derision by people who consider it silly to have a bunch of wine in a dark closet, under the bed or in a basement.

I know the feeling. I began collecting wine in the late 1970s and several friends thought of me as strange. Today, I have some very old, mostly red wines that have been sitting around for decades.

Well, lying around is a better way to put it. Most older red wines should be aged on their side to keep the cork moist.

The first case I bought was around 1975, when I put a sealed box of 1970 Simi Cabernet in a depression underneath my house. I still have two bottles of that wine. It's better today than ever.

Collecting wine is not for everyone. In fact, it's not really for almost anyone who wants to do it casually. Most of today's wines are best consumed within hours of purchase. But wine is not made the way it was 60 years ago.

Most of today's domestic wines don't have the staying power to improve. I'd guess that around 98 percent of all the wine produced in this country today will be worse for long aging.

Of the several dozen cases of old wine I still have, almost all of it is in perfect shape. This has been proven over and again whenever I open a bottle — and marvel at its youthful exuberance and remaining fruit and complexity.

It is still possible to experience this kind of personality change. If you have a nice, naturally cool spot (such as a downstairs closet that never gets above 65 degrees), anyone can play this game. But don't cheat. Colder is better (55 degrees is much better than 65 degrees).

Temperature variations are an absolute no-no. A constant 65 degrees is better than a variable 50 degrees to 70 degrees.

The best wines to try this with tend to be European, such as Barolo of Italy. One of the greatest examples is red Bordeaux, most of which are astringent when they're young. They can be tamed by a few years in a cool cellar. The better the wine is, the better it will react to a decade of aging.

Most California cabernet sauvignons today are not made for aging, even though the same wines that are now 50 years old may still be excellent. There have been changes in winemaking over the decades and most domestic Cabernets now are best consumed young.

One of my favorite experiences with older wines is fine white wines aged for two to five years in a cool place. Chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and dry rieslings all can become sublime when aged for just a few years.

This requires buyers to be adaptable — willing to accept mature flavors. Young white wines' greatest attribute is fruit. Aging them can diminish the fruit in exchange for the complexity of maturation.

Some of my best friends have remarkable older wines that we share. One gentleman brings wines his father collected. My friend has hopes that his children will appreciate the collection he has, which he hopes to pass down to them.

His constant theme is one of optimism. Recently, at a dinner at which he poured an old red wine from his father's original collection, he said he has a few bottles from his birth year that he hopes to drink on his 100th birthday.

"People who drink wine moderately live very long lives," he said, "and even if I don't make it to 100, I'll be happier than people who don't have any old wine in their lives."

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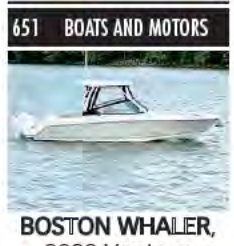

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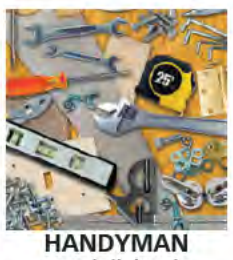

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Grosse Pointe News Yard & Estate Sale Map



THIS WEEK: July 23, 2026

1. 230 Lakeland, GPC
2. 1399 Edmundton Dr., GPW
3. 1814 Newcastle, GPW

= YARD SALE = ESTATE SALE
See Classifieds for more details

Weekly Challenge

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

7/16 Solution

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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.

ARGENTINA
CUP
ENGLAND
FIFA
FINALS
FRANCE
GOAL
PLAYER
NET
SOCCER
SPAIN
TOURNAMENT
WORLD

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

Contract Bridge

NEVER GIVE UP

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9
♥ K 5 4
♦ Q 10 7 3
♣ 7 6 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 6 2
♥ J 8 7 3
♦ 6
♣ K Q J 9 4

EAST
♠ A K Q 8 7 5 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ 9 4
♣ 3

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ A Q 6
♦ A K J 8 5 2
♣ A 10 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	3 ♠
5 ♦			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Occasionally, declarer is faced with what seems to be an utterly hopeless assignment. But if he keeps his composure, he can salvage more than a few seemingly hopeless contracts.

Take this case where South is in five diamonds and appears to have three inescapable losers. With no discards available and no long suits to establish, he can hardly be blamed for feeling he is certain to go down one.

But if declarer is from the school that doesn't give up easily, he will seek a way to hold his losses to two tricks. From the outset, he should be trying to visualize a possible distribution of the opposing cards that would allow five diamonds to be made.

Given East's preemptive three-spade bid, South should feel that his chances are considerably better than would normally be expected. Accordingly, he wins the club lead with the ace and draws two rounds of trump, noting that East follows suit to both of them.

Next come the A-K-Q of hearts, and when East follows suit to all three rounds, declarer's chances improve dramatically. Now, if East has the seven spades he would ordinarily hold for his bid and also has the A-K-Q among them, South is certain to make the contract.

So, after cashing the third heart, declarer leads a low spade to dummy's nine. East takes the nine with the queen and, with only spades remaining in his hand, returns the ace — on which South discards the eight of clubs! East has no choice but to lead another spade, allowing South to discard his ten of clubs as he ruffs in dummy, and the "impossible" contract is home.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and making important decisions all day until 9:30 p.m. EDT (6:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from SCORPIO into SAGITTARIUS.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, July 23, 2026: You are fun-loving, likable and helpful. People respond to your optimism and easygoing manner. You're building foundations in your life, both externally and internally. Simplicity is key. Take charge of your health. Stay grounded and levelheaded.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today Mercury stops being retrograde, which will help you get more organized. Opportunities for vacations, sports events and fun socializing with others continue to come your way. Tonight: Learn and explore.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Be aware of the limitations of the Moon Alert today and agree to nothing important. Today Mercury stops being retrograde, which will reduce transportation delays and car problems. Brighter skies ahead! Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

With fiery Mars in your sign now, you have lots of energy and drive. You'll be happy to know that Mercury stops being retrograde today, which will improve your finances, especially in terms of delays and mistakes. Tonight: Cooperate.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Mercury has been retrograding in your sign since June 29. Today this is over, which means your life will resume a greater degree of normalcy, and silly mistakes will be reduced along with delays and transportation problems. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Be aware of today's Moon Alert. Fortunately, you are in a strong position because both the Sun and lucky Jupiter are in your sign. Fiery Mars is also well-placed, promoting teamwork, competitive sports and athletics. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

With Venus in your sign, you're enjoying socializing with others. However, you also have a strong tendency now to work alone or behind the scenes. You're also ambitious to achieve. Volunteer for nothing. Tonight: Relax at home.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

For the last month, Mercury has been retrograding at the top of your chart, affecting your relations with bosses, parents and authority figures from the past. As of today, this is over. Tonight: Conversations.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today the Moon is in your sign, which gives you a slight advantage over the other signs. However, most of this day is a Moon Alert! Don't volunteer for anything. Postpone important decisions. Tonight: Check your money.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It's encouraging that Mercury retrograde is over today, because it might have delayed financial matters for you, especially if dealing with third parties, partners or the government. Go forward with confidence now to make plans for travel, publishing and medicine. Tonight: You're strong.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

In the last month, Mercury has been retrograding opposite your sign, attracting ex-partners and old friends back into your world. At any rate, as of today, Mercury retrograde is finished. Tonight: Welcome privacy.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll be relieved to know that today Mercury retrograde stops. It has been creating equipment problems, delays and confusion with respect to your job, your health. This means your efforts to work will be more efficient and reliable. Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Today you might feel restless for adventure or a change. Fortunately, Mercury stops being retrograde today. Nevertheless, most of this day is a Moon Alert, so just bide your time. It's all systems go tomorrow! Tonight: You're admired.

BORN TODAY

Actor Woody Harrelson (1961), author, screenwriter Raymond Chandler (1888), actor Daniel Radcliffe (1989).

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg July 23, 2026

ACROSS
1 Tortellini, e.g.
6 Banana Boat spec
9 Mustangs' Texas sch.
12 Pub with hitching posts, maybe
13 Racket club instructors
15 Alley-___
16 Suffering from monotony
17 Noisemakers banned at NCAA games
19 *Military base, e.g. (In this answer, note the last letter + the first 3 letters)
21 "A spider!"
22 Baby sounds
23 Norwegian capital
25 Delete
28 The "R" of RBG
30 One may be bowled over!
31 *Polite lead-in to a request (Last 4 letters + first 4 letters)
35 Wiped out
37 Humanitarian Thunberg
38 *Gel (Last 3 letters + first 3 letters)
42 Apple crumble grain
43 Bat mitzvah dance
44 Disks at Oilers games
48 Like a crystal-clear stream?
50 ___ check (post-hike activity)
52 Readied, as a menorah
53 *Relaxes under a tree (Last 4 letters + first letter)
58 Spider silk
59 African country with a plastic bag ban
60 "D'accord!"
61 Like a royal suite
62 Eminem song averaging 4.28 words/second, and a phonetic theme hint
63 Decide
64 School support org.
65 "No bid"

DOWN
1 Vegetarian butter masala option
2 State that hosts the Native Youth Olympics
3 Classify
4 Concert series
5 Caper
6 Didn't eat, as a cherry pit
7 Fathers who may be childless
8 Cross, as a river
9 Subject to tiptoe around
10 Most visited painting
11 Company known to deliver?
12 "Yes ___, Bob!"
14 ___'Carri Richardson (sprinter)
18 Gold, in Spanish
20 Barbecue vegetable
24 Formerly prime number
26 Darth Vader, e.g.
27 Alter the wording of
29 Jackman of "The Greatest Showman"
32 Texter's "But also ..."
33 HIV prevention medication
34 Country where the Amazon begins
35 Minestrone, e.g.
36 "Perhaps we're going here?"
38 "Me?!"
39 Had dibs on the following b-ball game
40 Neighbor of Djibouti
41 Dash device
45 Trolley sounds
46 Little ones
47 Lieu
49 They pressure the QB
51 Beach volleyball's ___ Walsh Jennings
54 Name hidden in "thanks a lot"
55 "My time to shine!"
56 Trade
57 Multiracial Hawaiian
58 Slime

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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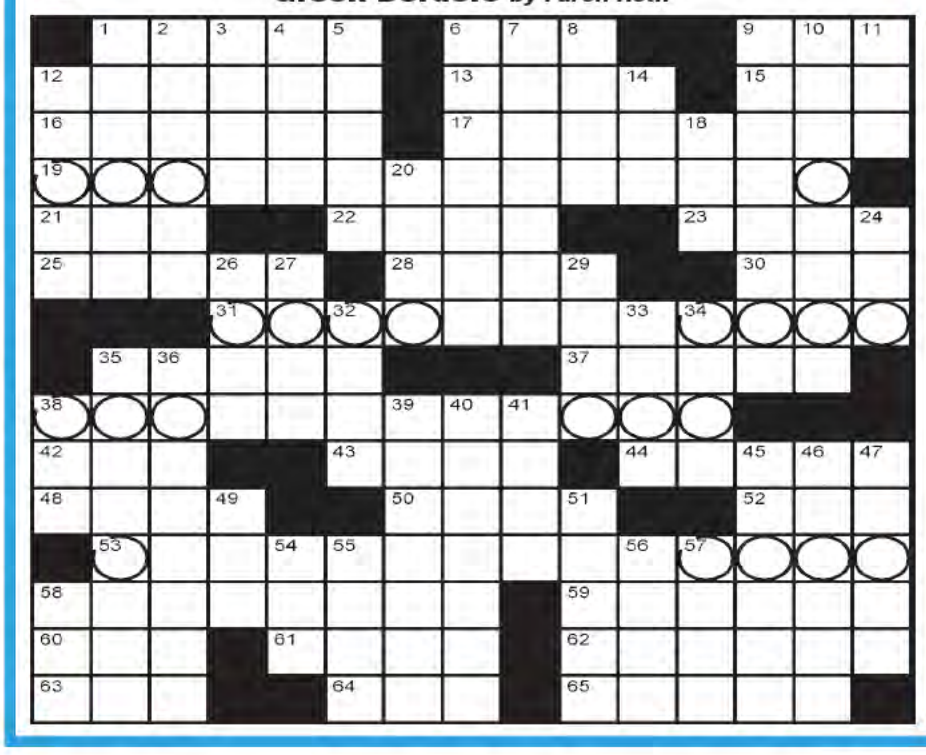

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South swimmers honored as All-Americans

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Six swimmers from Grosse Pointe South received national honors last week for their achievements in the pool in the 2025-26 season. These swimmers were named All-Americans by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA), with the six Blue Devils being recognized across three relay teams and two individual events.

Seniors Whitney Handwork and Mischa Eng, along with sophomores Quinn Ryan and Caroline Bryan, received All-American status for their time of 3:27.68 in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Handwork, Bryan, Corinne Stencel and Nicole McEnroe also received All-American recognition in the 200 freestyle relay, honoring their best time of 1:34.61.

Eng, McEnroe, Bryan and Handwork put together another All-American relay performance in the 200 medley relay with their time of 1:44.77. Individually, Bryan's time of 54.14 in the 100 fly also received an All-American nod. Handwork received another All-American honor for her time of 23.24 in the 50 freestyle.

NISCA's All-American distinction is among the top honors in high school swimming, recognizing the top 100 athletes nationwide in each event among all submitted times. All six of South's All-Americans also were named finalists for Swimming Athlete of the Year at the Detroit High School Sports Awards and were honored at a ceremony June 24.



COURTESY PHOTO

Five of the South swimmers who received NISCA All-American recognition were also honored at the Detroit High School Sports Awards June 24. From left: Nicole McEnroe, Caroline Bryan, Corinne Stencel, Mischa Eng and Quinn Ryan. Not pictured, Whitney Handwork.

Boats cross finish line in 102nd Bayview Mackinac Race

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

A group of sailors tackled a challenging weekend on Lake Huron following the Saturday, July 18 start of the 102nd Bayview Mackinac Race. Battling changing conditions on the water, the first group of boats began pushing through the final stretch to cross the finish line Sunday night and Monday morning.

The following are results posted on the Bayview Mackinac Race website and are the preliminary results reported Tuesday, July 21. For more information and a full race results leaderboard, visit BYCMack.com.



PHOTO BY MARTIN CHUMIECKI

The crew of Fast Tango, skippered by Tim Prophit of St. Clair Shores, navigates toward the finish line of the 102nd Bayview Mackinac Race Monday, July 20.

Cove Island

Class A
1. Natalie J — Philip D. O'Niel III, D.D.S., Bloomfield Hills
2. Heartbreaker — Robert Hughes, Ada
3. Hooligan Racing — John Evans/Trey Sheehan, Cleveland, Ohio

Class B
1. Catapult — Joel Ronning, Excelsior, Minn.
2. Evolution — Chris Saxton, Plymouth
3. Dynamis — Brien Baker, St. Clair Shores

Class C
1. Eagle One — Timothy LaRiviere, Detroit
2. Carrera — Rod Spearin, Troy
3. mc2 — Daniel Lewis, North Oaks, Minn.

Class D
1. Notso EZ Money — Sam Medwid, West Bloomfield
2. Unplugged — Tim Clayson, Farmington Hills
3. Pterodactyl — Mark Symonds, Lake Angelus

Class E
1. Hot Ticket — Mike Kirkman, Novi
2. FUNTECH Racing — Charlie Hess, Birmingham
3. Smoke Show — Jacob Thomas, Milan, Ohio

Class F
1. Janine — Kevin Lemonds, Grosse Ile
2. Bull — Michael Hendrie Jr., Chicago
3. Consig — Brad D'Archangelo, Maumee, Ohio

Class G
1. Patriot — Michael Valuck, Bradenton, Fla.
2. Sohest — Jerry Somalski, Essexville
3. Manitou — John C. Burke, Grosse Pointe Farms

Multihull
1. Ollie — Tim Walli, Bay City
2. Unleaded II — Etienne St. Laurent, Etobicoke, Ontario, Canada
3. Adagio — Matt Scharl, Bay City

Shore Course

Class H - Doublehanded
1. Riptide — John Walton, Grosse Pointe
2. Spitfire — Daryl Baxter, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
3. Southbound — Alex Schock, Huron, Ohio

Class I
1. Shape — Everett & Cameron Benedict, Plymouth
2. Whistler — Ethan Taylor, Toledo, Ohio
3. Wind Toy IV — Rob Bunn, Grosse Pointe Farms

Class J
1. Shamrock — David R. Keys, Detroit
2. PRAECEPTOR — Grant Veach, Dearborn
3. Arcadia — Timothy Jordan, St. Clair Shores

Class K
1. Courage — Spencer Channell, St. Clair Shores
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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Gould represents ULS as staff pick for GP News Male Athlete of the Year

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Nick Gould looks to set up a play for University Liggett boys lacrosse during a game against Grosse Pointe North May 15. Gould scored 93 goals for the Knights in lacrosse and was named third team All-State for the 2026 season.

It is always special when a high school athlete can reach a high level of success in multiple sports, as University Liggett School's Nick Gould has. Every goal and every assist throughout his high school career in hockey and lacrosse helped him earn accolades like All-State and All-Catholic League honors, as well as helped lead him to becoming the Grosse Pointe News staff pick for Male Athlete of the Year for 2025-26.

What Gould has accomplished in both sports will leave a strong legacy at Liggett. It was the competitive nature of his teammates that really fueled him, Gould believes, because of their chemistry and ability to push each other to be their best.

"Always being around a team was really motivating," he said. "Having people around you who are so competitive made me want to have that competitive nature. It made me want to try my hardest and be my best for the team."

That competitive fire certainly worked for Gould, who led Liggett's varsity boys hockey team with 43 goals this season and helped the program make its first appearance in the Division 3 state semifinals in more than a decade. For his efforts, he earned a Division 3 first team All-State nod. During the spring lacrosse campaign, Gould found the back of the net 93 times and was named third team All-State for Division 3.

That helped earn Gould the opportunity to compete at the next level in college. While he excelled in both sports, lacrosse is where Gould decided to continue his career. He will join the men's lacrosse team at Otterbein University in Ohio.

"The location was perfect and it's a smaller school similar to Liggett," Gould said. "I wanted to go there and be able to succeed in and out of the classroom. ... I thought that was the best fit for me."

All of his individual accolades and points are nice, but for Gould, it all comes back to his teammates. He was part of a tightly knit group of hockey and lacrosse players at Liggett who shared the ice and field together for several years. Everything they were able to accomplish together as a group their senior year is what meant the most to them and what will stick with Gould for a long time.

"We had always been talking about this year and how it was our group now and we had to lead," he said. "It was a lot of fun because everybody was so bought in and that's what made us so close and so competitive."

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Mueller named GP News Readers' Choice Male Athlete of the Year

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

Grosse Pointe North boys hockey standout Charlie Mueller has been named the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Year Readers' Choice winner, capturing the support of the local sports community.

Charlie Mueller, an All-State forward, crossed the 100 career points milestone this past winter, becoming the first player at Grosse Pointe North to accomplish this since 2008. The junior captain headed a massive shift for the Norsemen, who went from a single-win season two years ago to securing nine victories this year.

"I feel great and truly honored to receive this award and I would like to thank my coach, Rob Blum, for helping me throughout the way and making me improve as a great hockey player," Mueller said. "And I'd like to thank my linemates, Aidan Burney and Brandon Jarvis. I wouldn't be able to get any of my points without them."

Reflecting on the team's growth under Blum, Mueller said he is proud of how the program has completely flipped the script.

"I am honored and I am so proud of my teammates," he said. "We really had five guys that came in and I am proud of my teammates for really changing the Grosse Pointe North hockey program and getting way better, as we had nine or 10 wins this last year and it was a huge improvement for only two years."

A driving force behind that turnaround was the chemistry on North's top forward line, including teammates Burney and Jarvis.

"We always talk nicely out there, so we know where each other are at and we know how each other play the game and know how our teammates play and know where each other are at all costs," Mueller said. "We are comfortable playing with each other as well."

Blum highly praised his captain, previously calling him the "model high school athlete," who consistently does the right things on and off the ice.

"He has made my hockey mind better and has taught me so much about hockey," Mueller said of Blum. "He taught me to be a great person and athlete and has taught me a lot about the game of hockey. Coming from youth to high school hockey, he has taught me the switch of how the game progresses and gets a lot harder and how to be comfortable with that change."

Mueller also credits his development to his earliest mentor on the ice. When reflecting on the coaches who shaped his career, his father stands above the rest.

"My dad was the biggest impact in my hockey career," he said. "He taught me all I know throughout the game and I think about all he has taught me every time I am on the ice."

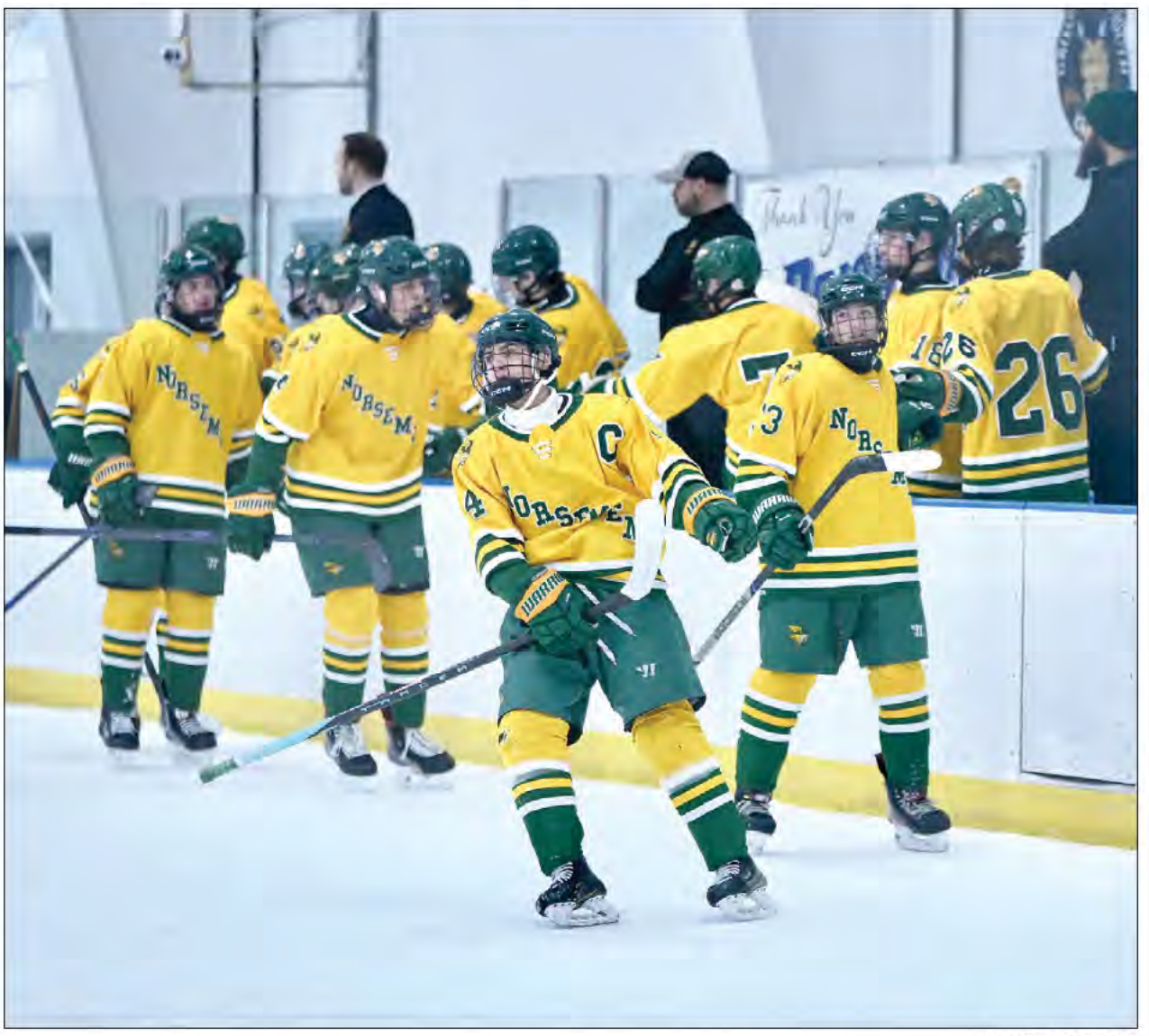
Though the season was filled with milestone victories, Mueller said his favorite personal memory from the schedule came during a rivalry matchup against Grosse Pointe South.

"Even though we did lose the game, it was really exciting to be able to celebrate with all of my friends," he said.

With his junior year in the books, Mueller already is eyeing the legacy he wants to leave behind when he takes the ice for his final year as a senior leader.

"My goals are to win a playoff game and have a winning season next year and I am really excited to see how next year plays out," he said. "I think we are going to have a really good season.

"I am also excited to share my senior season with all of my buddies next year and try to put on a show for everyone out there."



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlie Mueller surpassed 100 career points for Grosse Pointe North boys hockey this season, becoming the first player to do so in the program since 2008.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park,** Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING)
REQUEST AT 850 ELLAIR PLACE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Planning Commission of the City of Grosse Pointe Park will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Fourth Floor, 15115 E. Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230 on the following matter:

A Map Amendment (rezoning) to 850 Ellair Place from the ER, Estate Residential District to the NR-A, Neighborhood Residential District is proposed. This Zoning Map Amendment would correct a discrepancy in the zoning district boundaries, the uses will remain single-family residential.

Information concerning this request may be obtained from the Public Service Department during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling (313)-822-6200. Written comments concerning this request will be received by the Clerk's Office prior to the public hearing or by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the public hearing. Comments can be submitted via email at clerk@grossepointepark.org.

Bridgette Bowdler,
City Clerk

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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Borowski named GP News Readers' Choice Female Athlete of the Year

By Meg Kelly
Editorial Intern

Eva Borowski is a dedicated leader on the court and the field, balancing basketball, volleyball and softball throughout her high school career. Her selection as the readers' choice winner reflects the connection she built with the Norsemen community across all seasons.

"First I just want to thank my family, obviously," she said. "They mean the world to me and they're always cheering me on. My whole family is voting for me every day. But also it's the community, all my coaches from all over volleyball, softball, basketball. Everyone has so much support and it means the world to me because I didn't know what to expect."

As she reflects on her high school career, she embraced the responsibility of leading a young roster and was able to step up as a guide for her younger teammates.

"It was definitely a big adjustment from my first two years, going to a team of mostly underclassmen," Borowski said. "But it honestly was very rewarding getting to see our team grow throughout the season. I feel like we all grew together, which was the most memorable moment. I just showed up every day giving my best, hoping it would encourage the younger kids to keep trying their hardest."

A massive part of her development came from playing travel AAU basketball before her senior year, which pushed her outside of her comfort zone.

"I hadn't played (travel) since I was little and then at the end of my junior season, I decided to play in case I wanted to play in college," Borowski said. "I got thrown into a new position I wasn't used to playing. I was with an all-brand-new set of girls. It was a big shift, but it was a good one. It helped me get out of my comfort zone, take more leadership and take charge when I had to."

That dedication paved her way to the next level and encouraged her commitment to play college basketball at Albion College.

"What drew me to Albion were the coaches," she said. "They were so kind to me. They came out to multiple games, always reaching out to me. I went on campus and they had a wonderful team, so it just felt like somewhere I could see myself fitting in."

Though her schedule was packed year-round, rotating through three sports kept Borowski energized.

"I love being a three-sport athlete," she said. "I would recommend anyone to play more than one sport. During volleyball season, I always say those are my best friends. Then I go to basketball season and they're my best friends. Softball, same thing. It's a whole different camaraderie each season, but I love each season when I'm in it. I don't want it to end."

When looking back on her favorite competitive moment at North, one win from her junior basketball season stands out.

"I would say last season, my junior year, that was our hardest struggle for basketball. We were in the MAC Red, the toughest division," Borowski said. "The first time we beat Dakota, it was at North and it was a close game the entire time. And then in the last second, I passed to my teammate and she scored a layup to win. I remember the feeling like everyone was the most excited they've ever been and it was such a feeling of satisfaction and just like, wow, we accomplished something that we've put our minds to."

Beyond the victories, the rituals and camaraderie shared with her teammates defined her high school experience.

"We would always warm up before our games and — this might sound a little cringey — but it would always be 6:07 during our stretching time and we would always have to hit the pose, the whole minute, and it just was like a little superstitious thing we had as a team," Borowski said.

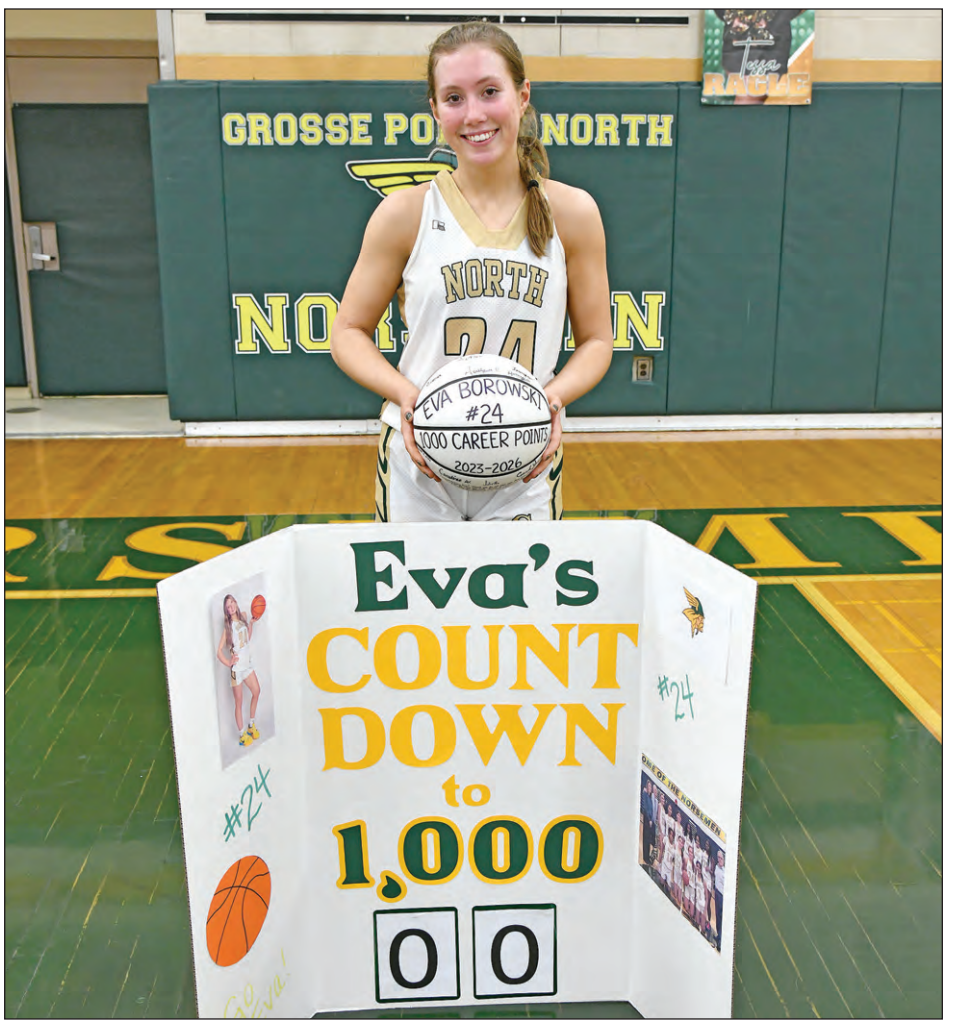

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Eva Borowski celebrates a career milestone after surpassing 1,000 points with Grosse Pointe North girls basketball during the 2025-26 season. Borowski was a three-sport varsity captain at North in volleyball, basketball and softball.

When reflecting on the mentors who shaped her, Coach Gary Bennett stands above the rest as a role model.

"Throughout all my high school career, I've had amazing coaches (for) volleyball, basketball and softball, but Mr. Bennett, he's been with me even before high school," Borowski said. "He always has such a positive outlook and he just instills that confidence in me and it's just something I've always admired about him."

Now preparing to watch the next generation of Norsemen, Borowski is excited to watch the younger players continue her legacy.

"I'm so excited to come back and watch them because I think my personal goal to leave behind with them was to sustain your effort mentality," Borowski said. "They all are great girls, they all want to win and I know they will put their all into every game they do."

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

South's DiVita earns GP News staff pick for Female Athlete of the Year

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

There are few athletes in the history of Grosse Pointe high school sports who have had more decorated careers than Gabby DiVita. She earned All-State honors four years in a row, received All-American recognition and was named 2025 Michigan Miss Volleyball. Now, another accolade has been added to her long list of accomplishments by being the staff pick for Grosse Pointe News Female Athlete of the Year for 2025-26.

Following an outstanding high school career, DiVita is now preparing for her first season of Division I college volleyball at the University of Nebraska. A lot of hard work has gone into getting to one of the top college volleyball programs in the nation and DiVita knows none of it would have been possible without the support of her family and teammates throughout her years as a Blue Devil.

"My mom played a really big part in a lot of my high school career and she supported me a lot through everything," she said. "... My dad is a huge supporter as well, obviously, and my siblings. All the girls on my team, too, made it a super special senior year for me."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Grosse Pointe South's Gabby DiVita lifts the Michigan Miss Volleyball trophy after being named the 2025 recipient of the award from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

While DiVita's career at South was full of plenty of individual honors, one of the most rewarding parts about the entire experience was building chemistry and friendships with her teammates. Together, they were able to help South's volleyball team to some of its best seasons in program history, including several district championships and a couple of MAC White Division titles as well.

The success DiVita and her teammates had helped elevate the Blue Devils' program and she wants that to continue. Being a team captain and veteran leader at South last season, DiVita made sure to remind the younger players on the team to keep that strong chemistry and bond as a team even more to continue improving South's legacy.

"I think South is looked at as kind of an underdog a lot of the time," DiVita said. "I think how confident you can be and how much you can get to know each other and trust each other will carry on in their performance."

With her legacy at South settled, DiVita has been preparing to make her mark at the collegiate level with Nebraska. The Cornhuskers are widely considered one of the most illustrious programs in college volleyball, winning five national championships and six Big Ten Conference titles, including the last three in a row.

The transition from high school to college sports can be a bit of a shock, but joining a program that competes at such a high level can take even more getting used to. Either way, DiVita knows she is in the right place for her career on the court to continue to thrive.

"It's amazing here," she said. "I couldn't be any happier. I love all the girls and all of the coaches. This kind of culture is something you really couldn't find anywhere else. It's a lot faster here and you get thrown into the fire, but everyone does a good job of helping you adjust. ... I couldn't ask for a better situation."

The same kind of hard work and dedication DiVita displayed throughout high school and helped get her to Nebraska are what she thinks will help her be more successful at the next level. It is what earned her the credentials to be named Athlete of the Year and that level of dedication is something DiVita believes is key for any athlete on the road to success.

"Doing the hard thing," DiVita said. "Sometimes, you don't always want to get in the gym and do all of that stuff. If you want to reach, for example, a Division I school, you have to do the hard thing and sometimes miss out on stuff. It is worth it all in the end and I couldn't be happier with where I am right now. ... Sometimes making the choice that you don't want to make is really a big part of reaching your goals."

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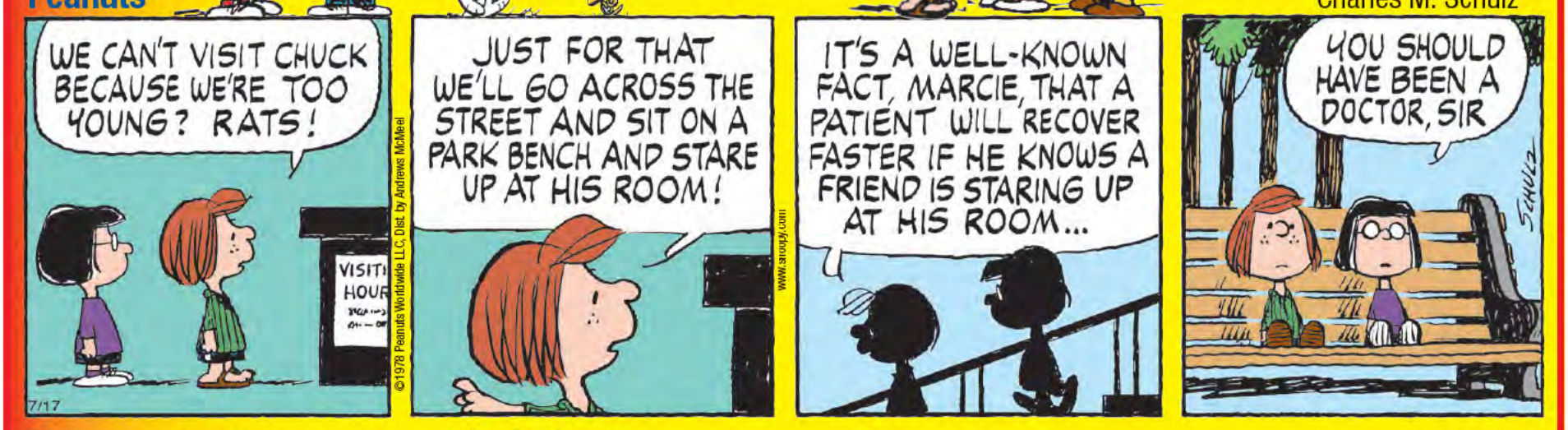
Charles M. Schulz



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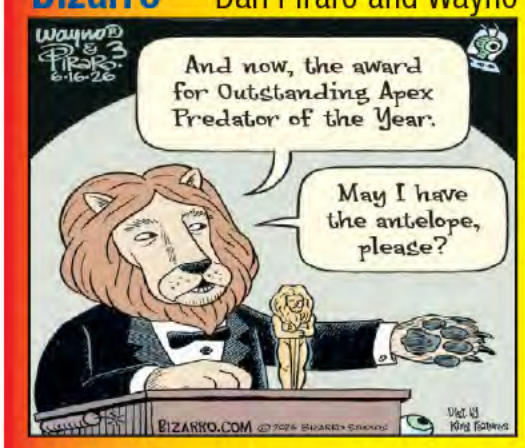

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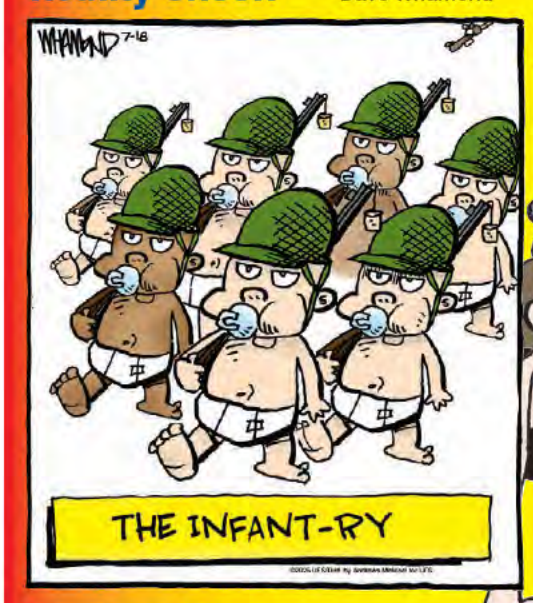

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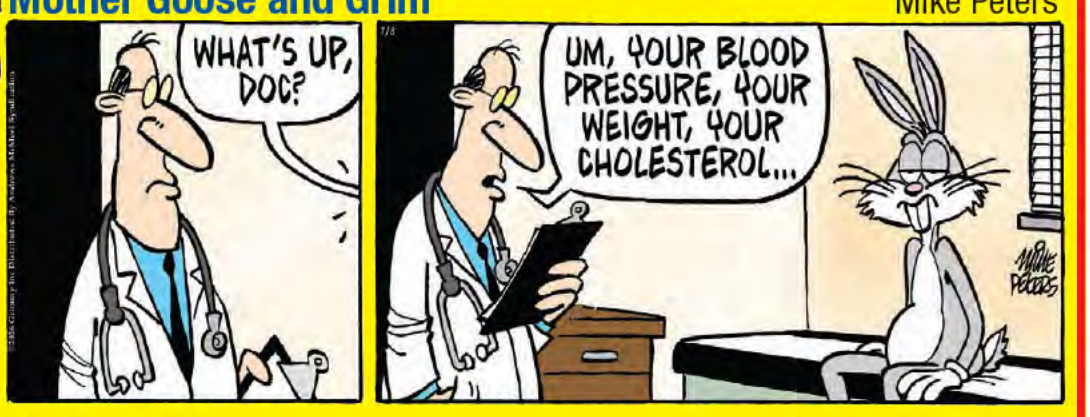

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Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"MY NAME'S LORETTA, LEROY. . . NOT SIRI OR ALEXA."

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Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



Dennis the Menace

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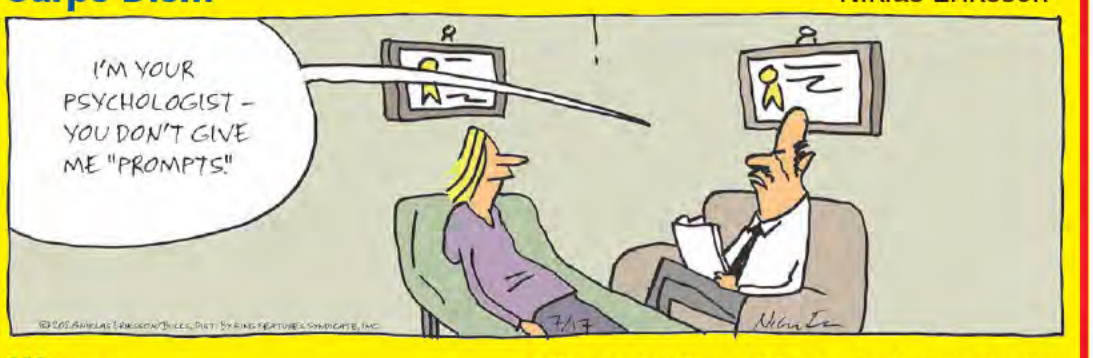
Niklas Eriksson



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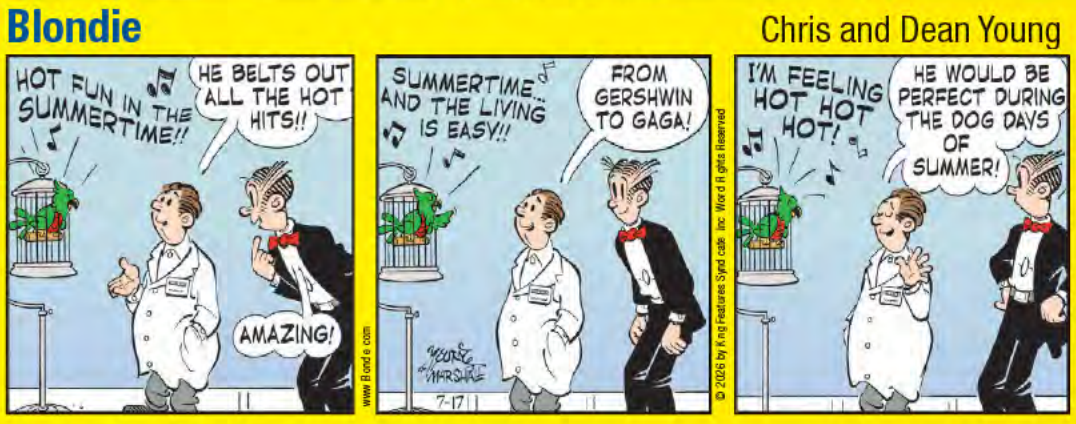

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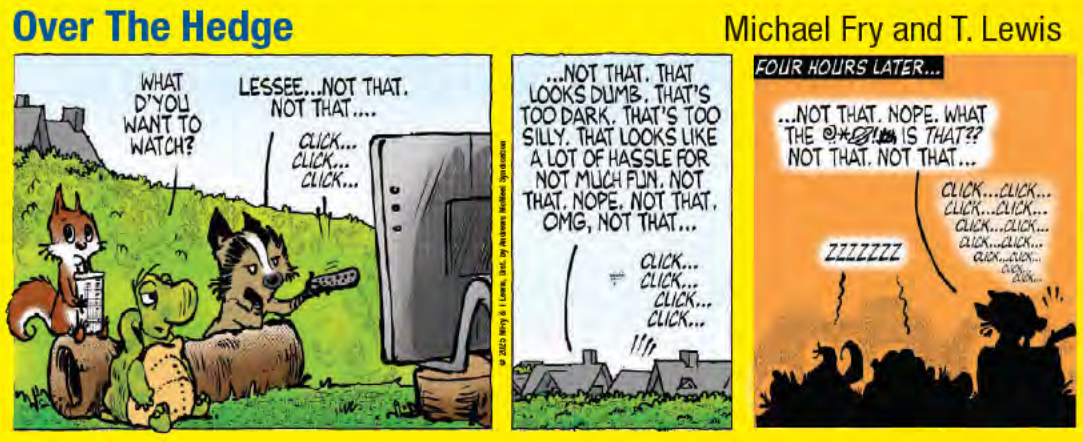

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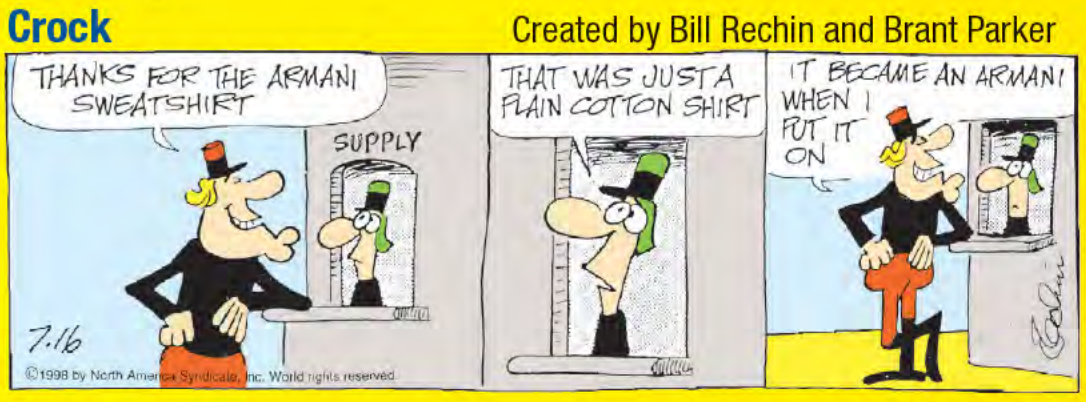

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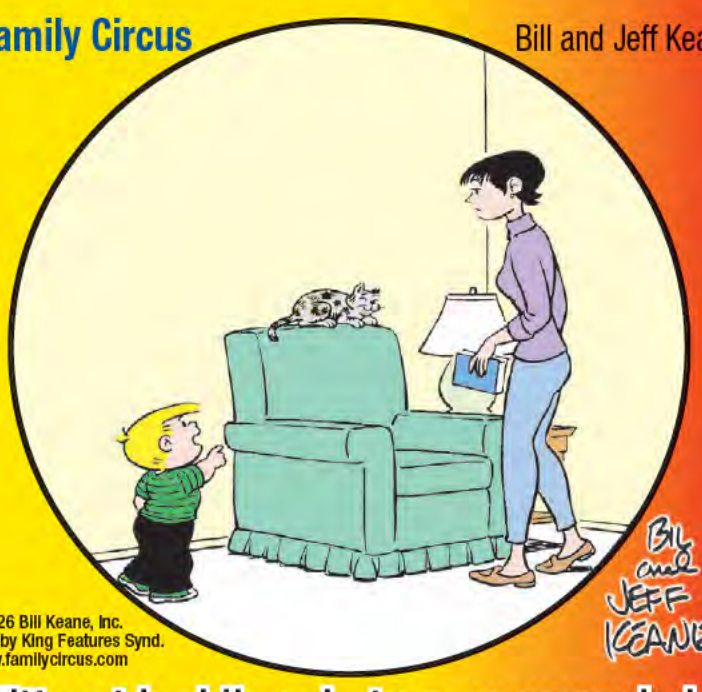

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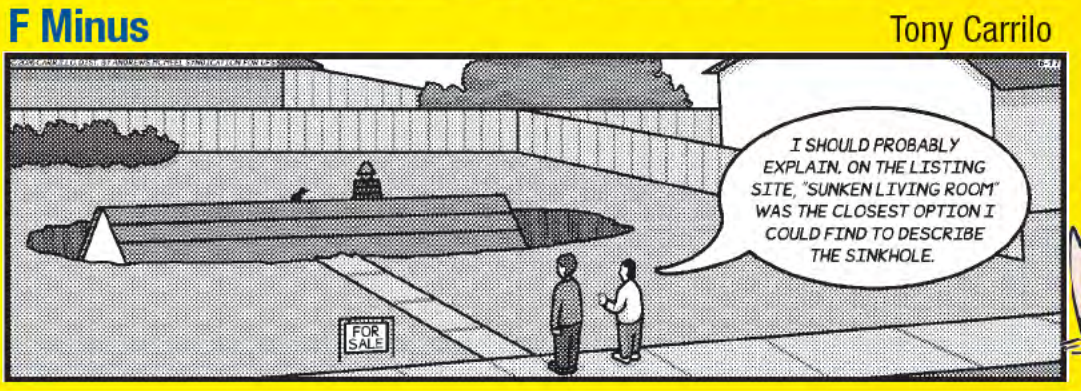



Tips from a pro: Simple steps to becoming a better golfer

By Ryan Lenahan
Guest Writer

My name is Ryan Lenahan and I was fortunate to grow up in Grosse Pointe Shores, where I attended Grosse Pointe North High School and spent much of my childhood at the Country Club of Detroit. Golf has taken me on an incredible journey — from playing collegiate golf at the University of Nebraska and competing professionally for more than a decade to becoming a PGA member and pursuing my passion for teaching the game.

Today, I serve as the director of instruction at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon, where I work with golfers of all skill levels. Along the way, I've been fortunate to qualify for the 2025 and 2026 PGA Championships and this fall I'll have the honor of representing Team USA in the PGA Cup in Dublin, Ireland. While I still enjoy competing, my greatest passion is helping others play better golf and enjoy the game more.

One of the biggest mistakes I see as an instructor has nothing to do with a golf swing. It's poor course management. The good news is it's one of the easiest areas to improve. Too often, golfers lay up into trouble, short-side themselves around the greens or attempt shots they simply aren't comfortable hitting. I remind my students all the time that they can lower their scores without changing a single thing about their swing simply by making smarter decisions. Play to your strengths. Choose the high-percentage shot. Use the club you trust. Golf isn't about hitting the perfect shot; it's about consistently hitting the right shot.

Another area that separates good golfers from great ones is where they focus their attention. Several years ago, I attended a sports psychology conference in Albuquerque, where an Olympic sports psychologist shared a lesson that has stayed with me ever since. He asked me to picture an apple and describe everything about it — its color, size, stem and imperfections. Then he asked me to imagine a bunch of grapes and describe them in the same detail. When I finished, he asked, "While you were thinking about the grapes, how often were you thinking about the apple?" The answer was simple: not at all.

His point was that our minds focus on whatever we choose to visualize. On the golf course, I often hear players say, "Don't hit it in the water" or "Don't go left." The problem is that your brain is still locked onto the hazard. Instead, pick a target, picture the shot you want to hit and commit to it. Think offensively rather than defensively. When you train your mind to visualize success instead of avoiding failure, you'll be surprised how often your body follows.

Finally, if you're struggling to make solid contact, here's one of my favorite practice drills. Place one tee about an inch inside the golf ball and another about an inch outside it, creating a gate. Your goal is to swing the clubhead cleanly through the gate without touching either tee. It's a simple exercise that helps improve centered contact, allowing you to hit the ball farther and straighter. Finding the center of the clubface is a skill and, like any skill, it improves with purposeful practice.

Remember, improving your golf game doesn't always require a complete swing overhaul. Some of the biggest gains come from making smarter decisions, improving your focus and practicing with intention. If you're struggling with your game, don't hesitate to work with a PGA professional. A good instructor can help you practice more efficiently, build confidence and, most importantly, make the game more enjoyable.



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Ryan Lenahan walks on the green at the 2025 PGA Championship. Lenahan, a native of Grosse Pointe Shores, currently serves as the director of instruction at Walnut Creek Country Club.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bachert headed to rowing world championships

Grosse Pointe South alumnus and current Syracuse University rower Olivia Bachert will be one of the athletes representing the United States at the 2026 World Rowing Under-23 Championships in Germany beginning July 23.

COLLEGIATE RECRUITING SHOWCASE
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Michigan Select 99 returns to ULS

The Michigan Select 99 Collegiate Lacrosse Showcase returns to University Liggett School Thursday, July 30. The event, sponsored by Warrior Lacrosse, is one of the premier college recruiting showcase events for boys lacrosse in Michigan. Among the featured activities are showcase games and NCAA-level drills with teams led by college coaches. Players from around the area can showcase their skills to NCAA Division I, Division II, Division III, NAIA and MCLA programs and coaches. Presented by 313 Lacrosse. For more information and registration, visit www.michiganselect99.com.



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