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Sprinkling savings?

Shores considering watering at night to lower water bills

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Much to the dismay of its residents, the Shores holds the record as the Pointe with the highest water bills by a significant lead.

As city administration prepares to enter rate negotiations with the Great Lakes Water Authority in June — the rates set will be locked in for the next five years — it is exploring the implementation of a water-usage ordinance that would require residents only water their lawns between midnight and 5 a.m. in an effort to reduce the city's overall

rate.

The idea is based on the fact that the city's rates are calculated based upon its peak-hour usage, while between midnight and 5 a.m. is the GLWA's exception time. This means the city still gets charged for the water used during that time, but it doesn't go into the calculation for the city's rate.

Intended to provide the Shores negotiating power with the GLWA, the ordinance would enable the city to guarantee its peak-hour usage will decrease.

"That is our No. 1 complaint," City Manager

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Making change

Monteith Elementary School students worked on an all-school project, a "changemaker" mural, in honor of Black History Month. The mural includes 22 changemakers, one for each classroom. Each portrait was made out of hand-cut puzzle pieces. Read more about the project on page 9A.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Black History Month proclamation OK'd

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Grosse Pointe Farms City Council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring February 2022, Black History Month in the city during its meeting Monday, Feb. 14.

"The passing of this proclamation is a sincere demonstration of the

power of the pen, intentioned in equality, justice and liberty," Councilwoman Sierra Donaven said. "I rejoice in this historic moment of the Farms' public recognition of the sacrifices and contributions made by African Americans throughout America's history."

The history of Black History Month goes back to 1926, when Carter G. Woodson created Negro History Week to address the omission of African Americans in history books.

Expanded to a month in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford, a Michigan native, was the first U.S.

president to officially designate the month of February as Black History Month.

"Since then, the celebration of Black History Month has been important to appreciating and recognizing the crucial roles African Americans

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Workshop to inform master plan update draft

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — While their parents got to work sharing ideas for the future of the City during its master plan update public engagement session last Saturday, the youngest residents explored Box City: a special planning activity where kids used building blocks to place

their own structures on a large map of the city.

With approximately 160 survey responses already returned to city planners — the survey, comment map and online public forums may be found at mcka.mysocialpinpoint.com/grosse-pointe-master-plan — organizers continued to seek public opinion on the master plan's first

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PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Mason, left, and Maddox Ambrozy participate in the public engagement session by building blocks on a map of the City.

Master plan in perpetuum

30 months and counting slowly

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In a city where residents last summer suffered two rounds of combined storm and sewage water backups into basements because the regional sewer network couldn't handle stormwater flow, the mayor pushed back against

some members of the planning commission for rating bicycle lanes and decorative bus stops as priorities in the city's five-year to-do list.

"We have to be really bold about what matters most," newly elected Mayor Michele Hodges said. "The vision absolutely must include infrastructure. We have to use that word, 'bold,' and ardently pursue that."

Hodges serves on the

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Wayne County drops school mask mandate

By Michael Hart
Schools Reporter

Wayne County's Chief Medical and Health Officer Avani Sheth confirmed through a signed statement that, effective 8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, masks no longer will be required in school

settings within the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Health Department.

Sheth did not immediately respond to the Grosse Pointe News for a request to comment.

The decision comes as the Michigan Department of Health

and Human Services withdrew its Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Settings, including in school settings.

MDHSS, according to a statement released Feb. 16, withdrew the advisory as a result of a decrease in cases in hos-

pitalizations and an increase in access to vaccines, which it said indicated Michigan is entering a post-surge recovery phase.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System and University Liggett School, in emails to families Feb. 17,

released statements regarding their policies going forward.

GPPSS indicated masks are optional as of Thursday and University Liggett School said it would transition to a mask-optional policy beginning Wednesday, Feb. 23.

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Councilman against PSOs in uniform

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The final offering in an old, yellowing English literature textbook once used in Grosse Pointe public high schools is a Victorian poem by Rudyard Kipling titled, “Tommy.”

A Tommy is British slang for a foot soldier. In the United States, they’re called GIs. Government issue. Basically, the ones at the tip of the bayonet since Lexington.

Each of the poem’s

five stanzas has a separate but similar refrain, the last one containing the couplet:

“For it’s Tommy this, an’ Tommy that, an’ ‘Chuck him out, the brute!’

“But, it’s ‘Savior of ‘is country’ when the guns begin to shoot.”

The theme is how some people detest the military in peacetime but revere it when needing its protection during war. The same with some civilians and their on-again, off-again relationship with police.

“When you need me, I’ll be there. If you don’t

do anything bad, I’m not going to have as much interaction with you,” said Thomas Taylor, a Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer.

So, when a Grosse Pointe Park councilman serving on the municipal public safety committee opposed officers wearing uniforms while making presentations to school children on campus, the public safety director saw a teachable moment.

“Is there any way to lower the look of a policeman going into the schools, rather than

coming in fully tactical?” Councilman Vikas Relan asked Chief Bryan Jarrell this month at the first of up to four committee meetings this year. “Is there an outfit you guys have seen that may work better?”

“They shouldn’t be dressed up much more than me (in blue uniform),” Jarrell said. “Some of them might have something that says ‘police’ across the back or whatever. A small but vocal minority of parents didn’t like seeing police officers in the (middle) schools. I

don’t get that.”

“That was just one of the things that I heard, was the look of this policeman coming in and these families have bad incidents with police officers that kind of remind them or get them scared,” Relan said.

Jarrell described overcoming similar opposition from a schoolmarm in his former jurisdiction among the high plains of northern Arizona.

“I said, good, that’s why we need to be there, to change that mindset, of especially

the young,” Jarrell said. “I showed up in uniform and it was a great event. It was a big hit. We were giving autographs and all kinds of stuff. It was really, really positive. She said so later. She kind of retracted.”

“I agree with you,” he told Jarrell. “I like seeing policemen everywhere. I’ve had nothing but good experiences.”

“We want to work with the school district,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “We’d like to see reciprocity.”

Officer Taylor belongs to the department’s youth service unit. He also trains officers.

“When going into

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commission, which met Thursday, Feb. 10, to discuss a draft of the next master plan. Master plans are general guidelines and objectives. They aren’t mandates.

Michigan law requires communities to review, but not necessarily update, their master plans at least once every five years for approval by city council with comments from neighboring jurisdictions.

“If the plan needs an overhaul, the process will require a 63-day review period,” according to the Master Plan Update Guide by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. “An update, or refresh, requires a 42-day period.”

The Park’s current review began in September 2018, some 30 months ago, according to minutes of the planning commission.

“There is no official time limit on completing the master plan review,” said Jake Howlett, city attorney, a few days after the meeting. “The statute focuses on the procedural act of discussing whether to keep the current plan, make amendments or adopt a new plan, and then recording in the meeting minutes what you concluded. Not having any discussion is what’s prohibited and Grosse Pointe Park is having that discussion.”

Hodges also said the plan should prioritize what to do with the Trombly Elementary School building, closed by the district in 2020 except for early childhood curriculum.

“I don’t think that figures prominently enough,” Hodges said of

the nearly square-block property’s place in the commission’s discussion. “The community needs to know our priorities and we need to be held accountable.”

Hodges schooled commissioners how to rank items in order of importance.

“The vernacular we often use in my day job is, ‘Is it a nice to have or a need to have,’” she said. “It’s a simple way of looking at various provisions and making a judgment call on whether it’s an ‘in’ or not.”

“We’re very focused on infrastructure and improvements to the city that are attainable,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said after the meeting.

The seven-seat city council, consisting of five new members as of the November election, awarded Sizeland a 10 percent raise and \$5,000 bonus two weeks ago with orders to focus on improving storm sewer infrastructure.

Surveys say

At this point in the master plan review process, commissioners melded results of a recent online public survey into results of a larger, comparable survey conducted in spring 2021.

“We asked commission members to refocus their recommendations they found from the survey results and tailor them into wants or needs, into priorities that are attainable,” Sizeland added.

In the latest survey — in which 87 members of the public participated and the analysis of which the commission split into three subcommittees in December and was the topic of reflection at this month’s meeting — an overwhelming majority of respondents want

water and sewer system improvements, according to documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act.

To wit:

◆ 91.76 percent urged development of a comprehensive plan to replace aging water mains,

◆ 86.42 percent want relief points added to the sewer system to divert excess flow during monster storms and

◆ 81.71 percent want inspections of the sanitary sewer system.

Another biggie (72.62 percent) is coordinating with the school system on the future of Trombly.

On the other hand, only 4.88 percent rated as a high priority the city entering the MoGo electric-assisted bicycle rental business. Moreover, 39.02 percent of respondents opposed the notion.

Respondents not only ranked recommendations from low, medium and high priority, they flat-out opposed others, such as:

◆ 41.18 percent against creating dedicated bike lanes on Mack Avenue, Kercheval and Jefferson.

◆ 35.71 percent against paving a 12-foot-wide path down the middle of the landscaped Windmill Pointe Drive median and

◆ 34.15 percent against redeveloping Mack and Jefferson for bike lanes.

Commissioner Michael Vethacke acknowledged the findings.

“The community is very concerned with infrastructure, city services, also to some extent developing commercial areas of the city,” he said. “Those should be the highest priority items.”

The latest survey suggestions brim with at least 28 items the public rated high priority, according to Vethacke.

“If you have too many high priority items, you don’t really have any,” he said. “I would prefer the draft focus on those three items I mentioned that are identified by the community as high priority.”

Off point

“I think in terms of the most important pieces, No. 1 is incorporation of city-owned property ...

into the planning process ... and to conduct yearly planning and checking on the status of city-owned land,” Commission Vice Chair Amy Chesterton said.

Then again, “That is something that we don’t necessarily have to put into the master plan, but is something as a goal we need to put in the master plan. So, I think that’s probably the highest priority.”

Chairwoman Michele Lindsay referred to Vethacke’s comments about putting infrastructure at the forefront.

“Considering all the storms we had last summer, infrastructure is clearly the highest priority right now,” Lindsay said. “City council has made the statement that ... we need to look in the next five years or the next 10 years where is infrastructure going to be, how is that going to be improved and how are we going to help ensure we’re not going to have any catastrophic events like last summer.”

Lindsay wants commissioners to keep their suggestions within the plan’s role as a municipal goalpost.

“There is one section in here I want to point out ... about updating our zoning to allow in-home, licensed child care centers,” Lindsay said. “Then, as that moves forward, looking at commercial zoning — where are the good spaces in Grosse Pointe Park for a child care center.”

Bikes, bikes, bikes

A greater portion of the commission meeting concerned bicycles and inducing residents to ride them.

“One item we sort of thought was pretty cool was a shared-use path in the median of Windmill Pointe (Drive),” said Commissioner Patrick Coletta, referencing like-mindedness by Commissioner Katherine Sanpere. “The way Windmill Pointe is set up right now, it’s used a lot by bikers and families walking dogs and things like that, but it’s not really used in a safe way. Despite the sidewalk being on only one side of the street, pedestrian people just use the street

instead. I think if I recall correctly, when I was reviewing the survey results from the city, the plurality of the votes was this was not a priority or they wouldn’t care any way about it. But we both thought it was something that would be used by a lot more people.”

In the latest survey, 40.48 percent of respondents rated as low priority the idea of adding bike racks to the city’s business districts and main destinations.

So did MKSK consultants, retained last year by the former council for \$50,000 to help with the planning process.

Coletta countered both the survey results and consultants.

“One of the things that sort of made sense to us is this idea of adding additional bike racks,” he said. “It seemed to us a low-cost thing that would make a really big impact in peoples’ ability to ride their bikes around town. It makes sense to maybe get that out of the way early and by doing that encourage people to bike a little bit more.”

He continued:

“Talking about bikes, Commissioner Sanpere has an interesting idea that, maybe, might be worth looking into. Instead of a bike share program, which is something we could absolutely explore, to gauge interest in it could perhaps be something like a bike library. Because we (meaning the public library system, not the city) already check out tools and artwork to people in the city. If we had a bike library, perhaps people could check out a bike for the day and ride around town.”

The rate of bike rentals could be used to indicate the practicality of providing shared electrical bikes, he said.

“I love the idea of a bike library,” Lindsay said. “I think that’s a great, just creative way, to gauge if MoGo (electric assist) bikes will be used and ...”

“To build up a culture of bike use,” interjected Sanpere. “As well, to provide other options than just regular bikes, like double bikes (and) cargo bikes.”

“Regarding transit,” Coletta said, “the bus shelter issue we both think is a pretty high priority. There’s no sense in having ugly bus shelters. Commissioner Sanpere, by way of a quick Google search, found a number of nice-looking bus shelters that could fit into parts of the city. Her comment was if we have a bus shelter at the arts center, have it look like

art. We thought that was pretty high priority.”

He supported building electric vehicle charging stations around town.

“Other cities have been successful getting grant money to install infrastructure for it,” he said.

Low priorities

Other survey options the public rated “low priority” were:

◆ conducting a housing survey to determine demand for mixed-use, multi-family dwellings, 31.40 percent, and

◆ considering input from adjacent communities when planning public infrastructure projects, 21.29 percent.

Tied for low priority and outright rejection (32.94 percent, or 65.88 percent combined) is the idea of reconfiguring the intersection of Kercheval and Wayburn.

Among three public comments entered into the record at the start of the meeting, resident Graig Donnelly wrote, in part, “We’re still tearing down perfectly good housing, the kind of housing that invites a more diverse population, for surface parking lots in the middle of residential blocks. The (master) plan doesn’t do much to capitalize on the significant opportunity to collaborate across the border we share with Detroit.”

Resident Mary Rouleau said, “I like the part (in the master plan) about encouraging a more diversified housing stock. And the idea of conducting a housing market study to determine demand for mixed-use multifamily and to determine incentives that will construct housing and will serve our large, large aging population with disabilities.”

Donnelly and Rouleau supported all the candidates who lost the November municipal election.

Dick Schroeder, a Park resident, responded to both.

“Mr. Donnelly’s comments were very front and center in the last election,” Schroeder said. “The majority of people who chose to vote disagreed with a lot of what Mr. Donnelly has to say. I don’t know of any parking lots that were put in the middle of any residential blocks. As far as diverse housing, we have quite a bit of diverse housing available to us. As someone who is aging in place with a disability, I’ll find my own place to live.”

He told commissioners, “I appreciate everything you do, but I can look out for myself.”

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Healthcare workers express pandemic experience through song

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Healthcare workers continue to deal with the mental and emotional toll of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, even as the two-year date approaches since the first case was documented in Michigan.

Last week saw front-line workers within Beaumont Health gather for three therapeutic songwriting sessions.

Starting with general, open-ended questions about the frontline workers' experiences, songwriter Darden Smith led each group through a two-hour discussion of their experiences and feelings throughout the pandemic, ultimately culminating the thoughts into a song that captured the individual and collective perspective.

"Songs are built on simple language," he said. "When people talk about trauma or when people talk about the most emotionally charged moments of their lives, they speak in very simple language. People don't use complicated words when they're talking about something really painful. So there's an intersection of language that is really beautiful here."

Bringing together employees from all eight hospitals in the healthcare system, the songs are representative of the experiences of dietary workers, security guards, nurses, doctors, the chief of infectious disease, respiratory therapists, pharmacists and lab technicians.

"It uncovered emotions I didn't know I was dealing with and that I got to talk about," said Brad Lukas, chief nursing officer for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, "and it was comforting that whether it be the chief of infectious disease or a dietary worker, all my peers were feeling the same way and there's something very powerful about opening up and talking through those emotions. It was a powerful moment to just be with other people that have gone through similar experiences."

The song Lukas took part in forming is called "Hoping for a Change of Heart."

"We were talking about how the community support initially was very robust — and our Grosse



PHOTO COURTESY OF BEAUMONT HEALTH

Songwriter Darden Smith turns the difficult experiences of Beaumont Healthcare workers into a therapeutic song.

Pointe community has always been very supportive of us — and then social media and the world is so divided right now and we just wish people would have a change of heart and just would listen to each other," Lukas explained.

The meaning of the song is open to interpretation, he added, whether being open-minded about the vaccine, taking precautions or just being less divisive with one another.

A second song, entitled "I Have Days," was built out of the question, "How are you now?"

Meant to express the good and the bad, Smith explained, the title is an umbrella phrase under which everything can fit.

This is evident from the first verse, "I have days when the pressure and the sadness and the anger won't go away," to the second, "I have days when the work I do brings a smile on a patient's face," to the third, "There'll be days when I look back and wonder, how did we find our way and not fall. Somehow we became better through it all. By reaching out for the hand to hold. The lonely and

the broken and the healing soul."

When a participant in a third group mentioned, "You wouldn't believe the stuff I see," the final song was sparked.

"The Stuff I See," grew out of dialogue, Smith said, about what health-

care workers see when they close their eyes, when they're at the grocery store and no one will talk to them because they're in scrubs, when their kids are scared to hug them, among other sights.

"Oh, the stuff I see,"

the final lyrics note. "I tried to leave it all behind. Still it follows me. It reminds me of all that I've been through. The beauty and the

weight of the job I do. Makes a believer out of me. The stuff I see." The songs can be found on the Beaumont Health Youtube channel.

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have played in the creation of America and their inalienable right to be treated equally, while increasing the visibility of African American life and history," the proclamation reads. "The city of Grosse Pointe Farms also recognizes the strength, endurance and faith of African American ancestors in their struggle for freedom and pays tribute to their continuous pursuit of overcoming injustices."

Adapted from the state of Michigan's proclamation, this year's theme is Black Health and Wellness, intended to

focus on how the American healthcare system has underserved the black community.

"During this month, we should take time to recognize and celebrate African Americans' contributions, sacrifices and bravery on their journey to justice in our nation and work together to identify, develop and implement solutions to further achieve equity in our city," the proclamation concludes, "as well as promote unity across all individuals and communities throughout the Grosse Pointes regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and any other expressions of identity."

— Laurel Kraus

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 28

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Construction Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

- ◆ Registration opens for Grosse Pointe Woods 2022 Egg Stroll, 8:30 a.m.

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schools, I've had nothing but positive responses from students," he said. "I have three kids and can relate to students. We talk about school stuff, extracurricular activities and how things are going."

Although officers usually don't bear arms during campus visits, many elementary students are fascinated by Taylor's and his fellow officers' utility belts and handcuffs.

"They want to know what everything does," Taylor said. "We explain that the police are here to protect them, to help. We don't arrest people just to arrest them. My philosophy is to simply make the community better. Those are values

I was brought up on. Just because I have a badge and gun doesn't make me a bad person."

Councilman Marty McMillan also serves on the public safety committee.

He said, "Our officers should be more involved with kids because they (school children) can see the officer is a real person, that our officers are nice and are there to help. That creates a good bond between police officers and the community."

That same old textbook also contains an excerpt from Thomas Babington Macaulay's "History of England" about municipal officials during the age of Charles II failing to prevent lawlessness on London streets: "The machinery of keeping the peace was utterly contemptible."

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A less traditional path to health, wellness

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Dr. Susan Grabowski was a decade into a traditional career in physical medicine and rehabilitation when her father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, an experience that became the catalyst for a change of perspective and path.

"I became on the other side as a family member and when I became on the other side of the curtain, so to speak, it just changed the way that I viewed medicine," she said. "... Just seeing what my dad went through, instead of looking at what are we going to do about it, it just really changed my thought process, being the daughter, of thinking, it's not about, 'What are we going to do about it?' (but) 'Why did it happen?'"

Following the "why" instead of the "what" led the Grosse Pointe Farms resident to functional medicine: an approach that focuses on the root cause of an issue through looking at cellular function.

With a fellowship in Anti-Aging, Regenerative and Functional Medicine through the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine — as well as certifications in



COURTESY PHOTO

Grabowski on a 2018 medical mission trip to Haiti with Dr. Tom Graves, the trip organizer through H.A.R.T and her husband's cousin.

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Brain Health Coaching, HeartMath and Mindvalley Holobody Coaching — Grabowski transitioned to functional medicine in 2015.

"A lot of the difference is that when I see someone and we talk for an hour, you really get the time to get to the heart of it, as opposed to conventional medicine,

(which) is so fast," Grabowski said. "... You just have to look at someone, figure it out in five minutes and then ... you just write a script. But (with functional medicine) the patient engagement, I would say, is very satisfying, very fulfilling, really getting that relationship."

Concerns she commonly works with

include metabolic dysfunction, diabetes, weight, thyroid, hormone dysfunction, autoimmune disease and cognitive changes, while other focuses are on optimization such as anti-aging, longevity and performance.

While her practice, Center for Precision Medicine, with fellow Grosse Pointer Dr. Pamela Smith — a pio-

neer in the field of functional medicine — does significant work via telemedicine, the beginning of this year saw Grabowski partner with Healthspan in the Farms. Working at the space on Mondays, she is able to provide functional medicine avenues to Healthspan clients. She also can be found offering her services at the Kahn Longevity

Center on Fridays.

Through a partnership with The Corner Studio and Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, Grabowski also recently began offering health and wellness talks with Healthspan Dr. Ginette Gomez, a pursuit the Farms resident calls her current passion.

Along with topics spanning nutrition and continuous glucose monitors, Grabowski is excited to launch a book club, in which anyone is welcome to participate.

The first book club night in January featured "Lifespan: Why We Age — and Why We Don't Have To" by David Sinclair.

"That's something that I've really enjoyed and that's definitely a professional and a personal goal is really just community engagement in health and wellness," Grabowski said. "I feel like I went through this education and I learned all this and I just want to talk about it and share it."

To take part in the book club and watch for an announcement of the second book, follow @thecornerstudiop on Instagram.

To learn more about Grabowski and functional medicine, visit drsusangrabowski.com.

Peyser named to Michigan Lawyer's Weekly 'Hall of Fame'

Howard & Howard recently announced Mark W. Peyser of Grosse Pointe Woods has been named to Michigan Lawyer's Weekly "Hall of Fame" Class of 2022. He is one of 20 attorneys recognized who have been in practice at least 30 years, created notable, impactful careers and remain valuable contributors to their surrounding community.

Peyser has devoted the last 16 years of his career to Howard & Howard's Business and Corporate group, focusing his practices on commercial litigation, primarily in the financial, automotive and construction and development industries. He frequently represents clients in matters of commercial and civil litigation, including police misconduct and product

liability. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his success, being named one of the Top 100 Attorneys in the State of Michigan on several occasions and most recently named in dbusiness's "Top Lawyers" Class of 2022, earning his spot for the fourth consecutive year.

Peyser has received the preeminent AV rating in both legal ability

and ethical standards, as well as the Judicial Preeminent AV rating reflecting the confidential opinions of the members of the bar and judiciary.

Peyser holds memberships to a variety of organizations, including the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of Michigan Chapter, Macomb County Bar Association,

Oakland County Bar Association and State Bar of Michigan. Additionally, he spends time giving back to the community in a variety of ways, most notably as the co-founder of Matty's Friendsgiving, an annual event in memory of his late son, Matt, that raises funds for various charitable causes in the Detroit metropolitan area, including the Jamie Daniels Foundation.



Mark W. Peyser

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindel 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 January 19, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held on January 18, 2022.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123831 through 123962 in the amount of \$434,861.83 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$18,246.67 for professional services during the months of December 2021 and January 2022 for the following projects: Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; 2021 Joint/Crack Sealing, #180-258; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Kelly Road Pedestrian Cross, #180-208; Risk and Resilience Assess, #180-262; Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263; Miss Digs, #180-255 and FDCVT Grant App, #180-278. (3) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,514.91 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of February 2022. (4) approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$6,310.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting and with professional assistance with the stormwater charges, Milk River Drain and fire assessment. (5) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$7,400.00 for the removal of dead/dangerous trees. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$21,720.24 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 31 through December 31, 2021. (7) approve payment to Midwest Property Maintenance in the amount of \$7,688.80 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Briarstone as part of the CDBG rehab loan project. (8) approve payment to Ekstrom Contracting LLC in the amount of \$26,000.00 for the renovations and repair work at 20950 Lancaster as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
- 2) to confirm the appointment of Jason Hammerle as Public Safety Director for the City of Harper Woods and further, to approve the employment agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Director Hammerle and further to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.
- 3) to approve a joint road replacement project with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for the portion of Allard Avenue that lies within the Harper Woods city limits in the amount of \$16,320.00, if funding is available.
- 4) to accept the proposal from McKenna dated January 24, 2022 for their professional services to prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Poupard Elementary School site in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the proposal.

Valerie Kindel, Mayor
Published: GPN, February 24, 2022

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

SAVINGS:

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Stephen Poloni said of the high water bills. "We get more complaints about the water bill by far than any other complaint

in the community and we're looking for ways to reduce the water bills. One way is to bring down the peak hours and the only way to do that is to negotiate those numbers down with GLWA."

The reason for the city's current high rates is because it uses too little water in the winter when many residents stay elsewhere, while using too much water in the summer as the large estates water their lawns.

"The big thing that's costing us is we are (GLWA's) worst customer for using the most water at the wrong time, by far," Poloni said, adding the water authority notified the city in January it would raise rates 3.5 percent for water and 4.7 percent for sewage in the 2023 billing cycle.

An ordinance would be required both to convince the GLWA that the peak-hour usage will go down, as well as protect the city from the risk of surcharges.

"The downside is if you don't go down and you go up, you pay a 50 percent surcharge on that same time period," Poloni explained to council, "so if you don't enact the

ordinance, I wouldn't be comfortable going and negotiating and saying we're guaranteeing we're going to use less water when I could not guarantee it."

While means of enforcement on the proposed ordinance have yet to be determined, "We wouldn't ticket anybody initially," Poloni assured.

Following thorough education and outreach to residents on the new rules, simple warnings likely would be the result of the first few offenses.

If city council and administration continue to move forward with its pursuit, a draft ordinance could come before council during its April meeting. Prior to its adoption, a public hearing would be held.

"I think we could do it and think it would help," Poloni said, "but it's really driven by the residents if they want to do it."

City attorney Brian Renaud confirmed that in the event an ordinance is passed, if it does not result in the intended impact on negotiations with the GLWA, city council could repeal it.

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Directions to jail

When a 30-year-old Eastpointe man stopped his vehicle in traffic on Chalfonte Avenue to ask an officer for directions at 10:27 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, the officer noticed the man's speech was slurred and he was driving slowly.

After he was pulled over, the man continued to drink from a cup he said contained tea, but the officer could smell the odor of intoxicants.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated, as well as cited for driving while unlicensed, open intoxicants and preliminary breath test refusal.

Ditching evidence

After a vehicle was pulled over for driving through the red light at Mack Avenue and Kerby Road at 11:55 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, the passenger got out and ran onto La Belle.

While officers were unable to apprehend the suspect, a gun was found on a front lawn in the 400

block of La Belle.

Assault and battery

During a marital disagreement at 4:47 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, a 64-year-old Farms woman was arrested for assault and battery after attempting to prevent her husband from leaving the situation by following him to his car, blocking his path and starting a physical altercation.

Brother's keeper

After receiving a notice to appear in court for a traffic citation, a 35-year-old Park man discovered his brother had given his name to officers when pulled over in early February.

The 32-year-old Detroit man also has used his brother's identity in the past, most recently in Harper Woods.

— *Laurel Kraus*
Report information about these and other

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Old plate, new vehicle

A 23-year-old Warren woman was pulled over at Vernier Road and Helen Avenue at 11:46 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, for a 2021 license tab on her vehicle.

After it was learned the plate belonged on her old vehicle, she was cited for driving while license suspended, failure to transfer a title and improper plate.

Stolen treasure

When a Priority Mail package meant to contain a \$4,000 gold brick was delivered to the 1600 block of Anita Avenue at 10:19 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, the item was discovered missing. Instead there were tags from the

post office stating, "received without contents" and "received unsealed."

It was determined the theft did not occur in the Woods and the case has been turned over to the United States Postal Service.

Smashed windows

Between 4:15 and 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, the driver's side windows were broken out of a vehicle parked at a business in the 20000 block of Mack Avenue. The vehicle's windshield also suffered damage.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— *Laurel Kraus*

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No crimes to report per dispatch.

— *Laurel Kraus*
Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Car stolen

A white 2015 Chrysler 300 was stolen between 11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, and 7 a.m. the next day while parked in the driveway in the 600 block of Westchester.

Passed out

A few minutes before 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, a patrolman was alerted to a man slumped behind the steering wheel of a

stationary car at the intersection of St. Paul and Berkshire.

The driver, a 43-year-old Park man, was arrested for drunken driving.

B&E on film

Security video recorded the B&E of a business in the 15000 block of Mack at 1:19 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21.

Five unknown suspects celebrated Presidents' Day by arriving in a gray, newer model Dodge Durango. One waited while four exited, pried open the business's rear door and searched the cash register. It was empty. All five fled the scene.

Anyone with information may contact Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman at (313) 822-4439.

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



Winter wonderland

The City of Grosse Pointe held its Winterfest event Jan. 29, at Neff Park. Hot chocolate, S'mores, Frisbee golf, ice skating, curling, broomball and ice sculptures were included.

Above, a father and son watch Ted Wakar of Frozen Images carve a block of ice into a penguin. Right, Sid Wilde and his sister, Irene, ate S'mores during Winterfest.



Left, a carousel horse carved in ice was part of the Mary Poppins-themed ice sculptures. Below, Preston Vanderpool chases a ball his sister, Alexis, shot toward the goal playing broomball.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



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update since 2012.

"Make no mistake about it, change happens," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted at the start of the workshop. "Change comes and this informs and gives us guidance on how we manage and direct that change."

With suggestions for The Village including widening the sidewalks, adding a co-working space and incorporating outdoor dining and public art, participants also were asked for their opinions on design standards for new houses and additional housing opportunities and uses.

"We understand that the character of Grosse Pointe is single-family

homes and no one anticipates that that primary fabric is going to change," City Planner John Jackson said, "however, there are changing demands for different types of housing."

These include an aging population and empty nesters seeking to downsize, as well as whether bed and breakfasts, Airbnbs, in-law units and independent senior apartments would be acceptable forms of housing within the community.

Several participants noted they would support bed and breakfasts, with some specifying they should only be allowed in certain areas of the city.

Additional focus groups delved into topics of missing recreation activities — suggestions

included pickleball, walking trails that give more of a park feel and boat rentals at Neff Park — and potential change areas, such as one-story buildings on Kercheval, the Jefferson Chase Bank site, vacant land on Fisher, the St. Clair multi-family site and the corner of Kercheval and Cadieux.

"Those are a few specific areas in the city that we anticipate over the next few years may get pressure from landowners or perspective developers and builders to redevelop those properties," Jackson noted, "so we want to be proactive in understanding what issues are on those sites, how they relate to the adjacent sites and what the city's comfort level is for new development on those sites."

A report generated from the results of Saturday's session is anticipated to be available on the City's website in time for next month's council meeting, March 21.

"As the master plan process continues, we will report back to you on the results of today's sessions, the result of other sessions that we have planned to get public input and all that will be rolled into the formulation of the master plan," Jackson said, "where there will be

more opportunities for you to give us feedback on as the process unfolds."

Following a draft update to the plan, the

City intends to hold another community meeting for feedback prior to the official public hearing before city council.

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OUR VIEW

Grin and bear it

Last September, the Grosse Pointe News reported on a unique story at the Detroit Zoo. Two young bear cubs, one polar, one grizzly, were learning to live together after their worlds turned upside down through crisis and change.

The story ("Grizzly, polar bears fast friends" from Sept. 30, 2021) offers a hopeful lesson in harmony. It underscores our hope that we might soon return to peacefully coexisting in the Pointes, something this pandemic has drastically altered.

But with Wayne County's Feb. 17 rescission of its emergency order to wear facemasks in schools, we once again are bracing ourselves for more community discord. Our recent track record suggests that those — either for or against masking — will engage in more accusations, finger-pointing and division.

Those potential reactions got us thinking about antidotes to all the negative energy.

Our bear cub story came to mind as one. Detroit Zoo officials had the foresight to pair Laerke, a 1-year-old polar bear who could not be returned to her mother, with Jebbie, an orphaned grizzly bear cub from Alaska.



Despite being stressed out by change and thrown together by circumstances, these bears now spend their days wrestling and playing side by side. They have found a way to get along despite unexpected events that completely changed their lives.

By contrast, our community continues to clash. With the deluge of contradicting data and statistics, and divisive politics, we have stopped being civil with neighbors, friends and family who disagree with us.

According to the Pew Research Center, 31 percent of U.S. adults say they regularly turn to Facebook for news (Lord, help us). Information sources like social media, the evening news and cable news channels have played a part in stoking our flames of fury.

It spills over as we contemplate giving the bird to a car who cuts us off on Mack, or muting family and blocking friends on social media with opposing opinions.

Irish poet Oscar Wilde once said, "the truth is rarely pure and never simple." We second that. Regardless of what "truth" is informing our stances on masks, vaccines or COVID, we have grown just plain weary of the self-righteous back and forth.

Maybe that's at least one thing we can agree on. So are we trying to oversimplify a global pandemic with a story about two bears? No.

Can we glean important lessons from it? You bet. As last week brought about significant changes for mask-wearing in our schools, we can't help but



ILLUSTRATION BY KEN SCHOP

ask: Are we finally tired of disagreeing and fighting?

Are we willing to choose a more harmonious, less-discordant path as we all navigate our new world? We sure hope so.

Our community can take a page from the tale of these two little bears. Let's work on creating more peace and harmony between each other, as we keep pace with the pandemic's changes. We think it's worth the effort to grin a bit more while we bear it.

GUEST VIEW By Ken Krausmann

'Mr. Cross-man' crosses over

Richard 'Dick' Krausmann (aka 'Mr. Cross-man') got the green light to cross over to heaven

On the day of the Big Red Heart, Valentine's Day, my father got the green light to cross over to heaven and join the love of his life, his wife, Celia. My father was 93 years old.

My father has owned a small service station on the corner of Kercheval and Cadieux since 1954.

However, he might be best known as "Mr. Cross-man," the crossing guard who helped the kids get safely to Maire Elementary and back home each day for 50 years. Whether it was raining, snowing, sleeting, hailing, my dad was out there. "I gotta go, I gotta cross the kids," he would say. This past September he was ill and I was given the honor of "temporarily" taking over my father's crossing guard duties for him. Working from home, I was able to oblige. Now I catch myself telling my clients, co-workers, friends and family, "I gotta go, I gotta cross the kids."



My father was the youngest boy in a family of nine. He served his country as a private first class in the Army. He worked with his older brothers at their Hayes and Kelly gas station, which opened in 1948. At one time that service station was the second highest volume Gulf station in the state of Michigan.

For a long time, my father owned over 100 acres of property in the Bruce Peninsula in Canada and he loved off-roading with his jeeps. No car seats, no air bags, "Just hold on to the roll bar and hold on for your life. You will be fine," and we were. As a family we literally made new trails in the brush and even had jeep races through his property. He loved his license plate that read, "Beep, Beep, I love my Jeep."

My parents raised seven children in a big house on Lincoln in Grosse Pointe, and in 1985 they moved

to Cadieux Road in Grosse Pointe Park — literally a stone's throw from my dad's small business.

In addition to crossing the kids and running a business during the week, my dad volunteered as usher at the Bon Secours Chapel (now Beaumont Grosse Pointe). He served there for over 30 years. He was known for his colorful outfits and he was the "King of the Chapel." He also was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

His business, the gas station, in my opinion, became one of the last remaining slices of Mayberry from the "Andy Griffith Show" on the planet. If you are familiar with the Mobile Speed Pass, my dad's

gas station was the complete opposite: You couldn't just get your gas and go; you were encouraged to sit down in the office and shoot the breeze. My dad seemed to know everyone in Grosse Pointe, as well as what everyone was doing in Grosse Pointe.

For 66 years, my mom did almost everything for my dad. After my mother passed on in 2018, my father took great pride in learning how to cook and take care of himself. He loved his family, his friends, his little dog Wendy and, of course, his one-car attached garage that faced Cadieux Road.

If you were worthy enough, you could sit in the garage with him, have a bag of Better Made chips and he would show you every little thing in there and what it meant to him — from his old Joe Muer's menu to classic license plates to his photo of him with the late great Sparky Anderson. Posted prominently for all to see is a sign with his favorite saying, "Let The Good Times Roll!"

Love you dad, there is so much more say. ... It's 3:30. "I gotta go, I gotta cross the kids."

- # Beep, Beep, I love my Jeep
- # Life Is Good
- # Let the Good Times Roll

A Mass and celebration of the life of Richard C. Krausmann are to be scheduled at a later date.

Wayne County vaccinations*

As of 2/22	Initiation**	Completions***
Vaccinations	739,250	673,253
% of residents 5+	73.2	66.6
% 5-11 years old	28.2	23.9
% 12-15 years old	55.7	51.2
% 16-64	75.4	68.6
% 65+	92.7	85.7

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Woods clerk bids adieu

To the Editor:

I am honored to have served the city councils of past and present, the residents and voters, as well as the business owners for the past 27 years.

I am particularly thankful for having the

opportunity to have served under the late Mayor Robert E. Novitke for nearly my entire tenure at the city.

I am also grateful for having the chance to work with the city clerk's teams of past and present, as well as all the dedicated and loyal absent voter office staff, election inspectors

and receiving boards. They are unsung heroes.

The clerk's office has come a long way over the years, including the creation of electronic records; providing enhanced transparency with electronic agenda packets, minutes and meeting summaries posted on the city's website; added convenience by publishing fillable forms and applications online; launching a platform on which to hold remote public meetings and ensuring every vote counted while the community was served without exception, including through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

I cannot forget my counterparts in the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods who

are a great group of clerks working together to ensure the Grosse Pointe public school elections.

The city was also afforded a voice on the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks board of directors where I served for 10 years as chair on various committees and was involved with developing legislation.

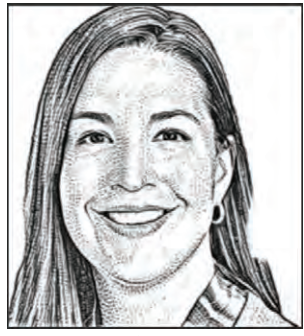
Moving forward, it is my pleasure to aid City Administrator Frank Schulte, Deputy Clerk Paul Antolin, administrative assistant Gretchen Miotto and administration during the transition of the clerk's department.

Although retired and enjoying some time off,

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I SAY By Jody McVeigh

Nothing like it used to be



The past several years I've enjoyed a gym membership and the assistance of a trainer, who happens to be a close friend. Our sessions went by the way-

side with COVID closures, but since gyms reopened and vaccinations have been dispersed, Jenni — who was training me free of charge — has taken on paying clients who prefer to hit the gym later in the day, well past my 6 a.m. sessions.

I don't blame her. Make the money. Get more sleep. If I didn't have to be in the newsroom five days a week, I'd pick sleeping in over early-morning gym times any day.

But I digress.

So I've been on my own quite a while now, training in the gym three days a week and filling in the gaps with at-home cardio and/or yoga the other four days. Monday: shoulders, chest and triceps. Wednesday: legs. Friday: back and biceps. Wash, rinse, repeat.

Well, without a partner, that routine sure got old fast.

So to challenge myself, I went old school. I bought a workout DVD. Remember those? For the past

month, I've been torturing myself with a 28-day program led by Hannah Eden. As of this writing, I've just begun week four. My last week. Thank God.

What have I learned? I am old. My entire body hurt the first week. It hurt to walk, to sit, to laugh, to sneeze. Though the muscle soreness has gone away, there are other indicators I may be out of my league. For example, my knees have not stopped aching and I am exhausted all day. (I've

never experienced exercise-related endorphins; I'm pretty sure God overlooked me the day he handed them out.)

I probably should not have tried to keep up with someone nearly 20 years younger than me and who specializes in high-intensity interval training, or HIIT, while I specialize in mostly sitting at my desk all day.

Despite the challenge of the past four weeks, there has been a plus side to this craziness.

During my first week, I struggled to get

through even a 20-minute workout. Now I can (mostly) keep up with Hannah and her team. My endurance has improved and I've noticed a little more muscle tone. But more importantly, even though most mornings I feel like I was hit by a truck, I am proud I stuck with it. Soon I'll be able to say I finished it.

Also, it's been nice skipping the gym and sleeping an extra 45 minutes each morning before working out.

So on to my next health-related decision: Should I go back to the gym or give the three-month program RIPT90 Fit a try?

GUEST VIEW By John E. Mogk

U.S. Sens. Cass, Howard

Light is now being shed upon the involvement in slavery of two Michigan U.S. senators during the mid-19th century, both Detroit residents at the time.

Prominent Sen. Lewis Cass (1782-1866) was a slave owner and the leading spokesman for the doctrine of "popular sovereignty," which held that the people of the American territories should be entitled to decide whether to permit slavery, including in the Northwest Territory where slavery was prohibited. Long forgotten Sen. Jacob Howard (1805-1871) worked closely with President Abraham Lincoln in drafting and passing the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery and the 14th Amendment that is today's constitutional foundation for protecting all Americans against discrimination by state and local governments.

Professor Tiya Miles of the University of Michigan has chronicled the slave ownership of Lewis Cass and his sale of a slave named Sally to a member of the Macomb family, notorious slave owners in Detroit prior to the Civil War. However, slavery did not dim Cass' reputation until now. He is remembered in many ways. His statue stands with President Gerald Ford as one of only two in the U.S. Capitol honored from Michigan. Detroit's leading technical high bears his name as does one of the city's prominent streets. Detroit's island park in the center of the Detroit River is named after his daughter, Belle.

Prominent government positions held by Cass are numerable. He was a general in the War of 1812 and, then, appointed governor of the Michigan Territory, served in the cabinets of two presidents and was a candidate for the U.S. presidency, in addition to serving in the U.S. Senate. As the Secretary of War in the cabinet of President Andrew Jackson, he helped implement Jackson's policy of

"Indian removal" along a "Trail of Tears" with many of the 125,000 Native Americans removed from their southeastern tribal lands not surviving the march to the West.

In contrast, Jacob Howard — who owned no slaves, was an attorney for a runaway slave and devoted his political career to opposing slavery. Howard, too, had an impressive political career. After being Detroit city attorney, he served in the U.S. House of Representatives, as Michigan attorney general and helped to draw the platform for the first Republican Convention held in Jackson.

Slave owning Sen. Cass who also endorsed slavery in the territories enjoys a place of honor in Detroit and Michigan history, while Sen. Howard, a founder of the Republican Party who fought slavery throughout his entire career, is long dead, buried in Detroit's Elmwood Cemetery and forgotten, even by many Michigan historians. There is no memorial recognizing his contribution to abolishing slavery and securing America's civil rights and liberties in venues such as the Detroit Historical Museum, Charles Wright Museum, The Henry Ford Museum, Detroit City Hall or Detroit Public Schools.

Michigan and the nation are reassessing the honors bestowed upon early Americans who sought to suppress human rights with their names and statues being removed from public places. Lewis Cass deserves to be re-examined in this light. Should he be one of two Michigan figures representing the best of the state's leadership in our nation's capitol or honored on the city's public buildings? More importantly, however, let's give special recognition to leaders who helped secure America's inalienable rights, such as Michigan U.S. Sen. Jacob Howard.

John E. Mogk is Distinguished Service Professor at Wayne State Law School.



YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

HAVE MORONS RAISED DUES IN CLUB FOR LAME-BRAINS?

The automobile radiator ornament collectors have apparently raised their sights and are gunning for bigger game. For some time this group of sadly misguided morons has been preying solely on the owners of 1946 Buicks. Some demented delinquent of obvious juvenile rating discovered that when the circle portion of the Buick ornament was knocked loose from its moorings, it could be used for a bracelet. A club was formed and the membership grew large enough to be a sad commentary on the brain capacity of the younger generation.

1972

50 years ago this week

GLANERT WINS CITATION:

Farms policeman Otto Glanert has been awarded a commendation of valor for his role in the attempted rescue of John Turos, a 14-year-old Harper Woods youth who drowned outside the Farms Pier harbor earlier this month. The commendation cites Glanert's bravery "at great personal risk to his own self" and "his ability to command at a time of crisis."

Obituaries: Evelyn A. Vogel, John A. Mugavin, Mildred Jane O'Connor,

Bertha Hick, Charles W. Slater, Alois Ptach, H. Richard Coffey, Leslie John Resseguie, James R. Foster, Walter K. Whitehead, Helen Masiak, Philip J. Laux, Grace Monahan, Elizabeth Shaw

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FAMILY CENTER HIRES ASSISTANT:

City of Grosse Pointe resident Beth Vernon is assistant to the director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Vernon has served as a volunteer with The Family Center for six years as a member of the Early Childhood committee and as a play coordinator.

Obituaries: Marc J. Alan, Letitia Mary White, Gladys K. Greenburg, George P. Dakmak, Thomas H. Andrew, Gerald A. Ewart, Verence McQuade CSJ, Frank P. Hogan Jr., James Champane Jr., Harry H. Phillips, Ruth May Krisak, Robert Henry Pytell, Kathryn A. Lundell, Benzin Buehrig, William Thomas Ross, Janet E. Wilkinson



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I do not plan to stay still for long as I pursue future endeavors in the various election fields. I'm looking forward to exciting new opportunities for the next chapter in my life and wish the new city council and administration great success in the future.

LISA HATHAWAY
Retired Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk

Credit where credit's due

To the Editor: It is impossible to watch the national news or read media publications regarding large scale lawlessness in our major U.S. cities without noticing that the city of Detroit and Wayne County remain largely omitted from this con-

versation.

With leadership from Mayor Mike Duggan, the Detroit Police Department and Wayne County and the agencies that employ a policy of "broken window policing," citizen safety remains a top priority. Coupled with this professional law enforcement effort, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy maintains diligent and supportive prosecutions for Wayne County residents and the officers that serve here.

After working 42 years as a police officer in Grosse Pointe, I am proud to acknowledge that these dedicated efforts are successful and keep major incidents in Detroit and Wayne County out of the headlines.

JOHN J. SCHULTE
Chief of Police (ret.)
Grosse Pointe Shores

Movie reviewer 'Unstoppable'

To the Editor:

I have been wanting to email the paper and let you know how much I am enjoying the movie review section. I like hidden gems and not just Marvel and Disney movies and this section does that.

I am not sure how long Mark (Domin) has been reviewing, but I think he is newer, as I remember a woman doing it before and the weather and mail threw off my delivery for about a month.

The movie he reviewed this week (Feb. 3, "Bethany Hamilton: Unstoppable") is not only timely as I see how it relates to the Olympics but perfect for a family movie which I have been looking for.

Glad he is part of my paper!

MATT DUDUS
Grosse Pointe

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Settled in

More than three months after the Grosse Pointe Public School System administration moved from its longtime hub at 389 St. Clair to a space within Grosse Pointe North High School, Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson said while there was initially some concern about the move, the whole team has settled in well.

“There were some people who were nervous about the move, just because they knew we were going from such a large square-footage footprint to a much smaller space, and they knew that we were going to (have a more open concept layout),” Matheson said. “But honestly, since we have moved over, people’s concerns (have fallen) by the wayside.”

To accommodate the increase in office space at North, much of the first floor of the B-building was renovated with money from the 2018 bond project. The old counseling center was remodeled for new administrative offices and the center core of the building, where some classrooms previously were located, was remodeled so it could be converted into the counseling center, with a few administrative offices placed there as well.

Matheson said although she has noticed many small changes as a result of the move, the one that most resonated with her was the unforeseen change in the team’s culture.

“389 was so large for the number of people we had there. You (could) go a whole day without see-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education Director Karen Lawrence has settled into the foundation office. Below, Helen Johnson, support services coordinator, mans the front office.

ing certain people unless you specifically went to find (them),” Matheson said. “I think the collegiality and the collaboration between departments and between staff members (has changed for the better).”

— Michael Hart



Above, Monica Ellerbee, left, and Joi Neely are part of the enrollment office staff. Right, staff works in the office of curriculum and instruction.



Childcare services classes return to GPPSS

Grosse Pointe North High School senior Alexa Mazzola has come full circle. When she was a kindergarten student at Monteith Elementary School, Diane Richards was her teacher.

This semester, Mazzola is helping out in Richards’ kindergarten class during sixth and seventh hour as part of the childcare services class offered at Grosse Pointe North. The class is taught

by Andrea Gruenwald, who also teaches life skills at Parcels Middle School. Students spend Tuesday through Friday with the host teacher, while Mondays are time to reflect on the experience and grow as an educator through journal writing and projects, according to Gruenwald.

Mazzola spent the fall semester at Barnes Early Childhood Center, working with 3- and 4-year-

olds in a preschool class. While she enjoyed the experience, she is excited to have the opportunity to work with the kindergartners in Richards’ classroom.

“It’s very interesting to see every kid’s personality and how to help them individually,” Mazzola said. “I think it’s interesting how teachers have to be a teacher for the whole class, but also for individual students as well.”

Richards — who has spent 18 of her 21 years of teaching with kindergartners at Monteith — remembers Mazzola well and even kept the notes she wrote for her 12 years ago. She said she is happy to have an extra person help in the classroom and offer some one-on-one attention. She encourages Mazzola to learn about each stu-

dent — “what makes them tick or what makes them take off or what makes them happy ... and then look at the dynamics of how they work together.”

Her advice to anyone pursuing education or early childhood is to get as much experience as possible to help with classroom management.

“They give you all the book work and all the academics, but the thing they don’t teach you in school is the behavior of all these kids at one time,” she said.

Brooke Hoover is gaining that experience by helping in Natalie Bruveris’s kindergarten



COURTESY PHOTOS

Monteith kindergarten teacher Diane Richards shares the yearbook from when Alexa Mazzola was in her class 12 years ago.

class at Monteith. “I think it’s really fun to see how excited they get about everything and

how easy it is to make them happy,” the North senior said. “Just at the door today they came running to hug me and hang off my legs. They’re super excited to have somebody new in the classroom and they want to tell me everything about themselves.”

Hoover comes from a long line of teachers, including her grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles. She still is unsure if she wants to go into education or business, but either way she sees it as good preparation, in addition to a nice break from sitting at a desk all day.

“I would recommend it to my friends or kids



Diane Richards saves treasures she receives from her students, including these notes Alexa Mazzola made for her.

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Monteith celebrates Black History Month with mural

A school-wide project at Monteith Elementary School taught students how individual acts of courage can lead to change.

Every student from Young 5 to grade 4 had a hand in creating the mural installed along a corridor at Monteith. Each class was assigned a “changemaker” — an influential black leader who contributed to making the world a better place.

In addition to learning about this person through books, videos and other activities, each student was given a puzzle piece to color by number. Once all the pieces were complete, they were assembled to create a portrait of their changemaker. The teachers then mounted these portraits on a wall to create a mural for Black History Month.

The architect behind the project was Nafeesah Symonette, a parent of a kindergartener and third-grade student at Monteith. Her vision was to create a collective mural of contemporary influences from the African diaspora and, through a combination of art and literature, teach children in an age-appropriate manner about these “changemakers” and their contributions. Symonette, a former

educator with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting and drawing and a Master of Arts degree in arts administration, met last fall with Monteith Principal Shelleyann Keelean to discuss the intersection of arts education and culturally responsive pedagogy. This led to the idea of a project reflecting age-appropriate cultural identity representation as part of Black History Month.

The first step was to identify the changemakers who would be featured in this pilot project. Keelean connected Symonette with third-grade teacher Samantha Desandre and Title I teacher Shanelle Mitchell to assist in curating a list of 22 changemakers for each classroom.

The goal was to select a broad spectrum of changemakers who were relevant to the 21st century, while also honoring the past. Moreover, the project leaders looked to select people who contributed not only to the black experience, but to the American experience as a whole, making change for the benefit of the broader society.

Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services Roy Bishop Jr. believes the project



A QR code next to each portrait is linked to video footage of a teacher reading a book assigned to that changemaker or additional information about him or her.

could benefit all students in Grosse Pointe and hopes to see it manifest at other elementary schools.

“Having every student see themselves and feel that connection is essential to learning,” he said. “Being represented in the classroom and hallways and the literature they read gives students a sense of belonging and is critical to their overall academic success. This is what we mean in our strategic plan when we talk about empowering students, valuing diversity and creating a culture of unity.”



Monteith teacher Shanelle Mitchell stands near changemaker Garrett Morgan, who had a STEM high school named after him in Cleveland, Ohio. This was the high school Mitchell attended.

Coreander’s, GPFPE celebrate March is Reading Month

In honor of March is Reading Month, Coreander’s Children’s

Bookshoppe, located at 15118 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, is

hosting a special shopping day from 2 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 1,

with 10 percent of all sales benefitting the Grosse Pointe

Foundation for Public Education.

Shoppers also will have the opportunity to win one of two giveaways, including a \$25 gift certificate to the store and a basket of children’s books.

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to fund extraordinary educational opportunities for

the students of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Since 2007, the foundation has provided close to \$3.6 million in funding to the GPPSS, supporting a diverse roster of programs and projects at every school and every grade level across the district.

For more information, visit gpfpe.org or contact Karen Lawrence at (313) 432-3058 or lawrenk@gpschools.org.

Alexa Mazzola joins the kindergarteners during library time. Pictured with Mazzola are Mechail Andrusyshyn and Helena Mosurak.



COURTESY PHOTOS



Lauryn Davis offers another set of hands to help out during art class. She is pictured with kindergartener Chloe Meeks.

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from the grade below,” she said. “It’s cool to see and experience it all, even if it’s not something you want to do in the future. I think it helps develop you as a person with patience.”

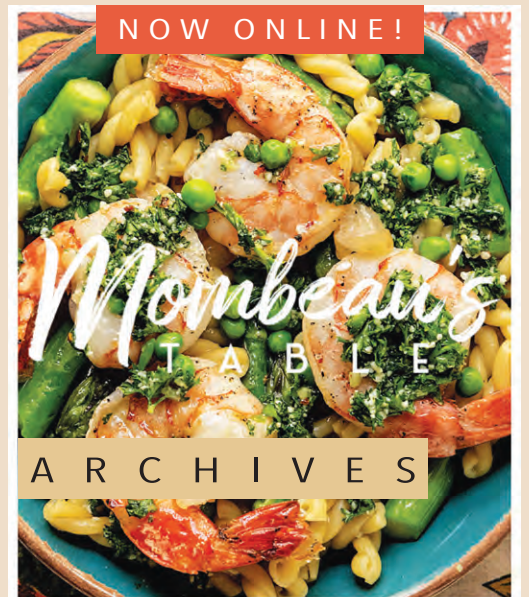
Lauryn Davis, who is a junior at North, enrolled in the childcare services class initially because of who the teacher was. She currently is helping in Theresa Comilla’s kindergarten class at Monteith.

“I had Mrs. Gruenwald when I was in middle school, so when she told me she was offering a class, it was a no-brainer for me,” she said. “I love kids. I’m thinking of going into doing something with kids, whether it’s a pediatrician or a teacher or a speech pathologist.”

Barnes preschool teacher, Lisa Thomas, had particular praise for the role Davis played in her classroom last semester.

“I really appreciated the extra help in my room and the kids loved her,” Thomas said. “She caught on quickly what we do here and what the goals for my kids were. She would come in and immediately get involved. I let her know that the two most important things to do were to play with the kids and get them to talk. Lauryn was great with my students and had a great rapport with them.”

“I think just having the hour to play with them helped her out as well,” she added. “With this being such a tough few years of school, sometimes all we need is to be a kid again and I think my students gave her a little bit of that.”



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Park business seeks community support

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Business partners and cousins Kevin Beard and Charles Loredo had high hopes when they opened Howlers & Growlers in Grosse Pointe Park. It was the establishment they'd always hoped for: A bar that served food, not a restaurant with beer.

Howlers & Growlers was off to a great start when it debuted January 2018. The first two years were outstanding, Beard said.

"We were always busy," he added. "It was the bar we always thought we would open."

Not only were the partners slammed with business, but they were able to generously give back to the community.

"I come from a Biggby

(Coffee) background," Beard said. "Biggby's philosophy is 'Give until it hurts.' Anyone who came around looking for donations or looking for help, we were willing to do it. In the beginning, it was weekly, which was nice."

Now, Beard and Loredo could use the community's support as they ponder closing the business's doors for good.

"When COVID hit, we didn't have much of a carryout menu program," Beard said. "Our menu wasn't suited for it."

Like many in the food industry, Howlers & Growlers suffered during the pandemic, closing operations for five months, then reopening with a slow start.

"We were thinking COVID would end or slow down and go away," Beard said. "Now, we're



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Owners Charles Loredo, left, and Kevin Beard seek support to keep open their establishment, Howlers & Growlers.

spending more than we're making."

Beard and Loredo have put forth best efforts to keep the business going. Howlers & Growlers started offering its "Kids Eat Free" program, offering a free kid's meal with

the purchase of an entrée.

"But a lot of families aren't going out right now," Beard said. "Some of our regulars who are not so COVID scared are coming, but not many families."

Other changes include

adding a new chef and promoting a new brunch menu. The business is open additional hours during the week as well. Beard even stepped into the kitchen, doing some cooking himself to keep labor costs low.

The cousins continue to prolong their efforts, hoping things turn around so they don't have to make the painful decision of permanently closing the establishment of their dreams.

"It just doesn't look like it's going to change no matter what we do, so we're taking it week by week," Beard said. "It's disheartening."

"We just need the customers to start coming back," he added. "I hear people say the food's good, the customer service is great, the place is nice. But without people

coming in, we can't make the weekly allowance to pay the bills."

Though in dire straits, Howlers & Growlers will keep its commitments, Beard said, including participating in the Park's upcoming Chilly Fest and other bookings.

"We don't want to close; we still have fight in us," he said. "We'd like to be here for the community. This street is great for the Park. Charlevoix is a wonderful addition to the Park. The more that happens down there, the more awareness there is."

Howlers & Growlers is located at 15222 Charlevoix in Grosse Pointe Park. Check out its menu and drink options online at howlersandgrowlers.com. For more information, call (313) 469-6031 or email growler78@outlook.com.

HOUR Detroit: Best of restaurants

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Seven local restaurants are nominated as finalists in HOUR Detroit Magazine's Best of Detroit 2022 competition, representing the finest restaurants, from best burgers to best jazz club, in the metro area. Voting takes place online at hourdetroit.com/best-of-detroit-2022-online-ballot now through Tuesday, March 15.

Atwater Brewery
Atwater Brewery has been nominated for best brewery/bar and best Michigan beer.

Atwater in the Park is one of three Atwater Brewery locations; the first is in Detroit and the newest in Grand Rapids. At 1175 Lakepointe, the brewery serves its community out of a former church, which was converted into the brewery in 2014.

"Location-wise we have the best location, I feel," Front of House Manager Anne Joy said.

Atop a great location, outdoor seating and quality food, Joy said, the 23 beers currently on draft give all types of beer drinkers a chance to fall in love with Atwater. The beer that makes the brewery stand out, Joy said, is the POG-O-LICIOUS, a passionfruit, orange and



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

guava IPA.

"The thing I like about it most is, with an American IPA like (Bell's) Two-Hearted (Ale), you get the bite as an aftertaste," Joy said. "With the POG-O-LICIOUS, you get the bite instantly and then it disperses, and you really get those tropical flavors. ..."

"It's perfect for the summer, which is great because we're right by the lake," she added. "It's a great boat beer. That one I feel really, really sets us apart from other breweries is our POG."

Up against Atwater for best brewery/bar are Batch Brewing Co., Eastern Market Brewing Co., Griffin Claw Brewing Co. and Urbanrest Brewing Co. Atwater competes against Bell's Brewery, Founders Brewing Co., Griffin Claw Brewing Co. and Jolly Pumpkin Brewery for the title of best Michigan beer.

Coriander
Coriander Kitchen &

Farm, close to home at 14601 Riverside Blvd., in Detroit, is nominated as a finalist for best farm-to-table restaurant, up against semifinalists Chartreuse Kitchen & Cocktails, Marrow, Selden Standard and Sylvan Table.

Chef Alison Heeres said the restaurant is one of few in Michigan with farm and restaurant owned and operated by the same team. Heeres and her business partner, Gwen Meyer, develop their crop plans to create approachable menus for restaurant-goers.

Coriander opened in March 2021, in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood and offers canal-side seating. The restaurant's food is produced at the Coriander Farm, located on Scott Street in Detroit.

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe on The Hill is nominated again as a finalist for best jazz club in the area. The Grosse Pointe restaurant is up against Baker's Keyboard Lounge, Blue Llama Jazz Club, Cliff Bell's and Willis Show Bar.

"We're kind of a smaller jazz club, so it's more per-

sonable," Dirty Dog Administrator Janay Fillmore said. "And the stage is right in the middle of the dining room, so there's not really a bad seat in the house."

Aside from the jazz club distinction, Fillmore added, the restaurant won HOUR's best restaurant designation in 2010.

"A lot of people don't really know us for food, more for our jazz, but our food is also phenomenal," Fillmore said. "So I think it's a good way to kind of show all around what we are."

Estia Greek Street Food

Estia Greek Street Food, with its newest location in Grosse Pointe Woods, has potential to place in three categories. The business is in the running for best fast/casual restaurant, best food truck and best Greek restaurant.

While Estia's business started with its first location in 2015 in Troy, the food truck debuted in 2020 and flourished during the pandemic-era of dining.

Estia competes against Iggy's Eggies, Isla Detroit, Kouzina Greek Street Food and Penny Red's in



Atwater in the Park, left, and Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe are among the restaurant finalists in various categories.

the fast/casual restaurant category; Canal Side Pizza, Hero or Villain, Lobster Food Truck and Satellite in the food truck category; and Greek Islands, Honey Tree Grille, Big Tommy's Parthenon and Pegasus Taverna in the Greek restaurant category.

Owner Nina Bittas said Estia's simple menu and expertise in the few items served makes the restaurant a frontrunner.

Garrido's Bistro

In the Latino restaurant category, representing non-Mexican restaurants, Garrido's Bistro competes against Barda, Culantro, El Guanaco and Vicente's Cuban Cuisine for the title of the best.

The Grosse Pointe Woods business, along with its food, boasts extreme shakes, loaded high with brownies, doughnuts, Oreos, ice cream cones and more.

Luxe Bar & Grill

Nominated for best classic burger, Luxe Bar & Grill owner Erion Balla says his No. 1 principle of consistency in business has yet to fail him.

"This burger's been the

same as it was nine years ago," Balla said. "Same product and we will not change it. I will go above and beyond to not change this product. ... It's proven to be great and I will not settle for anything else other than great."

He added the restaurant strives to find the best quality products and the burgers have even received the stamp of approval by a world-renowned chef.

Luxe faces Bronx Bar, Hunter House Hamburgers, Mercury Burger & Bar, The Morrie and Red Coat Tavern for the title.

Original Pancake House

The Original Pancake House, with three locations in the metro area, has received the designation of finalist for best breakfast restaurant. It competes against Breakfast Club, Dime Store, Toast and Whistle Stop Diner for the top designation.

The first location of the franchise started in Grosse Pointe Woods and spread to Southfield and Birmingham from there.

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Ice bridge crossing brings bikers exhilarating, chilly challenge

By Meg Blondin Leonard
Associate Editor

When Grosse Pointer Brian Rumohr saw the ideal weather forecast called for Feb. 5 in St. Ignace, he and two friends jumped in the car at 5 a.m. and headed north to take on one unique and exhilarating bicycling adventure.

Rumohr, a commercial banker by day and avid mountain biker and cyclist after hours, arrived in the Upper Peninsula by 11 a.m. with friends Doug Lapp of Farmington Hills and Ben Franco of Pontiac.

The trio embraced the day's overcast skies, calm winds and below-freezing temperatures to make the 3.5-mile trek on fat-tire mountain bikes across an ice bridge that stretches

across the Straits of Mackinac and onto the shores of Mackinac Island.

Had the day's forecast been any different — higher winds, rising temperatures or blowing snow — the trip across would have been too dangerous.

"We really had to keep our feelers out there to be confident of the conditions," Rumohr said. "Yoopers don't really like 'Fudgies' (tourists) to come up there to try this. So we had to pose as snowmobilers on (social media) accounts to find out when people were crossing."

By 11 p.m. the night before heading up, the group determined Mother Nature would cooperate with helping them check off a major accomplishment on their



On Feb. 5 in the eastern Upper Peninsula, light winds, good visibility and sub-freezing temperatures made for ideal conditions for a local trio to cross the ice bridge connecting St. Ignace and Mackinac Island.

biking bucket list.

"We tried last winter after coming back from fat biking in Marquette to see if the conditions were good to cross," said Franco, who managed to shoot drone footage and create a video for his YouTube channel on this year's successful crossing.

"Unfortunately, the temperature was not cold enough to form the ice bridge (last year)," Franco said.

He said of this year's conditions: "We got lucky."

The group took about 45 minutes to cross the ice bridge. This included time to stop to take pictures and soak in their surroundings as they stood and looked through foot-thick ice in the middle of the Straits, which connects Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

Rumohr said they met two other couples also crossing that day, one from Toledo, the other



From left, Ben Franco of Pontiac, Doug Lapp of Farmington Hills and Brian Rumohr of the City of Grosse Pointe pause to capture the moment on their 3.5-mile bike trek from St. Ignace to Mackinac Island via an ice bridge.

from Traverse City, which added more good vibes to their adventure.

They eventually arrived safely at the British Landing, a historical site on the northwest side of the island where British forces landed during the War of 1812 to capture Fort Mackinac and Mackinac Island from American troops.

Rumohr took note of that detail.

"It makes sense that the ice bridge follows the same path the British took, because it's the shortest route from St. Ignace to the island," he said.

Once the bikers hit terra firma, they toured the island, with a final stop at the famous Mustang Lounge, one of the few businesses open during the off-season. That stop was for "rehydration," according to Rumohr, before the group headed back to the mainland, crossing the ice bridge once more.

In all, the group totaled 16.5 miles, the hardest part of which was riding where snow accumulated near the shorelines.

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Rumohr has it

Local rider, Grosse Pointe Pedalers share love of biking with community

Brian Rumohr, of the City of Grosse Pointe, is an active member of Grosse Pointe Pedalers, a bicycling group that meets every Wednesday evening, from April through October, to ride throughout Grosse Pointe.

In its eighth year, GP Pedalers came to fruition thanks to an idea at a board of directors meeting for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"The board wanted to do some community outreach and give people a reason to get out of the house," said Rumohr, who joined the chamber board in January. He also helps maintain the Pedalers Facebook page and recently biked across the ice bridge that connects St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

"We need no money to run (Grosse Pointe Pedalers). We post where we are meeting, ride 10 miles and do it all again the next week."

According to its Facebook page, GP Pedalers is for all ages and biking skill levels, with all types of bikes welcome. The group emphasizes an easy pace and keeping the group "together, safe, and gives riders a new and different perspective on our community."

Rumohr said one benefit of the Pedalers besides the exercise and interaction is the exposure businesses gain around the community through the rides.

"People riding with us have discovered new businesses they didn't know were there," he said. "We might stop at a new restaurant, or a nutrition store

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Fat tire mountain bikes like this helped a trio of friends cross the Straits of Mackinac ice bridge earlier this month.



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Rumohr, left, and Franco prepare to cross the ice bridge connecting St. Ignace to Mackinac Island earlier this month. The challenging crossing requires ideal weather conditions and mountain biking expertise.

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William and Jennifer Hartman of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Caroline Leigh Hartman, to William Callewaert, the son of Todd and Jennifer Callewaert of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Hartman earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in communications studies and art history from the University of Michigan in 2016. She is a communications deputy at Schmidt Futures.

Mr. Callewaert earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 2016. He is a business development manager at Multipli. An August 2023 wedding is planned.



Emma Van Hoet and Andrew Loosvelt

Van Hoet—Loosvelt

David and Christine Van Hoet of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Emma Van Hoet, to Andrew Loosvelt, the son of George and Sherie Loosvelt of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Van Hoet earned a Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Wayne State University and is an insurance consultant.

Mr. Loosvelt earned a Master of Science degree in nursing, with a focus in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, from Wayne State University. He works in nursing informatics. A June 2022 wedding is planned.



Joshua Davey and Paige Pichel

Pichel—Davey

Logan Murphy Pichel and Kristin Deisler Pichel of Louisville, KY, and formerly of Shelby Township and Grosse Pointe Woods, announce the engagement of their daughter, Paige Dianne Mae Pichel, to Joshua Alan Davey, the son of Mark and Mary Beth Davey of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Pichel earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Michigan in 2019, and is working toward her master's degree in education from the University of Virginia. She anticipates graduating in May 2023. She is a teacher at Richard Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Davey earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Wayne State University in 2016, and currently is a law student the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He also anticipates graduating in May 2023.

An August 2022 wedding is planned.



Viren Padhiar and Claire Tallerico

Tallerico—Padhiar

Randall and Siglinde Tallerico of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire Tallerico, to Viren Padhiar, the son of Shashi and Nita Padhiar of Fountain Valley, Calif.

Miss Tallerico earned a degree in music business from Belmont University. She is the vice president of Synchrony Bank in Huntington Beach, Calif., and owner of Detroit Baker.

Mr. Padhiar attended Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif. He currently works with TMS & Brain Health in Los Angeles.

The couple reside in Long Beach, Calif. A September 2022 wedding is planned at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Edward Crocker and Marijane Brennan

Brennan—Crocker

Mr. Vincent John Brennan and the Honorable Megan Maher Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Marijane Karen Brennan, to Edward Day Hedges Crocker, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Crocker Jr., of Washington, D.C.

Miss Brennan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Real Estate Finance degree from Georgetown University. She is an acquisitions associate at a commercial real estate firm in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Crocker earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina. He is the vice president of a commercial real estate firm in Washington, D.C. A September 2022 wedding is planned.

DIA to pilot student art show

Wayne County high school students asked to enter

The Detroit Institute of Arts recently announced a pilot student art show that will feature artwork created by high school students from Wayne County. All students in grades 9 to 12 who attend private, public or home school in Wayne County are eligible to enter an art piece into the show. The show runs June 24 through July 31.

Interested students have until Thursday, March 31, to submit their work. Artworks for the wall — including painting, drawing, prints, photography and collage — are encouraged, but small-scale sculptures and jewelry also will be considered. Digital artworks must be physically printed and delivered to the DIA. Artwork dimension should not exceed 36 square inches.

The submission form is located online at callforwaynehs22.artcall.org/. Students may submit up to two artworks for consideration. Separate submissions must be made for each piece of art.

Entries will be juried by DIA educators and up to 70 will be selected for physical display at the museum, while additional artworks will be included

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Songwriter/author's road to success began in Pointes

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's a yellowed 1984 edition of the Grosse Pointe News that is among J.T. Harding's prized possessions. On the front page of that Nov. 22 newspaper, Harding and his Dirty Trixx bandmates — John Lowery, Rich Waller, Steve Mellos and Steve Gibbs — pose with attitude as reigning Battle of the Bands champions.

The front-page photo was just the first milestone in a successful music industry career for Harding, who grew up in

Grosse Pointe Park with his adoptive parents, Larry and Kendra Harding. He shares his story — from fond memories of his youth to his eventual songwriting success — in his new memoir, "Party Like a Rockstar: The Crazy, Coincidental, Hard-Luck and Harmonious Life of a Songwriter."

"Growing up in Grosse Pointe, my childhood and teenage years were absolutely magical," Harding said. "I was haunted by dreams of rock stardom."

In the book, he recounts his days at Defer Elementary School, as

well as Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School, and the people he shared them with.

"I'm still friends with the same people I knew then," he said.

Harding looks back on his life with an unparalleled sense of humor and gift for recollection. His pop culture references likely will resonate with any child of the 1970s and though he tackles most of his youth with wit, he also honestly addresses the tragedies he experienced, including the death of his older brother.

"My heart's been broken more than the ice cream machine at McDonald's," he said. "There are twists and turns and colorful characters. It's like a movie, but you just don't know the plot."

After leaving Grosse Pointe, Harding spent time in Los Angeles before moving to Nashville, where he currently lives.

"I made my first demo tape with money I won on VH1's 'Rock & Roll Jeopardy!'" he said, noting that getting his demo into the hands of record executives involved more

than a handful of trivia questions.

"When I moved to Los Angeles, I worked at a record store, Tower Records. I got the job there so I could meet famous people. And I did. I met Michael Jackson, Prince, Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Springsteen. I gave every one of them my demo."

Though largely influenced by heavy metal and grunge music, Harding has seen his biggest success with country music. Some of the high points on his road to success include co-writing Uncle Kracker's hit "Smile," as

well as No. 1 songs for country artists Darius Rucker, Keith Urban, Dierks Bentley, Blake Shelton and Kenny Chesney.

"When I write songs, I load them with details of See SUCCESS, page 8B

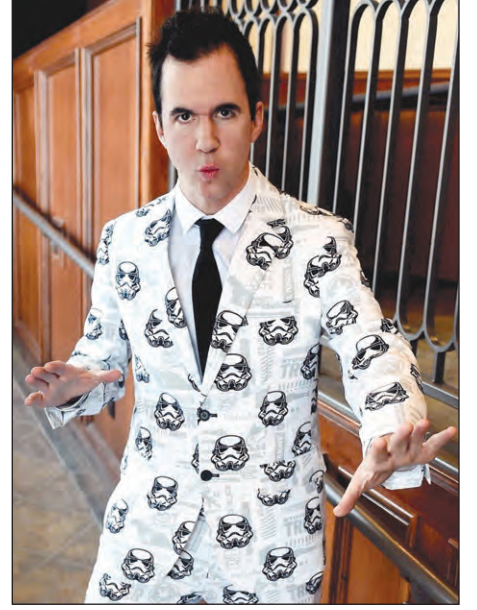


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Songwriter J.T. Harding is now a first-time author.

WEDDINGS

Warren—Giorgio

Alexandria Kay Warren and Frank Michael Giorgio were married Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Thomas Slowinski and Carol Marks of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the Detroit Athletic Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. David Warren of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bride wore a Martina Liana A-line silhouette gown with layers of sequins and beaded tulle with a matching Martina Liana cathedral-length veil. She carried a round, hand-tied bouquet of 26 playa blanca roses with stems wrapped in white satin ribbon.

The bride's sister, Abigail Warren, served as her maid of honor. Her bridesmaids were her cousins, Lindsey Oliver and Janie Kaess; the groom's sisters, Angela Giorgio and Trina Giorgio; hometown friends, Madeline McMahon, Lyndsey Walworth and Molly Mecke; and college friends, Marisa Sourges, Marlee Delaney, Vita Agosta, Trinity Smith and Kelly Stacy. Isabella Buhe, the groom's cousin, served as flower girl.

The bride's attendants wore black Amsale Sloan off-the-shoulder, floor-length gowns with A-line trains and carried smaller arrangements that matched the bride's bouquet.

Dominic Leoni, the groom's cousin, served as his best man. Groomsman were his cousins, John Leoni, Nick Monforton and Nolan Monforton; the bride's brothers, Max Warren and Jack Warren; hometown friends, JP Lucchese, Matthew Lucchese, Robert Wujek and Edward Wujek; and college friends, Jeff Ryan and Drew Heldt. The bride's cousins, Michael Wildner, Nicholas Wildner and Andrew Jack Schnelker, and the groom's cousin, Jackson Buhe, served as ring bearers.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in early childhood education from Michigan State



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Giorgio

University. She is director of sales with High Definition Travel.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in entrepreneurship from the University of Dayton. He is a key account specialist with Vintage Wine Company.

The couple will honeymoon in May to Cabo San Lucas. They live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

ART:

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in a virtual edition of the exhibition. Accepted artists will be invited to an opening event and provided with a catalogue of the show.

"We are so excited to pilot this program and showcase the amazing work of high school stu-

dent artists in Wayne County," said Jason Gillespie, director of education programs at the DIA. "The Detroit Institute of Arts is a leader in education and we are honored to be able to provide a platform for young artists to show their work."

Students and teachers who have questions may contact Tyler Taylor at ttaylor@dia.org.

BIRTH



Esteban James Manion

Esteban James Manion

Aura Fuentes and Paul Manion of Grosse Pointe Shores welcomed their son, Esteban James Manion, on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022.

Maternal grandparents are Edgar and Vilma Fuentes of Miramar, Fla. Paternal grandmother is Lynn Manion of Warren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Byron

Byron—Bossler

Alexander K. Byron and Heather K. Bossler of Grosse Pointe Park happily announce their "inevitable union of Twin Souls." The two were wed in a private ceremony lovingly supported by family Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022.

Alex and Heather were high school sweethearts whose life paths brought them back together. They hope their unconditional love and friendship is an inspiration to all.

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Professional makeup artist prepares brides for an exquisite wedding day

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Every bride on the planet wants to sparkle and shine on her wedding day. Enhancing your best features while creating a polished look befitting of your big day is what it's all about, according to renowned Metro Detroit makeup artist Danielle Paquin.

Paquin, whose studio is located in Grosse Pointe Park, offered some of her best advice for blushing brides.

- **Plan ahead:** Schedule a makeup and hair trial.

- **Get inspired:** Do your homework prior to your trial. Look at brides on Instagram, Pinterest, etc. to determine your makeup inspo for your big day.

- **Test out a trial run:** Have your makeup professionally done with your wedding makeup artist for your engagement photos to give you a better idea of how your makeup will photograph.

- **Make sure the eyes have it:** Go for the lashes, even if it's just a few individual clusters or outer edges only. You're the star of the day, and lashes will help give you that pop you are looking for.

- **Consider the season:** When asking for a glowy look, factor in time of year. August weddings are a lot more humid than December weddings. In humid months, your skin will create its own dewy look as the day wears on. It's smarter to start out more matte and let nature take its course. In winter months, the opposite happens, so start out dewy and stay away from super matte products to avoid looking dry, then even drier, as the day goes on.

- **Focus on skin care:** Start your path to better skin with an esthetician six to eight months before the wedding. The sooner you begin, the surer you'll be that you'll look great on your special day.

- **Prepare for touch-ups:** Pull together the must-haves in your touch-up kit — have a setting powder to refresh the makeup if you get oily; hydrating spray if you're dry; lip color, and a wand of lash glue just in case. Since blush is the first to fade, have blush in your kit as well.

For more information about Paquin's services, contact her at daniellempaquin@gmail.com. You also can find her on Instagram and Facebook at [@danielle_paquin_beauty](#) or at her website at www.daniellepaquinlooks.com.



Danielle Paquin Beauty

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Danielle's photo by Kristin Greenwald

All-natural looks that absolutely glow

Danielle Paquin, of the Danielle Paquin Beauty Studio in Grosse Pointe Park, presents some of her recent work and wedding faces for area brides. Danielle is a seasoned professional at making wedding parties look amazing, as well as helping clients look their best for television appearances, professional headshots, modeling portfolios and more. Enjoy her fresh looks and tips for brides this year..

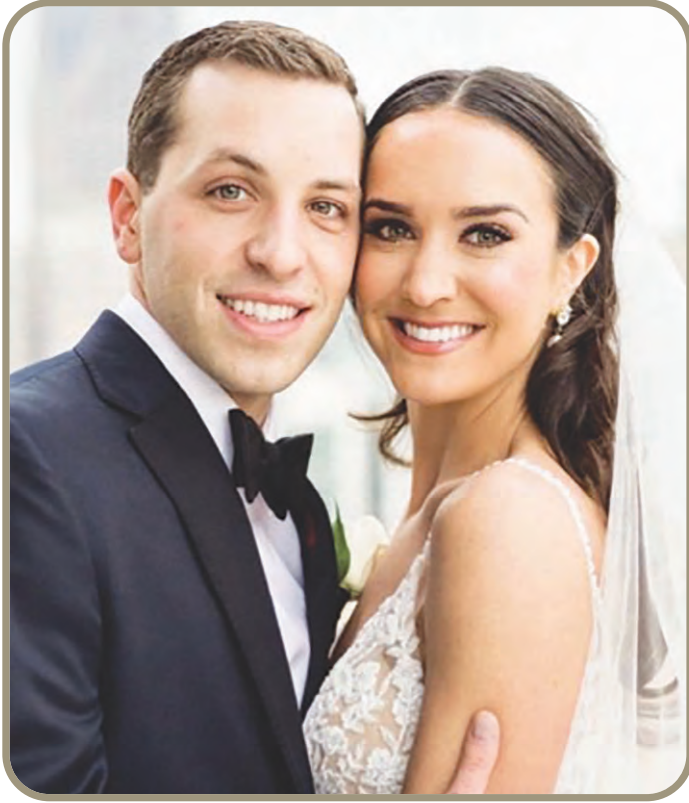


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For this stunning couple who celebrated at the Detroit Athletic Club, the bride's model-perfect makeup made for picture-perfect memories. This bride is right on-trend with a very natural bridal look, nude, fox-glam eyes and a pop of subtle lip color.



PHOTO BY NIKI MARIE PHOTOGRAPHY

This lovely model poses at the Shinola Hotel, in Detroit. Her enhanced-natural look emphasizes her gorgeous eyes, with a subdued nude-pink for the lips. It gives an aura of garden-fresh beauty with a hint of sophistication.

Opposite page at left, for the fair-skinned bride, natural means soft pinks and corals. Here the eyes are framed with an ombre of ivory, coral and taupe, all soft and delicate, in contrast to the dark liner and outer-only eyelash and brushed-up natural brows. The cheeks pick up the coral tones with a touch of pink, while the lips feature a barely-there tone of matte pink, for an overall radiant look.



Inset, for a more dramatic, yet still natural appearance, this gorgeous model is all eyes with a glam touch — tiny gems lining her lid-line! The ultra-dramatic enhancement to her taupe-palette shadow and double lash, makes for a unique bridal statement to remember. Her face is finished with soft pinks and corals for a truly magical presence.



Picture-perfect wedding day makeup for the camera



Just a few makeup and beauty tips can perfect any bride's on-screen appearance on this very important picture-day.

Play up your best feature for the camera. You want all eyes on you, and for your wedding day you're likely interested in a more dramatic look. Celebrity makeup artist Bruce Grayson says you want lips, brows or eyes to be seen on small screen devices but suggests highlighting only one feature to avoid looking overdone on screen. Practice makeup looks with your webcam open, apply eye makeup until it is deep and smokey. Consider the use of a heavier hand on mascara or opt for false eyelashes for more pop. If you're playing up lips, go for a brighter hue. If you plan to accentuate your brows, go a little deeper and bolder than you usually do.

A bronzer can add definition and dimension to cheekbones, around the edges of your forehead, over temples and along the nose. Use blush on cheeks and eyelids to counteract the washing-out effect of the camera.



Ensure ample lighting. Your pro photog will have the official shots covered, but to look great in candids taken by family and friends, keep lighting in mind. Natural light is best, or one steady light source evenly and directly on your face. Avoid sitting with your back to a window or another light source, as you'll show up as a silhouette on camera. Try to be shot with the camera at eye-level if at all possible. Your friends will appreciate these few, quick requests. After all, they want great shots of you and your party to remember forever too.

Danielle Paquin's makeup trends for 2022 brides:

- Nude eyes, bold lashes
- Fox glam eyes
- Less contour, more blush
- Glow over cakey
- Brushed up natural brows
- Nude-pink lips
- Wear outer lashes only

It's Boho and braids for this year's beautiful brides

If the last year of worldwide ups and downs did anything positive, it caused people to embrace their more authentic selves. That has carried into beauty trends as well, so the look for brides in 2022 is natural all the way, revealing the real you.

This 'no-makeup makeup' look pairs nicely with simple, but elegant wedding day hairstyles. Brides are embracing all things subtle, no-nonsense and fresh, according to esthetica.com, an online beauty magazine.

Curly-haired brides are keeping their natural curls and short-haired brides are foregoing hair extensions.

For color, the Mediterranean palette is in, with its earthy brunette tones of copper

browns and deep chestnut hues.

Highlights and lowlights are subtle and natural too. Strongly contrasting streaks are out, in favor of softer, personalized variations featuring added volume, shine and depth. It's a more nuanced look that doesn't stray too far from a bride's natural hair color. Again, it's all about being authentic and letting the real you shine.

Boho simplicity rules the adornments too. While many brides are opting out from veils altogether, for a free, beachy look, the veils they do choose are uncomplicated, original and exude a vintage or Bohemian vibe.

Instead of veils, we're seeing customized forms of personal expression in flower

crowns, headbands, jeweled hair clips or vintage hats. Some brides are fashioning braids to create headbands, tiaras or crowns. In fact, crafted, intricate custom braids are one of the hottest bridal hair trends this year.

Brides looking for a vast departure from their regular 'do for the big day are following the current macro-trend of simple but artistic hairstyles with extremely accurate prepping processes. These graphic or geometric precision cuts are then accented with accessories that emphasize the simple drama and lines of the haircut.

Whatever the look, it's all about letting the real you shine through. After all, isn't that the woman your groom fell in love with?



Natural flower crowns, tiaras and hats are taking the place of traditional veils for the brides of 2022.

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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.

Gwendolyn Rose Larke Pike

Gwendolyn Rose Larke Pike, formerly a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at McClaren Hospital in Petoskey.

Born Oct. 10, 1936, in Detroit, to Lawrence and Collette Larke, Gwen grew up in Rogers City, her father's hometown which was co-founded by her great-grandfather, Lawrence Denny Larke. At an early age, Gwen was sent to live with her Aunt Gertrude in St. Louis and attend Villa Duchesne, a Catholic school in the Sacred Heart tradition. She later graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from another Sacred Heart school, Maryville College (now Maryville University).

Gwen was the loving wife of Clair W. Pike, an attorney in Detroit, who predeceased her in 1985 after a long fight with cancer. She is survived by her children, Lawrence Pike of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Richard Pike of San Antonio, Texas; and grandchildren, Victoria, Brittney, Charles, Davis and James. She also had an enduring love for many friends in Michigan, Arizona and around the world.

Gwen's life could be defined in three words: faith, family and friends.

A devoted, lifelong Roman Catholic, Gwen revered her faith. It was a source of inspiration, calm and devotion. Her family lived in Grosse Pointe — in a smallish house on a busy street — purchased at a time few houses were for sale, not because of the house itself but because of its proximity to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Gwen was a daily communicant to St. Paul and sent her children to St. Paul Catholic School.

Gwen was a doting grandmother or "Nana" to the loves of her life, her grandkids. Each grandchild received equal love and attention. On every birthday she would make sure each grandchild received a birthday card with the corresponding dollar value enclosed. It didn't matter to Gwen that her two adult children, having attained a certain age of maturity, received the same consideration. Gwen was blessed when, in the days immediately prior to her passing, her beloved first grandchild, Victoria, flew to be with her in Petoskey.

Gwen, an only child, adored her friends and rarely, if ever, lost contact with them. At Christmas her home was filled with hundreds of cards beautifully displayed. She began her Christmas card project well before Thanksgiving as she included handwritten notes in each.

A funeral Mass takes place at noon Friday, May 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. An interment and Rite of Committal will directly follow at the St. Paul columbarium, with a reception thereafter.

Burt Thomas Weyhing III, M.D.

Burt Thomas Weyhing III, M.D., died peacefully surrounded by family Friday, Feb. 11, 2022.

Tom was born Feb. 28, 1941, in Detroit, the first of five children of Burt Thomas Weyhing Jr. and Winnifred Marsh Weyhing. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1959, and attended Hillsdale College from 1959-61, before enrolling at Wayne State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1963. He continued his education, graduating from Wayne State University's College of Medicine in 1967. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1959-65.

Tom began work as a physician at Grace Hospital in Detroit, completing his internship in 1968, his radiology residency in 1971, and his fellowship in diagnostic radiology in 1972. During his distinguished career at Grace/Sinai-Grace Hospital, Tom served as chief and vice-chief of radiology, and as an associate professor (clinician-educator) at WSU School of Medicine. A natural and patient teacher, Tom worked closely with residents, interns, medical students and radiology technologists. Tom was proud to three times receive the Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award at Wayne State Medical School (1989, 1990, 1992).

Active in many professional organizations, Tom served his craft with integrity and tireless dedication. He held key leadership positions within the American College of Radiology as chairman for the Committee on General Radiology (1997-2005) and on the Commission on Small & Rural Practice (1997-2002). He also served as the president of the Michigan Radiological Society (2000-01). He actively engaged with the American Medical Association, American Roentgen Ray Society, Association of University Radiologists, Michigan State Medical Society, Radiological Society of North America, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Wayne County Medical Society. Over the course of his career he was recognized many times nationally and locally as an outstanding physician and educator.

Tom enjoyed a robust family and personal life outside of his work. While in medical school, he met his future wife, Andrea Egan, in fall 1963. Tom and Andi married April 30, 1966, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Tom introduced Andi to his family's cottage in northern Michigan, established by his grandparents, Benjamin and Marjorie Marsh, in 1919. They and their extended family, now in its fifth generation, have enjoyed summers — and a few winters — in Elk Rapids, continuing the legacy of cherished fam-

ily, deep appreciation of the natural world and the never-ending love of stunning sunsets over Grand Traverse Bay.

The couple resided and raised their family in Grosse Pointe Farms. In 1981, they joined the Country Club of Detroit, where the family enjoyed golf and swimming. Tom actively invested in his three children, coaching their baseball teams and attending every sporting event he could, and sharing his love for the outdoors on many YMCA camping trips. This love also manifested in Tom's hunting, fishing and photography. He was a prodigious reader, of most every genre, and this passion he enjoyed through his final days. He was a life member of the United States Navy League and the Michigan State Society Sons of the American Revolution.

In their retirement, Tom and Andi traveled extensively. Two trips to Antarctica sparked a love of icebergs of which Tom took thousands of pictures, determined to capture each one's beauty. When they weren't cruising the world, Tom and Andi spent their summers in Elk Rapids. A stalwart presence in the lives of his family and friends, Tom was a consistent source of love and support to all those who knew and loved him. His family, who relied on his knowledge, wisdom, patience and good humor, knew it was always there when needed.

Tom is survived by his wife, Andrea; son, Burt Thomas Weyhing IV (Gerley) and their two children, Burt Thomas V and Winnifred Claire; son, Cornelius Gerard Weyhing (Estia) and their four children, Andrea Lucia, Marco Thomas, Adela Beatrice and Orazio August; and daughter, Elizabeth Weyhing Myers (Jason) and their three children, William Thomas, Cora Michal and Lorelei Lynn.

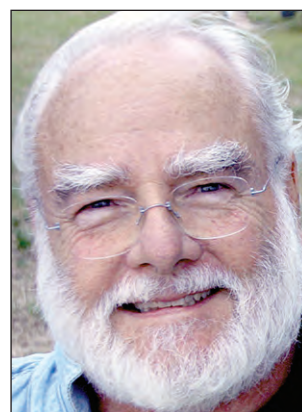
He also is survived by his siblings, Benjamin Weyhing (Bonnie), James Weyhing (Nancy) and Barbara W. "Wendy" Ettawageshik (Tim); brother-in-law, Michael Reynolds and sister-in-law, Connie Dompier; as well as numerous cousins and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Marjorie "Marnie" W. Reynolds and brother-in-law, Mel Dompier.

A funeral Mass takes place at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

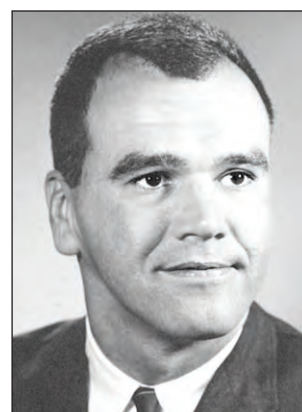
In lieu of flowers, donations in Tom's memory may be made to Seedlings Braille Books for Children, seedlings.org/donate.php; or a charity of the donor's choice. A celebration of life will be held this summer, at sunset, in Tom's favorite spot overlooking Grand Traverse Bay in Elk Rapids.



Gwendolyn R. Pike



Burt T. Weyhing III, M.D.



Robert Kotas

Robert Kotas

Robert "Bob" Kotas, 84, of Grosse Pointe, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. He is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Gloria Kotas (nee Sphire); two loving children, Judson Kotas (Nikki) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Courtenay Kotas (Sam Cappello) of Grosse Pointe; five wonderful grandsons, Brett Kotas, Cameron Kotas, Ryan Kotas, William Kotas and Bryce Kotas all of Grosse Pointe Farms; and his brother, William Kotas (Joan) of Alpharetta, Ga.

Bob was born in Milwaukee, Wisc., to Robert Henry and Peggy Ann (nee Olson) Kotas. Sports always were an important part of his life. He was awarded an athletic scholarship to the Milwaukee University School (Class of '55), where he excelled in basketball as the conference MVP and the league's hottest marksman. He also was an all-star on the football team, track team and tennis team. Later he was recruited to play basketball and tennis at Lake Forest College, where he shined on the court and in business classes. Bob also was an active member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. He graduated from Lake Forest College in 1959, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration. After graduation he worked for U.S. Steel in Chicago as an automotive sales executive and served in the Wisconsin Air National Guard and the United States Air Force.

Bob moved to Grosse Pointe in 1961, to work at U.S. Steel's Detroit office and was invited to be a member of Shangri-La, an exclusive group of college graduates from out of town who had come to be in business in the Detroit area. He resided with other members in the former Eugene Lewis-Swan Mansion on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe. Shortly thereafter he was introduced to the Uptown Club in Detroit, where he quickly became competitive at squash. He met his loving wife, Gloria, at an outdoor party in Grosse Pointe and the two were married soon after on Feb. 9, 1963.

Bob's job at US Steel soon took them to Mount Lebanon, Penn., where they welcomed their two children. A career change to National Steel in 1969 took Bob, Gloria and their children back to Grosse Pointe. Bob ended his 43-year career with National Steel as the national sales manager for the Chrysler and Ford accounts.

Bob always put family first and was Jud and Courtenay's biggest cheerleader. He formed a close bond with them through sports, becoming their best friend and

confidant. He coached them in various sports when they were younger and traveled to their golf and tennis tournaments through their youth, college years and beyond. His love for his family and sports continued with his grandchildren. Bob was an integral part of his grandsons' lives right up until his passing, giving advice, coaching them in sports, picking them up from school and teaching them how to play gin rummy and chess. He was the ultimate nanny. Bob's five grandsons were the lights of his life and he will forever be cherished as their "Papa." He also was very involved with the Grosse Pointe community starting Maire School's Playday and coaching multiple Neighborhood Club youth sports teams.

Bob, who was a 42-year member of Lochmoor Club in Grosse Pointe Woods, was an accomplished golfer, tennis player and paddle player. Bob's dynamic personality translated into long-lasting friendships as evidenced by his many rounds with his longtime "ROMEO" pals. He also was very active at the club, sitting on many athletic committees and eventually starting the Suburban Paddle Tennis League.

But his greatest sporting love of all was the Green Bay Packers; he was a proud shareholder of the team. This lifelong affair with Wisconsin sports started when he was just 3 years old, when he modeled a full Packers uniform on the cover of the Milwaukee Journal Roto Section.

Over the years, Bob enjoyed vacationing with his wife and family in Siesta Key, Fla., and Hilton Head Island, S.C., enjoying the beaches, sunshine, golf and tennis. During his retirement years, Bob did the New York Times crossword puzzle daily. He also enjoyed playing gin rummy and reading historical novels and wartime books. Aside from his family, Bob's biggest passion in retirement, earning him the nickname "Edward Scissorhands" by his neighbors, was caring for his landscaping and shaping his boxwoods into masterpieces.

Bob did a lot with what he was given while he was here and was the best husband, father, brother, son, grandfather, uncle, coach and friend his loved ones could ever ask for.

A celebration of Bob's life will be held for friends and family later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of "Robert Kotas" may be made to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation for a memorial tree and bench at Neff Park. Checks, made payable to The



Daniel MacConnachie

City of Grosse Pointe Foundation, may be mailed to 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, or bit.ly/3ByJmPn.

Daniel MacConnachie

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Daniel MacConnachie, 61, passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2022.

Daniel was born May 19, 1960, in Mariemont, Ohio, to James MacConnachie and Beverly Ann Eidt. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1978, and was involved with the Boy Scouts during his teen years.

Dan successfully operated his own commercial and residential painting business, Dan Mac Painting Co., from 1978 until his time of death. From 2018 until he died, he was the paint contractor for Crain Communications.

Dan enjoyed many hobbies, including motorcycling, riding dirt bikes, snow and water skiing, hiking, boating and any other outdoor activities. He also loved visiting Walloon Lake with his family, listening to music and attending concerts, traveling abroad, playing with his dogs and having campfires with his girls. Dan will always be remembered as a great husband and father who lived by the Golden Rule. His sense of humor and selflessness will live on through his family and friends.

Dan is survived by his wife, Kay MacConnachie; daughters, Samantha and Madelyn MacConnachie; sisters, Kathleen MacConnachie, Maureen Weinhold (Mike) and Roseann Donaldson (Bennett); and brothers, James MacConnachie (Sara), William MacConnachie (Patsy), Kevin MacConnachie (Dianne) and Ian MacConnachie.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Cerene MacConnachie; and brother, Douglas MacConnachie.

A funeral service takes place at noon Friday, March 4, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Rescue Mission, drmm.org, or any homeless shelter of the donor's choice.

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Ernest S. Kratzet

Ernest S. Kratzet Jr., 96, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.

He was born in 1925, in Detroit, to Helen Nall Kratzet and Ernest S. Kratzet Sr., both now deceased.

A graduate of Detroit University School, now University Liggett School, Ernie and some of his buds joined the U.S. Armed Forces in 1943, assigned to "B" Company, 21st Armored Infantry, 11th Armored Division in the 3rd Army. Ernie ended up in Europe and was injured during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.

After the war, Ernie attended the University of Michigan, graduating in 1949. He dabbled in sales, but his main hobby was radio-controlled aircraft. A founding partner of the Radio Control Club of Detroit, he went on to win a room full of trophies for building and flying. He was in the completion stage of yet another "bird" when he "pulled up his wheels."

He enjoyed more than 30 years of retirement, between Michigan and finally Florida.

Ernie was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn (nee Ewald); his best friend, Ted Ewald; former wife, Glenna Mulavey; first-born son, Stephen; brothers, Theodor and Robert; stepfather, Willard Wocheater; and parents.

Ernie leaves behind his son, Clifford; former wife, Judy Furtaw; and many nephews, nieces, stepsons, stepdaughters and grandchildren.



Ernest S. Kratzet



Dr. John F. Marschner

Ernie's family extends a special thanks to the Ewald family, along with Donna and Fay.

A family celebration will be held at a later date.

Dr. John F. Marschner

Dr. John F. Marschner died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at his home, following a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was predeceased by his parents, Anne and Frank Marschner, and his sister, Mary Rose Lipke.

John was born Oct. 18, 1930, in Detroit. He graduated from Southeastern High School and Wayne State University, and received Master of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees in orthodontics from the University of Michigan. He also was a member of Delta Sigma Delta.

Following graduation, Dr. Marschner received a National Science Foundation grant to research dental caries. He then established an orthodontic practice in Florida, where he practiced 40 years. Following his retirement, he worked in Lansing and was a civilian orthodontist for the U.S. Army in

Heidelberg, Germany. John loved music and sang in his church choir most of his life. He was a member of the American Guild of Organists, president of the Civic Music Association and founder of the Melbourne Chamber Music Society, which is in its 44th year.

Dr. Marschner is survived by Mary, his wife of 59 years; and daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, Amy, Kristen, Sarah, Jenny, Susan, Veronica and Kathryn. He was "Opa" to his beloved grandsons, Benjamin, Ryan, Emilio, David, Christopher, Noah, Devon, Jacob, Elijah, Michael, Jack, Xavier and Ezekiel, as well as his granddaughters, Elizabeth, Allison, Kaitlyn, Abigail, Isabelle and Liliana. He also was a loving foster parent to many foster children.

His body has been donated to MedCure for research.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. Donations in his memory may be sent to Lutheran World Relief, donate.lwr.org; or Ascension Lutheran Church's organ fund, ascensionlutheranonline.org.

The GPPL collaborates with author Kelly Fordon

Local author Kelly Fordon's podcast, "Let's Deconstruct a Story," now is produced in collaboration with the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Fordon started the podcast in 2019.

"Kelly's podcast is focused on helping aspiring writers understand what makes a good story," Library Director Jessica Keyser said. "Bringing her podcast to our library patrons not only supports a local author, but helps aspiring writers achieve success."

According to Fordon, "Let's Deconstruct a Story" is a podcast for story nerds.

"Aspiring writers need to understand the components of a good story before they can write one," Fordon said. "Choices of point of view, plot, setting and tone are crucial."

In each episode, Fordon interviews a writer about one of their stories, which will be available to read at the GPPL or on her website, kellyfordon.com.

Fordon started the podcast when she met fellow writer Wendy Rawlings.

"(She) mentioned how much she learned about writing by deconstructing the work of her favorite writers," Fordon said. "I also just love reading short stories and talking to writers about their work."

The first podcast, done in collaboration with the library, airs Tuesday, March 1, on Fordon's blog. Fordon interviews Caitlin Horrocks about her book, "Life Among the Terranauts." The story discussed on the podcast is "On the Oregon Trail."

The first 10 people who register to listen to the blog at bit.ly/3LGZV09 will receive a copy of the book from the library. In addition, Fordon will host a live zoom chat at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Sign up at bit.ly/3BA571d.

Horrocks is the author of the story collection "This Is Not Your City" and the novel, "The Vexations," a Wall Street Journal Top Ten Book of the Year. She is a recipient of the O. Henry Prize, Pushcart Prize and Plimpton Prize. Her fiction has appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, The Paris Review, Tin House and One Story, among other magazines, and has been reprinted in The Best American Short Stories. She lives with her family in Grand Rapids.

Fordon is the award-winning author of the short story collection "I Have the Answer" (Wayne State University Press, 2020); a novel-in-stories, "Garden for the Blind," (WSUP 2015); the poetry collection, "Goodbye Toothless House," (Kattywompus Press, 2019) which was adapted into a play by Robin Martin; and three poetry chapbooks. She has received a Best of the Net Award and Pushcart Prize nominations in three different genres.

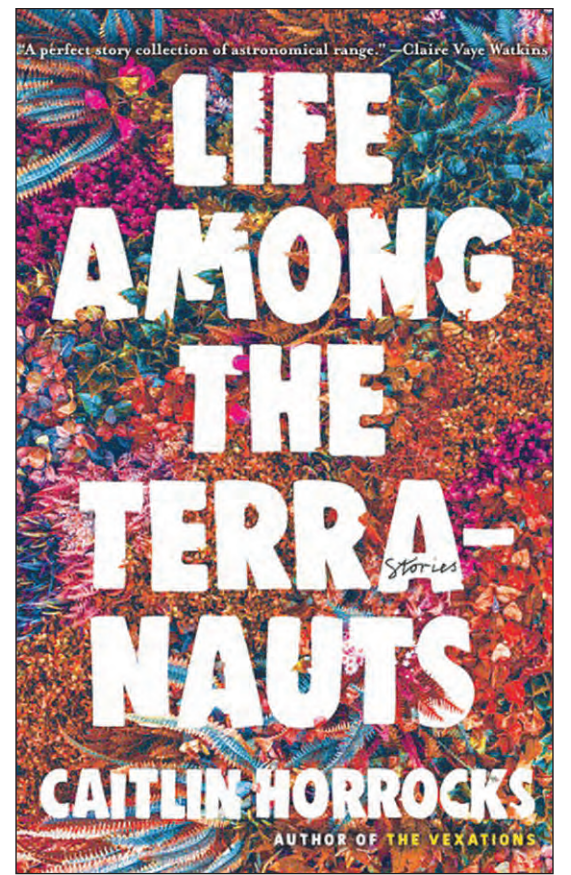


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Local author Kelly Fordon



Author Caitlin Horrocks



Horrocks's "Life Among the Terranauts."

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

- ◆ Nooks & Crannies Tour, select times Tuesdays and Sundays, through March 31.
- ◆ Ice & Snow Fest, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.
- ◆ Storytime: "Lulu & Rocky in Detroit," 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays during March.
- ◆ Night Skies & Nightcaps, 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 4. Learn to mix the perfect nightcap from Detroit City Distillery.
- ◆ Talk: The Arts of Detroit, 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 11. Learn about the 1920s roots of two of Detroit's premier

arts organizations. For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Library

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

- ◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, via Zoom.
- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Digital Downloads 101, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, via Zoom.

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Worship Service

<p>Saint Ambrose Catholic Church 15020 Hampton Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230-1302</p> <p>Masses Saturday Vigil — 4:00 p.m. Sunday — 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Tuesday — 8:30 a.m. Thursday — 7:00 p.m. Friday — Noon</p> <p>(313) 822-2814 • stambrose@comcast.net • stambrosechurch.net • facebook.com/stambroseparish</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI</p> <p><i>Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.</i></p> <p>20475 Sunningdale Park (313) 884-4820 www.stmichaelsgpw.org</p>	<p>FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 800 Vernier Road (Corner of Wedgewood) (313) 884-5040</p> <p>9:30 am - Worship Service 9:45 am - Spark Church 11:00 am - Worship Service</p> <p>Everyone is Welcome! Amanda Onoro, director preschool@feelc.org</p> <p>Rev. Sean Motley, Senior Pastor ~ "Go Make Disciples" ~</p> <p> www.feelc.org</p>
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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:

- ◆ Watch "The Bridge on the River Kwai" at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks and the movie.

- ◆ Mindfulness and Meditation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, with Dr. Lakshmi Saleem.

- ◆ Fireside Chat with the Housing Experts, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9. The topic is "Selling Your Stuff."

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's next Your Old Mansion lecture takes place Sunday, Feb. 27, and features Jefferson East CEO Josh Elling, who will discuss progress

in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood, including the future of the Vanity Ballroom. For tickets, visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Noon to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods hosts New Parent Coffee Hour from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Therapist Mary Petersen will talk about establishing healthy boundaries. Call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

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my personal life," he said. "Country has to be very authentic. As long as I'm being honest about what I'm writing about, it will work."

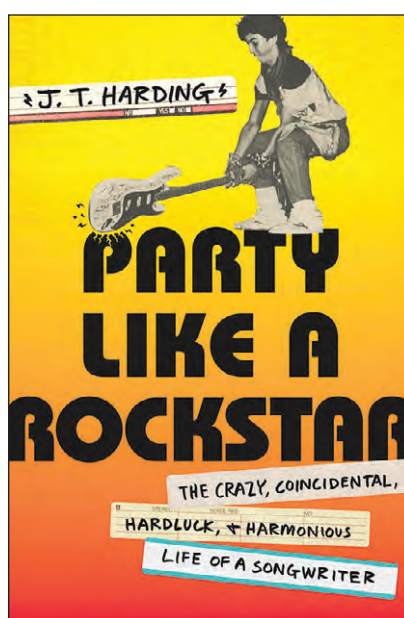
That honest writing helped him pen the hit "Sangria" for Blake Shelton and "Bar at the End of the World" for Kenny Chesney, to name two.

"It doesn't even feel like work," he said. "Rehearsing the band and writing songs never felt like work. That's why it's called playing music."

However, he noted with a smirk, "Songs are like sausages: Don't watch them being made; just enjoy them when they're done."

Despite his history of big-name songwriting partners, Harding admits to still feeling awed — like during a recent songwriting session with Jon Bon Jovi. He said it's a surreal sensation, "When you've heard someone on the radio for years and years, then you're sitting next to them writing a song."

"I'm always star-struck, but I just try to hide it," he added. "It's pretty incredible. I would love to meet Eddie Vedder. I would love to collaborate with people who don't need any of my help, like Bruce Springsteen or Adele. I'd love to collaborate with Katy Perry. I'd also love to work with anyone



"Party Like a Rockstar" is available anywhere books are sold.

from Detroit, like Kid Rock or Eminem."

Harding's love for his hometown is evident throughout his memoir, as Grosse Pointe is a prominent feature in the book.

"I couldn't have been a hit songwriter if I wasn't from Michigan and watching everyone work hard," he said. "I'm adopted. I could have ended up anywhere."

With a cottage in northern Michigan, Harding returns to the Mitten State often and makes it a point to visit Grosse Pointe.

"I love Grosse Pointe," he said. "I love sitting in the Starbucks, love driving Lakeshore. It's something magical I can always come back to. I've been driving around listening to music since I was 16 years old. Only now when I drive around, I might hear my own song."

Harding said he hopes his memoir helps spark inspiration in readers.

"This is the book I wish I had when I was getting into the music business," he said. "This book is for anyone who's ever had a dream of any kind that they wanted to pursue but didn't know how to get there," he said, "because I can relate to that feeling and all the ups and downs it takes to make it happen."

"If anyone out there is in a band or writing songs or wants to get on 'The Voice,' you can definitely do it," he added. "Someone is going to be No. 1 on the charts from now until the end of time. It might as well be you. I figured it out, so I think anyone can."

"Party Like a Rockstar" is available anywhere books are sold and online.

Harding will discuss his memoir during a performance at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at Cadieux Café, 4300 Cadieux, Detroit. Admission is \$30 and includes a copy of his book.

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Rumohr called that area "double the effort."

"The snow was more of a workout than the ice bridge itself," Rumohr said. "We can do 100 miles on a Sunday, but this was a bit of a hike. I'm sure we burned a couple thousand calories that day."

Rumohr, who is branch manager for Comerica Bank at Mack and

Moross, also is a licensed pilot. During his flying days, he used to fly to Mackinac Island instead of taking the ferry. As a pilot and former Boy Scout he gained a "survival background." He emphasized how important it is to be an experienced biker before attempting something like biking across the ice bridge.

"There is an inherent risk in it," he said. "Problems can compound quickly in those

conditions. Not only are we experienced bikers but we had everything planned. We crossed it with rescue ropes, cold weather helmets, ski gloves, jackets ... all the winter riding gear.

"Our tires can even float," he added.

With their bucket list officially one line-item shorter, the crew packed their gear into the car and drove south. Lapp took command of the wheel, delivering everyone back to their abodes by about 10:30 p.m.

"Doug drove the whole way home," Rumohr said. "He's a beast."

Despite the pre-dawn start, late-night finish and the miles in between, Rumohr said he reveled in the entire experience. With old Christmas trees lining the ice bridge's route and dividing the flow of traffic heading to and from land, he appreciated how respectful all the riders, whether on bikes or snowmobiles, treated each other. All had an obvious regard for what they were undertaking.

"I was comfortable crossing it, but this is not for everybody," he said.

Fellow rider Franco said though he was a little nervous at first, the excitement of the challenge took over.

"All I knew was to stay close to the pine trees that are put there to guide you

to cross. After I saw a bunch of snowmobiles passing us, I felt a little more at ease."

Overall, Rumohr gives his love for two wheels and this icy escapade high marks.

"I think the bicycle is the best invention ever made," he said. "This is

the most fun I have ever had on the island. The camaraderie is what it is all about."

To see a compilation video of Rumohr's ice bridge crossing on YouTube, visit youtu.be/RS7CIN3vWvo or find it on the GPPedalers Facebook page.



Drone footage captures a recent icy bicycling escapade to cross the Straits of Mackinac from St. Ignace to Mackinac Island. Ben Franco of Pontiac, who shot the footage, joined friends, Brian Rumohr of the City of Grosse Pointe and Doug Lapp of Farmington Hills, on the exhilarating ride.



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that has just opened on our rides."

With rides that have sometimes swelled to 100 riders strong, Rumohr credits the "great volunteers" that help make GP

Pedalers a welcoming and supportive riding community. With up to 10 volunteers staffing each ride, "We don't drop anybody," he said. "We have mechanical support and use walkie talkies."

Volunteers lead the ride, or serve as "corkers" in the middle to help

ensure safety and "sweepers" at the back of the group, who tend to be mechanically inclined and facilitate communication with the riders.

On any given Wednesday, most riders are a "pretty good cross-section" of ages, Rumohr said. Each week takes a different route, with Lakeshore Drive and Windmill Pointe Drive among the most popular. Rumohr encouraged anyone who hasn't considered joining a GP Pedalers ride to do so. His philosophy on biking comes from one of his idols, Belgian cyclist Eddy Merckx, whose photo can be seen locally inside Cadieux Cafe.

"Eddy Merckx has a great quote: 'Ride as much or as little, or as long or as short as you feel. But ride.' That sums up how I feel about biking perfectly," Rumohr said.

For more information, follow GPPedalers on Facebook or on Instagram @grossepointepedalers.



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Encouragement through a splash of color

Nonprofit lobby reno project features GP artists

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Until mid-January, those who entered the lobby at Alternatives for Girls — a Detroit-based nonprofit providing support and resources to homeless girls and young women, as well as those at risk of violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation — were met with a sterile space, bright green floor tiles among the white and an appearance that didn't exactly feel as welcoming as one might hope.

Enter the creation of



Above, Suzy Fishback's "Once Upon a Island" soon to be hung in AFG's childcare center. Below, "Tiger Love" by Fishback.



project "Color Your Dreams."

The brainchild of Erin O'Mara, former manager of volunteer services and current volunteer for AFG, the project seeks to rejuvenate the lobby space by way of artwork from local women artists, providing encouragement and a sense of calm to those who need the organization's services.

When Grosse Pointe Park artist Birgit Huttemann-Holz was brought in to advise on the layout of artwork in the lobby, she was inspired to create and donate the space's main piece after seeing the wonderful work of the organization.

"At that moment, I didn't know what I wanted to paint," said the abstract floral landscape painter. "I just knew that it was for the girls and the women of Detroit who have been less fortunate and come from very stressful background situations, so it needed something serene, calming (and) welcoming, but also offer a place for reflection."

The 5-by-6 foot serene

imagery of a pond entitled "Reflection," valued at \$10,800, found its forever home in AFG's lobby Saturday, Jan. 15.

"We have our seating set up near there, so particularly the women that are coming off the street and into our outreach center, they have to sit there for a minute to register," O'Mara explained. "It's just a beautiful piece to look at while they're waiting to talk to someone about some serious safety concerns or health concerns, whatever that's going on in their life, which is usually pretty major."

Three paintings entitled "Once Upon a Island," "Tiger Love" and "Wishing you were here," each valued at \$500, also have been donated by Grosse Pointe artist Suzy Fishback.

"She's a very colorful, fun artist and she immediately understood what we were trying to do at AFG," O'Mara said upon contacting her, "and within 24 hours I was going to her house to pick up three pieces."

As two of Fishback's pieces feature bright scenes of an ocean village and tigers, they will instead be placed in AFG's soon-to-open childcare center, which also has a need for color and design, O'Mara noted.

"It's such an important part of helping the women become independent to be able to attend classes, to go to job interviews, to even start posi-



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, Katie Couture, Birgit Huttemann-Holz and Erin O'Mara stand next to the newly hung artwork "Reflection" in AFG's lobby.

tions," she said. "Many of the women do not have access to care for their children and we haven't been able to provide it until this time."

Four 16-by-20-inch and two 11-by-14-inch pieces still are being sought to bring the lobby space to life. O'Mara hopes to incorporate women artists, inspirational scenes and art that profiles strong women, as well as pieces which blend well with "Reflection" and the

lobby's green and white floor. Most importantly, the artwork should be soothing and evoke feelings of strength and hope, which are important for the women at AFG.

Artists interested in donating artwork should reach out to O'Mara at erinomara3@gmail.com, while anyone interested in making a monetary donation for an art fund at AGF can reach out to Katie Couture, AFG spe-

cial events and development coordinator, at kcouture@alternativesforgirls.org.

"I've been doing this with a zero budget so far," said O'Mara, who also is interested in supporting local artists through the project.

"... I'm so excited to be working on this project. I know it's going to make a difference at AFG, so any support that we get from our community, I hope to give it back."

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Sharon Marshall

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is Feb. 21-27

Q: Does my teen have an eating problem?

A: Eating problems are found in all communities, among all genders, but are most common in teenagers and young adults. As teens become more independent, they want to control more aspects of their life, including the foods they eat. They may become a vegetarian or only want fast food. Extracurricular activities may cause them to skip meals. Social media and normal weight gain due to puberty makes them vulnerable to body image criticism. All of these factors may increase a teen's risk for eating problems and can cause anxiety and uncertainty for your teen.

When should you become concerned?

"Disordered eating" is a term that describes a wide range of problematic eating behaviors that do not meet medical criteria for an eating disorder, but can still cause significant stress for you

and your teen. Teens may require treatment to resume more normal eating behaviors and decrease their anxiety.

An eating disorder diagnosis is made if your teen meets specific medical criteria for weight loss, eating habits, feelings about food and body image, and changes in their physical exam. This can be a serious medical condition causing long-term problems affecting all body systems. Teens will need treatment to resume normal eating and psychological stability.

Here are some signs to look for that may indicate a problem with eating:

- ◆ Anxiety over appearance in activities emphasizing weight (ballet, modeling, wrestling);
- ◆ Wearing baggy clothing to hide weight loss;
- ◆ Eating a limited variety of foods;
- ◆ Unexplained vomiting or laxative use;
- ◆ Frequently skipping

meals;

- ◆ Excessive exercise;
- ◆ Repeatedly trying trendy diets;
- ◆ Hair loss, dizziness, or fatigue that doesn't improve after rest; or
- ◆ Rapid unexpected weight loss.

Abnormal eating behaviors are often unnoticed by families and not diagnosed by physicians until there is a dramatic weight loss. If you are concerned that your teen may have an eating problem, start by seeing your family physician or an adolescent specialist.

Dr. Sharon Marshall specializes in adolescent medicine at Wayne Pediatrics. For more information, visit waynepediatrics.org or call (313) 448-9600.

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that empower families to successfully navigate life's social, emotional and physical challenges. Learn more at familycenterweb.org.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Microblading by Celia

After months (probably years) of complaining about my balding eyebrows, I decided it was time to make a change and do something about it.

I have always had pretty light eyebrows that were blonde and sparse. There were areas lacking hair and sections where patches of hair were completely missing. Being that my eyebrows generally didn't grow, I had never received any eyebrow plucking or waxing services in my entire life.

Microblading was going to be a major change for me and I was actually super excited to see the transformation.

Like everyone else, I am pretty busy and don't have time for an extensive daily beauty routine. I basically want to wake up looking awesome, which is practically impossible, but I have hopes and dreams, OK?!

After a few days researching the best microblading artists in the area, I found Microblading by Celia. Celia Wade owns and operates her business in Grosse Pointe Farms on

The Hill. She has years of experience working in the beauty industry and became a licensed microblading artist just over a year ago.

After seeing the before and after photos she posted on her Instagram page, it was clear there would be no one else touching my brows but her.

So, what is it? Microblading is a form of permanent makeup that fills in your eyebrows by creating fine strokes to imitate individual brow hairs.

When done right, microblading causes minimal, if any, discomfort and results in natural-looking, high-quality, long-lasting eyebrow color.

Before beginning the microblading procedure, Celia and I discussed my desired eyebrow shape and color, and located photos that were similar to the look I was going for. She was so patient and willing to take the time to make sure the procedure was done right the first time. Once we had a plan, she began to map out my eyebrows

and began the tattooing process.

To start, the area is cleaned and the skin is slightly punctured to allow for a topical numbing cream to fully absorb and reduce pain. Celia then started mapping out the shape of my eyebrows to make them as symmetrical as possible.

Everyone's brows are slightly different because our faces aren't perfectly symmetrical, but this part of the process is crucial as it determines the future shape of the brow.

Once the mapping is done and we both like the eyebrow shape, then she wipes a small amount of her suggested color onto my forehead. This way, I see the color before she begins.

After I gave my approval, she began to use a tiny blade to make hairlike strokes in the skin. This sounds super scary, but it was completely painless. I almost fell asleep during this process, if that gives you any indication of how painless it was.

This step is repeated a few times to ensure the eyebrows are evenly full



on both sides.

The entire procedure takes about two hours and then you are sent on your way with a gentle cleanser and hydrating barrier cream to apply to your brows a few times per day during the healing process.

For the first few days after the microblading, my brows appeared darker and fuller than usual. Between days three and seven of the healing process, I experienced a bit of eyebrow scabbing and flaking.

For the next few days, my eyebrows became very light and it looked like the pigment completely faded from my brows. Of course, I

freaked out, but Celia assured me this was another stage of the healing process. She was totally right and my eyebrows looked amazing after healing for two weeks.

Now that my microblading healing process is complete, I could not be happier with my results. My eyebrows are full in a completely natural way.

Celia is truly skilled at enhancing natural eyebrow to create brows that flatter and highlight your face.

If you are on the fence about this beauty service, check out @microbladingbycelia on

Instagram to see some of Celia's awesome work and book an appointment for yourself.

You can also email her at microbladingbycelia@gmail.com to ask questions or book an appointment. You'll be glad you did.

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The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Pug trafficking

I'm a single guy in my 20s using dating apps. It's been hit-and-miss (mostly miss). My sister showed me her account so I could see how other guys present themselves. I was confused by all the guys posing with cute animals. Isn't it kinda cringe to see a guy cradling a dog in a Halloween costume?

— Dr. Don't-little

It isn't just the men of OkCupid posing withadorbs animals. Back in 2014, kittens as photo props were a thing for the mass-murdering jihadists of ISIS -- like suicide

bomber and furbaby daddy Abu Hurayra al-Amriki: "Before I blow up a cafe of innocent people, I like to have a cuddle with my widdle bitty kitty, Butterscotch."

The men of OkJihad sneered at a CNN reporter's speculation that this was a recruitment ploy to lure lady militants (she-hadists?), but it seems to be more than a random marketing strategy.

Evolutionary psychologist Maryanne Fisher and her colleagues found that men on dating apps seeking committed relationships -- aspiring Mr.

Boyfriends and Mr. Husbands -- were more likely than the aspiring Captain Hookups to post pics of themselves with kids and dogs.

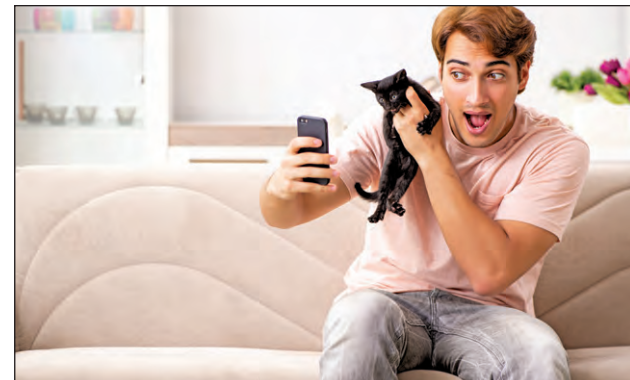
Chances are the doggie and baby nuzzlers did this subconsciously -- probably out of an understanding (shaped by men's co-evolution with women) of women's long-term mate preferences.

By showing a willingness and ability to invest resources and care for a needy little creature, they're advertising themselves as "stay and pay" dads in a man mall of "love

'em and leave 'em" cads.

Interestingly, cats appeared "infrequently" in men's profile pics. The researchers speculate that catdaddy "might not be as strong a signal of male investment," as cats require far less care, attention, and expense than dogs. (They even do their own grooming!) And bad news for our mass-murdering cat fancier friends: Cats are "often equated with femininity," and men who pose with them are seen by women as "less masculine, more neurotic and less desirable." (Take that, you ISSISSIES!)

Now, before anybody shouts, "Hello, gullible!": Yes, some of these "dogs



and babies are my pickup posse" dudes could be lying about wanting a relationship. For your purposes, that doesn't matter. Posing with a dog or a kid sends the commitment-minded ladies just the right message: "I can care for a more advanced life form than a fake plant."

Got a problem? Write Amy Alkon, 171 Pier Ave, #280, Santa Monica, CA 90405, or e-mail AdviceAmy@aol.com. @amyalkon on Twitter. Weekly podcast: blogtalkradio.com/amyalkon.

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Mom remains chummy with son's ex

DEAR ABBY: My brother dated an alcoholic for years. "Jenny's" drinking progressively worsened to the point we could no longer have a conversation with her. She was a sloppy, emo-

tional drunk and lied about her drinking to my brother. He finally became unhappy and recently broke off the relationship.

His adult children, our dad, my husband and I

are supporting him and encouraging him toward more healthy relationships. We are proud of him for making this move.

The challenge is our mom, who is a daily drinker. She misses her

drinking buddy and continues to hang out with Jenny. My brother has told Mom it makes it harder for him to make a clean break, but she continues to meet regularly with Jenny.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

I told Mom I have chosen not to contact Jenny because it hurts my brother. Mom responded that she will continue to see her, and that they don't talk about my brother (not true), so she can't understand the problem.

Are we unfair for preferring a clean break for everyone? -- GOING FORWARD IN THE WEST

DEAR GOING FORWARD: You are not unfair, but this isn't your decision. It is your brother's and your mother's. Of course she doesn't want to give up her drinking buddy! You stated that she

drinks every day. One of the warning signs of alcoholism is when someone's drinking disrupts relationships.

Your mother's drinking is now negatively affecting her relationship with her husband, her son and you.

Because it appears she's unwilling to give up her drinking and gossip sessions with Jenny, it might be helpful for the rest of you to attend some Al-Anon meetings and learn to cope with this. You will find meetings are available online and almost everywhere if you visit al-anon.org/info.

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Retro dinner party

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This dinner is the most special treat. It has been my family's Christmas Eve tradition since I was a kid. My mom and I would make bernaïse sauce while the baked potatoes sat happily cooking in the oven. It's honestly my first cooking experience.

When you get the sauce right, it truly is one of the greatest satisfactions.

My dad and brother would move the TV into the dining room so we could watch some sort of violent movie, like Die Hard or Predator.

It's not the Christmas season but this dinner is so fun to entertain with because everyone has control over their own meal. And most importantly, it's something fun to do!

The key is the dipping sauces. Bernaïse sauce is absolutely show stopping. Yes, it takes patience and attention but it's the most fabulous of sauces ever created. Keep this recipe in your back pocket just in case you need to ever impress.

I make sure to make a double batch so I can pour it heavily over my baked potato as well as the meat. Steak sauce, teriyaki sauce and BBQ sauce are all great contenders as well.

It's time to revisit a classic 80's dinner party. It's interactive and a really fun way to cook your own food.

Like I said early on in my articles, my five kids have called me Mombeau for as long as they can remember. I choose to write this column and prefer to leave my name out of it. Why? I'm not quite sure. But if you look closely enough, you can easily figure out who I am.

Cheers, Mombeau

Beef Fondue (Fondue Bourguignonne) Serves 4

- 2 New York Strip steaks
- 1 quart canola oil
- 2 rosemary sprigs

Cut the meat into 1-2 inch chunks and divide among your guests on plates.

Pour the oil in the fondue pot until it's about 2/3 thirds of the way filled. Remember that oil expands once it's hot. Heat the pot on your stovetop until the temperature reaches roughly 360 degrees. If you add a cube of bread, it should bubble and brown in about 30 seconds.

Once the oil is hot, add in the rosemary sprigs and transfer to the fondue stand which should be lit with a low flame.

Each guest should have their own fondue fork. Skewer the meat, add to the oil and cook until desired doneness, approximately 1 minute.

That's it! It all depends on how many pieces of meat are in at the same time.

Once you take the meat out, cut to see if it's cooked. If it's not quite cooked, skewer again and stick it back in!



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Bernaïse Sauce

- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 2 tbsp finely minced onion
- 1 tsp dried tarragon
- 1 tbsp cold water
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 sticks of cubed butter

In a saucepan, add the vinegar, onion and tarragon and cook over medium heat until the liquid has reduced to one tablespoon.

Take the mixture off the heat and add in the cold water. Mix together and then whisk in the egg yolks.

Place the pan back over low heat and keep whisking until slightly thickened. Slowly whisk

in the butter, just a few pats at a time.

Keep stirring so the sauce doesn't separate and the eggs don't curdle.

It will thicken once all the butter has been incorporated.

Just make sure you don't walk away. This sauce is absolutely worth the attention. Also, try not to lick the pan. The guests always catch you.



Blended red wines

One of the most popular categories of wines in the last two years is the nearly ubiquitous blended red wine, which is so popular that it has become synonymous with everyday drinking for millions of Americans.

A couple of weeks ago, a stranger, hearing I was a wine writer, asked me what I thought of a particularly ordinary although expensive (to me) blended red. I say expensive because it's about \$17 a bottle, but I find it to be worth about \$5.

And when a wine sells for three times what I suspect it should, I call it expensive. And my reaction to his question was, "Not very much." I suspected he would agree, but instead he said he thought it was terrific stuff.

There wasn't much for

me to reply, but short of spending 20 minutes or so explaining my reasoning, I was left to simply apologize. I said that I hoped he continued to enjoy the wine that so many others also enjoyed, and that taste is in the mouth of the beholder.

For those interested in modest blended reds, here are a few issues that might help make buying decisions easier for some of these wines.

First, try to find out what grape varieties were used. That should help some. A good place to start is the use of sound blending grapes, starting with some of the best such as grenache (aromatics and texture), cinsault (rich fruit), syrah (dark, rich flavors), petite sirah (weight) and zinfandel (spiced fruit).

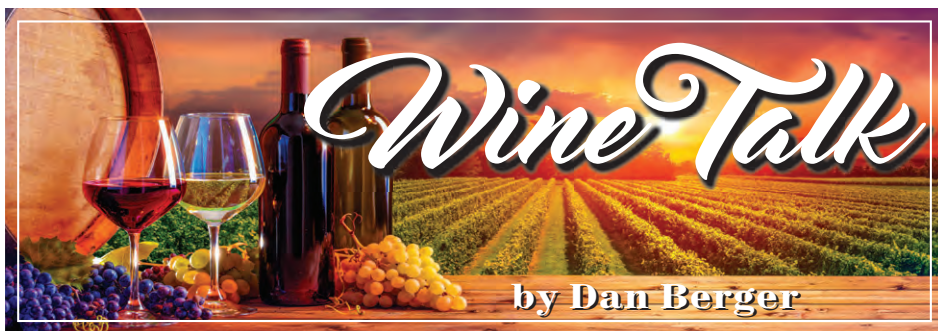
I'm not a big fan of cabernet or pinot noir in red wine blends; they don't seem to play well with other varieties.

Chances are, however, that you won't find out what grapes are in a particular blend, so the next best thing to know is how much alcohol is in it.

Moderation here counts. Ideal is 12.5% to 14%. The closer wine is to 15% alcohol, the less flavor any wine will deliver. Over 15%? Don't light a match.

Higher-alcohol wines may well be soft and rich, which some people really like. But blended reds often are aimed at being served with meals, and 15% alcohol wines go with meals as well as pickled tomatillos go with ice cream.

After alcohol content comes the region. If the appellation on a bottle of



wine is "California," buyers know nothing of its origin except that it came from grapes grown in one of 58 counties. No help there.

Wines that say they're from smaller regions (like Livermore, Santa Barbara, Sierra Foothills) often are slightly pricier, but can be better values.

The vintage date on a wine also is helpful. It lets potential buyers know how long the stuff has been in the bottle. Seek vintages that are no older than 2017. A 2016 wine may be fine, but it's already been five years.

Wines that have no vintage date can also be excellent choices if the wine is from a brand with fast turnover. Though some classic red wines age well, older is usually not better for modestly priced wines.

Blended red wines, as a category, range all over the place both in terms of

style and quality, and prices can vary from very reasonable to outrageous. As a result, some everyday-wine buyers

have re-discovered some values in varietals.

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Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Too many parents have no idea what goes on all day in school, and yet, this is a large part of their child's life. I have heard endless complaints about teachers, homework and administrative problems from parents who will not take the time to get involved and find out how they can help.

I have a child in grade school, and I would like to offer these suggestions to parents who want to help their children do well in school:

1. Volunteer whenever you can. You'll get a good feel for the place and for the teachers and the support staff.
2. Go to orientations, open houses and confer-

ences. Meet the teachers. Learn their teaching plans. Get the schedule for mid-terms and final exams. Find out how your child is doing.

3. Join the PTA, and keep current with what is happening in your school and with the students.

4. Review the textbooks your child uses and the work he or she brings home.

5. Get to know your child's school friends. Meet their parents.

6. Ask about your school's academic test records. Ask the teachers and administration to

answer any questions you have. Parents have the right to know.

7. Volunteer for advisory committees and board memberships so you can have a say in the policy of your child's school.

Please print this letter, Ann, so other parents can help their children. -- Louisville Mom on the Inside Track

Dear Louisville Mom: You have made some excellent suggestions, and I am sure they are workable. The bottom line is: GET INVOLVED. VOLUNTEER. Do it for your children. Do it for yourself. This is a win-win situation. Today's column may be one of the most valuable you have ever read. Pay attention!

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW
“Munich:
The Edge of War”
 2021 - PG-13
 2 hr 10min

As I write this review about a film focusing on events leading up to WWII, it’s interesting that similar events are unfolding in Eastern Europe regarding the threat of invasion by Russia. As the old adage goes, “History doesn’t repeat itself, but it does rhyme”. A quote erroneously attributed to Mark Twain. “Munich”, a new offering from Netflix, is based on the novel by Robert Harris and depicts fictionalized behind the scenes machinations by several individuals attempting to prevent a war.

We first meet the three leading characters in 1932 at a celebration at Oxford University. Englishman Hugh Legat (George MacKay, who starred in “1917”), and Germans Paul von Hartmann (Jannis Niewöhner), and Lenya (Liv Lisa Fries) are classmates and close friends. They’re full of optimism for the future. Paul sup-

ports Hitler because he believes only good can come from his leadership along with a newfound sense of national pride.

We jump ahead to 1938 when Hitler is threatening to invade Czechoslovakia. Hugh is now an aide to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain (the always impressive Jeremy Irons) and Paul is a press secretary to Adolph Hitler. Delegations from England, France, Italy, and Germany attend a conference in Munich to discuss the fate of Europe. Historians routinely criticize Chamberlain for appeasing Hitler by signing the non-aggression pact. However, he states early in the film that by witnessing first hand the horrors of war, he’s willing to do whatever it takes to prevent another one. It’s also pointed out that delaying the start of war helped England prepare for the inevitable conflict.

The story evolves into a spy thriller with a fair share of nail-biting tension and near misses at getting caught. A secret document detailing

Hitler’s true intentions is stolen by Lenya and leaked to Hugh. He then desperately tries to get it to Chamberlain, with the hopes that it’ll change his mind. While this is occurring, his old college friend Paul is involved in a plot to assassinate the Führer. This makes for a great dramatic story, which is partly based on true events.

“Munich” is a tense, engaging thriller with brilliant performances by Irons, MacKay and Niewöhner as well as the other supporting actors. Hitler (Ulrich Matthes) delivers the right amount of menace and evil, without taking it over the top. The sets are absolutely perfect in every detail—the depictions of 1930’s London and Munich are spot on, as the Brits would say. (Spoiler Alert: Hitler does invade Czechoslovakia and starts the Second World War.)

Note: In response to a reader’s suggestion, my reviews will now include a movie rating. The occasional film is unrated, but rest assured, I don’t feature movies with excessive nudity or swearing.

Currently streaming on Netflix.
 ★★☆☆☆

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com. Also, if you’re looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



Left to right, Jeremy Irons, George MacKay and Jannis Niewöhner.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 10 p.m. EST. The Moon is in Sagittarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022: You are an interesting conversationalist, because you can be charming in a quirky way. You’re willing to help others, and you instill a sense of camaraderie with close friends. You have excellent business savvy. Expect exciting changes this year and a chance for more personal freedom. Explore new directions and personal growth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 This is an interesting day! You might meet someone new who is fascinating or different from you. You might even fall in love with someone. Perhaps someone you know will do something that surprises you. Meanwhile, you make a marvelous impression on important people. Bonus! Tonight: Some confusion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 A discussion with a parent, boss, teacher or the police might be exciting today. Meanwhile, you might develop a crush on someone “different.” Or, instead, some of you will yearn to travel and escape somewhere with white sands and turquoise waters. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Travel plans sound exciting; however, they might suddenly change today. You might have to travel when you did not expect to do so, or scheduled plans might be delayed or cancelled. Expect generosity from others. Meanwhile, romance sizzles! Tonight: Cooperate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Relations with those who are closest to you are warm and friendly today. In fact, your dealings with a spouse or partner will be romantic in an idealized way. Meanwhile, news about inheritances might be unexpected. Stay tuned! Tonight: Stay focused.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Because you feel friendly and concerned for a co-worker today, you will help them if they need assistance. (You’re a generous sign.) This could be a two-way street, and perhaps someone is helping you instead. You also might put out some effort to make your workspace look more attractive. Meanwhile, someone has a surprise for you. Tonight: Listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 This is a wonderful day for romance. Enjoy a long lunch, a special dinner or an evening out. Others will feel very tender-hearted toward children today. Grab every chance to appreciate the arts and enjoy the entertainment world. Expect a few surprises! Tonight: Be clear.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 You will enjoy tweaking your digs and redecorating where you live today. You also will enjoy entertaining at home, because warm feelings, especially with family members, will promote good times. However, something unpredictable with kids or your social plans might go south. Be prepared. Tonight: Plans are fuzzy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Something unexpected might impact your home or family today. Fortunately, you are in a warm and understanding state of mind, so whatever happens, you will take it in stride.

Today you appreciate the beauty of your surroundings. Tonight: Count your money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 If shopping today, you will want to buy beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. It’s possible that you will attract money to you. Meanwhile, this is a restless day because your mind is flitting from subject to subject. This is why you might be impulsive and a bit excited. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Your words are so charming today that you can convince anyone to agree with you. (You sound so reasonable!) Keep an eye on financial matters, as well as your own money and possessions, because things are unpredictable when it comes to your assets today. Stay sharp. Tonight: Peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 You might attract money to you today, or you might have moneymaking ideas, especially related to the arts. If spending money, you will buy art or beautiful things. Meanwhile, you will be intrigued by something new and different today, which is good because you’re ready for some excitement. Tonight: Be helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 People are attracted to you today. They enjoy your company, because you are especially friendly and charming to everyone. Ironically, personally you feel a bit nervous and scattered. Guard against rash judgments or quick actions. Think before you say or do anything. Tonight: Clarify.

BORN TODAY
 Entrepreneur, businessman Steve Jobs (1955), actress Kristin Davis (1965), actor, rapper O’Shea Jackson Jr. (1991).

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, FEB 24

- » **Kathy Kosins**
 Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 97 Kercheval.
- » **Mozart w/ Mahler's First Symphony**
 Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m.
 3711 Woodward Avenue.
- » **Oklahoma! (Touring)**
 Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
 2211 Woodward Ave.

FRIDAY, FEB 25

- » **Dua Lipa: The Future Nostalgia Tour**
 Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.
- » **Kathy Kosins**
 Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 97 Kercheval.
- » **Mozart w/ Mahler's First Symphony**
 Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEB 26

- » **Chilly Fest**
 Business district, 2-6 p.m.
 Kercheval, Charlevoix &
 Mack Ave.
 Grosse Pointe Park.
- » **Kathy Kosins at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe**
 Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 97 Kercheval.
- » **Michigan Opera Theatre's FRIDA**
 Music Hall Center for the
 Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m.
 350 Madison St.

» **Monster Jam**
 Ford Field, 2:30 p.m.
 2000 Brush St.

- » **Mozart w/ Mahler's First Symphony**
 Orchestra Hall, 8 p.m.
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SUNDAY, FEB 27

- » **Michigan Opera Theatre's FRIDA**
 Music Hall Center for the
 Performing Arts, 2:30 p.m.
 350 Madison St.
- » **Monster Jam**
 Ford Field, 11:30 a.m.
 2000 Brush St.
- » **Oklahoma! (Touring)**
 Fox Theatre, 1 p.m.
 2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Your Old Mansion Lecture Series**
 Christ Church Grosse
 Pointe, 7 p.m.
 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd.

MONDAY, FEB 28

- » **4th Monday Book Discussion**
 Central Library, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Black History Month at The Wright**
 Charles H. Wright Museum of
 African American History,
 315 E Warren Ave.
- » **Tyler, The Creator - Call Me If You Get Lost**
 Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- » **1st Tuesday Book Group**
 Central Library, 2-3 p.m.
 10 Kercheval Ave.
- » **Grosse Pointe Badminton Association**
 Parcels Middle School,
 6:30-8 p.m.
 20600 Mack Ave.

» **Read, Rhyme & Play**
 Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.
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- » **Stomp**
 Music Hall Center for the
 Performing Arts, 8 p.m.
 350 Madison St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

- » **Digital Downloads 101**
 Offsite, 7-8 p.m.
- » **Journey: Freedom Tour 2022 with Billy Idol**
 Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.
- » **Stomp**
 Music Hall Center for the
 Performing Arts, 8 p.m.
 350 Madison St.
- » **Noah Jackson & Full Circle: Residency & Session**
 Cliff Bell's,
 7:30-11 p.m.

Check out the online calendar on our website for more details & registration links

Contract Bridge

I THINK, THEREFORE I AM

South dealer.
 East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 10 7 4 2
 ♥ —
 ♦ 7 6 5 4
 ♣ A K Q 10 3

WEST
 ♠ A
 ♥ Q 7 4
 ♦ A K J 8 3
 ♣ 9 8 5 2

EAST
 ♠ K 9 8 6 3
 ♥ J 6 2
 ♦ 10 9 2
 ♣ J 6

SOUTH
 ♠ Q J 5
 ♥ A K 10 9 8 5 3
 ♦ Q
 ♣ 7 4

The bidding:
 South West North East
 4♥ Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Here is a hand that demonstrates the type of thought process that is necessary to become a successful player. West’s opening lead against four hearts is the king of diamonds, on which East plays the deuce and South the queen. West’s first problem is what to play next.

If West thoughtlessly continues with a diamond, declarer ruffs and plays three rounds of trump, securing the contract as the cards lie since the defense cannot cash their two spade tricks. But if West is fully alert, he realizes that South’s queen of diamonds is sure to be a singleton because East would not play the deuce of diamonds with any holding other than the 10-9-2. Accordingly, West shifts to the ace of spades, on which East plays the nine to ask for a continuation. But West can’t oblige and reverts to diamonds.

Declarer ruffs and plays the A-K of trump. If West is asleep at the switch, he follows low to both trumps, and South easily makes the contract by leading another trump.

But if West is thinking along the proper lines, he does not follow low twice to the A-K. West realizes that declarer will surely make the contract if left to his own devices, so on the second trump, West plays the queen, hoping East started with the J-x-x.

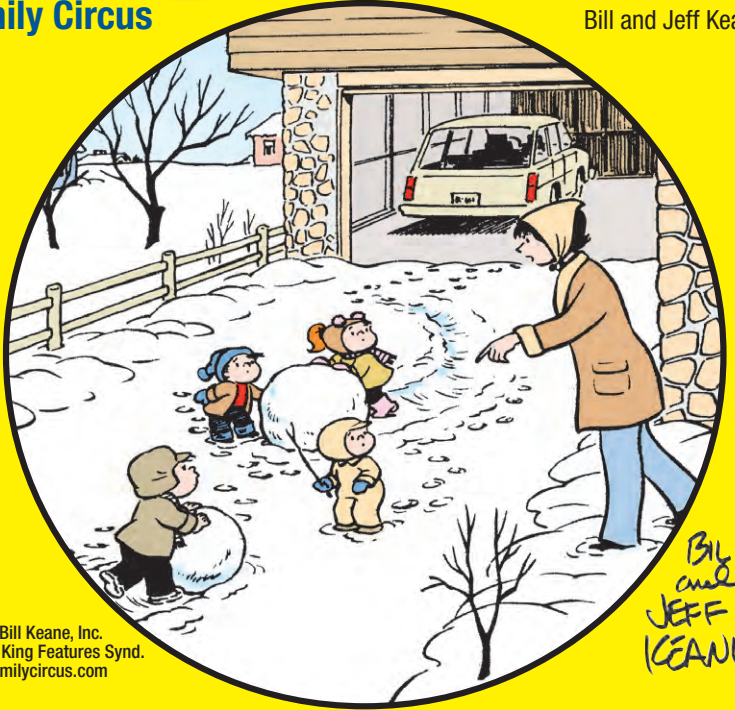
Once West rids himself of the queen, it doesn’t matter whether declarer next plays another trump or tries to run dummy’s clubs; in either case he goes down one, losing two spades, a heart and a diamond.

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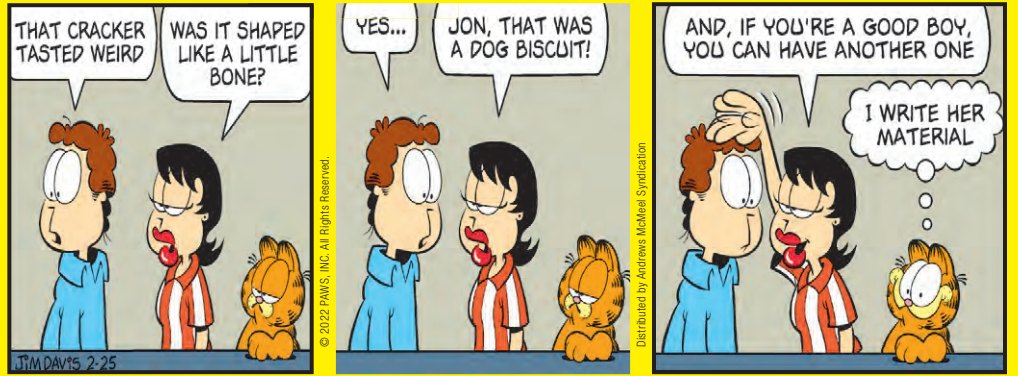
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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 24, 2022

ACROSS

- 1 Uber offering
- 5 Where to find 12 landlocked countries
- 9 Dance "for two"
- 14 Low-pH substance
- 15 Diagram style with overlap
- 16 Continent separator, at times
- 17 Certain gourmet truffle
- 20 Come together
- 21 Veggie dip herb
- 22 Hi-__ monitor
- 23 Former columnist
- 26 Prestigious prizes
- 28 Safe space to tweet?
- 32 Nest egg option, briefly
- 33 Jump that's harder than a lutz
- 34 Swim-bike-run race, for short
- 35 Small salamander
- 37 Mannequin's headwear
- 39 Meadow mamas
- 43 Owns
- 46 Give shape to
- 49 Enjoyed empanadas
- 50 Pure chance

- 53 Winery visitor
- 54 You can dig it
- 55 Water, in France
- 56 McEntire of country
- 58 Everything ___ (deli choice)
- 62 1978 hit whose title is sung after "You're once, twice," ... and a hint to the starts of 17-, 28- and 50-Across
- 66 Nickel and dime
- 67 Garr of "Young Frankenstein"
- 68 On any occasion
- 69 Takes, as advice
- 70 Flip out
- 71 Russo who played Frigga

- 11 Almost
- 12 Stadium entry points
- 13 Singles
- 18 "... and vice "
- 19 Social influence
- 24 Upper bound, familiarly
- 25 Once more
- 27 Cedar
- 28 Storage container
- 29 Feeling after a driver cuts you off
- 30 Uncooked
- 31 Steep face
- 36 Therefore
- 38 Person who often wears dark makeup
- 40 Major conflict
- 41 Incoming flight stat
- 42 Repair a teddy bear, perhaps
- 44 Certain cast member
- 45 Sport with clay disks
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- 48 Kind of toast
- 50 Hugh who made "House" calls?
- 51 Planets' paths
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- 53 Lake in the Golden and Silver states
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- 65 Small drink

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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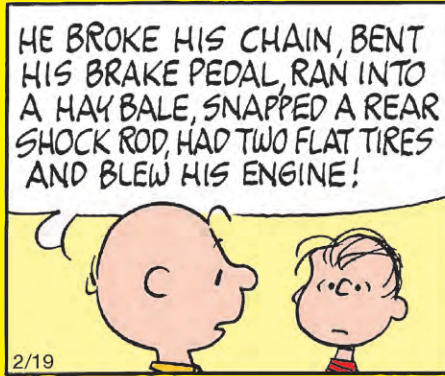
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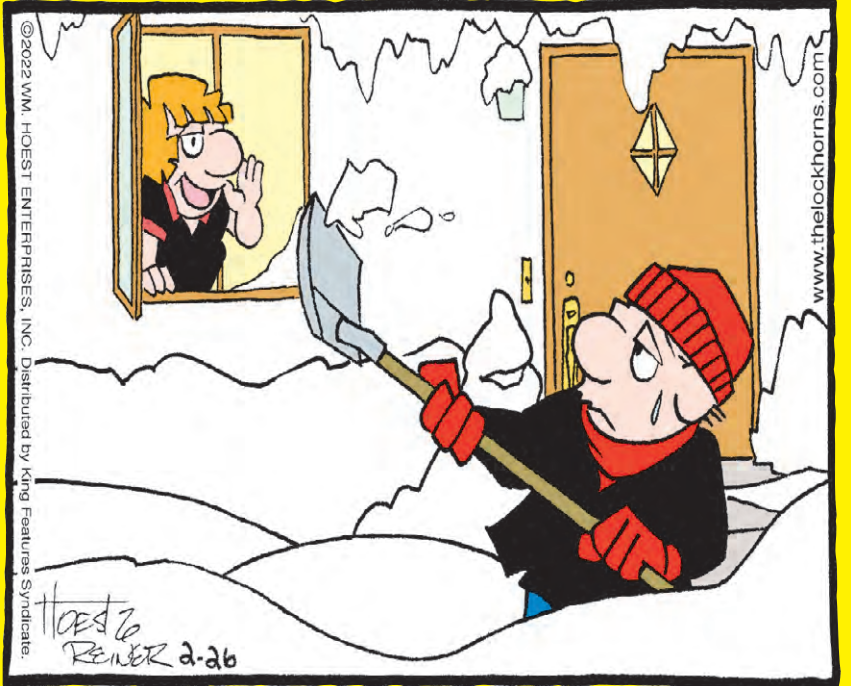
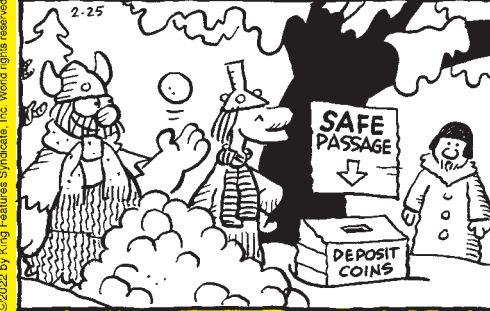


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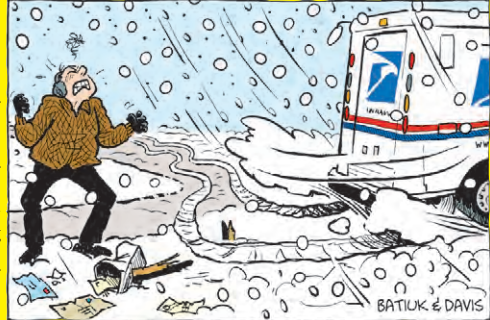
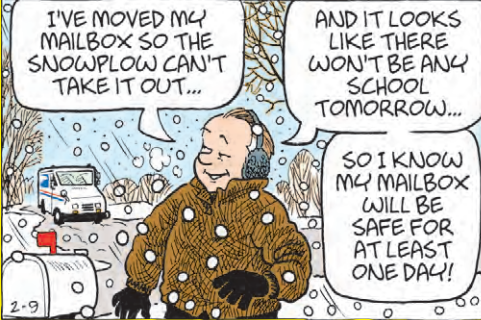
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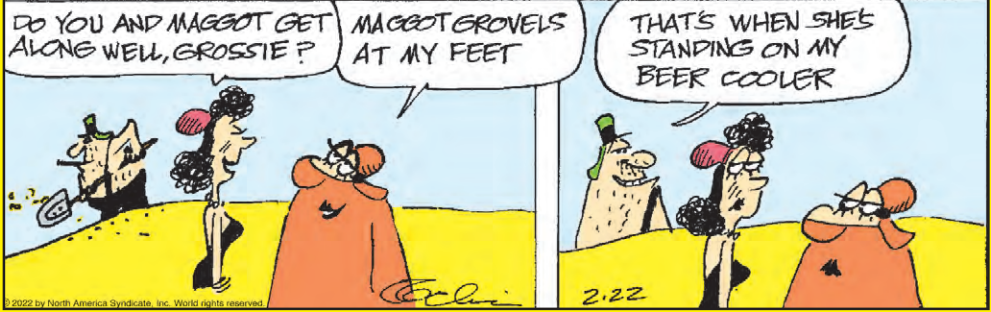
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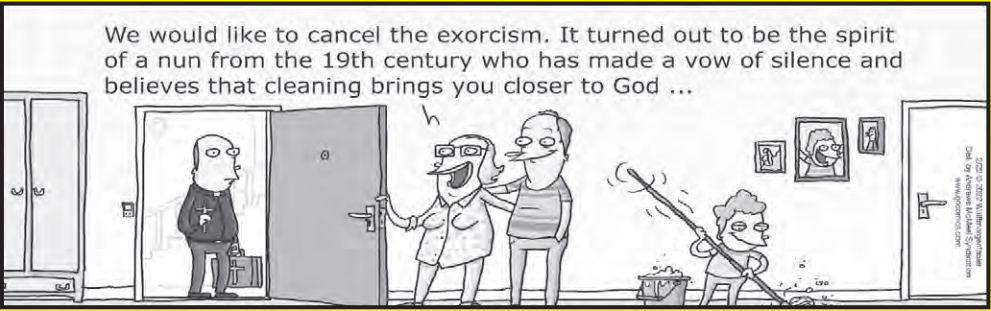
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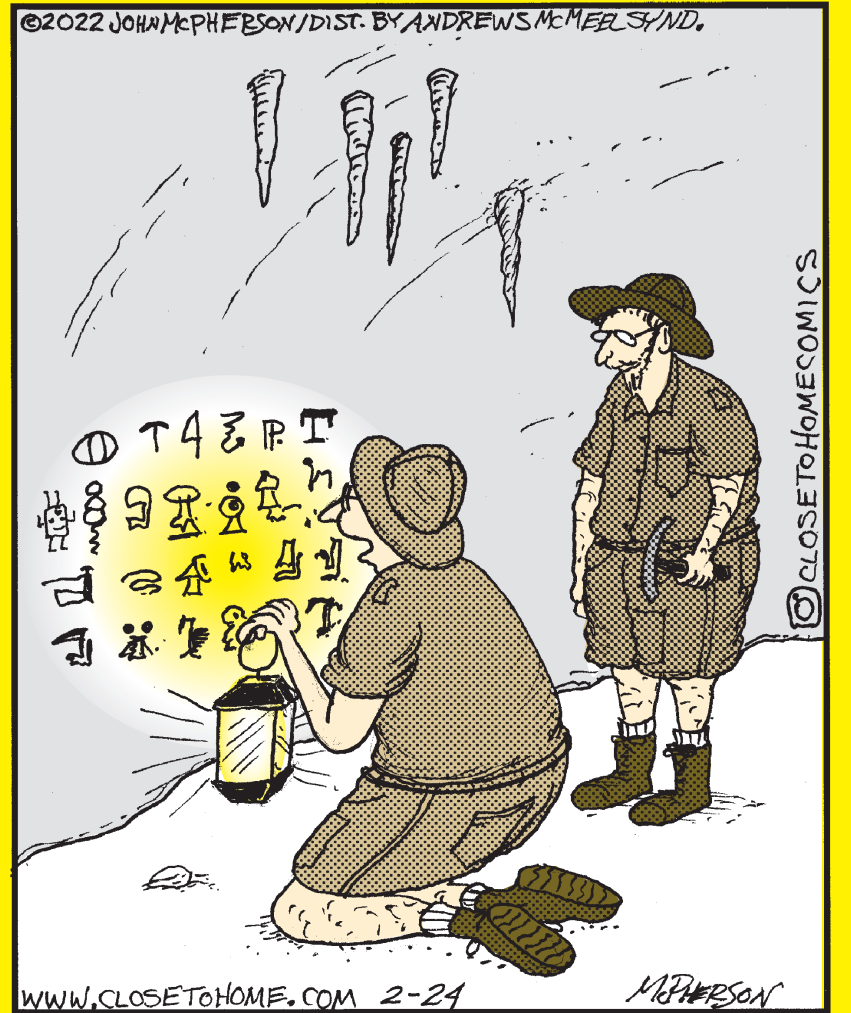
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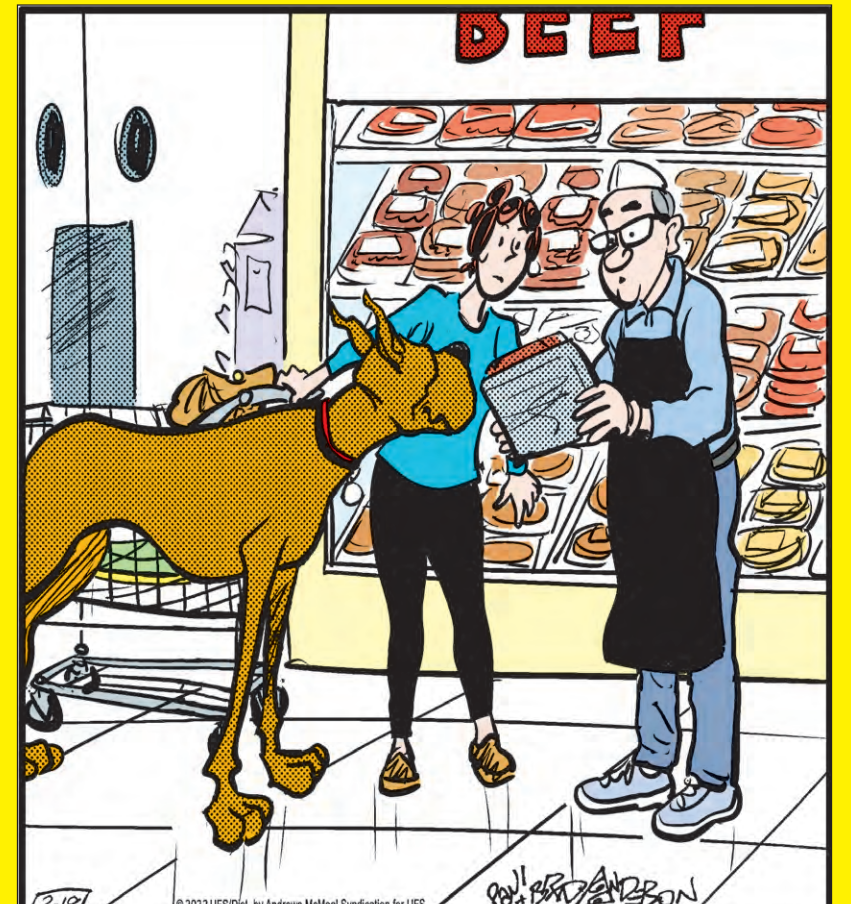
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"It says: 'Alypia and Theonus sitting in a tree. K-I-S-S-I-N-G.'"

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"He's right. This steak IS past the sell-by date"

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Knights win CHSL championship

By Alexis Bohlinger
Staff Writer

The University Liggett School girls varsity hockey team topped the Mercy Marlins 5-4 to bring home the 2022 Catholic League Championship Saturday at McCann Ice Arena.

Being the hosts of the tournament, the stands were packed with Knights fans cheering on their undefeated team. Early in the game, however, the Knights were forced to battle their way back from a 2-0 deficit, but a strong third period and overtime goal from Liggett's Giuliana Lufty earned them the 5-4 victory.

According to senior captain Ally Doppke, the Knights had a serious chat in the locker room between the second and third period.

"We knew we had the skill to beat Mercy, but did not have the right mindset. Our team had not experienced being down at the start of a game prior to Mercy and we needed to think about the game in a new way that was uncomfort-



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

The University Liggett girls hockey team defeated Mercy 5-4 in OT on Saturday to win the CHSL title. It was also Liggett's 17th consecutive victory.

able for most of us. Heading into the third, it all came down to who wanted it more and I believe this was the perfect wakeup call for playoffs."

The scoring started at 11:22 in the first period

from the Marlins to take the 1-0 lead. Closing out the period, they extended their lead to 2-0.

Midway through the second, the Knights capitalized on a power play goal from Ava Jacob,

assisted by Maddie McKee and Sullivan Estes, closing the gap 2-1. Less than a minute later, the Marlins extended their lead again with a third goal. The Knights scored one more in the second from

Sofie Ancona, assisted by AnnaClaire Doppke and Allie Roth, closing out the period 3-2.

Heading back out refocused for the third period, the Knights stepped on the ice and tied the game minutes in

with a goal from Lufty, assisted by Elle Quinlan and Estes. The third period saw one more goal from Mercy at 6:20 and a 4-4 tying goal from Quinlan, assisted by Ancona and Isabel Standish.

Heading into OT, Lufty scored her second goal of the game on a tip from Roth to take the overtime victory.

"Winning the Catholic League while being down most of the game definitely came at a perfect time to give us a boost before playoffs," Dragovic said. "It's the perfect example of how one game can change everything."

According to McKee, winning the Catholic League title back-to-back was extremely exciting for the team.

"I believe the loud and uplifting energy on the bench helped us overcome the adversity we faced," she said. "Having the Catholic League title was a goal of our team at the beginning of the season and we do not plan on slowing down as we are now on the road for state playoffs."

Athlete of the Week

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

From the time Tucker Briggs attended his first-ever swim practice for the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club at age 4, he took to it like a fish to water.

Briggs, now a senior co-captain for the No. 1-ranked Grosse Pointe South boys' varsity swim and dive team, has recorded several recent outstanding performances that have earned him recognition as the Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the week.

"Tucker likes to race, there's no doubt," said John Fodell, head coach of boys' varsity swim and dive at South. "He is the guy most every member of this team looks up to."

On Feb. 11-12, Briggs captured first in two events - the 100 freestyle (47.62) and 50 freestyle (21.51) at the statewide MISCA Meet (Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association).

On Feb. 19 against 3rd-ranked University of Detroit-Jesuit, Briggs anchored the 200 medley and 200 free relays to victory, with team times of 1:38.94 and

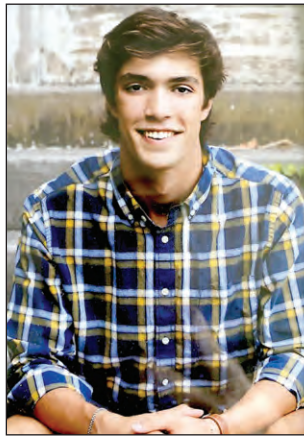


PHOTO COURTESY OF DANA KAISER

South senior Tucker Briggs is co-captain of the boys varsity swimming and diving team.

1:28.73 respectively. He also won the 50 free with a speedy 22.41. South won the meet by a score of 122-66.

"It's been surreal how many guys have stepped up," Briggs said of his teammates. "We lost some pretty big scores from last year's seniors graduating, so I've done my best to set a good example for the younger guys."

The match-up against UDJ offered a preview of two teams, along with No. 2 Ann Arbor Skyline, who will be duking it out for the Division 2 Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)

State Championship March 11-12 at Oakland University.

The Blue Devils finished second at Birmingham Seaholm at last year's championship.

"The class of 2022 has always been competitive. So I have always looked at it as though we are always competing for a title," Briggs said.

A freestyle specialist, Briggs stands on the precipice of potentially winning several team and individual state titles before he closes out his high school career. He currently sits among the state's swimming elite in his individual events, ranking 5th in the 50 and 100 Free.

At the upcoming state meet, he and his teammates are well-positioned to set a state record in the 200 medley relay. He holds the vital anchor position, swimming last, on South's No. 1-ranked medley and No. 2-ranked 200 free relay teams.

Since freshman year, Fodell said, "this is the team that Tucker focused on and said 'I want to make this (team) great.' He makes

it fun for the boys. We have a phenomenal team culture, and he is a big part of it."

Teammate and senior co-captain Jake Vallan agreed, saying the captains lead by example and try to keep every swimmer motivated.

"Tucker is an amazing leader," Vallan said. "His pre-meet speeches get the whole team pumped up and ready to race."

At last year's state meet, Briggs anchored the 200 free relay, diving into the water with his team in 4th position. But thanks to a lightning-fast split of 20.52, Briggs pulled ahead to finish first. His swim helped bring home a state championship in the event, an All-American time and top-time finish among all divisions with a 1:25.24.

To date, Briggs is a two-time All-American and 12-time state champion. After this year's state meet, he has the potential to become the first athlete at South to hold 16 All-State titles, surpassing Grosse Pointe swimming titans Jacob Montague and Catie DeLoof, both of whom went on to swim at the University of

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Tucker Briggs

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Michigan. DeLoof recently competed in the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

Briggs also will become South's 13th Academic and Swimming All-American. The 12th athlete on that elite list? His big brother, Ethan, a former varsity swimmer at South and recent graduate from the University of Michigan.

But Briggs has more work to do before his high school career is complete. His focus remains solely on how he can prepare both himself and his 44 swimming and diving teammates to win the state title.

"I make sure I show leadership," Briggs

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About Briggs

South boys' swim and dive co-captain, Tucker Briggs, has collected his fair share of hardware in his swim career. To date, Briggs has earned the following honors:

- ◆ Two-time All-American
- ◆ 12-time state champion
- ◆ Three-time MAC Red all-academic team
- ◆ Three-time MAC Red conference team champion
- ◆ State champion in the 200 freestyle relay with an All-American time and top-time finish among all divisions in 2021



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Mia Stephanoff and the North girls basketball team came up short against L'Anse Creuse North on Saturday in the MAC Red/White championship.

Norsemen fall short of MAC title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After capturing its second consecutive MAC Red Division championship, the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team was focused on claiming its first of hopefully a few trophies in the late part of the season. The Norsemen traveled to Warren Fitzgerald High School Saturday to take on MAC White Division champions L'Anse Creuse North in the MAC title game. North fell short of lifting the league trophy as the Crusaders were victorious 58-32 in a game during which Norsemen head coach Gary Bennett believes his team simply got outworked.

"They probably got 90 percent of the 50/50 balls and were quicker to everything," Bennett said. "They anticipated better, shot better, rebounded better. They completely outplayed us."

The Norsemen were outplayed from the

beginning Saturday afternoon. Both sides were defensive at the start of the first quarter, but it did not take long to see the Crusaders' offense start to operate at a quicker pace than North. After the opening eight minutes, L'Anse Creuse North had doubled the Norsemen's total and led 12-6.

Things continued to go in favor of the Crusaders in the second quarter. They outscored North 21-10 before half-time to take a 33-16 lead into the break.

Entering the second half, the gap already seemed too wide for North to close. L'Anse Creuse North's offense continued to move faster, leaving the Norsemen struggling to catch up. The Crusaders' lead was up to 21 by the end of the third quarter and they continued to dominate in the fourth on their way to a 26-point win.

North was led by Annabel Ayrault, who scored 15 points in the

loss. No other Norsemen was able to reach double digits, but Sophia Borowski was the next closest with eight points in the afternoon.

Bennett always preaches that his team should be playing its best basketball at the end of the season. That time is quickly approaching with district playoffs beginning next week, but Bennett sees there is still work to be done for North.

"We've got to be a lot tougher with the ball, because we weren't tough with the ball at all today," he said. "We've got our work cut out for us and I think we played soft today."

The regular season ends for North Thursday with a home game against Lake Fenton. Next week, the focus shifts to the playoffs as the Norsemen will play their first game of the district tournament Wednesday against Warren Fitzgerald at Hamtramck High School.

Liggett gets win with late goal

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In the final week of the regular season, the University Liggett boys hockey team took to its home ice at McCann Arena one last time

before playoffs begin. The Knights hosted St. Clair Shores Unified Thursday night and found themselves in a tight battle for a late-season win. Liggett fell into a hole early, but was able to eventually

pull even and get ahead with a goal in the closing minutes to secure a 3-2 victory.

Less than five minutes into Thursday's game, the Lakers struck first. St. Clair Shores got the puck

past Liggett sophomore goalie Maksim Johns to create an early 1-0 lead. The Lakers scored again just a few minutes later to extend their advantage to two goals while the first period was barely half-way over.

The Knights started closing the gap before the end of the first period, however. Ian Gudenau quickly answered the Lakers' second goal with one of his own for Liggett and the scoreboard read 2-1 at the conclusion of the first 17 minutes.

It did not take long into the second period for Liggett to even things up. The Knights tied the game 2-2 less than three minutes into the second thanks to a goal by junior Campbell Marchal. Marchal's goal was the only scoring in the period for either side as the third period began with things tied up.

The game remained tied much of the third period to the point where it looked like overtime might be needed to decide a winner. With less than two minutes left in regulation, Gudenau once again came up big for the Knights. Gudenau



PHOTO BY BARBARA JOHNS

Liggett senior Ian Gudenau scored two goals, including the game-winner, in a 3-2 comeback victory last week against St. Clair Shores Unified.

deflected a shot from defenseman Caden Ancona that made its

way into the Lakers' net to put Liggett ahead for the first time all game. St. Clair Shores made a late push, but some clutch saves by Johns in the final seconds helped the Knights hold on for a 3-2 win.

After the dramatic win late in the regular season, Liggett now turns its attention to the playoffs this week. The Knights get a bye in the first round and will wait until Thursday to play in the MHSAA regional semifinals. They will face either Grosse Pointe South or Detroit Country Day at the Big Boy Arena in Fraser.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, February 24
5:30 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. University Liggett @Gym
6 pm Boys Varsity Swim & Dive MAC Red Diving @Boll Athletic Center
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Renaissance @Gym

Friday, February 25
5 pm Boys Varsity Swim & Dive MAC Red Prelims @Boll Athletic Center

Saturday, February 26
12 pm Boys Varsity Swim & Dive MAC Red Finals @Boll Athletic Center

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, February 24
5:30 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Lake Fenton @Gym

Friday, February 25
4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs TBD @Gym
5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. TBD @Gym
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball MAC Red/White Tournament

Tuesday, March 1
4 pm Boys Basketball vs. Fraser @Gym
5:30 pm Boys Basketball vs. Fraser @Gym
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Fraser @Gym

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Friday, February 25
5:30 pm Boys JV A Basketball vs. Merritt Academy @Gym
5:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Brighton @McCann Arena
7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Merritt Academy @Gym

Saturday, February 26
2 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Northville @McCann Arena

Monday, February 28
5 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Madison Heights @Gym

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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2022 ASSESSMENT ROLL:
Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Council Chambers/Courtroom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Conference Room)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Council Chambers/Courtroom)

for reviewing the 2022 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning February 28, 2022, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-2435. Appeals by letter must be received by March 25, 2022. If appealed by a representative, they must have a letter of authorization signed by the owner.

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Assessor

Shubnell named North baseball interim coach

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Believe it or not, baseball season is right around the corner. The Grosse Pointe North baseball team has just about a month left before it's back on the diamond playing regular season games. Until last week, there was some uncertainty about who would be in the dugout coaching the Norsemen when opening day arrives in late March, but the Norsemen now have their man taking the reins of the program for at least this season.

Kevin Shubnell was named interim varsity baseball head coach at North last week following the resignation of former coach David Martin. Shubnell takes over the Norsemen program with just a little over a month to get his staff and team ready for the season. Now that the position is his, the top priority for Shubnell is getting to know the team and making sure everyone is on the same page.

"Our first priority this week is settling our staff and getting that fully ironed out by the end of this week so that by the time we're back from break we can meet with players and let them know expectations," Shubnell said. "We can communicate and get everyone on the same page and I want to have one-on-one conversations with returning varsity players, especially the seniors, to really get to know them."

Once the schools return from break next week, Shubnell plans on hitting the ground running as the calendar turns to March. Being a teacher in the social studies department at North the past few years has given him the opportunity to already meet many of the players he will be coaching on the baseball team. Shubnell also has gotten the chance to work with some of them during his other coaching job with the Norsemen, as offensive coordinator of the varsity football team.

Coaching is something

that has come naturally to Shubnell. He has experience coaching football and baseball at the middle school and high school levels, even serving previously as head junior varsity baseball coach at his alma mater, De La Salle Collegiate High School. Shubnell's experiences from coaching and playing baseball in his youth have become his inspiration when it comes to coaching.

"I've been around it my whole life and have had some great coaches in my youth," he said. "Playing baseball in the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League, my coaches there were very instrumental and were role models. Went on to play at De La Salle with more great coaches like Brian Kelly. ... Ended up winning a state championship in my senior year. I ended up not playing in college, but went right into coaching after that."

The support Shubnell has seen around the school from the players has been outstanding since he assumed the new position. His experiences teaching and coaching football at North have helped him already establish relationships with many of the student athletes he will be coaching on the baseball team this season. Even those Shubnell has not yet had the opportunity to meet have introduced themselves and expressed their excitement about getting to work together for at least one year.

That kind of support has given Shubnell the motivation to make this year a special one for North baseball. He knows, for some, this season will be their last getting to call themselves Norsemen and that means helping everyone feel pride in what North's team can do this spring.

"It makes me want to do the best I can for them, especially the seniors," Shubnell said. "I want to make sure their final time in high school athletics getting to wear the green and gold is a special opportunity for them."

There is an old saying that with great power comes great responsibility. When it comes to taking the helm of North's baseball program, that sentiment might be true for Shubnell.

Grosse Pointe is a community that takes pride in the historic success of its baseball teams. North has a couple of state championship banners of its own to showcase its storied success in the game. Even last year, the Norsemen earned district and regional championships and advanced all the way to the state quarterfinals. Continuing and building upon that type of success can be a tall task for an interim coach like Shubnell, but he has his own way of approaching it.

"More than one person has told me that I've been given the keys to a Cadillac," he said. "I look at it as more than just the program, but the kids as well. These are great people and baseball is a hotbed in Grosse Pointe. There's high expectations to be successful and that creates a desire to be successful within the kids. But I'm there to teach them because at first it's educational athletics. Our goal is to win as many games as we can, but I think there's a right way to do that."

Part of that winning philosophy is making sure the team always sticks together. Shubnell knows how much pride the Pointes take in their baseball teams, which means his team must continue to be proud to represent North and the community as a whole. Wins and losses are important, but Shubnell sees handling those wins and losses the right way as a major key in continuing the tradition of Norsemen baseball.

"Regardless of how many games we win or lose, we're going to represent this school and community with class and poise and we're going to be a team," he said.

North's baseball season begins March 26, with a doubleheader against University of Detroit Jesuit.

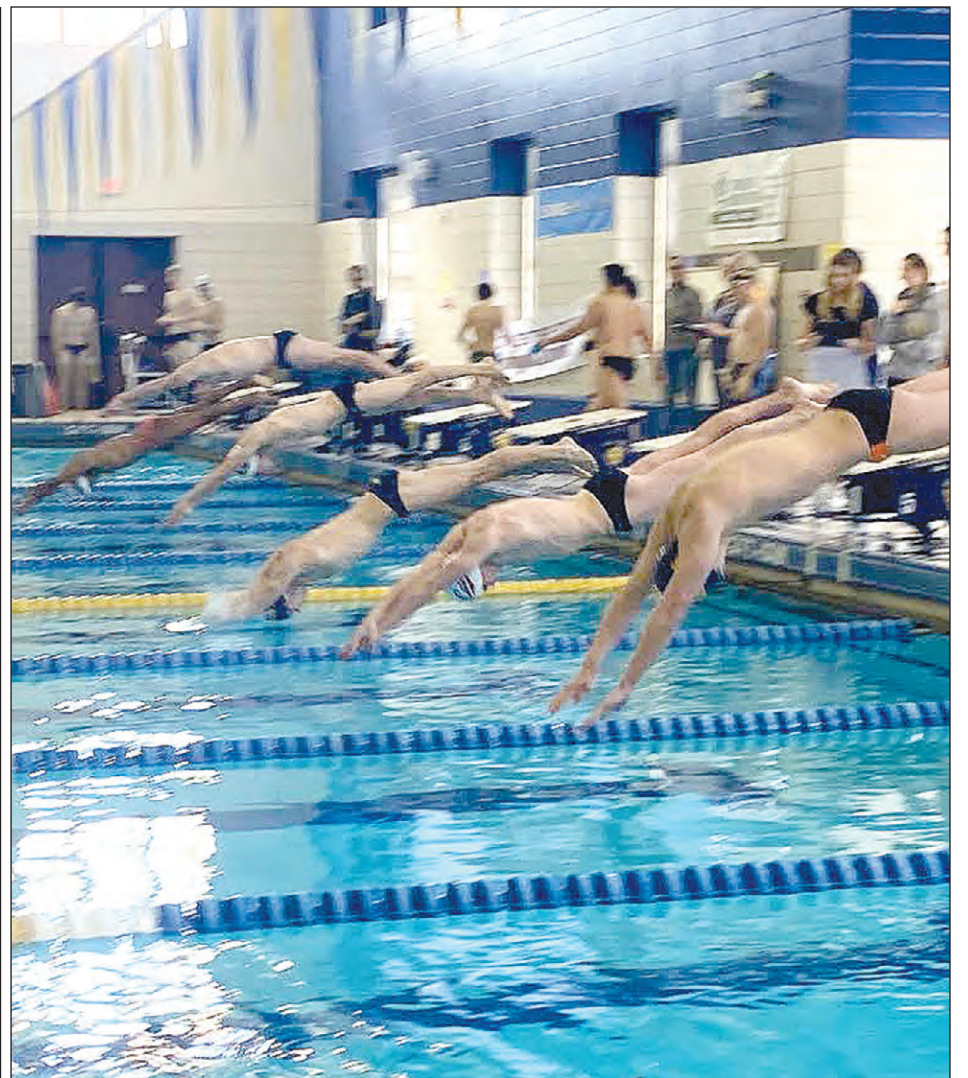


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The South boys swimming and diving team, currently ranked No. 1 in the state for Division 2, captured another victory over the weekend against U of D Jesuit.

Blue Devils swimmers keep on rolling

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Consistent success throughout this season has helped lead the Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team to being the top-ranked team in the state for Division 2. As the team looks ahead to swimming for another MAC league championship and competing for a state championship in the coming weeks, the Blue Devils managed to capture another dual-meet victory Saturday. The Blue Devils hosted University of Detroit Jesuit and earned a commanding victory, taking first place in 10 of 12 events on the afternoon.

South junior Logan Hepner took first place in one-meter diving. The former All-American beat out U of D Jesuit's John Wenderski for the top spot. Abram Mercer, CJ Schindlbeck and Ethan Hurford, all from South, rounded out the top five in the diving competition.

Drew Vandeputte, Keiran Rahmaan, Jake Vallan and Tucker Briggs teamed up for first place in the 200-yard medley relay. The group from South beat the Cubs by nearly two seconds with a finishing time of 1:38.9.

It was a strong day in the pool for many of South's swimmers, especially Vandeputte. The senior competed in four events for the Blue Devils and finished first in each. Along with his victory in the medley relay, Vandeputte, Briggs, Rahmaan and Vallan also finished first in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Vandeputte also took the top spot in the 200-yard IM finishing at 1:59.9 and his final time of 1:00.5 in the 100-yard breaststroke earned him first place in that event as well.

Another Blue Devils senior delivered one of the most dominant performances of the afternoon. Peter Weglarz earned first place in the 500-yard freestyle. His time of 4:57.2 was more

than 20 seconds faster than second-place finisher Charlie Bruce from U of D Jesuit.

Briggs flew past the competition in the 50-yard freestyle, taking first place at 22.41. The 100-yard butterfly ended with Rahmann in the top spot more than a second faster than the rest at 52.02. Ben Bryan from South was more than two seconds faster than the field in the 100-yard backstroke, taking first place in the event with a time of 56.04. The afternoon was capped off with another relay win for the Blue Devils in the 400-yard freestyle. Vallan, Troy Liu, Jake Chunn and Chandler Bower finished in first place at 3:24.6.

Up next for South is the MAC Red championship meet, where the Blue Devils will look to capture an unprecedented 24th consecutive title. South hosts the MAC Red Meet this weekend beginning with the diving championships Thursday.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kevin Shubnell has been named interim head baseball coach at North. He also serves as offensive coordinator and QBs coach of North's varsity football team.

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Assessments for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores in Wayne and Macomb County has been completed for 2022. The Board of Review will hear petitions on the following dates:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 14TH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
795 LAKE SHORE RD.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf). Appointments may be made by calling 881-6565. Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/21/22) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner. You may call 881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions please contact the Assessor's Office at 313.881.6565 or email pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov.

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North opens MAC tourney with loss

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

It has seemed almost like a tale of two seasons for the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team with the ups and downs of winning and losing streaks. The Norsemen lost four of its last five games heading into Saturday's matchup with Romeo in the opening round of the MAC league tournament. North finished league play fourth in the MAC White division, which put it in position to take on the division champion Bulldogs. Traveling on the road to take on Romeo, North's recent string of tough losses continued with a 54-47 defeat.

The three-point shot was the tale of the opening quarter of Saturday's game. Romeo sank three shots in a row from beyond the arc to jump out to an early 9-0 lead. It

would take the Norsemen nearly five minutes to score their first basket of the game, but they managed to pull within two points before the Bulldogs scored again. At the end of the first eight minutes, Romeo had doubled the score of the Norsemen and led 14-7.

Falling behind early continued to hurt North in the second quarter. Both sides stayed largely on the same pace as the first quarter, which helped Romeo stay ahead. The Bulldogs continued to widen the gap and managed to lead by 13 points at the halftime buzzer.

North and Romeo entered the second half looking more energized on offense than in the opening pair of quarters. The Norsemen tried their best to close in and cut the deficit, but the Bulldogs saw their scoring pick up as well.

Romeo led by as much as 20 at one point in the third quarter. North ended the third on a scoring frenzy, scoring 10 points in the final two minutes, but it would only be enough to trim the Bulldogs' lead down to 13 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Norsemen reduced the deficit to within 10 points with about five minutes to go in the final quarter. North's offense continued to pick up the pace, but wasn't able to fully close in on the Bulldogs. Romeo escaped with the win, by seven points, even though the Norsemen fought to the end.

The MAC tournament continues for North Friday night with an opponent yet to be determined. Then comes the final stretch of the regular season for the Norsemen that includes hosting Fraser Tuesday night.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Drew Hill and the Norsemen boys basketball team lost to Romeo 54-47 on Saturday in the opening game of this year's MAC league tournament.

New partners for Eagle Sports help program grow on east side

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Since founder Doug Kempton first started the Eagle Sports Club in Detroit more than 20 years ago, the club has provided opportunities for thousands of eastside children to get involved in sports. Eagle Sports offers everything from flag football to basketball and baseball. Now, thanks to a budding partnership with another eastside sports organization, Eagle Sports is expanding the horizons for one of its most popular programs.

The organization has teamed up with EastSide FC to bring indoor soccer instruction to Eagle Sports Club athletes. Throughout the winter, EastSide FC has been giving Eagle Sports members the chance to

work with professional soccer coaches while using its new indoor facility located at Eastside Tennis & Fitness Club. The new partnership not only expands opportunities for kids involved in Eagle Sports Club programs, but also is helping grow the relationships between eastside communities through sports.

"It's right by Balduck Park where we run all of our programs when the weather is nice," said Eagle Sports Club Director of Sports Nate Schwarze. "We began brainstorming how we can make this work and bring Detroit and Grosse Pointe together in the winter. ... It's been incredible for our kids because they've never been coached by professional coaches. All of

our coaches are volunteers and so for our Eagle families to get this experience of being coached by high level soccer players has been outstanding."

The location near Balduck Park, where Eagle Sports Club was founded, keeps everything close to home for the organization and its athletes. The cost of this first year of indoor soccer instruction for Eagle Sport is being covered by EastSide FC in an effort to keep the cost as low as possible for Eagle Sports families.

One important part of this new partnership for Eagle Sports is giving kids a way to stay active in sports throughout winter. Most of the organization's sports programs take place outdoors, making it difficult for much to be



COURTESY PHOTOS

Eagle Sports has partnered with EastSide FC to grow the organization's soccer programs by providing indoor facilities and access to professional coaching.

done during the colder months. Getting to work indoors with EastSide FC is helping Eagle Sports expand the ways it can serve young athletes and their families.

"We want to offer high-quality sports at affordable prices," Schwarze said. "Creating the relationships with these coaches, even if it's just one day a week, just having our families get these experiences raises the overall quality

of the league. Before, during the winter we haven't been able to offer many things because a lot of what we do is outside."

Being a Grosse Pointer, Schwarze already can see the benefits a lasting partnership with EastSide FC could have for Eagle Sports and eastside communities. The results of the partnership this winter have been positive so far and may lead to more great

things from both organizations in the future.

"I want to thank EastSide FC for putting this together for us and it's exciting to see what can happen with this partnership," Schwarze said. "This is just the beginning and we're very appreciative for Martin and the whole EastSide FC team."

To learn more about programs offered by Eagle Sports Club, visit eaglesportsclub.com.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2022 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH.



Eagle Sports Club athletes now have the chance to learn from EastSide FC's professional soccer coaches.



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

Tucker Briggs, left, gives a fist bump to University of Detroit Jesuit's Charlie Bruce after winning the 200 freestyle relay during a meet on Saturday.

ATHLETE:

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said. "I'm a bit of a 'momager' at times, making sure people are on task. ... I try to make (our team) more of a family."

Briggs' athletic success runs in his DNA. His mom, Molly, competitively rows at the Detroit Women's Rowing Association. His dad, Todd, has competed in 23 Ironmans, including four Ironman Hawaii World Championships, breaking the 10 hour-mark several times.

Brother, Ethan, graduated from the University of Michigan last December, after competing on the men's club rowing team as an undergrad.

"My dad is good at everything," Briggs said. "He made sure we picked up on things at an early age. He instilled that hunger to go in and compete."

Briggs calls his mom "a behind-the-scenes motivator."

"I can always talk to her if I'm upset after a race," he said. "Because of that, I have been able to power through."

Brother Ethan serves

as a benchmark of sorts. Asked who would win a race between the two of them today, Tucker Briggs offered a thoughtful, but confident response.

"Ethan has been in the gym a lot lately, but I'm in swim shape," he said. "Ethan is more (Olympian) Caeleb Dressel, whereas I am more finesse."

"I think it's me (who would win.)"

Spoken like a true champion.

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

Ready, Set, Schuss



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDY BEDSWORTH

Phoebe Bedsworth of Grosse Pointe Farms enjoyed the sights and sounds of Pure Michigan on the slopes of Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs. Check out the March 3 edition for more photos and a full story about the fun and exciting excursions Grosse Pointers made during their mid-winter breaks. Don't forget to send in your vacation photos, too!



Charlie Bedsworth from the City of Grosse Pointe covered all sorts of runs at Nub's Nob. Bedsworth said he usually starts off with an easier Blue run and builds up to the challenge of a double Black Diamond run, which challenges skiers with narrower paths, moguls and a steeper gradient.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNE GRYZENIA

On frozen pond

Grosse Pointers Jamie Todd, Allen Taber, Rich Carron, Scott Seaver, Tom Dow and Terry Shook make up the "Motown Mayhem" pond hockey team that competed in this year's 9280 Pond Hockey Tournament in Keystone, Colo. The team lost in the finals, but has won the tournament eight times before.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Deadlines for Little League baseball registration are approaching. Feb. 28 is the last day to register for the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League without being charged a late fee. Register with the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League by March 1 to be guaranteed a spot on a team.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK
2022 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW**

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2022 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting
March 15, 2022 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings
March 15, 2022 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 29, 2022 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. In person hearings are by appointment only and write in petitions will be accepted. COMPLETED 2022 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS (L-4035 FORMS) ARE NECESSARY, and must be filled out entirely prior to your appointment or petition drop off. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by a taxpayer representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by the Assessor's office end of day Tuesday, March 29, 2022 to be reviewed by the Board. **Postmarks are not accepted.**

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200.

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