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## OMA keeps up with social media

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — With the future arriving sooner every day, elected city representatives amended communication policies to keep pace with the intersection of social media and the Open Meetings Act.

The concern is preserving elected officials' right to communicate freely on social media without violating the act. "During MML (Michigan Municipal League) training as new council members, the general counsel for MML had discussions with us about what's appropriate and what's not," said Christine Gallagher, elected to the Grosse Pointe Park City Council in November. Of particular interest were comments on Facebook, although the same rules apply to Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and more. "The recommendation by general counsel was not to participate in those discussions on social media, because if we make a comment on

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## Warmth during winter

The skies may be dismal and gray this time of year, but there's always warmth to be found at home. Like Peter Sculthorpe's "Owl's Head Lighthouse, Maine," keep your home fires burning as we journey through this chilly winter.

## Lease-to-buy rifle program in the works

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Since he started his position, Director of Public Safety John Kosanke has been dedicated to updating his department anywhere it may be outdated. "One of the things that I've done since I've

taken over is to look at everything all the time," he said in a committee of the whole meeting Monday, Jan. 10, "and if there's a way we can improve something, to make an improvement on it." That was his rationale behind realizing the need for updated weapons for the department. The rifles,

AR-15s, currently carried in the cars are outdated and worn, according to Kosanke's report. Additionally, the rifles' lack of updated technology is leaving the department behind in accuracy. "Those rifles are sighted-in several times a year when we go to shoot," he noted. "However, what we're

finding out now, and we're seeing it more and more ... that weapon really needs to be adjusted to the shooter and there's no way that we can possibly do that because of the amount of department members that we have." Enter the launch of a lease-to-buy rifle program, where each offi-

cer in the city will be equipped with his own, specially sighted and designed rifle fit just for him. Initially bought by the city and paid back over time by the officer through paycheck deductions, equalling approximately \$42 per paycheck, each officer will

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## Shores retiree health care liability increases after controversial changes

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — More than a year and a half after Grosse Pointe Shores began requiring its retirees to cover 20 percent of their health care premiums, city council and retirees have yet to find resolution, while results from the city's fiscal year 2020-21 audit are shedding new light on the necessity of the changes, or potential lack thereof.

According to the city at the time, the reason for the change was because Mark Manquen, a partner with Manquen Vance, the city's health insurance plan provider, had estimated it would decrease the Shores' retiree health care liability by up to \$2 million. As of June 30, 2020, prior to the change, the city's total other post-employment benefits, or retiree health care, liability was \$10,275,796. The changes went into

effect July 1, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, the 2020-21 audit reported, the city's total OPEB liability is approximately \$10,355,000. "It looks to be about the same," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said of the liability since implementing the cost-sharing program. "... Originally, Mark Manquen had given us the advice that there was going to be a substantial reduction in our overall liability."

Due to interest on the liability of \$719,000, said Aaron Stevens, CPA, of Maner Costerisan, the OPEB liability has increased by \$79,000. "I'm looking forward to delving into the health care for retirees and pensioners," Councilman John Dakmak said at the December meeting. "That issue doesn't appear to be resolved as far as the residents of this city and I think 2022

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## Rejiggering committees

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Council committees on sustainability, plus another on diversity, equity and inclusion, were among those dissolved into other city panels during a reorganization overseen by the new mayor. "In order to streamline operations and make sure there is staff capacity to support that, as well as budget capacity, (sustainability) will no

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# Hillside Hearth: Fresh baked goods and beyond

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

When locals walk into Hillside Hearth at 19487 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, they'll smell freshly baked bread and pastries. They'll find Pearson Wells and Kevin Rentenbach, Grosse Pointe natives, baking up surprises in the back.

Wells, who worked in the culinary business, had always hoped to own a bakery.

"I baked so much sourdough at home and everybody said how great my bread was," he said.

He ran into Hillside's current location when he already had been viewing other properties in the fall of 2019.

"I live down the street from here and I had just kind of had my eye on it," he said. "... I was on my way home from another site and saw that this place was for lease. ... Kevin came by my house and I told him about it and he said he was in."

The pair named the business "Hillside Hearth," after Rentenbach's grandfather's tool and die company in Roseville, which operated under the name, "Hillside," in the '70s.

"He was also a baker," Rentenbach added of his grandfather, Gerhart Theuerkorn. "He had like a small little bakery in his basement."

With keys in hand by December 2019, the friends got to work gut-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pearson Wells brushes egg wash on a croissant.

ting and renovating the building, which had previously hosted Breadsmith. They ordered various parts for the business's oven from Italy; the parts shipped the week before COVID-19 shut down world operations in March 2020.

Hillside Hearth officially opened in June 2020 as a bakery. While many businesses had to close operations due to various guidelines, Hillside's operations as a bakery remained intact, though the co-owners recall it being difficult to find staffing.

"That probably has been the biggest hurdle for us is really just consistent, good help," Wells

said. "All around though I feel like it started out pretty rough, but we've been able to adapt to the situation with ease just because of how small we are."

Now that the business has gotten into the swing of things, the friends have expanded from being "just a bakery" into offering a host of other things, including meat.

"We're both chefs first that have a baking problem, I guess," Wells said. "... After like five or six months I was like, 'I need cuts of meat or something.'"

They started cooking with meat products for themselves at first, but realized if there was a

demand, they might as well try selling the goods. And sell they did, in the form of sandwiches, soups and more.

The duo uses this theory with their baked goods, as well, which leads to a varying menu. Dependent on demand and requests, visitors can expect to find different pastries when they walk in to buy.

"The fact that we can be accommodating and take requests ... and kind of feed off of what (customers) want," Rentenbach said, "that's where we get our ideas sometimes. It's pretty simple: If they buy it, we'll make it."

Though new features

always are being baked, some classics remain on the menu, like fresh bread, croissants, pan au chocolat, cookies, muffins and more. Favorites among the community are the country loaf, cookies and blueberry muffins, which Wells said are the best in town.

"I'll put that next to any blueberry muffin you bring in here and I guarantee you it'll beat it," Wells said. "It's better. There's more blueberries in it. Guarantee you it's better."

Everything for sale in the bakery is freshly made each morning. At the end of the day, whatever goods are left over are donated to Food Rescue US, which feeds the homeless in the community with bagged lunches.

"We've worked with a few different organizations and they by far have been the best ones," Wells said.

In terms of gluten-free options, while the co-owners said they would not encourage those with Celiac disease to eat their product, as everything is baked in the same environment, the bakery does sell macarons and gluten-free carrot cake. They have a gluten-free tart in the works as well.

Hillside Hearth boasts high-quality products, something of which the pair is proud.

"We're quality-oriented first here," Wells said. "We don't mass produce

things. We only use the highest quality ingredients. Everything is made from scratch; we don't get anything that's pre-made or processed."

The pair tries to source most of the bakery's ingredients from Michigan companies, as well, with Michigan blueberries and tart cherries, and honey from Macomb County.

"That's really kind of what sets us apart from a lot of other bakeries is that everything here is real food," Wells said. "There's nothing that's coming out of a tub or a powder or pre-made. ... We try to maintain a certain level of quality here. It's a lot of work; it's hard to do. That's one of the main things that I hear from a lot of (people): It tastes like real food. It is real food."

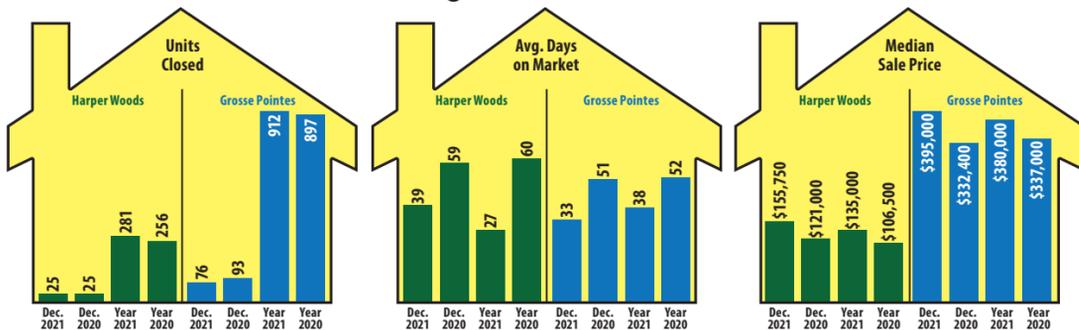
As the business grows, the pair plans to begin offering larger breakfast and lunch catering orders for businesses and local professionals. Orders may be placed by calling the bakery at (313) 880-4900, though an online ordering option soon will be available.

Hillside Hearth is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with Tuesdays being added for business soon. For more information or to find out what goods are available, visit Hillside Hearth's Facebook page @hillsidehearth or call (313) 880-4900.

## A return to normal seasonality in the market

December 2021 housing data recently was released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Market data for both Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes points to a strong sales environment despite the well-documented low

inventory of available homes. There also was a return to the normal seasonality of the market, with closed transactions decreasing around the holidays and increasing through the first quarter of the year. This is typically followed by sales



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peaking during the strong May-June "spring market." Evidence of the market's strength in 2021 is the improved number of sales units, combined with the increase in median sale price and the pace at which homes were selling.

For those wondering what to expect in 2022, it is believed prices will continue to rise and buyers may even increase the pace of sales. This will be brought about because of the Federal Reserve making it clear that rates will increase this year. However, the real danger for buyers being priced out of the

market is not interest rates but rising prices, making the urge to buy now even stronger. These factors add to the complexity of the home buying and selling process, making the wish for a simpler market unrealistic.

As 2022 continues to unfold, we will do our best to provide you with

the most accurate market data possible. We also urge you to use the services of a professional real estate consultant. To ensure you do, make certain your agent is a member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

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## Participants sought for RSV vaccine trial

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV, is among the top three viruses that cause respiratory infection today, notably joined by COVID-19 and influenza. However, it is the only of the three yet to have a vaccine available.

"People over the age of 60 and babies under the age of 2 are at greatest risk for developing this infection and developing complications leading to hospitalization and unfortunately, in some, leading to death," said Louis D. Saravolatz, M.D., chair-

man of the Department of Medicine at Ascension St. John Hospital and lead principal investigator. "And in pediatrics under the age of 2, this is the No. 1 cause of death among respiratory viral infections."

In an effort to reduce its occurrence and severity, Ascension St. John Hospital's Vaccine Research Unit is taking part in a worldwide trial of 30,000 participants, ages 60 and older, to test the safety, efficacy and immunogenicity of an RSV vaccine, RSVpreF.

The vaccine already

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# Council avoids bickering online

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — It doesn't take long to find juvenile-level jabbering on antisocial media.

Platforms can descend into an incendiary blast zone when it comes to politics.

The fruitlessness of such arguments is one reason municipal officials updated the Grosse Pointe Park code of conduct to discourage debasing online debates with the public.

Hence, "Members of council shall not debate with a member of the public on social media since these debates seldom resolve concerns and many times inflame feelings at a public setting," according to revisions approved Jan. 10 by the new mayor and six council members, five of

whom are new.

"The past council committed to a series of rules and procedures," Mayor Michelle Hodges said. "Now that we have a new council, we need to do the same. The document is very similar to our guiding book in the past."

"The biggest changes I made are regarding setting of the agenda, minutes, code of conduct and public relations," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "In the past, council members were able to request an agenda item be set with seven business days' notice by contacting the mayor and city manager with an email request."

The procedure stands, but with an added requirement for support material.

"We are asking for some backup documentation, like bullet points

you'd like to discuss," Sizeland told the council. "This is something the mayor and I reviewed with the city attorney so we can prepare for that agenda item when it is presented before council."

Council also endorsed Sizeland's idea for council members to clarify their opinions if different from city policy.

"If you have an opinion or if you want to add something to it, go right ahead," Sizeland said. "But, say this is your own opinion and not the official opinion of the city for clarity purposes."

"It is important to maintain that distinction when you're voicing information," said Jake Howlett, city attorney.

"If there's something you want to discuss, feel free; not a problem at all," Sizeland said.

"I caution this body when sharing information from the city, when you put your own bias spin on it, that becomes a new message," Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

Held over from prior rules is a prohibition on arguing with members of the public attending council meetings:

"These debates seldom resolve concerns and many times inflame feelings," according to the code. "You will have your opportunity later to state your position and rebut any information or argument you may feel needs it."

Also carried over is an injunction against non-verbal sniping:

"Avoid such negative nonverbal cues as scowling ... or using facial expressions that suggest ridicule or contempt."

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social media and one other council member likes it, and one other council member likes it and another makes another comment, we then have a violation of the Open Meetings Act by having a quorum," Gallagher said. "The recommendation was to avoid getting into discussion and making comments on Facebook with the public."

"It is a very legitimate concern," said Jake Howlett, city attorney. "Social media, like it does in every aspect of our lives, is great and also complicated. Social media is the perfect avenue for updates, information sharing (and) posting of meetings. It becomes a much dicier proposition when it becomes a forum for discussing public business."

If four or more members of the seven-seat council congregate, they constitute a quorum, prompting application of the act's rules requiring meetings, deliberations and decisions to take place in public. The formula applies to meeting in person and online.

"Deliberation includes discussing, which, in turn, is defined as the act of exchanging views on something," according to a 2008 legal decision cited on the MML's website.

"You have a potential OMA violation if there are multiple council members that constitute a quorum debating council business," Howlett said. "That discussion on Facebook would be treated just the same. That's the interpretation of every lawyer I've spoken to on this."

Endorsing other people's comments on Facebook, even by clicking the "thumbs up" button, can be construed as a vote, according to Councilman Thomas Caulfield.

### Emails, too

Rules regarding social media grow from those governing communication by email, Howlett told the council.

"If four of you are behind the scenes emailing each other about an upcoming vote or upcoming issue, that's an OMA violation," Howlett said. "If you're doing it on Facebook, that's the same problem. So, it's not that anybody wants to quell anybody's First Amendment rights, quash discussion of city business or eliminate the

use of social media. If multiple city council members constitute a quorum, that is definitely a potential OMA violation."

Nor can elected officials avoid the act by conducting city business on their personal email accounts, à la former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private server.

"It is a relatively new area," Howlett told the council. "That's why you guys have to be careful using personal emails or personal Facebook pages to communicate city business because under the law, there's no distinction. If it's city business and you are discussing it, it becomes subject to FOIA (the Freedom of Information Act)."

"If we are acting as ourselves and not in any relation to council, how would that break the OMA?" Councilman Vikas Relan asked.

"Because," Howlett said, "it's just like you use your personal email. You're an elected city

*'Even if you're using your personal page, if a quorum of elected officials is ... discussing it, that becomes a potential OMA violation.'*

JAKE HOWLETT

Grosse Pointe Park City Attorney

council member. Even if you're using your personal page, if a quorum of elected officials is on your personal page discussing it, that becomes a potential OMA violation. The law doesn't distinguish."

A similar situation exists when elected officials participate in meetings of committees of which they aren't members. Attendance isn't the problem. Participation is, even as a member of the public.

"If we've got a commission with three council members and (a fourth) is sitting in the public gallery and decide(s) to speak, now we have four council members discussing an issue," Howlett said.

"We are elected representatives of our city," Relan said. "It's our right, or our obligation, to speak at some of these committees and commissions to bring up points that may not be being addressed."

"If we're getting into larger debates with multiple council members that constitute a quorum, we've got an OMA problem," Howlett said.

"If there's a committee (with) four members making a decision, you need to follow the OMA," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

# Budget surplus; unmodified audit opinion

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Retaining its AAA bond rating and gaining a budget surplus, Grosse Pointe Shores also received an unmodified opinion for its fiscal year 2020-21 audit.

"The unmodified opinions are what you want to see as a governing body," said Aaron Stevens, CPA, with Maner Costerisan. "It doesn't get any better than that."

With \$6,439,048 in total revenues, the Shores saw a budget surplus of \$467,085 in the fiscal year.

"(Revenues) did increase over the previous year," Stevens said, adding the increase was by

approximately 8 percent. "(It was) primarily the result of the COVID-19 grant money."

The city also experienced an \$80,000 increase in expenditures from the prior year, bringing its total expenditures for 2020-21 to \$6,126,063.

"You've added to the fund balance in four of the last five years and steadily increased that fund balance amount," Stevens said. "At the end of June 30, 2021, the general fund is in sound financial condition."

Come fiscal year 2021-22, Finance Director/Treasurer Candice Giles reported, projections anticipate the general fund will see a deficit of \$200,000.

With a single business in the city, 78 percent of the Shores' general fund revenue comes from property taxes. Intergovernmental revenue, which includes COVID-19 grant money and any other federal, state and local government revenue, accounted for an additional 8 percent of the year's revenues.

On the flip side, 43 percent of general fund expenditures are attributable to public safety, 26 percent to general government and 15 percent to public works.

"When we started last year, we started with a pretty austere budget," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. "We tightened the

belt. We didn't put any money in for certain repairs ... and I don't think we put money in the roads this year. ... All in all, this is a good result."

The city's unrestricted general fund balance, or operating funds, as of June 30, 2021, represented approximately four months of city operations.

"You have four months of operations before you'd need to generate additional revenue," Stevens explained. "The GFOA, or the Government Finance Officers Association recommends maintaining a general fund balance that is

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longer be a stand-alone," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "It will be part of all committees, but mostly part of beautification, which might sound strange to some. It will also be part of the infrastructure committee."

Also on the beautification committee is Brian Colter, Park city forester and certified arborist.

"Colter has expertise in sustainability," Hodges said. "We are in no way walking away from sustainability. We're just streamlining it and giving staff tools they need to effectively manage all of our committee resources."

Diversity, equity and inclusion becomes a component of every committee.

"That is fundamental to all we're doing, especially the community engagement committee," Hodges said. "It will also be part of the personnel committee's objectives. Much of DEI implementation will be the responsibility of our administrative team."

"It is an understandable concern that we might be ignoring it," said Brian Brenner, in his first term on council. "But, as far as I'm concerned, both DEI and sustainability are such major concerns to our community and society in general that they should be important to every single committee. My understanding is, as far as goals, they are not being ignored. They are being risen to a goal in every single aspect of our city government."

The public services committee is reformulated as the infrastructure and maintenance committee.

"In order to make sure the focus is squarely where it needs to be, which is infrastructure, we should name the committee as such," Hodges said. "That will allow it to focus not just on one form of infrastructure, but others as well, like

alleys, utilities, roads, etc. And, too, sustainability will be an important part of its operations."

Chairing the committee is Councilman Max Wiener, an engineer. He won office in November campaigning for improved infrastructure.

"We've got major challenges facing the community now," Wiener said. "We want focus, we want efficiency. Taking away some of the redundancy is helpful. We've already (been) identifying a lot of areas where we can see some energy efficiencies that either weren't identified or pursued in the past."

Another change is turning the communications committee into a community engagement committee, chaired by Brenner.

"It will be a refreshing opportunity to look the community directly in the eye," Hodges said, "to work in partnership, in tandem in a very transparent way, whether it's border issues, issues related to senior citizens, whether it's being a welcoming and inclusive community. That will resonate with the community. It encompasses all the issues we hear and what I think the community wants."

### Committees

When recommending council members to serve as committee chairs, Hodges said she considered a candidate's ability to work in collaboration.

"Other goals are accountability," Hodges said. "I'm big on that, making sure we have a structure that supports getting stuff done. And ensuring alignment with our top opportunities — infrastructure."

The council's committee assignments are:

◆ Beautification — Councilman Vikas Relan, council representative;

◆ Recreation and Marina Subcommittee — Councilmen

Tom Caulfield and Marty McMillan, council representatives;

◆ Planning Commission — Hodges, council representative;

◆ Downtown Development Authority — Hodges, council representative;

◆ Community Engagement — Brenner, chairman;

◆ Ordinance Review — Caulfield, chairman;

◆ Personnel — Councilwoman Christine Gallagher, chair; Brenner and Hodges, council representatives;

◆ Public Safety — McMillan, chairman; Relan and Wiener, council representatives;

◆ Infrastructure and maintenance — Wiener, chairman; Brenner and Caulfield, council representatives and

◆ Finance — Caulfield, council representative.

### Liaisons

Some members of council named liaisons to various associations and organizations were:

◆ Eastside Community Network — Hodges;

◆ Jefferson East Inc. — Hodges.

"We have a liaison with the Jefferson East board, because they are our neighbor," Hodges said. "We need to be working closely with them;"

◆ Michigan Municipal League — Relan;

◆ SEMCOG — McMillan;

◆ Board of Education and Trombley Elementary — Gallagher;

◆ GPP Business Association — Brenner. "We're clearly a pro-business organization," Hodges said, "so we need to be working in partnership with our business community" and

◆ GPP Foundation — Gallagher. "Our Grosse Pointe Park Foundation is very important," Hodges said. "We need to be in partnership and working well together."

# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, JAN. 24

- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 25

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

## THURSDAY, JAN. 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park TIFA meeting, 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 29

- ◆ Neff Park Annual Winterfest, 1 to 5 p.m. for City residents. Ice carving, ice skating, warming fires and free hot chocolate are included.

## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Reflections of a World War II veteran

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

During a recent American Legion Post 303 event remembering Pearl Harbor Day, Grosse Pointe Woods resident Lawrence “Larry” Bennett was among those honored for his service during World War II.

Just two months shy of his 98th birthday, Bennett also was the oldest WWII veteran in attendance.

The Detroit native is quiet and reserved, but has binder after binder of his wartime experiences documented, each page detailing his life in the U.S. Army.

He was 18 years old — a recent graduate of Denby High School — when he was drafted in February 1943.

“After I graduated, I went in the Army right away,” he said. “My mother held my classification until after I graduated, then she showed it to me.”

After months of training, he boarded a ship with 500 other soldiers in September 1943, and spent 20 days crossing the Atlantic Ocean and into the Mediterranean



Larry Bennett has been a longtime attendee of Grosse Pointe Woods’ veterans ceremonies.

Sea. Slowly, he made his way to Italy where he first saw combat as a rifleman in the 3rd Infantry Division, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, L Company.

“Combat is hell and I was scared stiff as the German shells were exploding,” he wrote in a

summary of his Army experiences. He served combat duty in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. He participated in six major campaigns, including two amphibious landings in Anzio, Italy and southern France.

During his time in France, he was wounded.

“I was wounded in the left thigh by shrapnel from an 88mm gun,” he wrote. “We were high in a wooded area; several were killed in the blast. I was taken by ambulance to a field hospital and a doctor removed the fragment from my leg.”

Bennett spent four months in the hospital and eventually was discharged from the military as a staff sergeant in March 1945.

“The night I returned (to my outfit), they were crossing the Rhine River,” he wrote. “I stayed with the motor pool that night and joined my outfit the next morning, crossing the Rhine on my 21st birthday, white flags on the houses in Germany.”

In total, Bennett saw more than 300 combat days and spent 27 months overseas before making his way back home. He



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Bennett in 1943.

celebrated his homecoming in February 1946, with his bride-to-be, Betty Rendell.

The pair were married in October 1947, and moved to Grosse Pointe in 1950.

“We met in high school; we were both seniors,” he said, recalling they went tobogganing on their first date. It was love at first sight, he recalled.

The couple went on to have two children, Nancy and Gary, while Bennett spent 41 years working as a dial technician for Michigan Bell. He also built a second home for his family in Gaylord in 1977.

Post-service life for Bennett included lots of

baseball. He was involved in Little League, Babe Ruth and amateur baseball organizations for many years. His son inherited his love of sports; Gary Bennett is in his 38th year of coaching girls basketball at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Bennett lists woodworking, golf and photography as his favorite pastimes. He still can be found photographing basketball games, as well as his family, which now includes five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Though he lost his beloved wife of 74 years in September, he fondly recalls traveling with her and their children.

“We camped all over the United States,” he said, noting Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada, as his favorite destination. A more recent trip Bennett recalled fondly occurred in 2018.

“The whole family decided to take me to Washington, D.C., to see the (World War II) memorial,” he said. “That was very nice.”

There, the family was photographed near a marker for the 3rd

Infantry Division that detailed the campaign in which Bennett served.

Also in 2018, he was honored during a University of Michigan basketball game as its “Hero of the Game,” for his World War II service.

“It was a big deal for him,” said his daughter, Nancy Burns.

Bennett, who has liked to keep busy his whole life, is a 25-year member of the Grosse Pointe Men’s Club, as well as the Grosse Pointe Veterans Club and American Legion. He also is a trustee at Redeemer United Methodist Church.

A Purple Heart recipient, Bennett also earned a Legion of Honor medal — France’s highest distinction — in 2011.

He looks back at his days in the military with modest silence, though he admitted his service helped him become more patriotic and “appreciate what we have.”

“He’s really remarkable,” Burns noted of her father. “He was always there for us. He’s very humble and is always doing things for others, thinking of others. He’s always very supportive.”



The Bennett family, from left, Gary, Nancy, Betty and Larry, when they visited Washington, D.C., in 2018.



Bennett waved his cap at the crowd when he was honored during a University of Michigan basketball game as the “Hero of the Game” in 2018.

## RETIREEE:

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will be a good time for us to perhaps do a deep dive into that issue and see what, if anything, can be resolved.”

For fiscal year 2020-21, the Shores also saw a general fund budget

surplus of \$467,085.

Retirees wrote letters to council and attended the 2020-21 audit presentation, requesting council resolve the ongoing situation by using a portion of the surplus to refund the premiums retirees have paid to date and honor their contract provisions

going forward.

“While employed, the retirees had bargained in good faith and had taken many concessions and pay cuts in order to assure health care during retirement,” retired Lt. David Younk wrote in a letter to council. “These contracts were negotiated, approved

and ratified by the city council and the current mayor.”

One such collective bargaining agreement between the Shores and retirees states, “In the event that current employees may be required to share in the premium cost of hospitalization insurance, retirees or widows would not be required to participate in any of the premium cost sharing.”

“The action by the city council in May 2020 requiring retirees to pay health care premiums

clearly violated the collective bargaining agreements,” Younk wrote. “This has caused great financial hardship and an unforeseen burden on the retirees and our families.”

Most of the retirees’ pensions fall between \$35,000 and \$60,000, according to Pam Demeulenaere, wife of retired Lt. Jim Demeulenaere, who served the Shores 28 years. As such, she noted, some now are paying between 5 and 10 percent of their pen-

sions for health care premiums.

“Our retirees made sacrifices every single year of their careers to protect the residents of this community,” she said. “It would be the right thing to do and would also gain back the trust of the retirees, and several of the Grosse Pointe Shores residents who support retirees, if the decision requiring retirees to pay 20 percent of the premiums for their health care were rescinded by this council.”

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2022

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 20, 2021, and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held on November 18, 2021.
- 2) that the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 be conducted by the City Clerk due to the absence of the acting City Manager.  
NO: Williams
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

#### RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1)approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123654 through 123742 in the amount of \$191,904.82 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2)approve payment in the amount of \$13,122.00 to Drive Creative Services, LLC, \$6,150.00 for the printing of the Jan/Mar Newsletter and \$6,972.00 for the printing of the 2022 calendar.
- 2) to approve the change order to Great Lakes Contracting Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$38,198.58 for the pavement replacement resulting from water main repairs and water valve boxes and for the poured concrete pads at Johnston and Salter Parks.
- 3) to approve the payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$8,711.92 for the city’s proportionate share of the Beaconsfield Resurfacing Project.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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## TRIAL:

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has gone through the first two phases required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to show it is safe and produces an antibody response.

Phase 3 RENOIR is a randomized clinical trial comparing the vaccine versus a placebo.

“Now we have to really prove with a 30,000-participant trial worldwide, that this vaccine will prevent

disease,” Saravolatz said, “and this trial is going to go on for three years during three respiratory viral seasons to be able to answer that question.”

To take part in the trial, participants need to be more than 60 years old and be in a stable medical state and cannot have had a serious reaction to another vaccine.

While 50 participants already have enrolled in Ascension’s trial at the Thomas Mackey Center for Infectious Disease

Research, Saravolatz hopes to get 100 participants at the site.

While RSVpreF is specifically for older adults, a child vaccine will be developed, as well.

“It has some really important downstream benefits if, in fact, we can show this vaccine does work and prevents RSV infection,” Saravolatz said.

Anyone interested in more information or participating in the trial should call (313) 343-6311.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Caffeine thief

Between 5:28 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, and 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, a package of K-cup coffee pods were stolen from the porch of a home in the 300 block of Lothrop Road.

## Unemployment fraud

A 49-year-old Farms man was notified of an unknown suspect's fraudulent attempt to file for unemployment benefits using his name and Social Security number. The request was denied.

## Speeding while suspended

After being pulled over for speeding 48 mph on Lakeshore Road at 11:11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, a 20-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving while license suspended.

## More damage than repair

After a 54-year-old Woods woman dropped off her vehicle at an area mechanic, video footage showed an unknown suspect steal its catalytic converter at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. The cost to replace it is approximately \$1,200

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and the shop informed the woman they would not cover the cost.

## Decoy lettuce

Video footage inside a business in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue showed a woman, wearing a white jacket and driving a white Mercury four-door sedan, place eight bottles of liquor in her bag at 12:01 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, before proceeding to the check-out line and purchasing a bag of lettuce.

The woman was identified as the same suspect who stole liquor from the business Dec. 30.

Between the two incidents, the business lost \$2,619.91 worth of alcohol.

## Skipping school to go to school

Two male students of a school outside the Pointes were caught by officers inside an area high school at 10:23 a.m. Friday, Jan. 14, after a female student reported she saw one of them, her ex-boyfriend, inside the building during lunch. The other student told

officers he wanted to hang out with a friend who went to the school.

Both students were cited for trespassing, while all other involved students were released and will be suspended by the school.

## Operating under the influence

A 31-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over for speeding 62 mph on Mack Avenue at 2:22 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

She had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech, but refused a preliminary breath test. She was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol, as well as cited for driving 26 and greater over the speed limit and refusing the preliminary breath test.

## Unlocked break-in

An unknown suspect rifled through belongings in an unlocked Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in a driveway in the 200 block of Ridgemont Road between 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, and 8:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16.

## Tempting fate

A black 2019 Chrysler Pacifica was stolen from the 100 block of Hillcrest Street at approximately 4:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16.

The vehicle was unlocked and the key fob was inside at the time of the theft.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Unemployment fraud

An unknown person fraudulently filed for unemployment benefits under a Grosse Pointe woman's name Monday, Jan. 10.

## Car or dinner plate

Between 7:30 and 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, food and possible saliva were left on a vehicle in the 500 block of Lakeland Street.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## No vehicle insurance

A 23-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for not having vehicle insurance after being pulled over at Lakeshore and Vernier roads for an expired license plate at 9:18 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

— Laurel Kraus

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Security camera theft

A 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man is being investigated for the alleged larceny of a security camera attached to the rear of a house in the 1400 block of Lakepointe.

The incident reportedly occurred shortly before 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13.

## Jeep stolen

Someone stole a gray 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked overnight Thursday, Jan. 13, in the 1300 block of Devonshire.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Two hours too long

A Ford Fusion parked in a lot in the 19000 block of Mack was found to be missing its catalytic converter at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13.

The car had been parked in the lot since 1:30 p.m. the same day.

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

## RIFLE:

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have fully paid off his individualized rifle within two years and will be able to take it with him when he retires, if he so chooses. The final transaction will be a \$1 payment by the departing officer, transferring ownership from the city to him.

"This program is an essential upgrade to the operations of the department," Kosanke said in a memo to the city manager. "It has been determined that the shooting accuracy of each officer would greatly improve if they had their own specific rifle which they were familiar with. As active shooter situations increase throughout the country, it is important for each officer to be as ready as possible to react with proficiency in matters where split-second decisions are required."

The estimated cost per package for the program is \$2,156 to the officer, to include the rifle, suppressor, weapon light, three magazines and a rifle bag.

Three officers have opted out of the program, leaving the city to pay for the respective rifles and maintain ownership, if the program is passed. The three rifles will be passed down and personalized to new officers when the time comes.

According to Kosanke's research, the program has proven successful with Center Line's police department. Sterling Heights has begun the program as well.

"We felt that we needed to prepare our officers for what they might have to do," Kosanke said of the decision to upgrade rifles. "We've seen

some school shootings ... where an officer might have to take a long-range shot. This is going to boost the confidence with the officer in using that weapon."

Councilman Todd McConnaghy supported the program, saying, "In my mind not only is it important that the officer's safe and can take a safe shot, but we certainly don't want them missing what they're shooting at. So I'm all for this. The more accurate the better."

Councilman Michael Koester cited concerns about upgrading to such specialized equipment, with Kosanke noting an officer has never had to discharge a rifle since he's been with the department.

"Are we giving up flexibility for personalization?" Koester asked. "... It just seems like it adds a lot of more complexity to the situation."

Koester asked, if the officers have never had to fire the weapons, why purchase new individualized weapons rather than simply keep the same functional weapons in the car?

"I wouldn't want to give up an optimal choice over being flexible," Kosanke responded. "I'd rather have the officers have that optimal choice, because in their mind that weapon is tailored toward them, so that's going to bring their

confidence level up. And that's what you want when you're faced with a high-pressure situation. You want their confidence to be at an all-time high."

While the confidence level of the officers will be at a new high, public comment showed a community member's may be decreasing.

"I have been doing active shooter training since I was 9 years old," resident Melinda Billingsley said to council in public comment. "I have never lived in a world without active shooter situations and I don't particularly feel safer knowing that our response to any idea of increase of violence is we need more guns. ..."

"The biggest issue that I have with this is that at the end of the day," she continued, "what the city would be doing is purchasing an assault weapon which will eventually be a private citizen's assault weapon. And while I recognize that we cannot control what private citizens purchase for themselves and their own use, I do not think that the city should be facilitating the purchase of these kinds of weapons for personal use. At the end of the day, these assault rifles can go home with an officer who is not on duty and is therefore a private citizen. ..."

"I think that, considering that in 20-plus

years we haven't had any issue where we would need an officer to discharge this kind of rifle," she added, "and that looking around at our current city I don't foresee any time soon us having an officer need to discharge an assault rifle, I just don't know that this plan is necessary. And I know that for me as a citizen, it doesn't make me feel safer to know that there are bigger, better, more efficient killing machines in our streets."

For officers who would retain their rifle after leaving the department, Kosanke said many like to maintain shooting skills after they've retired.

"This is something (they've done) and it is a really, really good hobby," he said. "And (it's good) to keep up on your skills."

Kosanke has been directed by the committee of the whole to look into liability questions, brought to the floor by Councilman Thomas Vaughn. The department also is looking into purchasing a gun locker for the department so officers may leave the rifles locked at work rather than taking them home at the end of their shift.

The lease-to-buy program will be brought to council at a future meeting, likely Monday, Jan. 24, or Monday, Feb. 7.

## New member welcomed



The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe Sunrise recently inducted new member Robert Grambo. President Patrick Moran officially welcomed Grambo and presented him with a Rotary pin and badge. Pictured are Grambo, left, and Moran.

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## BUDGET:

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equal to a minimum of two months worth of normal operations."

The water and sewer fund also reported an unrestricted net position of \$2,042,180 — \$1,470,391 more than the previous year — while the marina fund's unrestricted net position is \$523,671.

Both funds fall above

the minimum recommendations.

The city's other unemployment benefits, or retiree healthcare, liability for 2020-21 is approximately \$10,355,000, a \$79,000 increase from the previous year despite the implementation of a controversial premium cost-sharing program with the retirees.

The cause for the increase, Stevens said, was the interest on the liability.



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OUR VIEW

2020 census:  
Population  
little changed

The population of the Grosse Pointes — both numerically and characteristically — changed very little over the 10 years between 2010 and 2020.

The total population of the five Pointes came to 46,478 in the 2020 census, up 2.11 percent from 2010. As we already have reported, the Farms saw the largest growth in population, 7.06 percent, while the Shores took the only decline, 12.26 percent; a result officials there are contesting.

What we have not reported to date is the racial makeup of the Pointes in 2020 vs. 2010.

Ten years ago, 89.4 percent of the population here was white. In 2020, that number had dropped 3.6 percentage points to 85.8 percent. The biggest decline in percentage of whites was in the Woods, 6.5 percentage points, and the largest increase in blacks in the Pointes was also in the Woods, 3.0 percentage points. Seven percent of the Woods population is black, as compared with 5.2 percent of all the Pointes, a 0.1 percentage point increase, basically unchanged.

Interestingly, the Park lost the most among the black community. In 2010, the Park was 10.5 percent black. In 2020, the black population in the Park had declined to 6.8 percent, falling behind the Woods.

The biggest increases in population came from among those who described themselves as “multi-racial,” 3.3 percent, and Hispanic, 2.9 percent — an increase of 2.0 and 1.0 percentage points, respectively.

This is to say there was very little change in the makeup of the Pointes in the 10 years between the two decennial censuses. So it begs the question: Why is the school district making such a big deal out of race and diversity? What has changed now vs. 10 years ago?

With the Grosse Pointe Public School System making race and diversity the pillars of its recently adopted three-year strategic plan, we wonder, what do they know that we don't? Are they expecting a huge influx of minority students? If the past 10 years have been any indication, we can expect more of the status quo than drastic change demographically.

It seems to us the only thing that could possibly create a major change in the makeup of the student body would be opening the Grosse Pointe Public School System to schools of choice.

Surely that's not what they are thinking. Although, it would solve our enrollment problem.

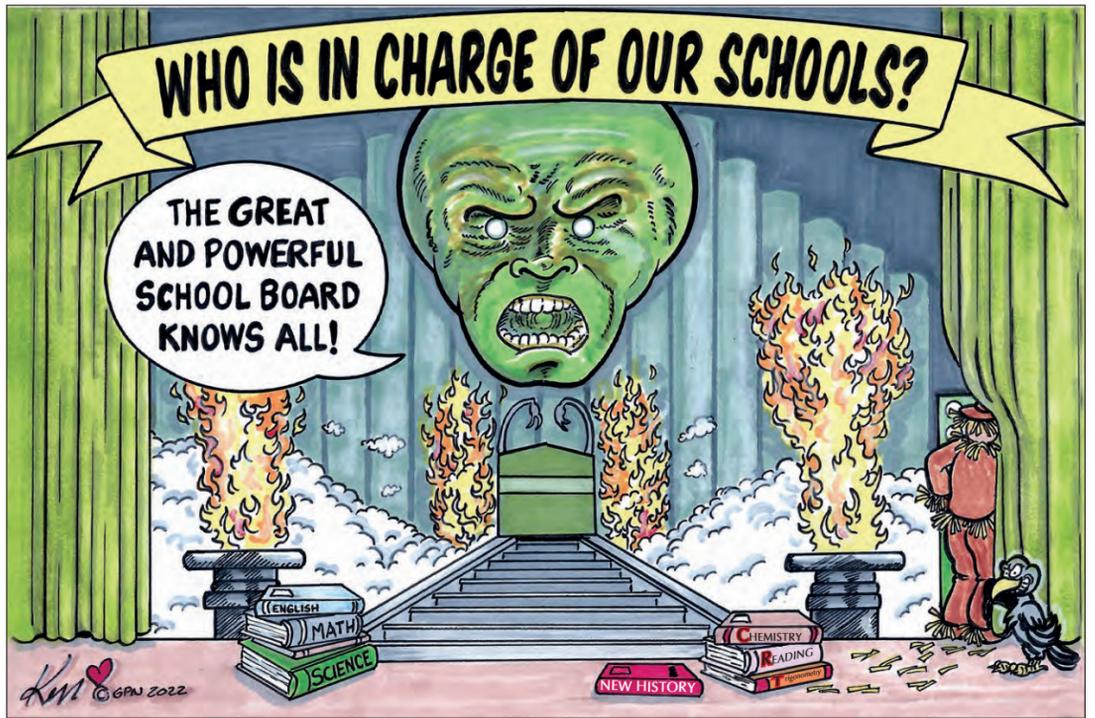


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WE-GP & CRT

To the Editor:

WE (Welcoming Everyone)-GP, the Grosse Pointe NAACP and several local residents with their Justice is the Pointe article, “Dispelling the Myths Used to Attack Critical Race Theory,” have clearly shown that they should have absolutely no part in our education system. They stamped their name on racist rhetoric, specifically this paragraph:

“Why has education become a battleground? The concept of systemic racism is an existential threat to white supremacy. The idea that students may learn an

while not perfect, America continues to strive to be the land of opportunity and is held up around the world as just that.

Apparently, though, WE-GP is not happy with just teaching history; they want to go backwards and divide us by race. If any of the organizations that WE-GP called out are against people based on race, they are not going to do well in Grosse Pointe, this is not a hateful place.

Instead, I suspect the accused organizations are against ridiculous concepts like the ones being put forward by WE-GP and the NAACP, the idea that Grosse Pointers specifically and

If that is CRT then yes, it should be vehemently opposed by everyone in our education system. The president of the board of education, the superintendent and the entire board should make a statement that they are absolutely opposed to racism and will not allow CRT to infect our education system.

KEN SANBORN  
Grosse Pointe Park

Re: strategic plan:  
We did not sign up for that

To the Editor:

I spoke at the BOE meeting regarding the GPPSS Strategic Plan for 2022-24.

Is this what we really want for the future of our children? A plan that hides behind honoring diversity and is doing the opposite, creating hive mentality/group think and indoctrinating our kids into a one world society?

It occurred to me that I should do a quick summary of the hierarchy for the school board and administration.

These are our children,

“Common Understanding,” “Shared Language” or one world society (see Glossary of Terms)?

Where are you honoring diversity?

It is very alarming that the strategic plan includes behavioral conditioning, psychological evaluations and student data collection.

What exactly does it mean when it states, “Restorative Practices”? Does this include creating a divisive conflict scenario, which is happening in our schools today (ex. where black and white students were separated, or where Republican and Democrat students are also separated in the classroom)? That is not valuing diversity. It is creating division and segregation.

The REI Council/school will “create a sense of belonging and intentionally plan for the social/emotional well-being of all stakeholders,” and dictate “what a responsible and caring response is.” This is not the REI Council/school's place; the school needs to stop the overreach and teach basic academics.

2020 Census: Population & Race vs. 2010

	City			Farms			Park			Shores			Woods			All Pointes		
	2010	2020	Chg.	2010	2020	Chg.	2010	2020	Chg.	2010	2020	Chg.	2010	2020	Chg.	2010	2020	Chg.
Population	5,421	5,678	4.74%	9,479	10,148	7.06%	11,555	11,595	0.35%	2,929	2,570	-12.26%	16,135	16,487	2.18%	45,519	46,478	2.11%
% White	91.7	89.6	-2.1	93.9	90.1	-3.8	83.0	82.7	-0.3	91.3	89.1	-2.3	90.0	83.5	-6.5	89.4	85.8	-3.6
% Black	3.2	3.2	-0.1	1.7	2.0	0.3	10.5	6.8	-3.7	1.9	1.1	-0.9	4.5	7.5	3.0	5.1	5.2	0.1
% Asian	1.5	1.5	0.0	1.2	1.8	0.5	1.8	2.4	0.7	3.7	4.8	1.1	2.4	2.2	-0.3	2.0	2.2	0.2
% Multi-Racial	1.4	2.7	1.3	0.9	2.8	2.0	1.8	4.1	2.3	0.9	2.5	1.5	1.2	3.5	2.2	1.3	3.3	2.0
% Hispanic	1.8	2.7	0.9	2.0	2.7	0.7	2.5	3.4	0.8	1.8	2.3	0.5	1.7	3.0	1.3	2.0	2.9	1.0
Other	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0	0.20	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2

Wayne County vaccinations\*

As of 1/18	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	724,675	655,883
% of residents 5+	71.7	64.9
% 5-11 years old	24.5	17.0
% 12-15 years old	53.9	48.7
% 16-64	74.1	67.3
% 65+	92.2	85.3

\*Excluding Detroit \*\*1 of 2 doses \*\*\* 2 doses or J&J

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Kristin Martin Duus

accurate history of the founding and building of our country refutes the long-cherished notion that white people acquire their status in society through hard work and opportunity available to all, not because the systems are rigged in their favor.”

I believe the people in Grosse Pointe are inclusive. No one thinks diversity is a bad thing and indeed everyone I know celebrates it. Anyone and everyone can move to Grosse Pointe and they do move here.

History has always been taught here, to include the good, the bad and the ugly. Our children learn about the history of our country, to include slavery and Jim Crow laws. They also learn about the founding of our country and the core belief that birth should not define one's place in the world. That

white people generally did not earn their success through hard work, that their race or skin color is all that matters.

The idea that our school system should teach the white children of Grosse Pointe that their success will not be due to their hard work but instead the color of their skin is wrong on so many levels. That our school system should teach the black children of Grosse Pointe that their failures are based upon their skin color and that their successes are made despite their race.

These organizations are trying to take us backwards in integrating our community and society. They want to void individual responsibility in favor of communal victimhood and oppression. They are trying to strip us of our identities and define us by our race. Pure racism.

they are an extension of our hearts and no one knows better than we do, what is best for our kids.

Public schools are funded by local property taxes, state taxes and federal taxes. The taxpayers generate these revenue sources.

We elect a school board; we are their constituents. That school board governs the individuals who are running the school system (i.e., superintendent, administration).

Where does the REI (Race, Equity and Inclusion) Council fall in this hierarchy? The strategic plan states that the REI Council is now empowered to advise and make decisions for the school district.

The REI Council states its mission is valuing diversity. How is that even possible using these words “Collective Goals,” “Collective Well Being,”

What has happened to student excellence or honor students/classes, as they intend to “implement grading practices to ensure grades only reflect what students know and are able to do”?

What exactly is “Trauma Informed Approach”?

These items are very concerning. We did not agree to sign our kids up for a collective study or any of this “new world order,” “world society” or “one world,” etc. Also mentioned is political perspective and civic organizations/engagement. Whose?

I agree with honoring and acknowledging diversity, but this strategic plan is way more than that!

RENE MOCAN  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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The opinions expressed in letters and guest columns are not necessarily views shared by the Grosse Pointe News.

I SAY By Laurel Kraus

# Heartwarming TV for cold months



Last week it was a notable 11 degrees when I left my house one morning to go to work. Daylight is significantly shorter than in warmer months and there certainly isn't a plethora of options for outdoor or indoor activities at the moment. Perhaps worst of all, the Christmas season now is over, leaving the dullness of winter to seep in.

For anyone looking to curl up on the couch in a blanket and with a mug of hot chocolate or tea, this list of the best Korean dramas on Netflix is for you.

## Crash Landing on You

Not only is this the first Korean drama I ever watched, but, in my opinion, it may be the most well-written TV show I've seen in any genre.

When a freak paragliding accident lands a South Korean woman in

the DMZ and a group of North Korean soldiers are unable to stop her from entering their country — a series of events lead her to believe she is re-entering the South — they then must hide her and find a way to send her back for fear of execution if their failure is discovered.

This show contains a love story for the ages, transcending deep-rooted conceptions between people from two countries taught to fear and despise the other, and a literal military divide.

North Korean defectors actually were consulted to make it as realistic as possible.

The ending is, from a writer's perspective, entirely unpredictable and an absolute storytelling work of genius.

## My Mister

Truly an underrated and one-of-a-kind Korean drama in its somber tones and almost entirely realistic storyline, there isn't any romance in this one, nor is there comedy or even action. At its core, this is a story about two very broken people — fascinatingly a middle-aged man and a girl in her early 20s — who form an

inexplicable, but assuredly platonic, bond as they recognize the pain in each other.

This show evokes emotions difficult to put words to and, admittedly, I struggle to even properly describe it. It is in equal parts heart-breaking and uplifting, serving up quotes such as:

"Life, in a way, is a struggle between internal and external forces, too. No matter what happens, you'll be able to withstand anything if you have sufficient internal forces."

## The King: Eternal Monarch

This show dives head-first into the concept of parallel worlds. One is the democratic republic of South Korea in 2020 we know today, while the other is a united Korean peninsula in 2020 that never saw the Korean War or broke away from the ruling system of a monarchy.

Each character exists in the two worlds as different versions of themselves. The king's stoic bodyguard in one is a goofy, cowardly police consultant in the other. A palace public relations employee in one owns a small cafe in the other.

The show's storyline begins when the king discovers a bridge between the two worlds and finds evidence that someone has been swapping people into the world in which they don't belong.

Throw in a romance that literally spans worlds and a little time travel and you've got "The King: Eternal Monarch."

Other honorable mentions include "Memories

of the Alhambra," in which a new virtual reality game — one where the users put in contacts in order to see the game characters and weapons in the real world around them — imprints on a young CEO's brain, making it impossible to log out, as wounds brought on within the game begin appearing in real life; "My Name," in which a young woman joins a gang, changes her identity and infiltrates a police agency, all with

the goal of finding and getting vengeance on the masked officer who murdered her father in cold blood; and "Vincenzo," in which an advisor for the Italian mafia returns to Korea to extract \$965 million in gold bars from where it's hidden beneath an apartment complex, but ends up forming bonds with the misfit residents and helping them fight back against a major corrupt corporation attempting to demolish the building.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

# 1947

75 years ago this week

### RESIGNATION

**SUBMITTED BY PLANNERS:** The Park Village Planning Commission which was launched with such high hopes a year or two ago seems to be in process of a rapid disintegration. Some months ago one of the planners, Richard Courtville, resigned, followed quickly by Mrs. Pear, the secretary. Last Monday night, along came the resignation of Bruce N. Tappen, the chairman of the planning board.

Obituaries: E.K. Ford, Etta Keena Raquet

# 1972

50 years ago this week

### 'VILLAGE' GETTING

**NEW LOOK:** While many local shopping areas all over the country had gradually deteriorated and failed, giving way to the larger shopping complexes, Grosse Pointe City Manager Thomas Kressbach and the City Council have been working quietly and efficiently to maintain and upgrade The Village. The first new construction permit was granted to the National Bank of Detroit, whose new complete banking facility currently is under construction on the site of the old Village Manor Restaurant on St. Clair. Longtime Pointe merchant William McCourt was granted permission to build on the former Yaklin Shell Service site on the corner of Notre Dame and Kercheval across from the proposed Jacobson expan-

sion site.

Obituaries: Chester F. Carpenter, Anna C. Hughes, John Cyril Linsenmeyer, Helen Roberson, Thomas Whitford, James H. O'Donnell, Robert C. Wallace, Elizabeth A. Hoyt, Christopher Lafferty

# 1997

25 years ago this week

### NEW YEAR, NEW

### ORDINANCES IN THE

**PARK:** The Grosse Pointe Park City Council kicked off the new year by passing three new ordinances submitted by the city's ordinance review committee. The first established the city's "zero tolerance" drinking policy for underage drivers arrested for drunken driving. The second ordinance dealt with public nudity; the council was assured there was no immediate threat of a "strip" club opening in the Park, but the ordinance would give the city leverage needed to prevent one from opening in the future. The third ordinance dealt with a curfew for teenagers, bringing the Park in line with Detroit and Grosse Pointe Farms, both of which have curfews for teens.

Obituaries: Shirley B. Tamm, Alexandra L.

# 2012

10 years ago this week

### TWO CITIES EYE

**POLICE MERGER:** No matter how lean public safety budgets are cut, they eat up half of municipal revenue, making them ripe for fiscal calorie counters. Park City Manager Dale Krajniak intends to trim expenses by working out joint day-to-day police and fire operations with neighboring City of Grosse Pointe.

### WATER INFO

**RELEASED:** Select documents recently released reveal municipal officials trying to make sense of claims the city over-billed the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for 10 years' worth of water purchases. The documents, mainly billing records and emails, were culled from those still withheld from the public due to possible use if the dispute enters litigation.

Obituaries: Frederick Alger Boyer, Leland Pemble Allcut Jr., Sue DeCorte, Alberta F. Kneisel, Dorothy Marie Chancey, Gretchen S. Russell

## LETTERS:

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### More flooding issues in Village

#### To the Editor:

RE: Jan. 6, article "Pointes Seek Stormwater Improvement Funding":

According to this article, Grosse Pointe City will use the FEMA BRIC funding to do all kinds of work on Kercheval Place (an alley) between Cadieux and St. Clair that should "help" alleviate the types of flooding that occurred in the commercial district last year.

Question: Would this also solve the flooding problem in the Kroger alley across the street? Will it prevent the Flagstar parking lot from turning into a lake?

Also, why didn't Maire School get flooded at all last June? Where is their water going? Into Waterloo, Cadieux, Kroger alley and our rear doors? Does the Kroger alley and parking lot have enough catch basins, and are the drain pipes large enough?

Finally, should there be a moratorium on all new real estate development until the flooding problem is solved? How can anyone, in good conscience, knowingly add to the existing problem without solving the problem first? And who would suffer the consequences again?

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Tire Systems Engineering  
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Grosse Pointe

### Main Street? Really?

#### To the Editor:

My name is Dan and I've been a resident of Grosse Pointe City for 25 years and a contractor working in the Grosse Pointes for 35-plus years. This letter is in

response to the article in the Grosse Pointe News, "Main Street GP Sets Sight on Five Year Plan."

"Main Street" seems a bit cliché if you'd like a real transformation. Is this really the best we can come up with? The article states, "It's how we continue to make it special, so that it's not Any Town USA."

Every "Any Town USA" has a Main Street so how does that make any sense?

The Village lost its character and charm years ago. I don't possess all the data, graphs, surveys and projections to support this statement, but the fact that a "transformation strategy" is being adopted speaks volumes.

The article is filled with words like "intent, I think, vision, goal, could include, intention, can be, want." What exactly do any of these words mean?

Sadly, nothing. It's an article filled with an optimistic agenda but nothing about how this optimistic agenda will be executed.

Patron/consumer experience is mentioned several times. Paying for parking at your local grocery store for example is not a very positive patron experience.

A revolving door of businesses due to unsustainable rent also does not contribute to a very positive consumer experience. Technology is great, but we must be careful not to consume the charm and character we desire.

In closing, a couple suggestions: Free parking everywhere in The Village. That would certainly help keep existing consumers and attract new consumers. The lost revenues could certainly be made up with some creative restructuring and

directly involving the city to benefit all.

Like paying for the parking at the local grocery store, people complain, then they get used to it and they just accept it. Sad but true.

That in a nutshell is exactly what has happened to The Village ... and here we are, another organization, asking for volunteers to do the work with their hands tied.

My goal truly is to be helpful and I'd ask that you please read my letter again before passing judgment.

DAN KOELZER  
Grosse Pointe

### Pondering in the Woods

#### To the Editor:

Three things from atop my soapbox.

First, it's a nice sentiment from Woods Councilman Todd McConnaghy that city workers are "family." Maybe he's referring to how most of us have relatives who also are paranoid about the COVID vaccine. But paying for additional sick days when some city workers refuse to get vaccinated is simply poor use of taxpayer money.

Second, I see that Farms public safety officers agreed to 12-hour work shifts with a "potential" reduction in overtime. I wouldn't hold my breath. Saying that municipal workers feel strongly about their OT pay is a huge understatement.

Third, I'm sorry that our public schools routinely lose money. Hopefully, officials are seriously considering the consolidation of districts. The savings in administration costs can be immense.

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# GPPSS town hall offers input opportunity

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

Following the passage of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's 2022-24 strategic plan at the Dec. 20 Board of Education meeting, its more detailed objectives are being developed as they are being prepared to

be implemented, according to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Roy Bishop.

"Within our district strategic plan, now that we have the process (that) has been approved, we have a new mission, we have a new vision statement; we need to definitely

add details," Bishop said. "We need to make sure that that student voice is involved in the process (and) we need to make sure that our educators who are in the frontlines of everything have an opportunity to be able to share and develop systems to make sure our students are achieving at a high

level."

Bishop elaborated, saying one of the first steps of the implementation process is a pair of upcoming strategic plan town halls: one for all members of the community and another for GPPSS staff members.

He encouraged community members to attend to learn more

about the strategic plan and offer their input.

"It's an opportunity for us to be able to present the strategic plan to the community, to answer questions that may be out there and then talk about ways in which we can partner to be able to get some of this work done," Bishop said. "So we're

looking forward to the town hall meeting process."

The community town hall is being held virtually from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20. Community members may access links to ask questions prior to the event and watch it live from the district website, gpschools.org.

## Bishop details REI Council plans

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

The Grosse Pointe Public School System's Race, Equity and Inclusion Council is looking to expand its involvement and membership in 2022, according to Deputy Superintendent and REI Council member Roy Bishop.

"We definitely are looking to expand our membership, expand in different ways and (have) different outreach methods," Bishop said. "We're looking for more people to be able to help support the initiatives (that) not only happen throughout the buildings, but also happen throughout the community."

Bishop said one of the goals of the expansion is to also include more people with different perspectives, to further amplify the mission of inclusivity fostered by the council.

"When you think about socioeconomic status, gender, religion, identity, disability awareness, when we think about all of these different topics, they all have (to have) an opportunity to feel (heard)," Bishop said. "So we

want to hear from all of our stakeholders as far as what is needed, to be able to make sure that their experience continues to be great."

Part of the increase of the involvement of the council, Bishop said, stems from the recently passed strategic plan. In it, the REI Council is listed as an advisory board under the plan's goal relating to the district's curriculum review process.

As a part of this responsibility, Bishop said he hopes when the pandemic subsides, the council will have events to foster dialogues among students, families and staff to make sure they are having the most positive experiences possible.

Bishop said, however, they want to not only improve upon current experiences, but also celebrate the ones that are currently lauded by stakeholders.

"There are some things in our community that are going extremely well," he said. "And we need to focus on those and celebrate those. And so we need to make sure we're giving people opportunities to be able to share (them)."

## Getting serious about Trombley

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Among the dozen or so symbols of Manifest Destiny permeating but not weighing down the celebratory Frances Palmer 1868 painting, "Across the Continent: Westward the Course of Empire Takes its Way," the most prominently placed and labeled is a single-story log building standing fore and center, front-lit by the morning sun spotlighting its nearly supreme place in a frontier town as a public school.

Nothing else in the image represents permanence as much as the schoolhouse.

Not the prairie landscape that ever widens to accommodate railroad tracks and telegraph poles aimed straight over the western horizon. Not ox-drawn Conestoga wagons

filled with settlers and their possessions, not men clearing trees to harvest lumber for more construction and firewood, not women tending children.

And certainly not two American Indians, alone on the periphery and about to be engulfed if not suffocated by the plume of black and gray smoke pouring from the stack of a passenger steam locomotive, the "Through Line" from New York to San Francisco.

It is the schoolhouse for which settlers pooled scarce resources to construct and operate. It is in such a spring of learning where society's most innocent but curious members are socialized from one generation to another within cultural norms and afforded an opportunity to learn the tools of civilized life.

"It is the education

which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them. It teaches him to see things as they are," according to John Henry Newman's essay, "The Educated Man," at one time on the reading list at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Elementary schools, particularly, are feeders into the education system and cornerstones of residential neighborhoods. Just ask any Pointe real estate agent about the power of the district's public schools to draw and retain home buyers.

Recognizing the important role schools have in Grosse Pointe Park, council members this month established a new position as liaison to the board of education and Trombley Elementary School.

Of special concern is the closing of Trombley two years ago, 89 years from the date of its final construction. Students in the school's former jurisdiction below East Jefferson now commute across the four-lane road to Defer, on Kercheval. The only curriculum remaining at Trombley is early childhood, pre-kindergarten studies.

"Trombley is an important endeavor of ours," said Mayor Michele Hodges, nominating newly elected Councilwoman Christine Gallagher to the job. "That's in the short term. But, there's also the need of working with our board of education for the long term. So, there is now a liaison to the board of education for the specific purpose of also addressing the concerns this body and community has with Trombley."

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Miami University for the second semester 2020-21: **Alex Pinter** of Grosse Pointe Park, **Mia Eugenio** of Grosse Pointe Shores, **Billy Kopicki** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Kathryn Leonard** of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Alex Pinter



Mia Eugenio



Kathryn Leonard

## Help needed for pizza program comeback

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, a group of high school boys returned to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, where a pizza lunch historically had been held every Tuesday since 2001. To their dismay, they were turned away by the church's youth director, who informed them the "Tuesdays Mean Pizza" program for Grosse Pointe North High School students had not yet been brought back since it

shut down due to the pandemic in March 2020.

Kelley Bidigare, who works for First English and has a son in his junior year at North, took it upon herself to put smiles on the boys' faces by bringing back Tuesdays Mean Pizza, or TMP. To successfully complete her mission, Bidigare needs the community's help.

TMP volunteers sell an all-you-can eat pizza lunch — along with breadsticks, salad and a drink — for just \$5 to North students during their school lunch

period. Bidigare, who volunteered starting with the 2019-20 school year before COVID shut the program down, said they'll allow students usually to take four slices on their first time through, though they can typically come back for more after everyone's gone through the line.

The pizza, which was ordered from Cloverleaf Pizza and likely will be again this year, is typically pepperoni, cheese, ham and pineapple, green pepper and onion and sausage. Money collected from the stu-

dents each week goes into the next week's food fund.

"The kids are excited," Bidigare said about bringing back the program. "North's newspaper (did) a little article on it and they interviewed quite a few of the students and all of them are like, 'We can't wait for this to start.'"

In years past, Bidigare recalls there being so many volunteers for the program they were spread out between four teams, so each of them only had to show up to the church once a month. With eight or nine volunteers each Tuesday, two would be designated money col-

lectors, one on drink duty, two passing out pizza, two "runners" in the back purposed for replenishing and one breaking down boxes to keep things moving efficiently.

"Every volunteer I've talked to that has done it in the past has said that they loved it," Bidigare said. "... The kids were nothing but polite. They were friendly. They cleaned up after themselves, usually. ... The kids were great."

Especially with COVID restrictions limiting social interaction at lunchtime in the schools, Bidigare said she hopes reinstating

TMP will give the kids a little more normalcy.

"To have that one day to be able to leave and go across the street even," she said, "it's going to, I think, make it feel more normal for kids."

Student attendees will be asked to wear masks, in line with the school's current COVID policies. Volunteers also will don masks, hand sanitizer will be provided in plenty and tables will be cleaned between lunches.

Bidigare emphasized volunteers are not restricted to North parents; anyone in the community is welcome to help out.

"This is a great thing to do for these kids," she said. "They've had a rough couple of years and they need something like this."

For more information or to volunteer, email Bidigare at [tuesdaymeanpizza@gmail.com](mailto:tuesdaymeanpizza@gmail.com).

Though she's still looking to get at least a few more volunteers before giving it a go, she hopes to restart the program the first Tuesday of February.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RE: FENCE PROPOSAL, 745 WHITTIER

An application has been submitted for an appeal for public hearing requesting an exception to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-100 (b) Fences, Locations and Height.

In order to process the following exceptions are required in accordance with Section 27-100 (g)

1. Approve/relax the limitations of a fence/wall located in a front yard.
2. Approve/relax the limitations of a fence/wall in excess of six (6') feet in height.

A site plan is available for examination within the Public Service Department, located on the second floor of Grosse Pointe Park City Hall.

This request will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the scheduled meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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# Academy unveils greenhouse

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

After years of using an outdoor garden classroom, money raised by The Grosse Pointe Academy's 2021 annual auction and paddle raise was used to construct a greenhouse, which was unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Jan. 12.

"My goal when I arrived here six years ago was to work with the school stakeholders, administrators, faculty, parents (and) trustees to develop a vision for the school that will allow the Academy to become a leader in K-8 education," Head of School Tommy Adams said at the ceremony. "... Along with the Cotton Innovation Center and the Cotton Classroom, it's spaces like this greenhouse that allow you all, the students, to actively engage and apply knowledge to real-world context."

A record-breaking paddle raise yield coupled with a generous donation by Anthony Soave allowed for the creation of the greenhouse, a dream for Academy teachers.

"I can barely contain my excitement about this," teacher Megan Black said during the ceremony. "It's so amazing. It's just so incredible."

Auction co-chair Andrea Provenzano estimated around 100 donors from the paddle raise contributed to the greenhouse project, which is the first of its kind in the area.

"We're so excited that (through) all of our hard work at the auction last year, we were able to (fund) this amazing year-round greenhouse that



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT.

Above, the greenhouse, open to student use this month, holds space for class, work and growing. Below, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new greenhouse Jan. 12. From left are Head of School Tommy Adams; Christopher Provenzano; Andrea Soave Provenzano; Academy Bulldog; Student Council Vice President Andy Schmitt; Student Council President Anthony Provenzano; Alicia Krall; Student Council Secretary Kooper Richards; Martin Krall; and Student Council Treasurer Penny Martin.



you all are going to be able to use as a garden classroom," Provenzano told students gathered at the ceremony. "One thing we're especially proud of is that we know we're the only school in the area that has a garden classroom and we are so excited for you."

The greenhouse will be

used by all ages, with younger grades using the space to plant seeds, complete farm chores and work on biology experiments, while older students in Farm to Table classes will plan, plant and take care of heirloom seeds, vegetables and herbs. The Farm to Table classes will then partner

with business electives to sell flowers and vegetables in school markets.

Though the Academy has been doing similar things with its outdoor garden classroom since 2013, the temperature-regulated greenhouse "will allow us to work (gardening) into the curriculum year-round,"

Black said.

"It's a game changer, for sure," Wendy Jerome, another teacher who will educate in the greenhouse, added.

The Academy partnered with Kieran Neal, owner of Longhaul Builds and co-founder of Beaverland Farms, to design and build the greenhouse, provided by Rimol Greenhouses.

Neal remarked that, while he's built other greenhouses for schools in Detroit, the Academy's surpasses those in quality.

"I've never built a greenhouse quite like this for a school," he said. "... The two other school greenhouses (in Detroit) were much smaller and lower tech."

The Academy's new greenhouse features retractable sides, heat and mechanical ventilation systems, which will allow

students to participate in greenhouse classwork all year long.

"You'll notice that maybe when you guys are growing, a lot of your school year doesn't always overlap with the growing season," Neal said to the students. "So being able to grow in the fall and spring when you guys are in school, as opposed to just in the summer ... it's really exciting to be able to use that in the spring and fall. And just to have a nice outdoor classroom that you can use regardless of the rain or the weather."

He added, "I'm hoping that the space gives a good jumping-off point and I hope you guys are really able to use your classes out there to develop the way that future kids are going to be able to manage the system there and enjoy the space."

The greenhouse was designed specifically with the students in mind, containing a classroom space, work space and growing space.

"This is going to change the way that our students learn," Provenzano said. "It's going to foster a really hands-on environment. With having a 365-day greenhouse that can operate in the winter and the summer, it allows them to be in here instead of just being in the classroom in the winter. ... This really ties back into the entire vision for the schools: really having hands-on collaborative learning with the students ... so they really get to explore real-world opportunities not only in business (but) in arts and in science."

The greenhouse will officially get its first use by students this month.

## PRIDE:

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**Tiffany Furicchia** of Grosse Pointe Farms and **Maya Petropoulos** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean's List for the spring term at Montclair State University.



**Tiffany Furicchia** with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.



**Maya Petropoulos** recently was named to the Dean's List Honor Roll for the summer 2021 semester at Lawrence Technological University. Kelmendi is studying computer engineering.



**Shannon McEnroe** Dean's List at Central Michigan University for the spring 2021 semester.



**John O'Dell** is a junior majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology. O'Dell also was

named to the dean's list at Bob Jones University for the fall 2021 semester.

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**Isabella Cubba** of Grosse Pointe Park was among 32 Emerson College student-athletes named to the 2021 New England Women's & Men's Conference Fall Academic All-Conference team. She is majoring in media arts production and is on track to graduate in 2024.

We welcome Pride of the Pointes submissions. Send them to editor@grossepointenews.com.

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**Shannon McEnroe** of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Madison College of Letters and Science with a Master of Science degree in communication sciences and disorders.

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**Elijah Rollerson** of Grosse Pointe Woods recently graduated from Bethel University

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**Noah Tylenda** of Grosse Pointe Farms recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin—Madison Law School with a Juris Doctor degree.

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**Ardian Kelmendi** of the City of Grosse

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**Olivia Denise Sheffer** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the

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## Memorial welcomes new minister, head of staff

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A year ago, the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Lincicome threw his hat in the ring to be considered as the next minister of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

His initial interview was followed by an incognito visit to Grosse Pointe, which happened to land during a summer weekend of severe flooding.

“We went to worship Sunday,” he recalled. “We worshipped on this beautiful terrace by the lake. It was packed with people, because this is what gives us hope and grounding.”

Knowing members of the selection committee, congregation and greater Grosse Pointe were dealing with flooded-out basements, property loss, trauma and heartache, he said, “When we saw (the packed terrace), we knew this was a special place we wanted to be a part of.”

Lincicome received word in October he had been voted into the post, vacated by the Rev. Dr. Peter Henry during summer 2019. His ministry at Memorial officially began Jan. 3; he preached his first sermon as pastor and head of staff Sunday, Jan. 9.

“With every stage in the process, every box got checked going forward,” he said of the call. “... We’re still drinking from the firehose here, but it’s everything we’ve been promised. The folks we’ve met are all fantastically welcoming. The church has been gracious and welcoming. Neighbors have helped answer questions and been super kind. The school has been wonderful, welcoming. It’s such a beautiful place. And we’re excited to be back in winter.”

Lincicome hails from the Seattle area, where winters often are overcast



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### The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Lincicome

and gray. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Washington — where he met his wife, Kristi — and a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He later went on to earn a Doctorate in Ministry degree, with an emphasis in leadership and spiritual formation, from George Fox University in Oregon. Lincicome took his first call as an associate pastor at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisc., where he served 10 years. He then returned to Washington state to serve as senior pastor at Sammamish Presbyterian Church, a post he held 13 years.

“I was very thankful; the church I was serving was great,” he said. “But there comes a point when you start saying, ‘What’s the next thing on

the horizon? What am I called to do?”

Kristi Lincicome, a registered nurse with eight years of experience as a school nurse, was helping a friend with an online job search when she came across a listing for the Memorial pastor position. Her first reaction was to close her laptop and remain mum.

“She didn’t tell me about it for a few days,” he recalled. “But then she said, ‘Look at this. This church sounds fantastic — it sounds like you, like your gifts — in a community that sounds fantastic.’”

Lincicome could not disagree. The church’s legacy and outreach spoke to him initially; conversations with Henry and friends familiar with Memorial and the community sealed the deal.

The Lincicomes bought a house in the City of



The Lincicome family.

Grosse Pointe and moved in just after Christmas.

Of their four daughters, the youngest, Violet, attends Brownell Middle School. The oldest, Lucy, is a student at Arizona State University, Clara attends Baylor University and Dayle is finishing out her high school career in Seattle.

“This is a wonderful church and a wonderful community where lots of folks would love to be,” Lincicome said.

One of the reasons he was drawn to Memorial is its outreach efforts. He’s inspired by the church’s tagline, “A Light by the Lakeshore,” and noted its “heart for Grosse Pointe, but also for Detroit.” He hopes Memorial can cast its light all the way down the Detroit River.

“I love to take people out of their comfort zone,” he said. “When you go into a place that might be different than ours ... that’s when we really grow. It’s easy in so many ways to stay comfortable, but then you’re insulated and isolated. One of the things that drew me here is, that’s

not this church. That’s not their MO. I’m excited to get in the city and get in Grosse Pointe.”

The lighthouse image, he added, is a powerful metaphor for what the church community can be.

“A lighthouse is moored in ground that stands firm when the world is swirling around us,” he said. “We’re in a world that’s swirling now. A lighthouse also lights paths, provides a safe way. It’s helpful and good for the community and for others.”

“I want to be a good steward of the legacy of this church; it’s been here 156 years,” he continued. “I stand on the shoulders of dozens of pastors there before me.”

Lincicome, who was among more than 60 candidates for the job, has known most of his life the path for which he was meant. Raised in a family where church and faith were essential, he remembers feeling the call in first grade.

“I also wanted to be a dentist, a basketball player, an airline pilot,” he

laughed, adding that in college, he decided to focus on “what I’m good at, what I love. My passions fit with what this looks like.”

He said he loves the variety of what ministry life brings. But when not planning or executing sermons, he loves spending time with his family — which includes a corgi named Willa — reading poetry, novels and biographies; listening to vinyl records; traveling; and watching football.

“I’m one for one on Lions’ victories since I’ve been at the church,” he laughed.

Lincicome said he’s excited about getting to know and investing in the community.

“I’m excited to go to the park this summer, get out on the lake, see Detroit and learn,” he said. “I’m excited for football games; we live a block away from South high school. I’m excited about this church. It’s been around a long time and has a rich tradition and identity. There’s something powerful in unlocking what that legacy is.”

## Lunch donated in animal advocate’s honor

The We Are Here Foundation, which furnished 90 percent of the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society when it moved to its new location in Harper Woods in 2020, recently provided lunch to GPAAS staff in honor of the late Betty White, an entertainer and animal lover.

“They are a great group making a huge difference in southeast Michigan,” said Tom Cleaver, founder of the We Are Here Foundation, which donated desks, chairs, file cabinets and other needed items to GPAAS. “Betty White loved animals and dedi-



Some of the furniture donated to GPAAS by the We Are Here Foundation.

cated her life to creating better lives and helping animal organizations. In honor of her 100th birthday (Jan. 17), we are donating Gilbert’s pizzas and antipasto salad to all staff members and volunteers.”

As of 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, GPAAS Executive Director Corinne Martin said

more than 100 cash donations had been made to GPAAS in White’s name.

GPAAS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and state-licensed animal protection facility — the only state-licensed animal shelter serving all the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. For more infor-

mation, visit [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org).

The We Are Here Foundation is a IRS-registered 501(c)3 nonprofit lake cleanup and youth education group. Its primary source of funding comes from donated boats, cars and corporate furniture. For more information, visit [weareherefoundation.org](http://weareherefoundation.org).



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Corinne Martin and her staff at the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society thanked Mike Shields of the We Are Here Foundation for the donation of lunch in honor of Betty White.

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Grosse Pointe Public Library librarian Annie Spence and circulation coordinator Laney Corrado lead a lantern walk down Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

## Night lights

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch hosted a lantern walk as part of its 1,000 Hours Outside program. The walk took place from 5 to 6 p.m. Jan. 12, and began with Kelly Konieczki reading the book, "You Are Light," by Aaron Becker. Next, the walkers sang, "This Little Light of Mine," then walked down Lakepointe to Kercheval to Maryland and back to Ewald. Approximately 45 people participated in the lantern walk, which was a way for patrons to accumulate some of their 1,000 hours outside for 2022. Each participant picked up a lantern kit in advance at Ewald. Those who didn't make a lantern were encouraged to use a flashlight during the walk.



Participants are all smiles during the Lantern Walk down Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

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# Learn to walk at The Helm

## Six-week class teaches fundamentals of walking as exercise

Walking 10 to 20 minutes each day benefits overall health; walking 30 to 60 minutes every day can help reduce pain, stiffness and inflammation from arthritis.

The Helm wants to help people start their own walking plans.

Walk With Ease is a twice-weekly, six-week program of the Arthritis Foundation. The program meets 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 8 to March 17. It is free to members and non-members. Participants must register for the entire program, during which they'll learn how to safely incorporate physical activity into everyday life.

Comprehensive studies demonstrate that Walk With Ease reduces pain, increases balance and strength and improves

overall health. Each session begins with a pre-walk discussion covering a specified topic related to exercise and arthritis, followed by a walk that includes a warmup and cool down.

Due to winter weather, walking will take place in the third floor multi-purpose room at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Members and regular guests of The Helm are asked to register online at [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org). Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.



### Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, offers the follow-

ing programs:

- ◆ Meditation Through Electronics and Light, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.
- ◆ Explorers, 3 to 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27, for ages 5 to 8. Cost is \$2 per child.

◆ "Storytime: Love Is ..." at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1 to 22.

For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

### The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

◆ Conversational French for returning students, Fridays, Jan. 21 to April 29. Classes take place noon to 1:30 p.m. for beginners, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for intermedi-

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ate students.

◆ Lunch at The Continental, located at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 11:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20. Arrive at The Helm by 11:15 a.m. for a bus ride to the estate. Members and nonmembers are responsible for the cost of their own lunch.

◆ Guided Meditation, 1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 20, with instructor Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ Mindfulness and Meditation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, with instructor Dr. Lakshmi Saleem. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

### Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts its annual meeting at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, via Zoom. A brief business meeting will be followed by a talk on the status of monarch butterflies in North America by Andy Davis, Ph.D., a research scientist at the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia. Register online at [gpgardencentre.org](http://gpgardencentre.org).

### Men's Club

The Grosse Pointe Men's Club hosts its next meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. Annie Dennis, education director and archivist with Pewabic, speaks. To reserve a seat, call (313) 550-9661 or (313) 720-4310.

### The Family Center

The Family Center presents "Community Book Club," from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Whiskey Six, 646 St.

Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. The group will discuss "Man's Search for Meaning" by Viktor Frankl.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Cornerstone Church, 17017 E. 12 Mile, Roseville.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Richard Allison will discuss his hobby of writing personal military histories using family correspondence. Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its Live at the Alger Series Friday, Jan. 28, with a performance by classical and jazz guitarist Elden Kelly. A VIP cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. Reserve tickets

at [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).

### Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at [smurphy@careofsem.com](mailto:smurphy@careofsem.com).

### Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at [afdegrossepointe.org](http://afdegrossepointe.org).

### Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

### Lakeshore

Lakeshore Senior Living hosts the Facebook Live Q&A, "Ask the Therapist," from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays, and "Coffee Break Chat with Rachel," with Sales and Marketing Manager Rachel Nagorsen, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, call (586) 218-6228.

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# OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

## Thomas A. Mackey

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Thomas A. Mackey, 86, passed away Friday, Jan. 7, 2022.

He was born April 10, 1935, to Albert and Muriel Mackey. He was predeceased in 2015 by his brother, Bill, and is survived by his sister, Roberta Rigger.

Tom attended Detroit University School (now University Liggett School) for 10 years, then graduated from Brown University in 1957, with a degree in philosophy. He spent 52 years as an investment banker, first with Watling Lerchen and then with First of Michigan. He was a managing partner and sales manager with both firms.

He had an active life, traveled the world and had a passion for sailing. He owned several sailboats over the years, most famously his Columbia 43, the "Seewolf." He enjoyed participating in Mackinac races with close friends.

Tom supported many charities, including the Thomas A. Mackey Center for Infectious Disease Research and the Ascension St. John Hospital Catheterization Lab. Most of all he loved animals and supported the Thomas A. Mackey Animal Adoption Center, Thomas A. Mackey Center for Animal Care at Michigan Humane and Thomas A. Mackey Radiology Suite at the Detroit Zoo.

Tom was a "secular humanist." There will be no services.

Those who loved animals, as Tom did, are asked to donate to Michigan Humane, michiganhumane.org; or the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org.

## Charles Nicholas Kosmas

Charles Nicholas Kosmas passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at the age of 88.

Chuck was born near the end of the Great Depression on Jan. 25, 1933, in Detroit, the youngest of six siblings. He was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Park and lived in the same house more than 50 years.

Shortly after graduating from Eastern High School in 1951, he started his business career with the opening of Jolly Boys Superette groceries with his brother, Socrates. This marked the beginning of many business ventures throughout his career, which was paused in 1953, when the U.S. Army called him to serve in the Korean War. He worked 62 consecutive years and missed the people after he retired.

In 1957, he positioned himself to attend a double date arranged by a fellow church member to meet Patricia Galanos. A courtship ensued and in 1959, he married her. Chuck was proud of his Greek heritage and association with Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, which his father, Nicholas, helped establish. Additionally, he was

a Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason. He loved his automobiles, especially if they were large, shiny, black sedans.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Patricia; sons, Steven (Betty), Chuck and David (Tracy); and grandchildren, Jacqueline, Connie, Niko, Costa, Marcus, Stephanie and Tia. He was predeceased by his siblings, Socrates (Mary), Paul (Vicky), Europe, Peter (Mary) and Florence (Gregory).

## Jane Eva Koch

Jane Eva Koch, 88, passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022. She was born Jan. 9, 1933, in Hazel Park, to Martin and Maria (nee Hardy) Jednac.

Mrs. Koch was a brilliant educator. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University in 1962, with a double major in literature and foreign languages and a double minor in history and communications. She also was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1966, she earned a Master of Arts degree while majoring in American studies and minoring in linguistics. In 1970, she was a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan College of Liberal Arts & Education, as part of its Administration & Supervision of Integrated Humanities program.

Mrs. Koch started her career in 1956, as an administrative assistant with the Detroit Board of Education. Upon graduating from Wayne State in 1962, she began her teaching career at Denby High School in Detroit.

From 1965 to 1994, she taught at both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. From 1970 to 1972, she also was a part-time comparative literature teacher at Wayne County Community College.

Her innovative teaching style was evident as she was paramount in creating new classes, such as humanities and American studies. She created the "Imprint" magazine at Grosse Pointe South, which allowed student writers, photographers and artists to share their works. She consulted with other school districts to create similar magazines for their students, including her own grandchildren's school. Of all of her interests and passions, her biggest love was her family.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Michael Wayne and William Koch. She was proud of her children, Jean Ellerbrock (Mark), Michael Wayne (Panagiota) and Theresa Koch Lynn. She adored her grandchildren, Ken Ellerbrock, Katy Klimczuk (Jon), Mihali Wayne and William Lynn. She was the great-grandmother of Lucy, Hudson and Matthew.

A funeral ceremony took place Jan. 15, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Joel Reynolds Caskey

Joel Reynolds Caskey passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, in Traverse City, surrounded by his wife and family.

Joel was born Aug. 7, 1952, in Detroit. He graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in 1970, and Hillsdale College in 1974, where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

He was an avid golfer and bowler for many years and a member of the Country Club of Detroit and the Detroit Athletic Club. He enjoyed ski trips with family and friends throughout northern Michigan and the Western United States. His jolly personality, smile and laughter will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Janet Caskey; daughters, Catherine Fox (Eric), Elizabeth Caskey (Daniel McCrimmon) and Emily Peabody (Daniel); grandchildren, Makenzie and Tyler Fox, and Alexandra and Olivia Peabody; sister, Nickey Sawyer (Philip); nephew, Mathew Sawyer; and niece, Kimberly Sawyer.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Walter Caskey and Jacqueline Brown Caskey.

His four-legged friends, Bella, Erma, Amos, Raymond and Hazel, will miss his smooches, scratches and snuggles.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made in Joel's name to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at stjude.org/give; or Hospice of Michigan at hom.org/donations/.

Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service, Covell, Traverse City Chapel, is in charge of arrangements. Visit beaconfh.com.

## Mary Lou Smith

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Lou Smith passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, surrounded by family.

Mary Lou was born Sept. 27, 1936, in Royal Oak, to Dorothy and Edward Reetz, and raised with her beloved siblings, Fred (Lillian), Edith (Frank) and Patricia (Tom). She married the love of her life, Thomas P. Smith, and the couple created a home in Grosse Pointe Farms where they raised their children. Tom predeceased her in 2000.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Kenneth Smith (Patty), Anne Harris (Seth Illinick), Michael Smith (Carol), Bill Smith (Kelley), Joseph Smith and Jennifer Niederoest (Rob); grandchildren, Violet, Chauncy, Austin, Emily, Melissa, Emma, Thomas, Gwyneth, Jack, Ronan, Tim and Jacob; and great-grandchildren, Willow, Maddex and Emma. She was dearly loved by her sisters-in-law, Shirley Morrin and Barbara McAdams, as well as



Thomas A. Mackey



Charles N. Kosmas



Jane Eva Koch



Joel Reynolds Caskey



Mary Lou Smith



Roberta Ann Boyd

many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her grandson, Eric.

Mary Lou was the beloved matriarch of her family. She loved deeply and had an incredible spark for life and a talent for telling stories. Mary Lou enjoyed memberships in several social groups where she connected with friends — Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, La Societe de Jardinières, Red Hat Society, Questers and Merriweather Maidens. She often enjoyed playing bridge and canasta. Mary Lou also was active at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Due to COVID-related restrictions, a memorial service will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church at a later date.

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at wujukcalcaterra.com.

## Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Boyd

Roberta "Bobbie" Ann Boyd, 68, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, at Ascension St. John Hospital in Detroit. She was born March 5, 1953, in Detroit, to Van and Virginia (nee Legeret) Ryskewicz, both now deceased.

Bobbie grew up in Detroit and attended Warren High School. After obtaining her GED, she worked for the state of Michigan more than 10 years in various agencies. In 1992, she began her career as a homemaker.

In her free time, Bobbie enjoyed painting, gardening and crafting. She was room mom when her children were in school. Her family will remember her as a bargain hunter who loved shopping for deals.

Bobbie loved animals. She leaves behind six cats and two dogs. If she was out driving and saw a stray, she would stop, pick it up and take it to the local police station or veterinarian.

She loved anywhere near or on the water and enjoyed vacations to the Bahamas and Charleston. Although these vacations were memorable, her favorite times were the yearly camping trips with her beloved family and trips to the family farm in Charlotte. Bobbie's favorite place to visit was Mackinac Island, where she traveled yearly for more than 30 years with her husband

and family.

Bobbie was the loving wife of Mark; dear mother of Jessica Boyd and Tracy Naimish; beloved stepmother of Emily Rubio (Mikael) and Ian Boyd; devoted grandmother of Gabriel Farley, Anthony Manino, Aiden Martinez and Christopher Martinez; cherished step-grandmother of Sebastian Rubio and Lukas Rubio; adoring sister of Dennis Ryskewicz (Joann); and sister-in-law of Sue Lacy (Tom).

A funeral service took place Jan. 17, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse Pointe Park, followed by interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorial contributions in Bobbie's honor may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org/donate.

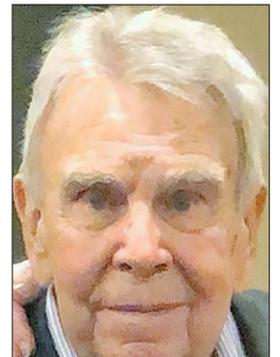
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## John Joseph McCrea

John Joseph McCrea of Grosse Pointe Park died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at Ascension St. John Hospital. He was 92 and had lived most of his adult life in the Park.

"Jack" owned McCrea Engineering and served the needs of the Archdiocese of Detroit in large part during his working years.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph McCrea; mother, Mabel McCrea (nee Trimble); and sisters, Aileen and Jean. Jack is survived by his daughters, Marlene Mescher (Gary), Julie



John Joseph McCrea

McCrea and Margo Carlson (Pete); and his companion of many decades, Dorothy Ciesluk. In addition, he is survived by three grandchildren, Joseph Mescher (Casey), Meredith Mescher (Kunal Bansal) and Stephanie Ozog (Nick), and two great-grandchildren, Lauchlan and Lilianna Mescher.

Jack graduated from St. Philip Neri High School, in Detroit, in 1947. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy on active duty in the Pacific during the Korean War. Upon his return from the Navy, he joined the family company.

His Catholic faith and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church were important parts of Jack's life. He was a longtime head usher at St. Clare and regular attendee at Mass.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

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## In Memoriam



### In loving memory of Laura M. Vitolins, 12/8/1971 - 1/23/1987

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We still miss you, as the pain of grief softens  
We still miss you, as new memories are made  
We still miss you, as we smile and laugh  
We still miss you, today and every day  
We still miss you, our dear Laura.

Lovingly, Dad, Mom and sister Karen.

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## OBITS:

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## J. Richard Dunlap

J. Richard "Dick" Dunlap, 74, of the City of Grosse Pointe, passed away Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, after bravely fighting pancreatic cancer. He was born Oct. 1, 1947, in Akron, Ohio, to Joseph H. and Carol K. Dunlap. He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Connie Dunlap.

Also surviving are their three sons and daughters-in-law, Brad (Stephanie Davis) of Evanston, Ill., Todd (Molly McKenzie) of Wilmette, Ill., and Eric (Katie Cirre) of Raleigh, N.C. He also is survived by his nine beloved grandchildren, Will, Abby, Ella, Ben, Jake, Cole, Anna, Nick and Reagan. He is further survived by a brother, Thomas (Katherine) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and numerous nieces and nephews. His parents and sister, Barbara Dunlap Kamm, predeceased him.

Dick grew up in Toledo, Ohio, and attended Miami University, where he was active in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He graduated in 1969, with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from The Ohio State University in 1973. While there he met Connie Zimmerman of Defiance, Ohio; they married in 1972, and upon graduation moved to San Diego, Calif., where Dick was a lieutenant and dentist in the U.S. Navy.

After serving two years in the Navy, Dick moved back to the Midwest to complete his master's degree in orthodontics from the University of



J. Richard Dunlap

Michigan. He established a solo orthodontic practice on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe, where he set about working hard to improve the smiles of the community. He loved his work, his staff and his patients and had a genuine interest in their young lives. Dick retired from his practice in 2015.

Dick was very involved in his boys' sports and activities. Many remember his love of photography, especially sports photography, as he was a fixture at Grosse Pointe South High School games for many years. He truly enjoyed sharing his photos with the players and their families.

Dick had many interests, including gardening, golf, watching sports and most recently playing euchre at The Helm. After retiring, he became a Realtor to assist his wife with her real estate career. Above all, he loved and enjoyed his family. He especially loved watching his grandchildren grow and compete in various sports and activities.

Dick had a caring and gentle spirit, a great sense of humor and was quick to laugh. As his grandchildren will attest, "He brought the fun!"

Dick belonged to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and served as a deacon and church pho-



Myrtle Everett

tographer. He also was a member of the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South for an athletics or photography scholarship, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Hospice of Michigan, hom.org/donations; or the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Music Fund, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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## Myrtle Atkinson Everett

Myrtle Atkinson Everett died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022, in Grosse Pointe. She was born July 26, 1926, in Detroit. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in the same class as her future husband, Robert C. Everett, D.D.S.

Mrs. Everett graduated from Wellesley College, which she always considered a great privilege in her life. She worked as a



John F. Brucia

medical technologist until retiring to raise her children. During those years, she was active in school and community activities, bridge and tennis. She also loved to read. Mrs. Everett was a proud participant in the first World Wide Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in 1995.

Mrs. Everett was a past president of the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters, past co-president of the Grosse Pointe Branch of the Association of University Women and past president of the Village Garden Club, as was her mother. She also belonged to the Detroit Women's Forum and served as elder and deacon at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Mrs. Everett was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Robert C. Everett; and son-in-law, Wilbur Argersinger. She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Christine Argersinger; and sons, Robert Everett (Barbara) and James Everett (Lori), as well as her grandchildren,

William Argersinger (Alana), Anne Argersinger-Hayes (Ryan), Samuel Argersinger, Megan Hoffman (Michael), Robert Everett (Lisa), Martha Schrage (Billy), Allison Elston (Scott) and Hannah Van Gorp



Leona Dorothy Kolb

(Rus); and eight great-grandchildren. Burial will be private.

Memorials to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, are appreciated.

## John F. Brucia

Grosse Pointe Woods resident John F. Brucia died peacefully in his home Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022.

John was born June 19, 1930, in Detroit, to Sam and Nancy Brucia. He served his country in the Korean War and was a manager with Prudential Insurance Company until his retirement. He was married 66 years to the love of his life, Carmela (nee Fontana).

John's greatest joy was his family. His proudest moments were watching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren succeed in life. He was always there to support them. John was an avid golfer and loved Mickey Mouse and all things Disney.

John is survived by his daughters, Debby Jentz (the late Jim) and Linda Ventimiglia (Paul); son, John Brucia D.D.S. (Lisa); grandchildren, Marisa Hansen (Kraig), Gina Green (Joe), and Kathryn, Caroline and John Brucia; great-granddaughters, Scarlett Hansen, Charlotte Green and Hannah Green; and sister, Margaret Russo.

In addition to his parents, John was predeceased by his wife, Carmela Brucia; and sister, Antoinette Spano.

Visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Wujek Calcaterra & Sons funeral home, 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Instate is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to American Heart Association, heart.org.

## Leona Dorothy Kolb

Leona Dorothy (nee Proefke) Kolb passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022.

She was born March 19, 1922, to Otto and Gertrude Proefke. She was the beloved wife of 69 years to Ford Kolb, who predeceased her in 2012; the adoring mother of Linda Pochert (Roy) and Richard (Robin Edwards); beloved grandmother of Mary Plotkowski (Ryan) and Michael J. Pochert; and loving great-grandmother of Connor, Fayth, Mikayla and Gianni. She also is survived by her many loving nieces and nephews from the Reus, Proefke and Kolb families.

Leona was predeceased by her parents; sister, Verna; brother, Lawrence (Dorothy); and sister, Dorothy (Dr. Leonard Reus).

Leona taught elementary education in the Detroit and St. Clair Shores school districts until her retirement. After retiring, she and Ford traveled extensively to Europe, Alaska, Boyne City and Florida. She thoroughly enjoyed her travels with the company of her special cousin, Ed and the late Betty Proefke.

Leona was a lifelong caregiver to her mother, husband, children and grandchildren. She was a lifelong member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Leona enjoyed poker, bridge and euchre and was a avid golfer, developing many special friendships throughout her life. She was a truly special and shining example to those she leaves behind. Her memory, love and legacy enriched many lives; her family is eternally grateful to have been loved by such a special woman.

A public service of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. She will be instate from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church, christthekingpp.org; or the Michigan Humane Society, michiganhumane.org.

Private burial will take place at Resurrection Cemetery.

## Chamber Music Society postpones shows

## CameraMusic webcasts added

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit has rescheduled its concert at Christ Church Grosse Pointe due to concerns around the recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

Pianist Stewart Goodyear was scheduled to give a recital Jan. 14, at Christ Church. The concert has been moved to Friday, May 6.

The Harlem and Catalyst Quartets also were scheduled to perform a concert Feb. 4, at Christ Church. That concert has been rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 23.

Ticket holders may hold their tickets for use on the revised dates, exchange them for admission to a

different concert this season or receive a refund. For more information, call (313) 335-3300.

In place of the postponed concerts, the Chamber Music Society of Detroit will offer new streamed concerts to its CameraMusic lineup:

◆ 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, with pianist Michael Brown, an accomplished recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician, who appears regularly with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. He performs music of Mendelssohn, Delphine von Schaurroth and Ravel, as well as a work of his own.

◆ 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, with Third Coast Percussion. This Chicago-based group has forged a

unique path with virtuosic, energetic performances that explore the depth and breadth of percussion music. Like the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's CameraMusic, Third Coast Percussion has been a pioneer in pandemic-era webcasting and this event will feature recorded excerpts of concerts they have presented since early 2020.

Digital tickets are priced at \$10 and are available at cameramusical.org or by calling (313) 335-3300.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit's regularly scheduled 2021-22 concerts will resume March. All spring concerts will be hybrid, presented live and live-streamed. For details, visit cmdetroit.org or call (313) 335-3300.

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## Designer turns doodles into bourbon bottle tribute art

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

"Once the pen meets the paper there is no turning back."

That's how Rob Cameron, a design manager at General Motors, feels about letting his black gel ink pen doodle away during "countless hours of meetings and calls."

More than just smily faces or stick figures, Cameron's whorls swirl into eye-catching creations — no surprise from someone with a degree from College for Creative Studies. He recently began posting those creations on social media, creating an artist account he calls "Meeting Minutes."

"I have a notebook I use for work on a daily basis," he said. "Meeting Minutes is a polite, satirical dig that tells the story that this is what I do during meetings."

Stemming from Meeting Minutes is Cameron's more recent project, in which he infused his love of bourbon with his style of pen-and-ink drawing.

"I love bourbon," he said. "It became this odd, bizarre hobby. Over the years, it's just as consuming as boat gas in summertime."

Following the positive reception of a mural Cameron created at GM, he began to ponder combining his interests.

"How can I marry my style with something that I love?" he wondered. Friends suggested



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Samples of Rob Cameron's bourbon bottle pen-and-ink work.

designing tattoos or other murals, but, "I have a young family and I work a lot of hours. It was a conversation my wife and I had — what would be a fun, creative outlet?"

Around Thanksgiving,

the City of Grosse Pointe resident asked himself another question: "Why not draw bottles of bourbon in the style of my notebook drawings?"

The cocktail he crafted was a combination of his

creative life with the challenges of styling the world's most iconic products. It's a contrast between the corporate side of the design business and his creativity; a creative outlet "to take the proverbial edge off."

Cameron's signature style is not the only unique feature of his work. The work itself is unparalleled.

"In the culture of bourbon, there's nothing like this," he said. "Most artwork done around spirits is usually watercolor-esque. They're paintings with an older-world feel ... The style is neat, but

the pen-and-ink style doesn't exist in the liquor or spirit artwork world." Until now.

Cameron already has sold more than 40 prints of his Bourbon Bottle Series 1, by word of mouth through the bourbon community alone.

"I'm doing 12 bottles and making 150 prints of each in various sizes," he said, adding he's not married to drawing bourbon bottles and would happily consider commission work. "Maybe it's something people would like to have for their home bar or something to give as a gift."

"This started as a hobby," he said. "I'm dubbing it a bit of an experiment. It's just meant to be a creative outlet."

The outlet has received rave reviews from friends and strangers alike. Cameron's work is featured on his Meeting Minutes Instagram page and he developed an Etsy account, on which his artwork may be ordered.

"I'm having great conversations with people I've never met," he said. "It's sort of organically happening."

His artwork even drew the attention of Jackie Zykan, master distiller at Old Forester.

"That was my fanboy moment, to have that small reach in the bourbon community," he said. "It's about reaching out."

Cameron currently is developing a website for Meeting Minutes, so those interested in viewing, buying or commissioning his work should visit the Meeting Minutes Etsy or Instagram pages.

"I'm trying to keep it simple," he said. "I'm still learning, experimenting. This has been a happy accident."

"I'm not the type of person to sit still," he added. "This is a fun outlet, in between caring for a newborn, helping out my wife and picking up our oldest from Maire."



### ASK THE EXPERTS By Debra Jay

## Tips for making a resolution stick

**Q:** How can I make my new year's resolutions stick?

**A:** The key to lasting change is implementing good behavior design. After completing two Stanford University Behavior Design Bootcamps, I can share some tips from what I call "Behavior Design 101."

First, it's important to understand that motivation is necessary, but doesn't create lasting change. We need just enough motivation to get started, like kindling for a fire. Good behavior design keeps us going once our motivation wanes.

The second thing to understand is in order to stick to our resolution, we need to tie it to specific behaviors, or steps, to create a map for accomplishing our goal. The steps must be extremely simple but meaningful.

We need to identify something that reliably occurs in our daily life to trigger our new behavior, such as washing our hands, getting out of bed

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in the morning, loading the dishwasher, feeding the dog, ending a phone call, etc. Our new behavior always occurs after the trigger.

Here's an example of tying a new behavior to a trigger:

My goal: I am going to drink more water every day.

My trigger: Ending a phone call.

My new behavior: Every time I end a phone call, I will take two drinks from my water bottle.

Once you have consistently performed this behavior over time, you may find yourself wanting to expand the behavior. Take baby steps. For example, increase the behavior to three drinks of water.

The final step is a celebration. This might seem silly but it's actually

very important. A three-second celebration conditions your brain to enjoy completing your new behavior. Celebrating might look like a fist pump, a quick burst of applause or an enthusiastic "awesome!"

Good behavior design can positively impact all areas of your life. Start small and, as your success and confidence in the process strengthens, you can grow your new behavior.

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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## May the divorce be with you

My apartment building has paper-thin walls, and I overhear a lot of what goes on between the couple next door. The man makes constant belittling remarks -- calling his wife "ugly" and "stupid" and saying she'd cheat on him but no other man would want her. What leads a man to talk to his wife like this?

— Horrified

Among the tips strangely absent on those "Ways to Keep Your Marriage Alive" lists is "If you can't say something nice, scream it at your wife."

However, evolutionary psychologist Todd Shackelford finds that cruel putdowns are actually a "mate retention" tactic -- of certain men: seriously low scorers in the What Women Want department.

Women prize men who are kind, intelligent, emotionally intelligent, generous, and hardworking "providers" ("high mate value" men). These men have the emotional and financial chops to take the mate-retention high road: showing the wife she's loved, romanc-

ing her with trips and gifts, listening to her, making her laugh, and always having her back.

In contrast, a typical lumpen loser "low mate value" man is lazy, selfish, dull, and unattractive, and has a low-paying, dead-end job. He lacks the psychology and resources to "provide benefits" (make his wife feel too happy and loved to ditch him).

So, he's prone to resort to "cost-inflicting mate-retention behaviors" -- verbal abuse or violence or both -- with the subconscious goal of making her too emotionally broken to leave.

When the abuse is verbal, evolutionary psychologist Aaron Goetz finds it plays out in four ways: cutting remarks about a woman's looks, her intelligence, and her value as a partner and a person, and (often baseless) accusations that she's cheating.

The message -- because men evolved to prize beauty, intelligence, kindness, and fidelity in their mates: "No other

man would want you."

There is a pinprick of light in the gloom. Relationships researcher Jason Whiting reports that most women in abusive partnerships eventually leave -- often because they reach "a breaking point when the fear and pain" become "overwhelming." Ideally, she'll join that sisterhood -- sooner rather than later.

Sadly, right now, probably all you can do -- without possibly endangering yourself or her -- is hope for a brighter future for her: "Hold fast to your dreams, honey! -- unlikely as it is that a random hit man will kidnap your husband and dissolve him in lye in a motel bathtub."

### The Flirt Locker

I'm a woman in my 20s. I'm sick of guys who try to take my being nice as something more, turning that into an opening to press their own agenda. I'm angry at having to act cold and guarded to keep men from hitting on me (so I don't

have to lash out and tell them how rude they are). Being clear about my boundaries gets me called the "B word," but it stops them from coming at me till I have to put my foot down. — Disgusted

"I feel ya," said the gazelle. In a perfect world, lions would carefully inquire about a gazelle's boundaries and politely skirt them rather than rudely "pressing their own agenda": chasing her down and turning her into the brunch special.

Here in the less-than-perfect world, people, like lions, "press their own agenda," which is why medieval castles were surrounded by moats instead of welcome mats. Annoying as it must be to kindly but firmly inform a man his interest is unwanted, men don't -- as you put it -- "try to" interpret a woman "being nice as something more"; they're psychologically prone to do it.

Research by evolutionary psychologist Martie Haselton suggests we evolved to make protec-



tive errors in judgment -- either underperceiving or overperceiving threats or opportunities, depending on which error would be the "least costly" to our mating and survival interests. For Joe Loincloth, the possible downside from overperceiving interest -- a woman jeering at him in front of his cave bros -- would've been way less costly than missing an opportunity to go behind a bush with her and maybe pass his genes on to future generations.

Since anger changes nothing but your blood pressure, you might consider a rethink. If a guy isn't doing anything rude or criminal (grabbing your boob or saying he's gonna do you in the elevator), why not respond as you would to anything else you

don't want: with some version of "No, thank you?"

Treating a guy with kindness and dignity -- being politely firm -- costs you nothing and gains you a good deal: keeping the interaction from going ugly. You might also take a historical view: Consider how possibly unwanted remarks -- "You're really pretty. Wanna have coffee?" -- have shaped your entire existence. "I think, therefore I am," is a lovely sentiment, but the reality is more like "My dad had enough game to get my mom."

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## Gaining respect so people listen

Q: I work for a pest extermination company that services numerous residential buildings. We mainly inspect for bedbugs and cockroaches because their presence can give a building a bad reputation.

My problem is that if I discover pests in an apartment, I must inform management and the resident. It's also my job to instruct residents on how to keep the bugs from returning after I fumigate the place. This requires them to clean their apartments and clear out the clutter. Some residents are hoarders, so they are not easy to deal with.

Often, people don't want to follow the instructions. They don't seem to care that they are living with filth and pests, and they look down on me as if I am just an exterminator and not important.

Some of the apartments where I find bugs are filled with old food, garbage and so much stuff it's almost impossible to destroy the pests, especially without the person complying with

our instructions. How do I convince them it is important to clean up their mess?

A: Initial impressions develop within the first seven seconds of a face-to-face meeting, though some research finds it takes only one-tenth of a second to determine whether a person is trustworthy.



Facial expressions and voice pitch are also considered in judging a person, though some experts say facial expressions may not be very reliable.

Based on the research on first impressions, it could be helpful to ask

yourself if you are dressing and introducing yourself in a professional manner. You may gain greater respect by wearing a company-required uniform rather than dressing in your everyday clothing.

If your company doesn't offer uniforms to its employees, you may want to create your own interpretation of what a

clean, professional uniform might look like, such as khaki-colored slacks and a black T-shirt with a displayed identification badge.

When you first walk into the unit, introduce yourself with your name, com-

pany name and your background and/or training in extermination. Don't minimize your knowledge and experience in ridding premises of unwanted pests. Being able to recognize pests such as bedbugs and cockroaches means you immediately know more than the people whose apartments are infested with them.

After your introduction, educate the resident by showing actual photos of the bugs' bites and offering a detailed list of the harms these pests can cause. Photos and information are likely to catch a person's attention, especially if you see openly displayed bites on the person whose apartment you are inspecting.

Though the bites do not directly cause illness, they can cause blood loss, anemia, allergic reactions and infections to the resident living in such an environment.

Smithereen Pest Management Services offers a list of potential

## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



effects of bedbug bites: "Many bites over time can cause significant blood loss and potential anemia; allergies to their droppings and remains can cause asthmatic attacks in susceptible people; allergies to the bite, caused by bedbug saliva, can trigger hives, rashes, itching, and burning; bites can become infected, causing additional problems; scarring can occur and persist for months or longer; and some residents develop severe systemic reactions, including trouble breathing, severe infections, and anaphylaxis."

Residents may compare bedbug bites to mosquito bites as both insects live on blood, so explain that bedbug bites are far worse since bedbugs will continually feed off the resident.

Mosquitoes bite once and fly off to another vic-

tim. Cockroaches, on the other hand, are considered nuisance pests, but you can scare residents with the truth. "If you see one, there can be 1,000 more you don't see."

It's not your job to ensure the residents follow your instructions, but you should inform management when you meet with opposition to clearing out the pests permanently. Once you've done your job, management can then deal with the resident, even to the point of eviction.

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## Couple's name game about to welcome a new player

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter has been married for three years to a wonderful guy she dated for 10 years and loves dearly. Because she doesn't like his last name, she chose to maintain her maiden name. He understood this soon after they started dating.

She's now three months pregnant and facing a dilemma about what to name their child. She's adamant that a hyphenated name is unacceptable. They have tentatively discussed a complete name change for themselves and the child.

Her husband was adopted, and she feels there's no reason his surname must be carried on.

He's OK with keeping his last name but would consider a new one if she suggests something he likes.

The problem is, she hasn't been able to come up with one he likes. We're concerned this issue will drag on without being settled until our grandchild arrives. We recently offered limited advice hoping they can work this out between themselves.

I believe her husband is entitled to keep his name, and she as well, but I'm against the child carrying only her name.

Any suggestions you could provide to help resolve this would be appreciated before our grandchild is born nameless. -- FAMILY

### DILEMMA IN TEXAS

DEAR FAMILY: My suggestion is that as helpful as you might wish to be, this is something your daughter and son-in-law must work out by themselves. "What's in a name" is plenty, and because this dilemma is emotionally loaded, you should stay out of it.

DEAR ABBY: I'm undergoing chemo/immunotherapy for cancer every three weeks. For quite some time now, my husband has been going out most days from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

He does not say

where he is going, and when he comes home, he says hardly a word. He is angry with me for the least little thing, and being around him gets very unpleasant because he shouts and throws things around.

I need to know what's going on, why, and if it is innocent -- because he won't say where he's going and for what purpose.

Am I justified in being upset and distressed about this? I am at a point in my life where I need support. I think we both should be more concerned with making our future enjoyable and peaceful.

How should I approach



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

him about this without incurring more anger and putting myself in a worse situation than I am already in? I don't want to accuse him of anything, but I want to know the truth however hard it may be.

I would appreciate any guidance you can give me. -- SUSPICIOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Has this been going

on since you were diagnosed, or do your husband's absences predate it?

Because he becomes angry and defensive when you ask what is going on, stop trying to confront him.

Your husband may be angry with you for getting cancer, be incapable of giving emotional support or be stressed

See ABBY, page 3C

# Beans and greens

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This dish is a meal on its own but is also a great side dish. It pairs well with lamb, steak or chicken. It's hearty, healthy and all made in one pot.

The beans turn soft and creamy when they are slowly simmered. White beans with kale is a nice break from rice or potatoes.

This recipe calls for dried white beans. Dried beans are so much better than canned beans because they have a much better texture and flavor. It takes some planning beforehand because the beans need to soak in cold water overnight. But, they don't take a lot of effort to

make and are very low maintenance.

I used my beautiful and trusty Staub Cocotte pot that I purchased from Atelier (aterliergp.com) in the Village. It's made from cast iron which helps to concentrate all the flavors together and cooks my food evenly and perfectly every single time.

I prefer using chicken bouillon but if you want this vegetarian, use vegetable bouillon. Woodsy rosemary, bright lemon and salty parmesan cheese help to round it all out. I love spooning this over a piece of crusty bread and eating it with a knife and fork. Enjoy!

### Braised White Beans with Kale

2 cups of dried Northern White beans

2 chicken or vegetable bouillon cubes

4 sprigs rosemary

2 bay leaves

1 bulb of fennel, core removed and thinly sliced

2 bunches of kale, stems removed and cut

4 tbsp olive oil

Zest of one lemon

Juice of half of lemon

1 cup grated parmesan cheese

Start by placing the beans in a large stock pot and cover with water, making sure you have about 3 inches of extra water covering the beans. Let them soak on the counter for 8 hours or overnight. Strain the beans in a colander and set aside.

In the same pot, add 2 tbsp of olive oil, over medium heat. Saute the fennel with 2 tsp of salt and a pinch of red pepper flakes. Cook until the fennel is soft, about 5

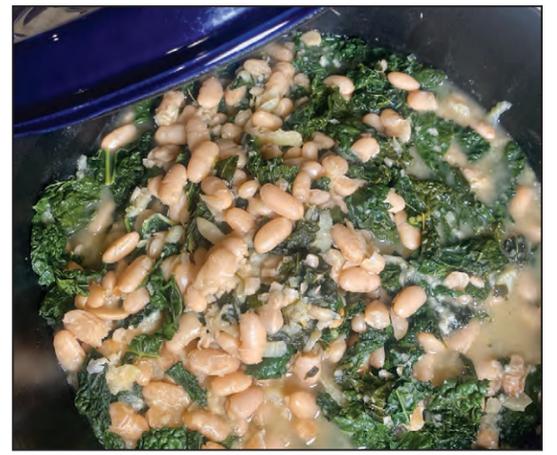


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minutes. Next, add the beans back in. Cover with fresh water and add the bouillon cubes, bay leaves and rosemary sprigs. The water should be about 2 fingers above the beans. Simmer on low, partially covered, for an hour or until the beans are soft and creamy.

Remove the bay leaves

and rosemary stems. Add the kale and a bit more water if it looks dry. Cover the pot and simmer for 15 more additional minutes.

At the last minute, stir in the lemon zest, lemon juice, parmesan and remaining 2 tbsp of olive oil. Serve with crusty bread.

## Healthier choices

A lot of people feel a bit burned out after the holidays and many people renew their commitments to taking care of their health and fitness.

We've committed to finding wine that will support these goals as much as possible, be they lower in alcohol, more naturally made, higher in antioxidants, as well as generally lighter while staying naturally low in sugar.

All of the wines chosen are standard typical fine wines, none are watered down or otherwise manipulated to seem healthier like a lot of Lifestyle brands offered in the general market.

If you see a wine that touts being cleaner or healthier than other types, please beware of the methods that can be used to manipulate wine, often to the detriment of quality, taste, and shelf life.

Feel free to ask us about any claims you encounter and we're happy to help you find the right choice for your goals.

### Wines available on January 15

#### This Month's 6 for 70

These wines have a retail value of 14-18 dollars and represent exceptional value.

### Don Silverstein Sauvignon Blanc-Chile

At 12% alcohol and perfectly dry, This medium bodied Sauvignon Blanc has refreshingly different flavors of orange and pineapple along with the more traditional notes of lemon, lime, and minerality.



### Quinta Do Ameal Loureiro-Portugal

This little organic gem is raised only in stainless steel. It is refreshingly acidic with a surprising level of minerality, fresh citrus notes, salt and extremely



subtle sweet grass notes. It is very charming and with a very low alcohol content (11%) so that you can drink many of them in one sitting!

Indeed, great for a summer day with or without food, but with food, it is just perfect.

As I went from restaurant to restaurant between Lisbon and Porto, I asked all of them about Quinta do Ameal. They all said without hesitation that it was the best producer in Vihno Verde. I believe it.

### Cantina di Vernaccia Cannonau "Marimone"-Italy

Ruby red, the wine shows slightly toasted, red fruit aromas on the nose. Dry, fresh and pleasantly smooth on the palate. A wine with good structure and high drinkability.

Cannonau, also known as Grenache is considered one of the most "heart healthy" red grapes. Cannonau wine has two to three times the level of artery-scrubbing flavonoids as other wines. Small doses of this antioxidant-rich beverage throughout the day could explain fewer heart attacks and lower levels of stress.

The valley of Oristano a good distributional area thanks to the nearness of the sea and the mild climate, creating medium structured but very well-balanced, elegant wines with a good alcohol content.

### Rosemary Lane Marselan-France

Many grape varieties have mysterious origins, Marselan however, does not.

This grape variety was invented by Paul Truel in 1961, in the town of Marseillan, in the South of France. It is a hybrid of the two grape varieties Cabernet Sauvignon and Grenache.

Still relatively unknown, this grape can produce delicious, juicy, easy drink-



ing reds. Both varieties' thick skins have tons of antioxidants.

This wine is unusual, in that it is simultaneously dark and concentrated, while having soft tannins and lush fruit.

In the glass the wine is deep purple in color, the nose is spicy with hints of black fruit. In the mouth, blackberry and plum notes mingle with hints of black pepper spice.

The finish is soft and round, making this an extremely versatile food wine. This wine is ideal for everything from barbeque and burgers, to pizza and pork chops. Enjoy

### L'Auriere Muscadet-France

Its name means "the place where one extracts gold". Stretching over 40 hectares, it is located in the village of L'Auriere near La Chapelle-Heulin, in the heart of the Sèvre-et-Maine. Low alcohol and easy to enjoy.

Pale golden colour with silver highlights. Elegant nose with refined minerality as well as intense pear and candied citrus aromas. Fresh, round, and well-balanced on the palate with beautiful mineral nuances. Long fruity aftertaste.

This is an ideal wine with seafood (scallop carpaccio), raw fish (smoked salmon, gilt-head bream tartar, etc.), fish in sauce, salads (avocado or grapefruit), white meats (chicken brochettes), and hard cheeses (Beaufort, aged goat's cheese).

### Due Torri Pinot Noir-Italy

The unique climate of the area known as Trevenezie a vast territory in northwestern Italy encompassing the regions of Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, and Trentino-Alto Adige is ideal for the cultivation of Pinot Noir.

DueTorri Pinot Noir fea-



tures a delicate bouquet of red cherries. A fresh and light-bodied red, it is balanced with mild tannins that round out the finish.

To retain maximum fruit expression, this wine is vinified entirely in stainless steel. Besides being loaded with resveratrol, pinot noir has a lower sugar content and fewer calories than other wines.

Resveratrol's antioxidant properties help to alleviate joint pain by preventing cartilage break down.

The high antioxidant concentration levels in pinot noir help to lower blood pressure and bad cholesterol.

### This month's 3 for 70

These wines are chosen for their fine quality and innovation. They are valued at 25-32 dollars. A chance to try something a bit different at a great price.

### Pala Cannonau Riserva-Italy

Dark ruby red, almost impenetrable, intense notes of little red fruits, blackberry and red cherry jam, together with fine spicy notes. Smooth, elegant tannins, full body, enveloping. Long finish.

Great with Grilled or braised red meats; savoury, spicy main courses, seasoned cheeses.

### Bulliat Morgon- France

Aromas and flavours of stone fruit, pomegranate and blueberry. The wine has silky texture and a long finish to the mouth. A low tannin grape with great amounts of antioxidants.

Ideal with braised beef, roast duck rilette, lamb burger.

### Martha Stouman Post Flirtation White-California

75% Colombard, 12% Marsanne, 9% Roussanne, 4% Muscat Blanc. This thirst-quenching blend tastes like a margarita and a light white wine went on a date and got a tamari glazed dulce de leche for dessert.

Lively aromas of grapefruit oil and salty clay mingle for a slightly spritzed sipper that meets you where you're at. Natural and low alcohol.

11% ABV.

Wines will be available for pick up January 15. Membership is charged at pick up at this time.

Please let us know if you do not plan to purchase this month, as it helps us order wines appropriately, and keep prices at the best value possible.

Remember:

Active wine club members also receive 10% off all other wine purchases!

10% discount excludes sale items, beer, and liquor.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU IN '22

W I N T E R  
W E L L N E S S

By Anne Gryzenia and Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writers

We're continuing with tips on how to make the new year a happier and healthier one. It's never a 'one and done' proposition, to be sure. Wellness and optimal health relies on multiple pillars for true success. In addition to fitness and good nutrition, lots of other little everyday changes can add up to big improvements.

Reducing stress, incorporating nature daily, ongoing self-care, steady decluttering, adequate sleep and even simple acts of kindness are all things that result in enhanced peace of mind and overall wellness.

Here are just a few quick ideas to kickstart your journey to a new you — a healthier you who can enjoy life even more in 2022:

- Invest in yourself with a weekly self-care routine.
- Once a day/week, swap in a more nutritional food or meal choice.
- Organize your closet and donate what you haven't worn in a few years. Throw away odd socks and never think of them again!
- Read more books and newspapers. Reading is proven to reduce stress, combat depression, prevent cognitive decline and contribute to a longer life.
- Commit to one small act of kindness every day.
- Take a daily winter walk outdoors and breathe in the fresh Michigan air...

Grosse Pointe has the greatest shops to support your good-health goals. Several local retailers offered up some fabulous suggestions to help. From beautiful activewear that keeps you warm while you enjoy the health benefits of the brisk outdoors, to winter skincare, to adorable kids' books that promote well-being for the littles in your life, they are all worth checking out.

Enjoy your path to feeling great. Your community is with you all the way!



HATS ON!

STAY ACTIVE (AND WARM)

Above, there's nothing like fleece for warming up! Ridge Crest Outfitters features a very cool Kuhl tri-color block fleece with full zipper for easy on/off before and after your workout. Pair it with incredibly soft basics like this navy muscle tank and matching pants by Beyond Yoga.

Above left, cap it off with this cute grey wash Ridge Trail hat that has a bonus — a fun back detail. It's by the San Diego Hat Company and available at Capricious.

At left, for her: Camo cuteness. Camo is hot, hot, hot and is the new neutral. This Blanc Noir Haden bomber jacket with a detachable faux fur hood is the epitome of warmth and style. The zip front keeps heat in no matter what the thermometer says. It even has handy pockets and thumb holes for your hands. Over a basic black top and black Blanc Noir Mastermind cargo joggers, you're ready for outdoor fun and frolic or a romantic walk in the woods. Available at Capricious.

For him: The layered look. This super-soft Helly Hansen black Odin stretch hooded insulator coat looks great over a wine tone Helly Hansen Powdremer midlayer hoodie with high-tech moisture-wicking that keeps you comfortable as you move. A Ridge Crest Outfitters logo tee is underneath it all for comfort. Pair them with Kuhl Revolv Rogue stretch active pants in khaki, and you have the perfect ensemble for whatever the winter brings.



TAKE A WALK IN NATURE





Model: Lily Morgan



REVERSIBLE FOR 2x THE STYLE!



## KEEP MOVING IN CASUAL STYLE

Above left, warm up your workout gear with this sweet zippered Varley sweater jacket, found at The Corner Studio. It's the perfect coverup for after exercise as you run errands and pop in for a healthy smoothie. Here it's shown over a pretty Beach Riot glitter Anna tank and glitter Ayla leggings. Top right, Capricious offers total luxury matching sets and outerwear like this Blanc Noir Portola pullover hoodie and Portola joggers in delicious winter white. Top it with a Blanc Noir faux fur reversible bomber-style coat with hood and you are set for style all season. The coat is gorgeous black velvet on one side and the softest fur on the other, so you can create two totally different looks from one beautiful jacket. Above right, it's always fun at The Campus Shop, and this cute look proves it. The outfit is a cool go-anywhere combo of a lined jean jacket to warm the winter chill, graphic hoodie, black jeans and an amazing brimmed hat that completes the happy look. For concerts, travel or hanging out with friends, you'll be the trendy one. Happiness is healthiness! Find yours at The Campus Shop.

## SNOW CHALLENGES, 'SNO PROBLEM!

Ice and snow, the wintry Michigan chill and trying to travel light while wearing extra clothing all pose real challenges for navigating the season. But help has arrived! Check out these cold-weather solutions to some of the tricks of winter dressing. Our local shops have a fix for every challenge, so we're sure you'll want at least a few of these great finds.



## KEEP ESSENTIALS IN THE BAG

Whether heading to a workout or running around town, you need a place to carry your essentials. This quilted Oliver Thomas Triple Threat crossbody or belt bag in metallic silver is the perfect size and can be worn around your waist or carried like a purse. It's the 'just-big-enough' carryall for phone, cash, cards and more. Available at Capricious.

## PUT A (CUTE) LID ON IT



There is nothing more adorable than a pom-pom hat. And since you lose a lot of body heat in winter from your noggin, it's a good thing these sweet hats are all the rage. Find versatile colors with faux fur poms and coordinating gloves at Savvy Chic. There's a fantastic selection at great prices, so get a set for every outfit!



## SPIKE THE ICE

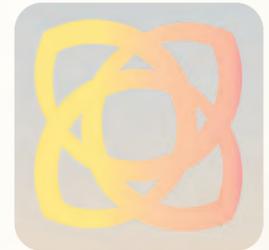


Hansons Running Shop in Grosse Pointe Woods offers Nanospikes: The greatest idea ever for slippery sidewalks and snowy Michigan weather. Stop in at Hansons for a fabulous and surprisingly large selection of running and walking shoes for every fit.

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CAMO CAMEO

At right, camouflage never looked so fresh! This sweet Year of Ours camouflage terrain jacket is matched with a cute Varley Crestway beige tank and Varley black running shorts for a sporty indoor workout look. The whole ensemble is available at The Corner Studio. Far right, Year Of Ours olive ribbed leggings have a tie-waist and offer a warmer alternative with the camo jacket. A signature Corner Studio hat serves as the perfect topper. The Corner Studio is a great home base for working out and looking good during every season!



WARM FUZZIES



IN THE PINK

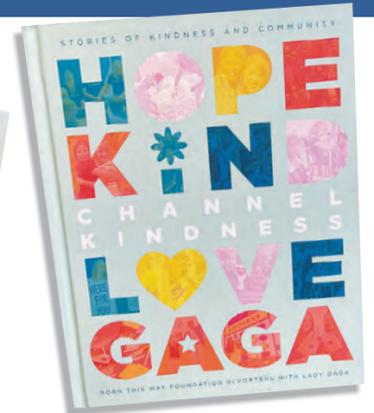
Above, this bunny-soft Lilly Pulitzer Little Skipper sherpa pullover in coconut color is the perfect winter topper.

Mix and match with cute Lilly Pulitzer Maia leggings in the pretty paisley Flock To The Top pattern.

At left, pink means Village Palm! Your little sweetie will feel so cozy in this precious Lilly Pulitzer Little Skipper ruffle velour popover and pocket pant in plumeria pink velvet.

Head to Village Palm to see what's new in store for the season of sharing hot cocoa, play-time and nice warm cuddles.

THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT



KIDS' BOOKS THAT SHARE THE LOVE

Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe gave us their top picks for inspiring a great state of mind and heart in the new year. Coreander's is the feel-good spot for all ages to stop, take a deep breath and remember what's truly important in life.

From the top, 'Go Out and Play' shows kids all the fun things to do outside when the sun is shining! This imaginative book is recommended for ages 5 and up. 'Channel Kindness' is a collection of 51 stories for and about young people. Singer Lady Gaga presents the motivational tales of kindness, bravery, hope and love that inspire youth to be the positive change they want to see in the world. In 'A Perfect Day,' a symphony of nature's creatures reminds little readers to stop and listen to the sweet song of life, via beautiful artwork. 'Group Hug' is a delightful picture book celebrating kindness and the simple joy of sharing a hug.

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## SOOTHE WINTER SKIN WITH TLC

Wellness means good health for the body's largest organ — your beautiful skin. Seek out Beauté Loft for everything you need to keep skin soft and hydrated all winter long. They are the absolute experts — because they don't just sell the products, they make them too! Their ingredients are all carefully and mindfully chosen, with no harsh chemicals. From facial formulas to scented bath bombs, they ship products all over the world, so you know they're the real deal. Explore the store for a refreshing new year treat for the senses.

To start 2022 glowing, they recommend the following trifecta of products for a healthy daily facial routine.

1. Humectant — a toner that will draw moisture to you;
2. either an acne serum or hydrate serum, depending on your skin type;
3. then a light oil to seal...Medley has all of the necessary goodness.



### VESTED INTEREST

The more time you spend outdoors, the better you feel. And looking good does wonders for your state of mind too! The good news is Savvy Chic has both covered with this chill-ready, pretty-in-pink outfit. Pairing a soft-on-your-skin C'est Toi baby pink fleece hoodie with a BB Dakota x Steve Madden Powder Vroom vest in pink shimmer is the perfect duo for keeping warm this season. With Spanx faux leather leggings in black camo, and coordinating hat and gloves, you're comfortable and toasty as you take on the day looking like a snow angel!

### LOVE YOUR LIPS

Noyah Organic Lip Balm in natural flavors is a great way to keep your kisser moistened despite winter winds. Available at Capricious, find the yummy flavor that will leave lips in tip-top shape all through 2022.



### FLEECE & THANK YOU



### GIVE YOURSELF A HUG

Baby yourself in this fuzzy hug of a jacket and know how self-care really feels! The Barkley sherpa full-zip jacket in blue or white, is just what you need to love yourself all winter. Available at Village Palm.



So cozy, this comfy half-zip fireside popover color block fleece in 'Moonlight' is by Sanctuary, and available at Savvy Chic. Add a warm knitted pom topper and black gloves, and you're ready for a good run, bonfire bonding or hanging out at the ski lodge for a spiked hot cocoa. Check out Savvy Chic for building a spectacular active wardrobe that will help you skate through the winter season.



## 8C | LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

# Winter wonderland in the Farms

Grosse Pointe Farms hosted its annual Winterfest event Jan. 15, at Pier Park. The event included ice sculptures, ice skating, ice sculpture putt-putt golf, a festival tent with live music and food trucks.



Tracy Woolsey takes a selfie with the Olaf ice sculpture to show to her niece and nephew.



A row of ice sculptures.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

A wolf ice sculpture sponsored by Burger Pointe & Wings.



Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor Louis Theros and his wife, Patti Theros, play putt-putt golf.



Children tried to sink a hole-in-one on the ice sculpture putt-putt course.



The Detroit Mini Donut food truck kept event-goers happy with a little something sweet.



Ben and Alex Bieri took their chances on the ice and shot hockey pucks on the beach near the marina.



Four-year-old Henry Warda practiced shooting pucks into the net.



People enjoyed wood-fired pizza from the PizzaPazza food truck.



Tobias Gretgrix didn't want to stop to eat lunch, so he brought his pizza with him while skating.



Skaters spent time on the ice at Pier Park.



The Oneders kept the crowd entertained inside the festival tent.

# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

- » **Anthony Stanco Quartet**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Family Yoga**  
Offsite, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **Live To Rock Tour Featuring Skid Row, Warrant, Winger**  
The Colosseum at Caesars Windsor, 8 p.m.  
\$28.00 - \$63.00.  
377 Riverside Drive East.
- » **Nonfiction Book Club**  
Central Library, 7-8 p.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**  
Fox Theatre, 6:30 p.m.  
\$20.00 - \$80.00.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane (via Zoom)**  
Central Library, 10:30-11 a.m.  
10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Lunch at The Continental (at The Ford House)**  
Meet at The Helm, 11:15 a.m.  
\$5 (for bus ride) plus cost of lunch  
158 Ridge Road

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

- » **Anthony Stanco Quartet**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Dallas Stars**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
\$65.00 - \$325.00.

- » **Digital Marketing Strategies For Small Businesses**  
MotorCity Casino Hotel,  
10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Free. 9009 SE Adams St #1911.
- » **Greektown Casino Presents Marlon Wayans**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
\$45.00 - \$75.00.  
350 Madison.
- » **Guster**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.  
\$31.00.  
431 E Congress St.
- » **Lomelda, alexalone**  
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.  
\$15.00.  
2932 Caniff St.
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**  
Fox Theatre, 11 a.m.  
\$20.00 - \$80.00.  
2211 Woodward Ave.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

- » **30 ON 6, Escape Plan, Fruit of the Womb, As Your Attorney**  
The Sanctuary Detroit, 7 p.m.  
\$10.00.  
2932 Caniff St.
- » **Anthony Stanco Quartet**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Being As An Ocean - Dear G-D... 10 Year Anniversary**  
The Shelter, 6 p.m.  
\$17.00.  
431 E Congress St.

- » **Brian Regan**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
\$42.50 - \$69.50.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **Cabaret 313: Lost in Ann Arbor - U of M Musical Theatre Seniors**  
The Garden Theatre, 6:30 p.m.  
\$25.00 - \$200.00.  
3929 Woodward Ave.
- » **Eric Church: The Gather Again Tour**  
Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.  
\$34.00 - \$164.00.  
2645 Woodward.
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**  
Fox Theatre, 10:30 a.m.  
\$20.00 - \$80.00.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **WORTH IT with YK Osiris**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

- » **Brian Fallon and The Howling Weather w/ The Dirty Nil and Worriers**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
\$30.00.  
431 E Congress St.
- » **The "Heartbeat of Detroit" Party with Dj Cee - Outdoor Event**  
La Casa, 9:30 p.m.  
1502 Randolph St.

- » **Lake Mosaic, Rosemont, Unknown Neighbors, Candor, Luna PIER**  
The Sanctuary Detroit, 6 p.m.  
\$10.00.  
2932 Caniff St.
- » **Marlon Wayans**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.
- » **Sesame Street Live! Let's Party!**  
Fox Theatre, 12 p.m.  
\$20.00 - \$80.00.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Sky Covington at Woodbridge Pub**  
5169 Trumbull, 7:30-11 p.m.  
1970 Yemans.
- » **Zen Zdravec Group**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

- » **4th Monday Book Discussion**  
Offsite, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
- » **Falling In Reverse: Live From The Unknown The Tour**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 6 p.m.  
\$34.00 - \$79.50.  
2115 Woodward Ave.

- » **Grosse Pointe Badminton Association**  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Free.  
20600 Mack Ave.
- » **Mother Mother**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.  
\$20.00 - \$25.00.  
431 E Congress St.
- » **Mystery Book Discussion**  
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.  
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### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

- » **Aliyah Marie & Savy Sar**  
Aretha's Jazz Cafe at Music Hall,  
6-10 p.m.  
\$20.00.  
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# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



## Heated vest

As a hockey mom and someone who hates the cold after about 30 seconds on a ski hill or pretending to have fun sledding with the kids while I suffer in frigid silence, I have been intrigued by heated vests and jackets for quite some time. When my husband decided to buy one for himself for Christmas, I knew I had to try it. Lucky for me, he took the risk and plunked down the \$139 on Amazon, thanks to a gift card that was burning a hole in his wallet.

First of all, the vest is lightweight, which is great because honestly, it's not the coolest vest I've ever seen. I would maybe consider wearing it by itself for a walk or a quick errand, but it's not a fashion statement. I also don't love that the heat indicator light is front and center on your chest. Maybe some people would want everyone to know they're sport-

ing a fancy heated vest, but I would prefer to pretend I'm somewhat tough and maintain my hockey mom street cred by going heated vest incognito. For me, this vest would be a layer underneath my regular coat.

Now to the important part, because I'm sure nobody buys a heated vest or jacket for the looks. Function-wise, it's pretty great. I love the highest setting, because I love being toasty warm — and that it was! It was warm enough that I had to turn it all the way down after being inside for a few minutes. The heated neck feature is wonderful and it seems to have heaters in all the right spots. I will say that the pocket heater seemed a bit weak. But again, I am a cold wuss. I tried it for a day of skiing under my shell and was extremely warm for hours, but the pockets were not



that hot.

The jacket is easily purchased on Amazon and usually marked down to about \$140. The brand is Ororo and it has many reviews — mostly positive. There are several color options (we have plain black) and as mentioned, it is very lightweight. The battery/charger is easy to figure out and charges pretty quickly. Word to the wise: The charge lasts a

decent amount of time, but turn it down or off if you want to keep it going more than four or five hours. I got about 4.5 hours on the high (red) setting and should get up to 10 hours on one charge if it's not on the highest setting. As far as care, you can wash the whole thing minus the battery, which is a great perk.

This is a fantastic product for people who want to enjoy Michigan winters,



but quickly realize they are brutal and not so fun when you can't feel most of your body parts.



We give this 4.75 alligators.



Left, Jack Farthing as Prince Charles and Kristen Stewart as Princess Diana in the 2021 movie "Spencer".

### MOVIE REVIEW "Spencer"

2021 - 1hr 57min

I thought Kristen Stewart was an interesting choice to play Princess Diana in a biopic. However, I'm not sure who else could have pulled off the role as well as she did.

I read in The New Yorker that Ms. Stewart has been in over 50 movies—not bad for someone just into her 30s. I think of all the roles she's played, this may be one of her most challenging and her most impressive.

She's been criticized for her lack of expression. One blogger posted this quote about her: "I never smile. And even when I do, I don't". Well, as you can only imagine, she certainly doesn't have a lot to smile about in this film.

"Spencer" is what I'd refer to as historical fiction. While the action

and dialogue are based on conjecture, I suspect it's not far off the mark.

The film takes place over the Christmas holiday, largely at Sandringham Palace, in Norfolk, England. We follow Princess Diana, driving herself to the event, in her sports car. She stops along the way when she spots her dad's old scarecrow on her family's nearby estate.

We sense her longing for times gone by. A childhood she fondly

remembers. Then we're abruptly thrust into the present day when she pulls up at the magnificent palace.

Diana has arrived late and is immediately corralled into playing her royal part. The entire weekend is bound by tradition, and she's expected to perform.

Two characters guide her reluctantly through her duties. On the one hand there's Major Alister Gregory, brilliantly played by



Timothy Spall. He's a stern taskmaster, making sure every single event is done according to tradition. Being a career soldier, he's extremely regimented (pun intended).

Then there's her royal dresser Maggie (Sally Hawkins). Maggie is Alister's polar opposite—she's warm and cheerful, and is Diana's one true friend and confidant.

As the holiday unfolds, we witness a series of strictly organized events. The official



and absurd weighing of the attendees. Formal meals. Skeet shooting and a fox hunt.

Diana begrudgingly goes along with everything as part of her royal duties. But the entire time, we sense she'd rather be elsewhere.

There are a few scenes where she spends some intimate moments with her two young sons. We can feel for her and know deep down, she just wants to be a mom.

Also looming in the background is the tension with her estranged husband, Prince Charles (Jack Farthing). They not only don't sleep together, they barely speak to each other the entire movie.

The director Pablo Larraín and writer Steven Knight have crafted a truly spectacular movie—complete with all the pomp and splendor deserving of the royal family.

But this film goes far deeper than the usual biopic. We're witness to a woman who became a Princess far too young, and all the inner turmoil that went along with it.

I'd also be remiss if I didn't mention the brilliant score by Johnny Greenwood. It's subtle and nuanced, and perfectly sets the tone for the wide range of emotions the film elicits.

In the end, the film leaves you feeling sad for a troubled woman the whole world admired.

Currently streaming on Prime Video.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like



Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases.

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# Classic Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** A few years ago, you printed a poem in your column. I do not remember the name of it, but some of the lines were: "Kisses aren't promises" and "Even sunshine burns if you get too much."

I would dearly love to have another copy of that poem because it touched me deeply. I hope you can find it and print it again. -- L.B. in Cordova, Tenn.

**Dear L.B.:** After a While by Veronica A. Shoffstall

After a while, you learn the subtle difference

Between holding a hand and chaining a soul,

And you learn that love doesn't mean leaning

And company doesn't mean security,

And you begin to learn that kisses aren't contracts

And presents aren't promises,

And you begin to accept your defeats

With your head up and your eyes open

With the grace of a woman, not the grief of a child,

And you learn to build all your roads on today

Because tomorrow's ground is too uncertain for plans.

And futures have a way of falling down in mid-flight.

After a while, you learn

That even sunshine burns if you get too much.

So you plant your own garden and decorate your own soul,

Instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn that you really can endure ...

That you really are strong.

And you really do have worth.

And you learn and learn ...

With every goodbye, you learn.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Like millions of others, I have grown up reading your column, but I never thought I would need to write to you. Today's incident, however, has changed all that.

As I sat in the doctor's waiting room, in walked a woman who smiled pleasantly and took a seat next to me. Within a minute, I thought I'd pass out. She had on

enough perfume to asphyxiate an army.

First, I should tell you, I'm a smoker, but I do try to be respectful of others. I obey all no-smoking signs and never light up in a no-smoking area, nor do I smoke in a group without asking permission.

My complaint is about women who douse themselves in perfume. After being around them, I get choked up to the point where I CANNOT breathe, and I lose my voice. This is exactly what happened to me in the doctor's waiting room.

I know I can't be the only person in the world with this problem, so please, Ann, print my letter in your column. It would be a tremendous service to millions of readers. -- D.P., Somewhere in Texas

**Dear D.P.:** Here's your letter, and for whatever comfort it may be, you have a lot of company. I have received hundreds of letters from both men and women who cannot tolerate perfume, cologne or men's aftershave lotion.

Some have written, "My throat closes up." Others have said, "I break out in hives."

I hope your letter will alert millions of readers to the fact that a dab of perfume behind the ears is fine, but please, don't drown in it.

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## DEAR ABBY:

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to the max and need private time to decompress. Or he may be cheating.

If you can afford it, hire a private detective to provide the information you need. I am so sorry for your pain. At a time like this, the last

thing you needed was additional worry.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm married to a wonderful, caring man who is normally pretty sensitive and savvy.

I work long hours. Because "Carl" is retired, he does most of the cooking, for which I'm grateful. What he does NOT do is share the TV.

When I come home after a tough day at the office from a job filled with heavy responsibilities, he expects me to watch political YouTube videos with him. If it's not that, then it's wood-working or some other hobby of HIS.

I have tried going into another room and watching TV there, but if I do, Carl gets hurt feelings. If I play on my phone, then I'm not attentive enough.

I love him, but I have to have some time to just relax and unwind from the load I carry.

He won't watch what I want to watch -- ever. It has to be his way or nothing. I can't believe that in 2021 I have this issue with a man. Please help. -- CAN'T WIN IN ARKANSAS

**DEAR CAN'T WIN:** I will try. Your husband may be retired, but he's acting like a spoiled child.

Draw the line and TELL him you need a specific amount of time to unwind and concentrate on YOUR interests.

If that means he has to accept your leaving the room to watch something that interests you, he is going to have to adjust.

If he pouts, let him, and suggest the two of you save "co-viewing" for weekends.

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# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. EST today (12 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Leo into Virgo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022:

You are conscientious, capable and reliable. People like to know they can count on you. They also love your sense of humor. This year is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means you are wrapping up things and letting go of what is no longer relevant in your life.

**ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)

Because you're in a positive mood today, you will get a lot done. Even your health feels more vigorous. However, your enthusiasm about something might tempt you to overlook details. Be aware of this. Tonight: Be helpful.

**TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)

This is a playful day! You will want to interact with others and enjoy good times (within the restrictions you face dealing with your own bubble of contacts). Playful activities with children, sports and the entertainment world will appeal to you. Tonight: Enjoy fun times.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)

This is a pleasant day at home. Group activities with the family or close friends might take place. You also might entertain big ideas for making improvements to where you live, because today you are enthusiastic and full of big ideas for the future! Tonight: Relax.

**CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)

Today your thoughts are positive. Excellent! Everything begins with a thought. "From the thought springs the word; and from the word springs the deed. The deed soon becomes habit; and habit eventually hardens into character." This is why we must watch our thoughts! Tonight: Good conversations.

**LEO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today you feel more optimistic about financial matters. However, make sure your facts are correct. It's easy to think something is better than it is today. When shopping, guard against going overboard and being extravagant. (Keep your receipts.) Tonight: Check your finances.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a feel-good day because the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter. This is why you want to kick back and relax. You have that feeling that the world owes you a favor! It's OK to have your head in the clouds, but make sure your feet are on the ground. Tonight: You're confident!

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a feel-good day for you because you feel contented. This is a good thing. The future is just a hope or a fear, and the past is already gone. All you have is the present. Enjoy your present moment today. Mind games, puzzles and mental activities will delight. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Some kind of group activity, including Zoom conferences, might be the order of the day, because you will be involved with friends and groups more

than usual today. Your reach will be far. You will want to talk to many people about future projects and goals. Tonight: A heartfelt conversation with a friend.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today you are high-viz. This means people notice you more than usual, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. (Incidentally, this includes the police.) Fortunately, the impression you create is one of being positive, successful and affluent. Tonight: Enjoy your good press.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Grab every opportunity to travel or do something to expand your world, because this is what you want to do today. You want to see new faces, new places and learn new ideas! Do what you can to increase your knowledge, perhaps with online learning or an old-fashioned book. Tonight: Make plans.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You feel flush today. Perhaps it is easier for you to get the financial and practical support of others, including your partner. That makes this a good day to make decisions about how to divide something, because you will end up laughing all the way to the bank. Tonight: Get organized.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Relations with partners and close friends are warm, friendly and upbeat today. People are in a good mood! In addition, people are also mutually generous and helpful today. You will benefit others, and they will benefit you. Tonight: Cooperate.

### BORN TODAY

TV host Bill Maher (1956), actor Omar Sy (1978), astronaut Buzz Aldrin (1930).

## Contract Bridge

### FAMOUS HAND

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 10 9 5  
♥ A Q 10 5 4  
♦ Q 5 4  
♣ J 6

**WEST**  
♠ K 6  
♥ 6 2  
♦ A K 10 7 3  
♣ K Q 8 2

**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ K J 9  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ 10 9 5 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 8 7 4 3  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ J  
♣ A 7

The bidding:  
**South** 1 ♠  
**West** 1 NT  
**North** Dble  
**East** 2 ♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Every regular partnership must make certain to discuss the precise meaning of various defensive signals. This is true for any pair that hopes to achieve the best results possible.

Today's deal shows what can happen if a pair is not on the same wavelength. Amazingly, the deal occurred in the 1977 world championship match between Australia and Sweden, and involved one of the best pairs of that era.

At the table in question, with a Swedish pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. West (Dick Cummings) led the king of diamonds, on which East (Tim Seres) played the six. Seres was afraid to play the deuce on the king because he thought that might be interpreted as suggesting a club shift.

However, Cummings thought that the six play might be based on the 6-2 doubleton, so he continued with the ace of diamonds. This play ultimately proved fatal.

South ruffed and returned a low trump toward dummy. Cummings went up with the king and then — too late — shifted to the king of clubs. Declarer won with the ace and embarked on a line of play that guaranteed the contract regardless of where the missing heart honors were located.

He led a trump to dummy's nine, discarded the club seven on the queen of diamonds and ruffed the jack of clubs. Then, having eliminated both minor suits from his own hand and dummy, declarer led a heart and finessed the ten. East won with the jack but was helpless.

Whether he returned a heart, a diamond or a club, declarer would score the rest of the tricks. So the Swedish declarer succeeded in making four spades in a hand where, with best defense, he would have gone down two.

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by Steve Becker

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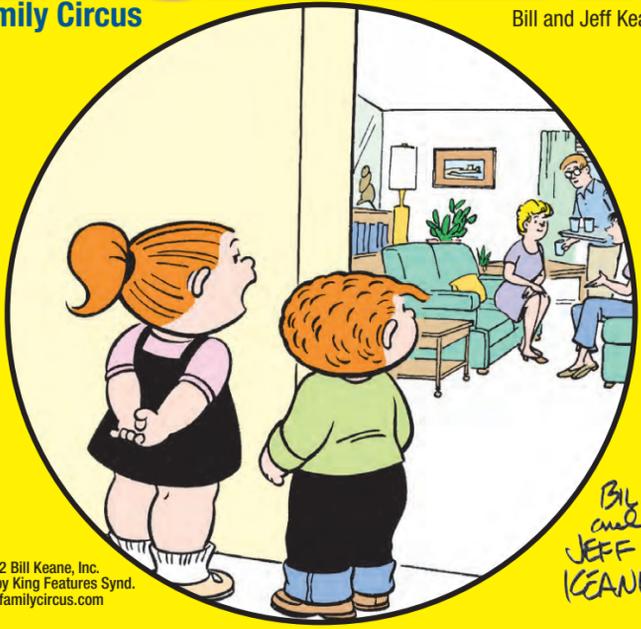
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## Family Circus

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"Yeah, she used to be Daddy's sister but now she's our aunt."

## Garfield

Jim Davis



## Dilbert

Scott Adams



## Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



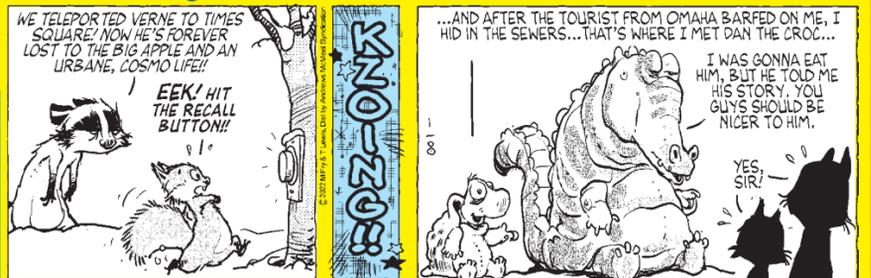
## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

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



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

2	3	7	9	1	5	8	6	4	
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 The "T" of MIT, informally
  - 5 Tomb raider Croft
  - 9 Block, like a river
  - 14 Workplace inspection org.
  - 15 Carded
  - 16 Absinthe ingredient whose letters are all in the word "absinthe"
  - 17 Assist in the gym
  - 18 Trainer working on Peke performance?
  - 20 Like some superheroes
  - 22 Brand of cold brew?
  - 23 Singer DiFranco
  - 24 Adored person
  - 26 Worked well together
  - 30 Nobelist Sadat
  - 32 Not much
  - 34 Smelter's material
  - 35 Seemingly forever
  - 36 Former U.S. Poet Laureate Dove
  - 37 Squeak-stopping liquid
  - 38 Insurer acquired by CVS Health
  - 40 Secretly add to an email thread
  - 41 What matching ends of magnets do
  - 43 Sch. hidden in "walrus mustache"
  - 44 Former Iranian ruler
  - 46 Snoozefest
  - 47 Assistance
  - 48 Window frame filler
  - 49 Counterpart of urban
  - 51 Program for a future doc
  - 53 "You've gotta be kidding!"
  - 55 Low-\_\_\_ image
  - 57 Outflow's opposite
  - 59 "Vader of 'Star Wars'"
  - 61 Piece containing a take
  - 65 Disneyland attraction
  - 66 Protrusion
  - 67 Mimics
  - 68 Name hidden in "rotten idea"
  - 69 Deduce
  - 70 "Insecure" star Rae
  - 71 A long while
- DOWN**
- 1 1900 Puccini classic
  - 2 Nacion de Barcelona
  - 3 Practice piece by composer Frederic (In this clue's answer, see letters 4-7)
  - 4 Loathe
  - 5 Tupperware piece
  - 6 Marinated Filipino dish
  - 7 Habitual visits to 25-Down
  - 8 Adderall might be prescribed for it
  - 9 Purposefully avoided, like an issue (... letters 4-8)
  - 10 South American range
  - 11 "Cool" amount of money
  - 12 \_\_\_ as directed
  - 13 "As \_\_\_ my last email ..."
  - 19 Point toward
  - 21 "The People's Princess" (... letters 5-9)
  - 25 Some hold MD degrees
  - 27 Stud alternative (... letters 4-7)
  - 28 Southernmost Great Lake
  - 29 Big name in PCs
  - 31 Took the gold
  - 33 "\_\_\_-tac-toe"
  - 38 "Statt!"
  - 39 Qatari leader
  - 40 Forbid
  - 42 Goof up
  - 45 Wasn't given a choice
  - 46 Dude
  - 50 Not bring up again
  - 52 Tiny fly
  - 54 Viral GIFs, e.g.
  - 56 Loses a coat?
  - 58 Jai
  - 60 Region
  - 61 Kimono sash
  - 62 "Velcro ... what a rip-off," e.g.
  - 63 Seasonal worker?
  - 64 Secretive org.

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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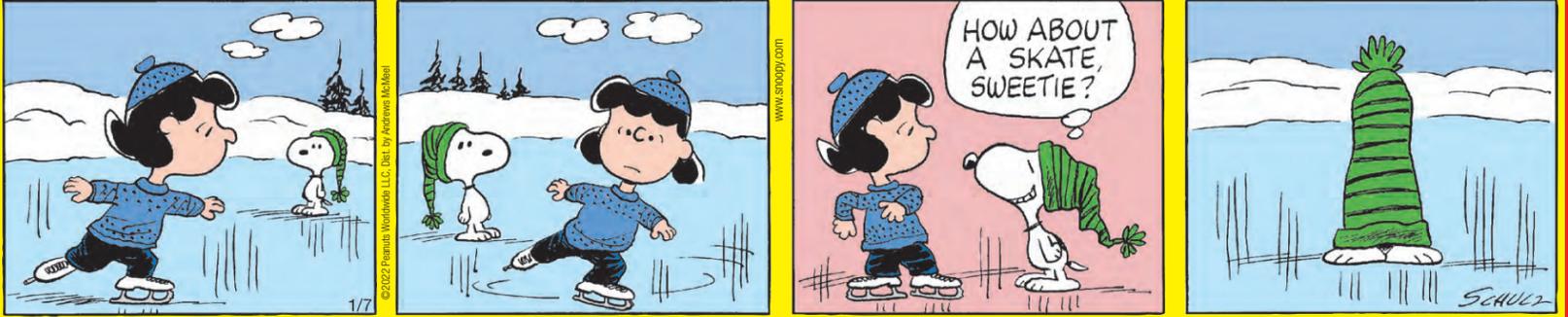
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



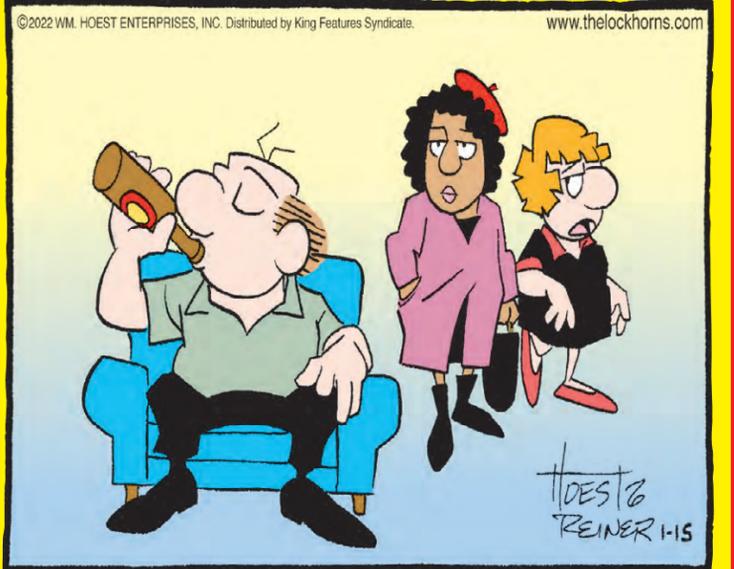
## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## F Minus

Tony Carrilo



## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



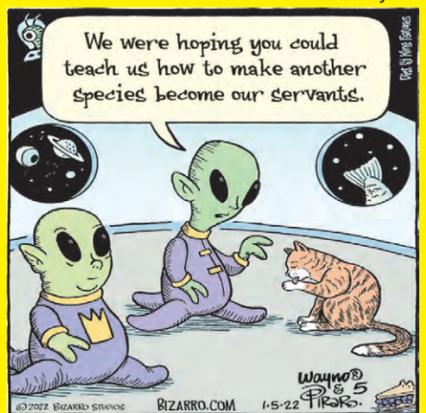
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Dave Whamond



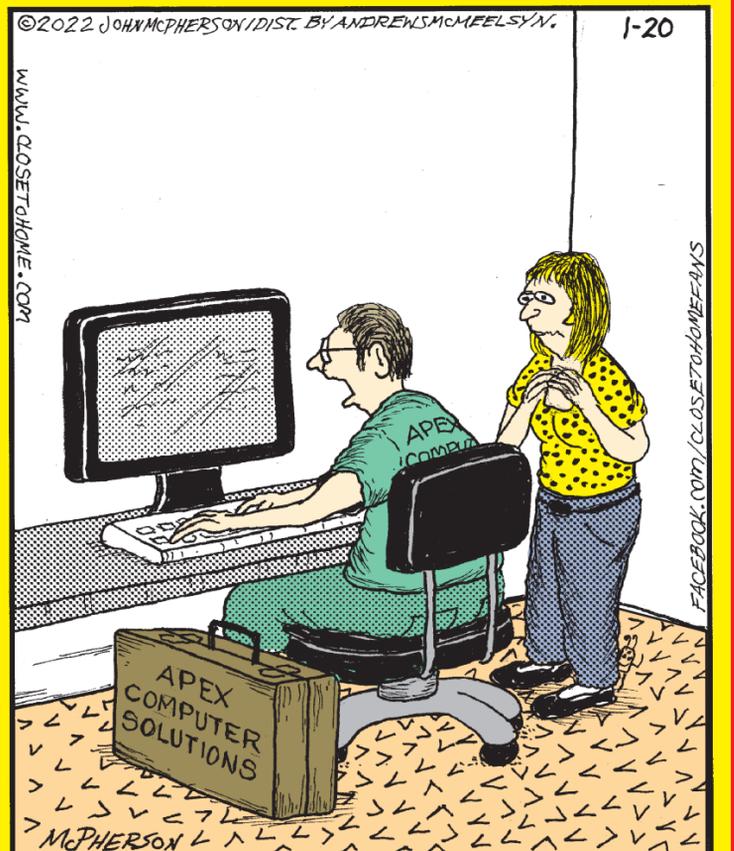
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Marmaduke's not drinking it. He's Just tasting if it's sweet enough."

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## Back on track

Liggett boys hockey is heating up after a slow start. PAGE 3D

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North head coach Gary Bennett talking to his team between quarters in the Norsemen's victory over South.



South freshman Madison Benard led all scorers with 21 points.

# North takes down Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After the holidays and postponements gave the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team a three-week break from game action, the Norsemen were greeted with a rivalry matchup in their return. North hosted Grosse Pointe South Tuesday night in the first of two showdowns this month between the crosstown foes. There was little separation between the two sides early on, but the Norsemen found their rhythm in the second half and were able to march to a 56-41 win.

Tuesday's game was back and forth during the opening minutes. The Norsemen and Blue Devils spent most of the first quarter trading baskets, which led to a 12-12 tie at the end.

The trend of going basket for basket continued early in the second quarter. As halftime grew closer, North was able to gain the slightest amount of separation from the Blue Devils to take a five-point, 26-21 lead into the locker room.

It looked as though the

Norsemen were starting to get their feet back under them as the game progressed after such a long break. North head coach Gary Bennett knew it would take some time for his team to shake off the rust.

"We haven't done five on five since then, because we don't have enough players," Bennett said. "I felt like our defense was just so-so. I think we're capable of playing a lot better defense and the girls on South did a nice job and are very good basketball players. We were just a little rusty from not playing and took a little while to get the cobwebs out."

North was able to keep out in front during the start of the second half and managed to successfully work on extending its lead. After three quarters, the Norsemen were able to expand their advantage to double digits, making the game 40-30 heading into the final eight minutes.

The fourth quarter saw South start to close the gap on the Norsemen's lead a couple of times, but North was ultimately able to stay in front. Consistent offense late in

the game for the Norsemen helped them maintain the advantage and ultimately seal the 15-point victory.

South's Madison Benard led all scorers in the game with 21 points. Senior Kamryn Richards was the only other South player to reach double digits with 11.

The Norsemen had three players score 10 or more points in the victory. Natalie Babcock and Annabel Ayrault tied for the team lead with 12 each, while junior Sophia Borowski had 10. With three players scoring in double digits and two others coming up just short of that mark, Bennett said he was pleased with how his team moved the ball.

"Everybody has an equal opportunity to score on our team," he said. "We love it when it's spread around, because we don't like to feature anybody."

The game was the first MAC Red division contest for both sides, giving the Norsemen a win to open conference play. North and South meet again Thursday, Jan. 27, for a rematch hosted by the Blue Devils.

# Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The first season back from a major injury can be a tough test for any athlete. For Kamryn Richards, it also happens to be her senior season on the girls basketball team at Grosse Pointe South High School. Getting back into shape while managing her role as a captain and leader is a lot for Richards to take on. Her experience, along with the support of her teammates and family, has helped her continue her growth both on and off the court.

Richards is one of the few seniors on South's team this year. She also is the daughter of Blue Devils' varsity girls basketball coach Kevin Richards. With basketball playing such a prominent role in her family, Richards has

been around the game about as long as she can remember.

"I started playing when I was about 4 years old with Anthony Benard actually," she said. "We played on a neighborhood club team together along with my little brother. I was running up and down the court, but as the years went on it got more serious. I was very fortunate that my

dad was able to help link me to some great trainers to help me become better at the game." The Richards and Benard families are big

really he has high expectations for me and doesn't treat me any differently from other players really. Other players get to leave practice and

names when it comes to Blue Devils basketball. Richards' younger brother, Karter, plays for coach Stephen Benard on South's varsity boys basketball team and Coach Benard's daughter, Madison, is a standout freshman playing alongside Richards with the varsity girls.

Richards and Benard are coached by Kevin Richards on South's girls basketball team. Being the coach's daughter can add some extra pressure at times, but Richards also believes the benefits it has shown over the years are well worth it.

"He knows the work I've put into get where I am today, there's a lot of pressure on me," Richards said. "People think he might be more lenient because I'm his daughter, but really he has high expectations for me and doesn't treat me any differently from other players really. Other players get to leave practice and

not see him until the next day where I get to see him all the time and work with him more on what needs to be improved on."

One of those benefits of being the coach's daughter included having her dad constantly by her side helping her recover from a major injury. Last year, Richards missed a majority of South's basketball season with a torn ACL. Now that she is back on the court and in game action, Richards knows she is lucky her dad/coach was with her through the road to recovery.

"It was a huge shock and I went three weeks without even knowing I tore my ACL," Richards said. "From the moment I found out, my dad was already calling coaches that he knows who had players that went through the same thing to see what trainers they used. I credit my dad with a lot."

Being sidelined almost an entire season due to injury can be tough not only physically, but mentally. Richards was



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Kamryn Richards

expected to play a major role on South's team last season and getting used to being on the sidelines during games was not easy at first.

However, Richards grew to realize that an injury did not have to stop her from growing as a player. Being on the bench for games helped her learn more about other aspects of the game and, perhaps most importantly, helped turn her into the best teammate she can be.

"Being such a prominent player the year before and going from

never coming off the court to being on the sidelines all game was a lot to handle," Richards said. "I also found other ways to help my teammates. We had a lot of newcomers and I helped them and even got to feel what it was like coaching. ... It all helped me become a better teammate."

Back on the court and in game action, Richards is translating what she learned from her time away from the court back into her game.

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# Bayview Mackinac race could see return to normal

By Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki  
Staff Writer

In a step back toward normal, docking on Mackinac Island should be available for most of the Bayview Mackinac Race boats this summer, said Chris Clark, chairman of the 2022 race.

Last summer almost all of the boats ended up docking in Mackinaw City or St. Ignace, thanks to the Department of Natural Resource's ban on rafting off in the island's harbor. That meant sailors had to ferry over from those off-island harbors, forcing many sailors to spend the night off the island if they arrived after the ferries closed for the day.

Rafting allows several boats to tie up off each other, sharing space in a single well. The ban was implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But this year, while Clark cautions it has not yet been signed on the dotted line, he believes Bayview Yacht Club and the DNR will reach an agreement for island docking that includes rafting off.

"They've given us a very good number in the harbor and there is high likelihood we will be able to accommodate almost all the boats on the island," Clark said.

Contender, a C&C 35 owned by Gary and Sylvia Graham of Grosse Pointe, was one of the lucky boats last year. Graham won the last available slip in the island harbor in the lottery for the few spaces.

Just the same, he's looking forward to hav-

ing most of the boats in a harbor this year.

"I think it's going to be a return to normal," Graham said. "People are so tired of this."

Having most of the boats docked on the island improves the normal camaraderie among the sailors, said Gregg Huskin of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"The sailors are competitors in the race, but they're friends afterwards," Huskin said. "I think the harbor looks really cool filled with boats."

The DNR also has committed spaces in Mackinaw City for any boats that can't fit in the harbor. Skippers of those boats will have to pay for those wells, however. The DNR controls both the island and Mackinaw City harbors.

Island boat wells will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. That means it pays to register early for the race.

The website byc.com is open so skippers can verify their information and make sure the website is working for them. That will hopefully clean up any glitches, so they can register quickly when the website officially opens at noon Saturday, Jan. 22.

Clark is encouraging all skippers to go to the site ahead of time. Any problems can be reported to the race administrator, Melissa Wenzler, at melissa@byc.com.

In other Mackinac race news, both the Mackinac Island and Mackinaw City harbors are part of the Clean Harbor

Initiative.

Clark said race organizers are working to get more information about this initiative. Basically it means contaminants cannot be emptied into the harbor. There also is no swimming allowed in the harbor. And sails cannot be hung out to dry over fences.

The DNR is requiring any boat that violates the Clean Harbor Initiative be disciplined.

"I can't go into details (about the discipline); we're still working that out," Clark said.

Bayview is following a trend this year by making the Cove Island mark virtual. Skippers will be given the virtual mark's coordinates and then navigate to that point. Bayview can check the trackers to make sure boats rounded the virtual mark.

The trackers usually turn on every 15 minutes to track the boat's path. However, when the boat gets close to both the Cove Island mark and the finish line, the trackers will remain on while the boat rounds the mark or crosses the finish line, and race officials can access that data.

Finally, two local, on-the-water Safety at Sea seminars at Bayview and the Detroit Yacht Club are sold out. However, Clark is urging sailors who are not attending those two seminars to try to attend a seminar in another location.

"As a regatta, we recognize we've gone now two years with nobody being able to take the in-the-water course," Clark said.

# South, Pilots end in draw

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After losing to De La Salle 5-1 in the November season opener, the Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team had its eyes on revenge Thursday night. The Blue Devils hosted the Pilots for a rematch in what was one of the most tightly contested hockey games of the season. Through three periods of regulation plus overtime, neither side could find much separation as South and De La Salle finished in a 1-1 tie.

The Blue Devils and Pilots fought hard throughout the first two periods with solid defense and some missed near opportunities on both ends. After the second period, the game was still locked in a scoreless tie. Blue Devils coach Brandon Contratto said he is proud of how hard his team fought for the whole game, especially defensively.

"It's the hardest we fought all year and I'm really proud of this team top to bottom," Contratto said. "To make sure we were bringing our best game tonight, we completely overhauled our system. ... The boys per-

formed great in the defensive zone keeping them to the outside and I couldn't be more proud of them."

As the third period rolled along, it seemed as though the game could be headed into overtime locked in a scoreless tie. It was not until there were less than five minutes left in regulation that one team was able to finally get on the scoreboard.

That team was De La Salle. Seaton Heilman scored the first goal of the night, getting the puck past Blue Devils' goalie Dougie Cowan to put the Pilots up 1-0 with only a few minutes remaining.

All the pressure was on South to try to pull back even before the clock hit zero. The Blue Devils pulled the goalie and made one last push in the closing moments to get their own late goal. Junior Harry Wright ended up as the hero for the Blue Devils, scoring with less than two minutes to go to tie the game 1-1.

After Wright's dramatic tying goal, the Blue Devils and De La Salle entered overtime. Both teams had chances to score the deciding goal, but fitting with the

theme of the game, neither side managed to score in overtime as the game ended in a draw.

The result of a tie might be disappointing after how hard both South and the Pilots fought throughout the evening. For Contratto, he admired the way his team was able to handle the pressure in some difficult late-game situations.

"The seniors and leaders told the guys before the game that this was going to be a defining game for our season," he said. "Those last few minutes, we had one of two options. As a young group, they could have just deflated and packed it in for the night after giving up a late goal. They did the opposite and bought in. ... We drew up a play and they literally executed it perfectly. I feel like we competed hard enough to get the win, but didn't get enough bounces."

With about a month remaining in the regular season, the Blue Devils can make a late push for some wins before the playoffs. South hosted Trenton Tuesday night. The Blue Devils host U of D Jesuit next Thursday and visit Plymouth on Saturday.



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Harry Wright scored the tying goal for South to send the game to overtime against De La Salle.

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# Liggett hockey finding its stride

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After a difficult start to the season during which the University Liggett boys hockey team lost three of its first five games, things have turned around for the Knights the past month or so. The Knights finally hit their stride and showed it last Wednesday night with a dominant 7-0 win over the Allen Park Jaguars.

The win was a complete team effort that included seven goals by six different skaters. Doug Wood, Rocco Scarfone, Jake Kolk, Ian Gudenu, Stephen Wheatley and Ethan Schlenker all found the back of the net for the Knights.

An all-around effort on offense, combined with a shutout performance in net by freshman goalie Ben Wehrmann against Allen Park, shows how much has changed for Liggett since those early

weeks of the season in November and December. First-year head coach Colin Smith knows his team struggled early on, but has seen them growing every day to overcome that adversity.

"Confidence is up, but they're very hungry," Smith said. "At the beginning of the year when things were rough, heads went down. But the demeanor has changed and now when we get scored on, we forget about it and fight. ... We've come together as one in the last month and a half and it's been fun to watch."

Only losing one game since the first week of December, it looks like the Knights have put the season's shaky start behind them. Being successful right out of the gate in a season with a new coach and some new faces can be difficult. Getting used to a new system and way of doing things can take



PHOTO BY BARBARA JOHNS

**Liggett head coach Colin Smith congratulates goalie Ben Wehrmann after a shutout performance against Allen Park.**

time for a team, but Liggett is coming into form.

Even Smith knows it takes time for a team to adjust to having a new coach. Players needed time to settle into Smith's system, but now they are buying in.

"I think having a new face and a new system and ways of coaching was something that took time to get used to," Smith said. "Their hard

work and determination in practice have gone a long way. We run tough practices and I think that shocked them in the beginning. Now that's just the way we do things and the way it goes and everyone has responded well."

Part of that system is having three established lines on offense. Each line has a somewhat specific style of play that can play to the team's

overall strengths based on different situations. Having that sort of chemistry and understanding of the group's strengths and weaknesses helps each player know the significance of their contributions to the team.

"Everybody knows their role on the team," Smith said. "Not everybody is a goal scorer and sometimes everyone will have to play out of their element, but I try to always play to their strengths. ... We roll all three lines and they go every shift. When you have that situation, it makes coaching a lot easier if they're all doing what they're supposed to."

With the end of the regular season just less than a month away, Liggett looks to gain momentum at the right time. Plenty of games remain through the rest of January and the first few weeks of February for the Knights to pick up more wins before

competing for a state title.

Things will only get tougher as the playoffs get closer. The team has learned to handle the pressure and continue fighting in every game so far. If the Knights want to keep winning in the regular season and beyond, it has to be understood there is always room for improvement.

"Our breakout and our defensive zone coverage have been good, but it's something that we can sharpen every day," Smith said. "We want to get out of our zone quick. If you don't have to play in your own zone, it makes the game a lot easier."

The Knights continue marching through the season with a game against Bishop Foley in Royal Oak Friday night. Next Friday, Liggett welcomes some competition from out of state as it hosts St. Francis De Sales from Toledo.

## Struggles continue for Blue Devils

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

After a win to open MAC Red division play against L'Anse Creuse North earlier this month, the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team looked like it could be on the cusp of turning its season around. The win was followed by a loss to Roseville early last week that left the Blue Devils searching for momentum again, heading into a road matchup with Dakota on Friday. South did not have much luck getting back into the win column against the Cougars as Dakota rolled its way to a 64-40 victory.

It was a difficult night on offense for the Blue

Devils and the struggles nearly started right away. Down 6-2 in the first quarter, South could not find the basket while the Cougars went on a 10-0 run to stretch their lead to 16-2. The Blue Devils scored just five points through the first eight minutes as Dakota led 18-5 after one quarter.

South's offense picked up a bit in the second quarter, but wasn't quite on pace to match the Cougars. The performance on the scoreboard before the end of the first half was better for the Blue Devils, but they still found themselves behind 35-18 at halftime.

Coming out of the half-time locker room, Dakota continued to dominate

and grow its lead even more. The Cougars had stretched their advantage to 20 points heading into the final quarter.

The fourth quarter also was the second quarter in the game where the Blue Devils could not even reach 10 points over eight minutes. Dakota managed to widen the gap even further in the game's final moments on the way to a 24-point win.

Karter Richards led the way in scoring for South during the loss with 14 points. Anthony Benard had eight points. The Blue Devils are back on the road against Chippewa Valley Thursday night and away again next Wednesday to visit L'Anse Creuse North.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

**Karter Richards led the Blue Devils in scoring with 14 points in the loss to Dakota on Friday.**

## Showcase weekend in girls hockey

By Alexis Bohlinger  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Girls High School Hockey League hosted a showcase this past Saturday at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton, where each team from the league faced off against the opponent closest to them in the rankings.

Grosse Pointe North played Bloomfield and finished with a 5-1 loss. Their only goal was scored by Elle Sables. Later in the day, University Liggett School had a big 6-1 win over Northville and the Grosse Pointe South saw an exciting matchup against Livonia United that ended in 3-3 tie.

The feedback from the weekend's games was a bit of a mixed bag. While Liggett came out with the win, their coaching staff believed the game got out of hand with pen-

alties.

"Our special teams played almost the entire game," co-head coach Cassie Jaekle said. "It's no fun for the girls to play like that."

Liggett saw goals from Ava Jacob, Brooklyn Peshl, Sofie Ancona, AnnaClaire Doppke, Giuliana Lufty and Natalia Dragovic.

Grosse Pointe South came out of the weekend feeling reinvigorated.

"Saturday's game versus Livonia was very fun. Both teams played great," Blue Devils assistant coach Taylor Shaheen said. "The morale and positive energy on the bench helped fuel the girls to play their hardest until the final buzzer."

The scoring started at 8:52 in the first period from Livonia's Kirsten Martinez, assisted by Tymmarie Grom and Kiera Grom. South

answered less than two minutes later with a goal from senior captain Molly Rysewski, assisted by Liv Livingstone. Livonia scored two more goals from Tymmarie Grom to take the 3-1 lead heading into the third.

A power play opportunity allowed South to tighten the score 3-2 at 10:33 in the third period with a goal from Livingstone, assisted by Gabby Vosburg. It was Rysewski who tied the game 3-3 with minutes remaining.

"All four captains — Julia Gebeck, Liv Livingstone, Molly Ryszewski and Effie Hodges — played an integral role in leading the team both on and off the ice," Shaheen said. "They carry a big presence for our team. We look forward to playing Livonia again on Friday, Feb. 4."



PHOTO BY TOM GEBECK

**The South girls hockey had a tough matchup against Livonia United that ended in a 3-3 tie.**

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What is most important to her is continuing to get her body back into shape. Even though she knows she might never quite get back to being the athlete she was before being injured, her focus on being an even better leader is helping make up for that.

"I'm still trying to get back to how I used to play," she said. "Coming off of a knee injury so quickly, I'm still trying to work up my body back to that level. ... I want to keep working to get close to how I was before. I also want to be a better leader since we only have two seniors this year. There's a lot of weight on me and the other captains to be leaders on and off the court."

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