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## Woods OKs park upgrades

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — City council at its final meeting of 2022 approved spending \$102,000 on playground equipment for the redevelopment of Chene-Trombley Park.

The original architectural renderings for the playground imagined it as a "Jurassic Park" setting and a portion of the new equipment will reflect that, including fossil digs, a rideable dinosaur and a log tunnel crawl.

Overall plans call for a distinctive, arched entrance and replacing the black chain link fence outlining the park with a lower, black vinyl-wrapped fence to improve aesthetics and sight lines.

Landscaping and lighting upgrades also are in the mix and a walking path could be added along the outskirts of the park to allow an area for parents and children to exercise.

A new feature inside the park aimed at younger children will be named the Phyllis A. DeMars Tot Lot, named for the longtime resident and teacher who passed away in early 2022. The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation has raised more than \$70,000 for that portion, including donations from the DeMars family aimed at making the

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## 2022 IN REVIEW

# City has a year of tackling big projects

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Continuing momentum begun the year prior, the City delved into more major projects this year, including completing a master plan update, preparing to issue bonds for large-scale sewer infrastructure work and exploring the creation of a four-story apartment complex on St. Clair. It also saw the opening of a variety of new businesses, both along Kercheval and on Fisher.

This is the year in review.

### January

◆ A detective calls for compassion in the wake of a mental illness incident when video footage begins circulating of a woman in her mid-30s screaming profanities at staff and fellow customers in a Village restaurant.

### February

◆ Coinciding with the Beijing Olympics, the first ever Village Olympics is held on Kercheval.

◆ Officers are successful in reuniting a 4-month-old child — left in a rundown Detroit apartment after his mother overdosed — with his grandmother.

◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe announces intentions to explore the implementation of Village-wide Wi-Fi and a social district this year.

◆ Residents in the City and Farms wake up with little to no water in their homes following a Fisher water main break, which was exacerbated because of its adjacent location to a

20-inch arterial Ridge main.

### March

◆ The annual 2021 public safety report shows crime rates have yet to rise to their normal, pre-pandemic levels.

◆ The initial developers of the old school administration building at 389 St. Clair pursue its designation in the National Register of Historic Places.

◆ Officers unravel a string of multiple additional and poten-

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PHOTO BY MARY GUEVARA

## Vitamin sea

While all the leaves are brown and the sky is undoubtedly gray now that winter has taken a firm hold of the Midwest, many Grosse Pointers dreaming of sunnier skies and warm breezes took advantage of the holiday break to head south or west to soak in some sunshine. The Guevara family, of the City of Grosse Pointe, escaped the cold and traveled to Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, pictured left, to visit family and friends. Although their Delta Airlines flight from Florida back to Detroit was delayed about an hour, their travel went relatively smoothly, according to Mary Guevara. That was not the case for thousands of travelers who booked flights on Southwest Airlines, which canceled 5,500 flights in December and disrupted travel plans across the country.

## Clerk moves on after nearly 30 years

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Rather than choosing her career path, it's more accurate to say working in municipal government chose Julie Arthurs, even before she graduated high school.

Prior to beginning her 26-year run as an integral pillar within city administration for the City of Grosse Pointe, she was selected to intern part time for the city of Center Line during her final three years of high school — the city manager sought out students in the business English class to interview — and then was offered a full-time position immediately upon graduating.

It wasn't long before Arthurs found herself as executive security/deputy clerk in Grosse Pointe and since then, she simply never left, picking up her title of city clerk in 2001, and adding assistant city manager to the mix in 2010.

Now, for the first time since 1996, the 1.1-square-mile city is re-

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## 2022 IN REVIEW

# A year of accomplishment in the Shores

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Water and sewer line repairs reduced Lakeshore to one lane in moving sections in both directions for a majority of the year as the city tackled \$8 million in upgrades while the public safety department looked to keep staffing levels constant through new hires and promotions after several recent retire-

ments.

This is the year in review.

### January

◆ Some 18 months after a controversial change requiring retirees to pay 20 percent of their health care premiums, the city still is looking for answers. The change came after an actuarial told council the move would decrease the city's liability by \$2 million. The city's liabil-

ity before the change was \$10.2 million, but increased to \$10.3 million a year later.

◆ Two new public safety officers, Paul Morang and Derek Wood, are sworn in by Mayor Ted Kedzierski at the monthly council meeting.

### February

◆ The driver of a vehicle who tried to run over officers and fired shots at them after a chase is

shot after he turned onto a dead-end street. He suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

◆ City officials urge residents to fill out park pass applications as another tool in efforts to protest what they said were faulty findings in the 2020 census. The census claimed the city lost 12.3 percent of its residents from 2010.

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tial victims in the weeks after a Grosse Pointer is charged with a felony for allegedly scamming a fellow Pointer out of \$4,000.

◆ Intent is announced for the 1.94 acres sitting vacant at 582 - 606 St. Clair to be developed into a mixed-use building with commercial on the first floor and residential above.

## April

◆ Following the lead of the Farms, the City is the second Pointe to approve withholding the Highland Park surcharge from its Great Lakes Water Authority payments.

◆ A Grosse Pointe South High School senior loses all her belongings in a bedroom fire and her teammates on the softball team hold a fundraiser to help replace her clothes and belongings.

◆ Main Street Grosse Pointe receives a \$20,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to go toward holiday decor in The Village.

◆ The parks and recreation department plans to increase summer fees for the first time in a decade to combat a significant rise in personnel costs and operating expenses for its programs.

## May

◆ A 44-year-old Detroit woman is arrested after throwing a 20-pound food scale at a 17-year-old Cold Stone Creamery employee over claims her ice cream hadn't been filled high enough.

◆ As part of its ongoing master plan update pro-



The band Uncle Brown and ME entertained the crowd at Music on the Plaza in the Village in July.

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RENEE  
LANDUYT

cess, the city may explore the allowance of bed and breakfasts, as well as accessory dwelling units.

◆ An officer and two nurses from the CVS Minute Clinic save the life of a 75-year-old Pointer who has a heart attack while having a meal next door at Panera Bread.

◆ The 63-day public review period, before council can approve its master plan update, begins.

## June

◆ City residents will see a 1.5 percent decrease in taxes come July.

◆ A 40-year-old Detroit man loses his life after continuing straight where the road slightly curves at Mack and Loraine and driving head-on into a tree at an estimated 60 mph.

◆ After three years of unsuccessful attempts to garner state funding, the City and Farms are teaming up to tackle major road reconstruction of Fisher from Kercheval to Mack.

◆ After serving nearly two decades on council, John Stempfle resigns as he and his wife prepare to move to Holland, Mich.

◆ The Maire Elementary School PTO calls for a screening fence between the playground and Kroger parking lot for the safety of students.

◆ City council approves coming changes to the Kroger parking lot, including wider parking spaces, pay stations to replace the meters and the addition of two cart corrals.

## July

◆ Bakehouse 46, offering Blake Farms cider and doughnuts, announces it will open a location in The Village.

◆ Filling John Stempfle's seat, Seth Krupp, M.D., is unanimously appointed to city council.

◆ Power outages in the City and Farms are said to be attributable to aging DTE Energy infrastructure unable to handle the load on the system.

◆ Public safety contracts are renewed for another three years.

## August

◆ 33.8 percent of registered voters in the City take part in the primary election.

◆ Bold Flow Yoga opens in its new space at 17024

Kercheval in The Village.

◆ Handmade chess tables are installed at St. Clair and Kercheval as an Eagle Scout project.

◆ The City's planning commission adopts its finalized master plan update.

◆ In the case of a second-story bedroom fire on Cranford Lane, there are no injuries and the fire does not spread to any other units.

◆ A 46-year-old homeless man is arrested and believed to be responsible for many of the 100 larcenies from autos in the City and Park in the last 90 days.

◆ Atelier GP Kitchenware leaves its space in The Village.

◆ Parks and recreation announces intent to open its two platform tennis courts at Elworthy Field to pickleball come October.

◆ City council approves an amendment clarifying short-term rentals are only permitted in the C-2, T-1 and T-2 districts, which are commercially zoned, and making prohibitions in the rest of the city more enforceable by defining a short-term rental as less than 30 days.

◆ After the original developer defaults on its agreement to purchase the old school administration building at 389 St. Clair, the Grosse Pointe Public School System sells the property to Condo Detroit, LLC for \$1 million.

## September

◆ The Loop Social District, welcoming social drinking in common areas, is implemented in The Village.

◆ A TikTok trend promoting the theft and joyriding of Kias makes its way to the Pointes, with two successful and one attempted thefts of Kias in the City, as well as three thefts in the Park.

◆ To establish an inventory estimating how many of the City's 2,100 service lines are lead and galvanized, the city will inspect 327 randomly selected residences.

◆ Following a string of landscaping equipment thefts in the City this month, a 59-year-old Detroit man is caught in the act and arrested.

◆ Neff and Cadieux are announced as the focus of 2023 road work in the City.

◆ The City switches liability and property insurers to gain \$10 million in sewer basement backup coverage.

## October

◆ Following the merger of Beaumont Health and Spectrum Health earlier this year, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is renamed Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

◆ Newport, bringing men's casual clothing to The Village, opens at 17133 Kercheval.

◆ Bakehouse 46, featuring cupcakes and Blake Farms cider and doughnuts, opens at 17118 Kercheval in The Village.

◆ Council issues a notice of intent to issue bonds up to \$15 million to go toward sewer infrastructure and stormwater improvements.

◆ American Asian Deli, offering a fusion of American deli items with Asian ingredients, will take over the old JHouse space at 375 Fisher.

## November

◆ For the first year, the Friday of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade is added to the offering of free holiday parking in off-street lots in The Village between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

◆ An 81-unit, four-story apartment complex is proposed for St. Clair and would fill a space that has sat vacant more than 15 years.

◆ 68.22 percent of registered voters in the City turn out for the gubernatorial election.

◆ Kroger donates the \$28,453 needed to construct a six-foot wooden fence between its parking lot and the Maire Elementary School playground.

## December

◆ Off the back of a Kroger lot reconstruction project to widen its parking spaces, the City replaces the longstanding metered system with three pay stations.

◆ Council approves a four-story, 77-unit apartment complex at 582-606 St. Clair, with 4,000 square feet of commercial space facing the CVS parking lot.

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learning how to operate without Arthurs' wealth of institutional knowledge, as she retired Dec. 31.

"We are so grateful to Julie Arthurs for her 26 years of service here as a clerk and also as assis-

tant manager for the last 11 years," City Manager Pete Dame said via email. "She demonstrates the utmost in professionalism and excellence that we all strive hard to achieve, and does so with the ultimate grace and integrity. The City will greatly miss her."

Arthurs has been with the City so long, in fact,

it was at her suggestion and under her leadership that election operations transitioned from using lever voting machines and paper ballots to optical scan in the late '90s, prior to it becoming required by the bureau of elections.

While her responsibilities throughout the decades included elections, taking minutes at meetings, vital records and Freedom of Information Act coordination — her role as assistant city manager

also saw her taking on human resources responsibilities, workers compensation claims, parental leave, etc. — in a city so small, it was common to find Arthurs wearing many hats not traditionally associated with her job titles.

When she was first hired, prior to the parks and recreation department becoming a year-round operation, she was put in charge of marina administration and boat well registration, while more recent years have seen her helping orga-

nize the annual beautification awards ceremonies.

"I like the dynamic of working in a small city, because it's never the same day twice," Arthurs said. "I'm not just doing one thing in my department. I could potentially be helping out with a tax bill mailing or something going on in the public service department. We're all willing to help each other out when a project's going on."

Prior to her final day with the City, Arthurs was honored by city council with a resolution for her years of service during its December meeting. The resolution notes Arthurs is highly respected, acts with integrity and honesty at all times and is a model for those who aspire to work on behalf of the public good.

"The decision to retire was years in the making and it is hard to believe the date is upon us," she said. "In my 26-plus years at the City of Grosse Pointe, I have been proud of the integrity and success of the City, its elected officials and employees. Much like a family, the city manager and my colleagues — who I consider friends — have always given me the support I needed, both professionally and personally."



COURTESY PHOTO

Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak honors retiring City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Julie Arthurs with a resolution for her 26 years of service during the City's December council meeting.

The decision to retire comes in concert with her husband Kenneth's mandatory age retirement in his position, as the two have planned to retire together in order to spend time with family and travel.

One of Arthurs' favorite quotes, which could be seen pinned to her office bulletin board, is "the world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

"I'll miss the community and the wonderful people that I've been so lucky to have spent so much time with over the years, but I'll be excited for my new adventure," she said.

Stepping into Arthurs' shoes as city clerk and assistant city manager is Chris Hardenbrook, who has been with the City nearly two decades and served as parks and recreation director 17 years.

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# Farms phone service issues will be a thing of the past

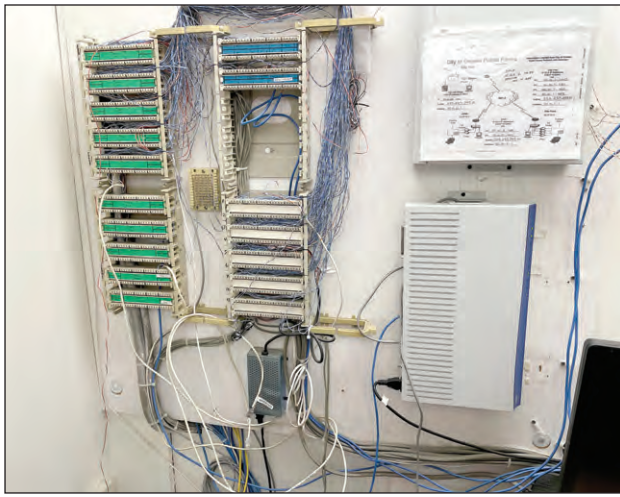
By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — It's been around three decades since the city phone system in the Farms was last updated. The system is so antiquated, in fact, replacement parts no longer are manufactured and staff can only find parts for repairs on the secondary market.

To address this, paired with continued issues and resident complaints, the new year will see the Farms replace its current copper line phone system with a Voice over Internet Protocol system, or VoIP.

The new citywide phone system will serve city hall, the department of public works, the water plant and Pier Park — including rewiring each of the buildings to increase reliability.

"We have had phone issues related to the failure of components of the physical phone system that are very difficult to find replacement parts for," Finance Director/Treasurer/Controller Tim Rowland explained via



COURTESY PHOTO

**Elements of the Farms' current phone system, which hasn't been updated in around three decades, look like something out of the early days of NASA, City Manager Shane Reeside said.**

email, "failure of the phones themselves with them going bad — can't hear, won't dial — and we have also had difficulty with the phone lines, particularly with the phone company wanting to move away from maintaining old copper lines and increasing costs astronomically for service when they have to upgrade phone lines."

In addition to advancing the city several decades in technology

capabilities and addressing reliability concerns, the new system also will afford city staff a voice-mail-to-email feature; "softphones," which allow staff to receive calls when away from their desks; e-Fax; the ability to see missed calls; and detailed call accounting and reporting.

It also notably will provide a redundancy in the form of secondary service in case primary internet service goes

down.

The cabling and network upgrades will cost the city \$124,115 — less than the \$140,000 budgeted for the project in the 2022-23 capital projects fund — while council's action also includes approval of a \$90,479.86 phone system implementation and 36-month contract with Telnet Worldwide, Inc. for monthly service.

Broken down, the monthly cost for phone service will be \$2,411, which is \$800 cheaper than what the city currently pays.

"Complaints still come up as far as this disconnect, so I'm happy this is going to be resolved," Councilwoman Beth Konrad Wilberding said, before council unanimously approved the phone system upgrades during its December meeting.

The citywide switchover to the new VoIP system is expected to be completed by the end of the current fiscal year, City Manager Shane Reeside reported, which is June 30, 2023.

# Noose found at Village restaurant

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The City's public safety department is treating the discovery of a noose — made of paper towels and hung from a stall in the men's bathroom — at Panera Bread in The Village at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, as a potential hate crime against the black community.

The noose is a historic symbol for hate, violence and murder against African Americans, Public Safety Director John Alcorn explained.

"The City of Grosse Pointe condemns this act," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said in a statement. "This is a hate crime that is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in our community. The noose, which is a symbol of human oppression and

violence, has no place here. Any attempts at racial intimidation will be dealt with to the full extent of the law."

The current suspects are a group of approximately four white teenagers.

"We do have a group of white teens or young adults that were at the store at the time and we know that they were also in the restroom at the time," Alcorn reported, "but it's a busy store in the evening hours with many people (getting) dinner. We have a lot of people that we have to look at and consider, but that's the lead we're working with right now."

Potential charges that may come against the perpetrators will have a lot to do with the intent associated with the act, Alcorn said.

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## Public workshop date change

Although previously scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11, Grosse Pointe Farms now will hold its second master plan public workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Pier Park community building. The workshop will provide residents the opportunity to offer feedback on the current draft plan.

## SHORES:

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### March

◆ Public Safety Director Ken Werenski in his 2021 annual report tells council that while the overall crime rate in the city was up over 2020, it was due to nearly double — from 41 to 80 — the number of drunken driving arrests. Officer Jeffery Roybal receives the Director's Award, given to an officer who exceeds expectations.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club announces upgrades to its harbor are almost complete. The work is part of VISION 2026, a five-year plan announced to members in 2021 that includes work on the main dining room, rotunda, the Spinnaker Club, lobby/foyer area and moat bridge leading from the parking lot to the front entrance.

### April

◆ A ribbon-cutting ceremony is held in conjunction with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Osius Park to dedicate new pickleball courts. The courts were paid for with a \$131,000 donation from the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. Work also included relocating the sand volleyball court to near the basketball court, adding a concrete staging area for kayaks and installing a new pace clock at the pool.

◆ Council approves the sale of \$8 million in bonds to replace the water line the entire length of Lakeshore and do water and sewer upgrades on Oxford.

◆ A new ordinance only allows residents to water their lawns or other outdoor vegetation between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. from May 15, to Oct. 15. The move is to lessen water use during peak daytime hours in order to negotiate a better rate with the Great Lakes Water Authority.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Grosse Pointe Shores held the annual Doggie Swim the day after Labor Day when the pool closed and the dogs got to swim for a two hour period.**

### May

◆ The Shores becomes the third of the five Pointes, joining the City and Farms, to vote to withhold payments to the Great Lakes Water Authority to pay for Highland Park's delinquent debt. Council votes to give City Manager Steve Poloni discretion to put the money in escrow until several court matters on the issue are resolved.

◆ Council votes to increase the general operating millage by 1 mill for three years to keep the budget balanced without using too much money from reserves.

◆ Officer Billy Howe is sworn in as the newest member of the public safety department.

◆ Sgt. John Jabrael retires after 32 years with the department. Officer Ryan Wilson is promoted to sergeant as his replacement.

### July

◆ More than \$2 million in state grants allow work to begin in the Farms and Shores to repair areas of the Lake St. Clair seawall most in need of repair.

◆ After several complaints from residents about lengthy power outages over the past few years, the city meets with DTE and learns of the

utility's plans to install more min-substations and taller power poles to help generate more power and reduce the number of customers impacted by any particular outage.

◆ An identity theft case filed with the public safety department uncovers a massive fraud ring with dozens of victims across the country that eventually leads to the involvement of federal authorities. The department receives \$25,000 to put toward training and equipment upgrades.

### September

◆ City Manager Steve Poloni shares his story and photos with the Grosse Pointe News of he and his wife coincidentally being on vacation in England when Queen Elizabeth II dies, calling it a "front row to history."

◆ Council hears details from a developer who works with cell phone companies about the possibility of putting a tower near city hall. The move could potentially bring in tens of thousands of dollars in revenue annually depending on how many carriers sign the lease.

◆ ADA-accessible swings at Osius Park, also paid for by the GPSIF, are met with enthusiasm by the family that requested them as

they become the first to use them.

◆ Dan Kolar, retiring as a sergeant after 27 years with the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department, joins the Shores as an officer.

### October

◆ Administrators begin the search for a new treasurer/finance director after Candice Giles, who had been with the city since spring 2021, resigns to accept a job with Oakland County.

◆ Tony Spina, with the public safety department since 2000, is promoted to lieutenant.

◆ Contractors replacing the water main along Lakeshore uncover an abandoned water line that is stamped "1911," which is the year the village was incorporated.

### November

◆ Ordinance changes now allow homeowners to install solid fences up to six feet high along their rear property lines and can have pools within 15 feet of their rear lot line, half the distance of the previous ordinance.

### December

◆ DPW Director Mike Way says all 14,000 feet of a new water main on Lakeshore running the length of the city has been installed.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JAN. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Master Plan Public Participation meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 12

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



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4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

# Forging his own future with a clean sweep

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

On a Google Maps street view of Belding Cleaners on lower Kercheval, the man with a broom sweeping the sidewalk is Joe Hebeka. He owns the company.

More on that soon. On a mainly gray marble pedestal near the corner of Hebeka's desk in his second-floor office overlooking Kercheval, two books stand between white marble American Indian chief bookends: "West's Business Law" and Sun Tzu's "The Art of War."

Both volumes are readily-accessible reminders of a businessman's need to balance protocol and ambition.

"One of the main things I took from reading 'The Art of War' was how you can use your knowledge and team to better your business," Hebeka said. "A lot of that comes together when your team sees their leader as being one of them, someone who will do things most leaders won't. That's a leader others will follow."

Which gets back to the Google picture of the top man doing bottom-rung labor.

"It's hard to staff right now, but the people I do have are fantastic," Hebeka said. "It's almost give-and-take with them. I take care of them; they take care of me. That's how things grow. I can't do it without my staff."

Hebeka, 41, bought the business in 2007, from his father, who'd owned it since the 1970s.

"I had a vision for Belding Cleaners when I worked for my dad," Hebeka said. "I knew it could be more. I saw the final product way in the distance. Over the years, just one step at a time, I tried to get closer and

closer to making that vision a reality." He's almost hit his mark.

"I see us as very close to the vision I saw years ago," he said. "We do top-quality work. We have all-new equipment and machinery."

He cleans the uniforms of Grosse Pointe public safety officers for free. All Pointes, not just the Park.

"They do a lot for us," Hebeka said. "I love Grosse Pointe. I love my family. I want to see this whole area succeed."

In the 1996 movie, "The Big Night," a deceitful restaurateur rationalizes faking good relations with everyone.

It's a cynical sales strategy: "I am a businessman. I am anything I need to be at any time."

For Hebeka, compatibility comes naturally.

"I try to be nice to everyone," he said. "I try to see both sides of everything. That's why, I guess, I'm invited to be a part of things because people know I'm balanced."

He did some inviting of his own when founding the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

"It needed to be done for unification," said Hebeka, president of the group. "It's a decent amount of work, but it's for the good of business owners and residents. I say that because we are serving all the residents. Naturally, they want to be in a community where there are successful businesses for them to shop at."

Membership yields business-to-business discounts, inclusion in an online listing at visittheparkgp.com, advertising



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Joe Hebeka sorts through paperwork in his office at Belding Cleaners.

opportunities and more. It's part of Hebeka's two-way street philosophy, which extends to municipal relations.

"The city's receptive to the association's needs and issues," he said. "In turn, we do the same thing for the city. If there's an event they need help with, we jump in."

The cleaning business is more than 100 years old.

"Belding Cleaners was founded by the Belding family in 1918, on Kercheval in Detroit," Hebeka said. "This location (on Kercheval) was built in 1929, as the first dry cleaners in Grosse Pointe."

Belding Brothers & Company is the namesake of Belding, Mich, north-east of Grand Rapids.

"They were silk manufacturers," Hebeka said.

Belding had mills in four states and one in Canada, according to more than 100-year-old advertisements in Hebeka's files. Offices and

salesrooms ranged from Manhattan to San Francisco.

In the company town of Belding, the Belding Library is a half block away from the Belding Museum, a former boarding house for females working in one of the town's three silk mills, the only remaining one of which is now an apartment building.

"I think they funded one of their cousins to build this building," Hebeka said of the Kercheval location.

History and employee relations aside, it is because of Hebeka being the victim of a surprisingly bold theft late November at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport North Terminal Big Blue parking deck that made him of interest to television news viewers throughout metro Detroit.

He and his eldest of three children, 14-year-old daughter Juliana, were coming home from visiting relatives in Florida

during Thanksgiving. His wife, Angela, stayed behind a few extra days with sons Jonah, 10, and Jordan, 7.

Hebeka and Julianna stepped around a corner on the parking deck's second floor to find his new Jeep Wagoneer and a big surprise.

"It was sitting on blocks with nuts and bolts on the floor and cars parked all around it," Hebeka said.

The four stolen wheels and tires totaled a nearly \$8,000 loss, a secondary concern at the time.

"My daughter had to get to school," Hebeka said, "She didn't want to miss dance practice."

He arranged private transport for more than \$100, took her to school, went home, got another car and returned to the airport to file a police report.

"They almost scolded me: 'Why did you leave and then come back to file a police report?'" Hebeka said. "I said, 'I have to get

my daughter to school. I'll do whatever it takes to get my daughter to school, then come back and deal with this mess. She doesn't need to deal with it."

Julianna feared the thieves knew where the family lived.

"No, I told her, those guys are gone," Hebeka said. "They're on to their next theft. They're probably doing it right now while we're talking."

A Wagoneer on blocks tells a story. A Wagoneer on blocks in a busy airport parking deck asks questions.

Hebeka can't figure out how, at an airport post-9/11, where everything is supposedly under surveillance, everyone is suspected of something and every bag, pocketbook, piece of luggage and pair of shoes are put through the ringer, a group of thieves could waltz off with somebody's wheels and tires.

"Nobody called us," Hebeka said. "So, nobody patrolled the lot and saw it. No security guard in a car with a little orange light. Nothing. (Reporters) said 30 cars have been stolen this year. That's one car every 12 days. I don't know what more it will take before they put up cameras."

His wheels are being replaced.

"I'm fortunate, but God only knows what goes on in that parking garage," Hebeka said. "I don't want little kids getting hurt."

## UPGRADE:

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area as accessible as possible. That includes a wheelchair-friendly

rubberized surface, rather than wood chips, and an ADA-compliant

"friendship swing" that can seat an adult and child.

The foundation still is accepting donations for the project at gpw foundation.org.

The overall project is expected to cost around \$380,000, down from an original estimate of \$500,000, and the timeline has been reduced from three years to one.

Council in December also gave the go-ahead to City Administrator Frank Schulte to start negotiations with AT&T to place a generator on

city hall property.

"We already have a generator for city hall, so we haven't had a power outage in a long time, but this would be for AT&T's cell tower located here," Schulte said. "The power lines that run through Ghesquiere Park go through a lot of trees and they lose power every so often."

AT&T pays the city \$42,000 per year to lease space for its tower.

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# Shores has final council meeting of the year

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — City council addressed a few house-keeping matters at its meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13, putting a bow on 2022.

Public Works Director Mike Way said all 14,000 feet of the new water main has been installed on Lakeshore.

“The last thing the contractor has to do is set the connector valves,” he said. “There are five of them all located in the median.”

Council last spring approved selling \$8 million in bonds to replace the old 8-inch main with a 12-inch one from Woodland Shore on the south end of the city to Fair Lake Lane at the north end. That was then tied in with a 12-inch main previously installed in front of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

Bond money also was used to make sewer repairs on Oxford, which are complete. Way added that all sod that was dug up during the project is replaced, and the contractor will replace any in the spring that doesn't survive winter. The contractor also will return the field north of city hall

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## City of Grosse Pointe

### Anti-Santa

An unknown person stole two packages, addressed to different people, from an unlocked vestibule on Neff between Monday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Dec. 30.

### Stolen identity

Liberty Financial and Honor Credit Union accounts were fraudulently opened in a Grosse Pointe man's name Thursday, Dec. 29. He then discovered an unknown charge of \$388 to his Fifth Third Bank account.

### Thief caught

The follow-up investigation to a retail fraud at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval in mid-December, led to the identification of a 53-year-old Mount Clemens man. He was cited and released.

### Family first

A 33-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 5 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, for threatening staff at a local hospital because he was unhappy with the treatment of his sister.

— Laurel Kraus

# PUBLIC SAFETY

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

### Check fraud

Someone altered a \$700 check written Friday, Dec. 16, to an area business, increasing the amount to \$7,000.

### Unlocked cars

While a Park sergeant investigated reports of unknown suspects casing parked vehicles in the 1100 block of Audubon at 4 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, three unknown black males in a 2021 Ford Focus with a Pennsylvania license plate ditched the area at high speed.

“(The) vehicle was pursued, but pursuit was discontinued for safety concerns,” said a detective.

Officers learned the Focus was freshly stolen. “Multiple other unlocked vehicles in the

area were later found to be gone through by the suspects,” police said.

— Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Is he going away?

That was the response from a City of Grosse Pointe man's daughters after he was pulled over on Lakeshore near Renaud about 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, according to the officer's narrative report.

The man was ticketed for driving with a suspended license and an expired registration. He and his daughters were released to another driver after his 2020 Ford Explorer was impounded.

— Ted O'Neil

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

### Yet another one

In what is becoming more of a target because of its value, a catalytic converter was reported stolen from a vehicle in the Ascension St. John Hospital parking lot some time between 8:20 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28.

### Party hearty

A 34-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving around 5 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, after crashing his 2019 Jeep into a tree in the median on Mack near Hampton.

The man at first denied drinking alcohol, but a fifth of tequila with three-quarters of it gone was found in the vehicle.

### Happy new year

A resident in the 2100 block of Hampton reported his Kia Soul was

stolen from his driveway between 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

— Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Hockey theft

A hockey bag containing more than \$2,000 worth of equipment was stolen from the bed of a truck parked on Merriweather at 11:22 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27.

### In need of license

After being pulled over at Mack and University at 2:52 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, for a license tag that expired in November, a 19-year-old Southfield woman was found to have never acquired a license.

She was cited for the expired plate and not having a license, while the vehicle was impounded.

— Laurel Kraus

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

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“If we get a solid lead, we get in this investigation and we find out that somebody is motivated to send a message of fear or intimidation, then we

could have a hate crime (or) we could have harassment,” he explained, adding there have not been any similar incidents of hate crimes committed in the City in recent history.

“This is not something that we take

lightly and it's nothing that we want in our community,” he said.

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OUR VIEW

Our hopes for the Pointes in 2023

At the turn of a new year, hope springs eternal. Many of us eagerly set new goals and new aspirations for many facets in our lives, whether it involves where we work, where we live, health, fitness, family or friends.

So what better time than the first week of January to share what we hope and wish for in the Pointes in 2023.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Public Schools** — We sure hope that with a changing of the guard with three new school board members, including a new board president, comes a renewed spirit of cooperation and accountability between our administration, board and stakeholders. With COVID-based issues, the appointment of a new superintendent, financial pressures, a school board election and subsequent recount that confirmed the election's results, we saw way too much discord over the past three years.

Despite the endless debates about how to go about accomplishing objectives, the root of shared concerns and efforts is to do what is right and effective in setting our kids up for success. Let's stay focused on building them a solid foundation and future, instead of "winning" the fruitless back-and-forth war of words.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Shores** — We get great delight when our reporter, Ted O'Neil, is able to write a public safety report from Grosse Pointe Shores that says "no reports per dispatch." We hope for more of these outstanding, clean incident reports for the city in 2023. But when there is a crime to be solved, we know the Shores have some of the best personnel to help solve it, such as when an identity theft case filed with the department last July led officers on a trail where they eventually helped federal authorities uncover a massive, national fraud ring.

Last year, city officials also continued to fight for residents by protesting what they said were faulty findings in the 2020 census, urging residents to fill out park pass applications as another tool to combat the census findings, which claimed the city lost 12.3 percent of its residents from 2010.

The city also dedicated new pickleball courts, which were paid for with a \$131,000 donation from the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation. Work also included relocating the sand volleyball court to near the basketball court, adding a concrete staging area for kayaks and installing a new pace clock at the pool. The Shores Council also approved the sale of \$8 million in bonds to replace the water line the entire length of Lakeshore and for water and sewer upgrades on Oxford.

Our wish for Shores residents in 2023 is that city officials continue to set the gold standard for the safe, well-run community that it is.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Woods** — Good things are happening for Woods residents and many of them are taking place at Lake Front Park. When the Grosse Pointes faced a lifeguard shortage in the spring, Parks and Recreation employees rallied to train more than 70 lifeguards, preventing pool closures due to short staffing in one of the



PHOTO BY KEN CENDROWSKI

Pure Grosse Pointe

A moody and foggy morning Monday, Jan. 2, did not stop golden retriever, Luna, and her friend Raina, a Basenji/Labrador mix (also known as a "Labrasenji"), from convincing their owner, Ken Cendrowski of Grosse Pointe Farms, to take them for a walk along Lakeshore near Pier Park on a warmer-than-usual winter's day. The mix of sun and clouds created a haze over Lake St. Clair and helped the mercury reach a balmy temp of 41 degrees.

state's largest municipal pools. The guards readied for a busy summer, which included running the Pointe's largest summer swim team. The park also gained popular new pickleball and basketball courts among its many amenities.

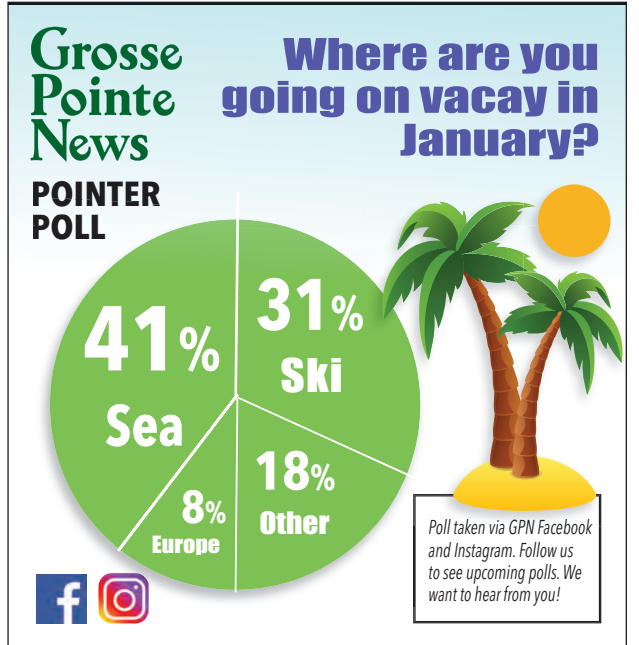
Our wish for the Woods in the new year is that this well-received growth and improvement continues for residents to enjoy.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Farms** — Facing major construction and repair projects on its roads and seawall in 2022, the Farms made some major progress. After months of inconvenience and frustration, Fisher Road finally re-opened. While there still remain some finishing touches that need to happen on the busy road next spring, we were grateful to see this project come to near completion. The decrepit three-mile stretch of seawall from Warner Road to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club along Lakeshore finally got some much needed-attention, thanks to the hustle and priority Farms officials gave to the urgently needed repairs. Rep. Joe Tate secured \$750,000 in a line item in the state's fiscal year 2022 budget, earmarking it for the seawall, while City Manager Shane Reeside explored potential grants to help add additional funds for the project. Our wish for the Farms is that city officials continue to work as tirelessly and together as they have for residents in 2023.

◆ **City of Grosse Pointe** — The name of the game for the City has been improvement and development. It approved two new private tax bases by expanding residential developments, the first of its kind in a half century. The city also passed its master plan update for the first time since 2012, while council issued a notice of intent for bonds up to \$15 million, which will go toward sewer infrastructure and stormwater improvements. It also obtained \$500,000 in engineering funds through Rep. Tate, Michigan's Speaker of the House, for a Mack Avenue streetscape improvement project and began the design process for a unified look with its across-the-street neighbors in Detroit.

Family-friendly events like sidewalk sales, the annual tree lighting and the return of Music on the Plaza helped bring crowds to The Village. Physical improvements such as re-stripping and paving the Kroger parking lot to create more user-friendly parking and installing innovative pay stations in lots throughout the city are helping the center of our community keep pace with the changing times.

Our wish for the city is that great retailers and restaurant owners decide to fill up the storefronts and make The Village their home, with each block offering even more special and unique options for residents of this wonderfully



walkable community to experience and explore.

◆ **Grosse Pointe Park** — New businesses in the Park, including a bustling French bakery and a female-friendly tattoo parlor, along with countless busy street festivals and events, were reflective of the continuous growth and major social vibe popping up throughout the city. Infrastructure projects including alleyway clean-up, parking lot repaving, along with the passing of a 10-year millage to fund municipal water and sewer improvements had Park residents buzzing. With the critical funding threshold met for the \$45 million A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts, the Park seems poised for an exciting 2023. Our wish for the Park is that city officials continue to engage residents in improvement plans and, in return, residents appreciate and embrace the hip and inviting destination the Park is becoming.

There is so much to look forward to in this new year. We encourage residents to stay informed and engaged. Attend a school board or city council meeting, or look for ways to volunteer in your city. Of course, you probably need no reminder that one of the best ways to stay up on what's happening around town is to subscribe to the Grosse Pointe News at [grossepointenews.com/subscribe/](https://grossepointenews.com/subscribe/). City to city, school to school, park to park, we have you covered.

The new year offers the perfect time to commit to moving past the grumbling and complaining and instead become part of the creative ideas and solutions required to keep our cities and schools humming.

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Resolving to improve

To the Editor:  
I am writing in

response to the Dec. 29 Our View "New year, new you?" opinion that seems to criticize the majority of Americans

who do not make New Year's resolutions. "Apparently, many people should resolve in 2023 to stop thinking they are so perfect." Yet the author acknowledges that even for the "more humble souls looking for self-improvement," social science research shows that only a small percentage of Americans achieve their goal.

Another option in the pursuit of self-discovery and improvement is a daily meditation practice. Beginning and/or ending the day in quiet

stillness provides an opportunity to focus on the breath, bring awareness, express gratitude and consider intentions. You may reflect on habits you are ready to release and qualities you would like to cultivate. This practice invites curiosity, opens the heart and mind, and requires humility. Established as part of a daily routine, it might even preclude the need for once-a-year resolutions.

MARIA WILLIAMS  
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



# Wonder through a child's eyes

**K**ids. They're fascinating. As an adult, it's hard to believe we once were that small or that young. Watching a child who's new to life discover things, explore things, learn words and find laughter is amazing. I have lots of nieces and nephews and I'm proud of all of them. My newest nephew is about 15 months old. Unfortunately (for me) he lives in California where his dad's job has temporarily transplanted his family, but they came here to visit for the holidays and we couldn't get enough of the little dude. I had so much fun with this amazing, inquisitive little man. He finds so many things intriguing

and you can almost see his brain working as he tries to figure it all out. It was wonderful to witness his fascination and curiosity. If he finds something interesting, he'll look at it, furrow his little brow and pick it up to investigate or play. He knows a little bit of sign language and is very good at shaking his head no. Even if he doesn't mean it. Great Grandpa gave him a Slinky for Christmas and that outshined every toy he had gotten prior to that one. He loved it! If you've ever had a Slinky, you know how fun it is to watch it go down the stairs by itself. I showed him this Slinky trick and he thought it was hilarious. Mission accomplished. I'm not saying he's smarter or cuter or more extraordinary just because he's my nephew (even though he is). I'm talking about witnessing,

in these brief moments when he's here, how he's growing and what he's learning. I find his laughter to be a joy that should be heard everywhere. He's a solid little kid. When he dipped his hand in the dog's water dish, I said, "Uh oh, we need to wash our hands now," and proceeded to take him over to the sink. I sat him on the edge of the sink and pressed the soap handle and nothing came out the first time. On the third try when soap came out, it squirted farther than I expected and I said, "Oops!" and he started laughing. That was all I needed to hear. If he thinks something is funny, I'll do it for five minutes just to keep the laughter going. My sister didn't want me to use the regular soap, so she gave me something even better: foamy soap that turned out to be a great idea on her part. I put it

on the edge of the sink, pressed it and each time the foam soap squirted into the sink, I gave him a little squeeze and said, "Doh!" and he laughed and laughed and laughed. It. Was. Awesome. During this bit of foamy fun, I became a kid right along with him. We were finally cut off by an adult, (insert eye roll) because, they said, too much laughter can give him a tummy ache. What? We've laughed until we cried and we didn't get a tummy ache. Oh well. Grandma came to get him; his diaper needed to be changed and unbeknownst to me after that task was finished, he walked back over the sink and put his arms up like he wanted more. I wish I would have known because I would have picked him up and continued the fun. Don't worry, I promised to buy my sister more soap to replace

most likely the third of a jar we used while having the fun we had. Who knew soap could be so hilarious? I loved spending time with him and wanted it to go on for days, but alas, he needs his naps, his routine and his mom and dad. I get that. I am grateful for the time I got to spend with him. He is so precious and I cannot wait to see him again. When you're an adult, you have certain ways you do things, but then you throw a curious, intelligent child in the mix and you are happy to have things shaken up. Status quo can go out the window when you look at something through their eyes. It takes you out of a zone into something new. As adults, we see the world through the perspective we've developed by our experiences, emotions, jobs and decisions

we have made. But then a child shows up and shows you a whole new world, one that's been right in front of you the whole time. The world we see every day without actually seeing it. Sometimes, we forget to look at the things right in front of us. Sometimes, we forget the world can be a beautiful, bright and, at times, a seemingly brand new place. A child shows us that. Grounds us. Brings us back down to earth and reminds us to take a breath. Slow down. We, as grownups, need to simplify things, embrace the newness when we interact with a child. And that can be incredible, the journey down to the intention of the moment. And if, just for a moment, we take off our adult blinders to look at the world, we can see its wonder through a child's eyes. How refreshing.

GUEST VIEW By Ron Lamparter

# A message to dear friends and neighbors

**F**or past 84 years, I have lived in or near three of the five separate communities known collectively as Grosse Pointe. I am growing increasingly concerned for the future of our great community and for our great country that has always been known as the "United" States of America. The term "united" does not (and should not!) mean everyone walking in "lock-step agreement" with everyone else.



However, it should mean everyone "working together" to achieve basic goals and objectives on which at least a majority should be able to agree. Recently, however, it seems like more and more people are adopting a philosophy that equates to "I don't care about anyone else's thoughts — it's my way or the highway."

I don't want to wander off into senseless argument on ANY of the many different issues that seem to be tearing apart and destroying our great community and country. I simply want to encourage everyone to focus on principles of civility and American-style democracy — and to understand huge differences between emotional and never-ending argument and intellectually honest debate that is much more likely to result in solutions that are acceptable to at least a majority of citizens.

I believe it's important to recognize that this is our community and "we the people" of Grosse Pointe are responsible for setting a tone that reflects the values of our entire community — and not the values of every individual that decides he/she/it knows better than the community as a whole.

We the people should be able to agree on basic concepts that we want to govern the general behavior of everyone in our community — regardless of whether they are a resident or a visitor.

We should be able to elect representatives who feel similarly and appoint officials who then implement and fairly enforce the rules and regulations

established by duly elected representatives of "we the people."

We should be able to decide the subject matter that is taught in our public school system — and the standards that are established for graduation from our public schools.

We should embrace diversity and then ensure that everyone is treated fairly and honestly and not discriminated against — as long as their behavior does not hurt or negatively impact others.

We should certainly not be pursuing things that might address a problem for a small handful of our citizens, but simultaneously make life much worse for a vast majority of others!

Our law enforcement officers should be held to highest standards; but when ANYONE is arrested for violating the laws of our community, the violators

should be punished and not the law enforcement officers.

We should ALL be able to agree on overall goals and objectives and to then work together to determine the best manner in which to actually achieve those goals and objectives.

Civility and democracy does not involve rocket science and seems to be well covered under what our ancestors once called the Golden Rule:

"Do unto others, as you would have others do unto you."

In other words, "Treat others the way you would like them to treat you."

Let's all make a New Year's resolution and agree to stop tearing our community apart and destroying the very things for which our community was once held in high esteem.

With best wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy, respectful and successful new year.

Ron Lamparter is a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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# FIRST things first: Robotics teams earn honors

After three busy, challenging months of creative problem-solving, leadership, communication and self-confidence building, the middle school robotics competition, the FIRST Tech Challenge, was held at University Liggett School Sunday, Dec. 4. Five teams from the Grosse Pointes competed, including one team from Parcels Middle School, three from Pierce Middle School and one from University Liggett School.

"It was an incredible day and awe inspiring to see kids, aged 10 to 13, step up and embrace challenges," said Sherry Betcher, Botmasterz mentor at Pierce.

Among the teams' accomplishments and awards:

◆ The Parcels Blown Fuses ranked third of 24 and just barely missed a spot at the state finals at Macomb Community



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FIRST Tech Challenge participants blow off steam by dancing to "YMCA."

College. Their coach, Sean Spence, also received the Compass Award, which is awarded when teams submit videos describing how their

coach is a beacon and leader in their journey of the FIRST Tech Challenge.

◆ Pierce's new 360 Robot Lab was awarded

the Judges Choice Award, which is given to teams whose unique efforts, performance or dynamism merit recognition.

◆ Pierce's Botmasterz

was awarded second place for the Think Award, which recognizes teams for removing engineering obstacles through creative think-

ing.

◆ Pierce's new Based Bots team was awarded a special trophy from a competing team.

◆ Liggett's Knightmares were awarded the Control Award for mastering robot intelligence by using sensors and software to increase the robot's functionality in the field.

Betcher noted a special thanks to the teams' many sponsors, especially the Michigan Department of Education and Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, "for helping fund these opportunities for our kids," she said. "The teams are deeply appreciative for all of the financial support from their sponsors.

"If you happen to see any of these kids or their parents in the community, please congratulate them on an amazing season."

# University Liggett School awarded \$250,000 grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation

University Liggett School recently received a \$250,000 Educational Leadership Grant from the Edward E. Ford Foundation, based in Brooklyn, N.Y. The school will use the funds to facilitate the advancement of place-based humanities education by supporting teachers and students through a National Place-Based Humanities Institute.

"We are so grateful to be recognized and selected by the E.E. Ford Foundation for this wonderful grant," Head of School Bart Bronk said. "E.E. Ford's commitment to innovative and impact-

ful educational initiatives in independent schools has been transformative for so many schools, educators and the students they serve. Liggett is honored that our approach to place-based humanities education has been selected to be among these outstanding schools and programs."

The program extends from a model to teaching U.S. history that has been implemented at ULS since 2014, in which students learn about national themes and narratives through local lenses, case studies and site visits.

"Local history is

American history and by helping students uncover narratives from our own communities' history — and connecting those narratives to national themes — they learn that history is made ... by people just like them in their own backyards," said Adam Hellebuyck, ULS dean of curriculum and assessment and Upper School history and social studies teacher.

The institute will offer teachers innovative and immersive professional development and a collaborative forum, and students access to projects and workshops designed to deepen their connections to their own places. Specifically, the institute will host workshops focusing on elements of place-based

learning; create place-based humanities experiences in urban and rural communities around the United States; facilitate the creation of local learning cooperatives; encourage student "historians-in-training" to contribute to digital journals and podcasts and; develop a robust online presence to engage all participants.

The grant builds on a separate Edward E. Ford Foundation grant which in 2020 expanded efforts to include hosting workshops for educators nationwide regarding how to incorporate place-based humanities in their own curricula; procuring a 1922 Ford Model T as the centerpiece of a new place-based material culture

course at ULS; offering consulting services and workshops to the Detroit Public Schools Community District on implementing this approach in their social studies classrooms; and hosting the Black Bottom Streetview Exhibit, highlighting the rich history of the African American experience in Detroit's historic Black Bottom neighborhood.

"The support that we have received, not just from the E.E. Ford Foundation, but from the teachers and students with whom we have already partnered in this work, has been remarkable," said Chris Hemler, Cynthia N. Ford chair of history and the social studies and Upper School history teacher.

"It is not often that you have the opportunity to share the work that you love with so many others — this grant, and the place-based institute it supports, will allow us to continue this professional dream come true."

The Educational Leadership Grant is awarded to a select number of schools with innovative and replicable programs that promise to have a significant impact on practice and thinking in the national independent school community. The grant requires a 1:1 funding match, encouraging recipient schools to leverage the grant to generate support from their communities to create impactful and sustained programs.

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that has been used as a staging area to its original condition.

"It'll be like they were never here," Way said.

Way also noted that the ice rink behind the DPW building is set up and being filled with

water in preparation for falling temperatures.

"In fact I have an alarm on my phone to remind me to turn the water off after the meeting," he joked.

Also in the DPW realm, council approved a series of permits with Wayne County that allows the city to perform road maintenance and repair pavement on Lakeshore.

"It's odd that we need this for a road we don't own and have no control over," Mayor Ted Kedzierski said.

"This also gives us access to the right-of-way for cutting the grass on the islands," Way said. "We could let the county do it, but it might get done once a summer."

"We'd all get run out of

office," Councilman Robert Barrette replied.

The county also delivered its last load of limestone being used to repair the Lake St. Clair seawall in both the Farms and the Shores.

City Manager Steve Poloni during his report said a new camera system was to be installed in council chambers. Equipment that had been used to show council meetings on a Comcast public access channel no longer works.

"We looked at a system that would allow us to live stream, but we'd have to rework the whole thing," Poloni said. "That would cost around \$40,000 and that's not practical for us."

Instead, the city went with a \$4,000 system

from PointeAlarm to record meetings.

"It will pick up and record voices from the microphones we already have," Poloni said. "I'd say it's more like what a police department would use in an interview room."

Recordings will be posted on the city's website.

Finally, the city continues to look for a new finance director since former Finance Director/Controller Candice Giles left to take a job with Oakland County.

"It's a work in progress," Poloni said. "We're still hoping to get a full-time applicant, but one option is to have someone come in part time a couple days a week or look at outside firms."

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# New coffee shop opens on Nautical Mile

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**ST. CLAIR SHORES** — A name familiar to many Grosse Pointers is back in the coffee business.

New Order Coffee Roasters recently opened a new location at 25107 Jefferson, just a few doors north of 10 Mile next to Baffin Brewery.

"We had a lot of Grosse Pointe customers when we had our Detroit location," owner Patrick Seeney said. "I'd say 20 percent of our online orders are from the Pointes."

The Detroit location, opened by Seeney and then-owner Liz Rose in 2017, was named one of the top 10 coffee shops

in the country by USA Today. A second location opened in Royal Oak in 2019. Like many small businesses, however, New Order fell victim to the pandemic.

"We closed the Detroit store first and then finally Royal Oak in March of 2021," Seeney said. "Liz was ready to retire so I bought the business from her and kept selling our roasted blends online."

Seeney met Rose when she owned Roasting Plant in Detroit.

"I'd been a manager at Starbucks for 14 years when we met," he said. "I joined her at Roasting Plant and then we decided why not do it on our own? She sold the franchise and used



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New Order Coffee Roasters is now open on Jefferson in St. Clair Shores.

that money to start New Order."

Seeney said he had

been wanting to open a physical location but was looking for the right opportunity.

"I'd been roasting beans for Baffin since they opened and then they bought the adjoin-

ing buildings," he said.

"They offered me the space and I went for it. People were telling me there were no coffee shops around here."

A soft opening in the fall was followed by a

grand opening Nov. 4.

"We got lucky with that stretch of warm weather," Seeney added. "This is a very residential area and very walkable. The line was out the door at times."

New Order sells several coffee blends, including K-cup pods, as well as mugs, brewing equipment and tumblers. The 1,500-square-foot store offers drip coffee, regular and cereal-flavored lattes and baked goods.

Seeney said he'd eventually like to expand to more locations.

"I live in Troy and looked at a few spots there, but rent is insane," he said. "I think Grosse Pointe would be a good spot for us."

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Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are Grosse Pointe Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher, left, and Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Art Bryant, center, along with StretchLab owners, family and friends.



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For more information, visit [mathnasium.com/grossepointe/our-team](http://mathnasium.com/grossepointe/our-team), call (313) 451-6284 or email [grossepointe@mathnasium.com](mailto:grossepointe@mathnasium.com).

Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher, Mathnasium owner Anthony Fears, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Mathnasium owner Angela Fears and Grosse Pointe Woods Assistant City Administrator Sue Como.



## New owner

Posterity Galley, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, is under new ownership following the retirement of Sherry McInerney. New owner Michelle Boggess-Nunley already has renovated and remodeled the business, which has been a Grosse Pointe staple business for more than 30 years, providing custom framing services, fine art and more. For more information, email [posterityframingallery@gmail.com](mailto:posterityframingallery@gmail.com) or call (313) 884-8105.

During a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event, a host of family and friends helped City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak and Boggess-Nunley, center, cut the ribbon, including Chamber President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher, Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Wilcock and City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Peter J. Dame.



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## Fatherhood the focus of Docs2Dads Pediatrician to lead ACEs program Jan. 30

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Scott Grant, M.D., and his wife welcomed their third child in September. Along with their newborn son, they have a 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter.

As a pediatrician, Grant knows a thing or two about children. As a father, he has learned about parenting like so many others before him — taking triumphs and trials as they come — and finding the lessons in all of it.

To help other fathers be their best at work and at home, Grant launched Docs2Dads, a podcast that positively reinforces parenting through a father's perspective.

Since it began just more than a year ago, Grant has amassed a "fairly steady listenership," resulting in some 5,000 downloads during the year.

According to his website bio, "I spent my 20s pursuing my lifelong dream of becoming a pediatrician. Then, I became a father myself and everything shifted. I still love my job helping families in the clinic and the hospital, but my joy comes from my relationship with my wife and kids. Like many millennial dads, I want to have

a fulfilling life at work and home. And I want to be a part of the hard work building that life for my family."

Grant hopes to help others accomplish as much through Docs2Dads.

"I'm trying to contribute to the conversation around parenting in a way that's inclusive to the experiences of dads in the context of parenting," he said. "I think that as my generation has gotten older and has started to have families, the generation I'm a part of wants to be dads and wants to be involved in things happening at home, but many of us were not raised in an environment — though I was lucky enough to have that — where the dad was involved."

Grant said growing up, there were a lot of children in his family to be looked after, "but I wasn't given the task of caring for the younger grandkids. That (responsibility) went to my female cousins. That probably was the experience of a lot of men from my generation.

"Then you become a dad and you're excited and you want to be a good dad, but the deeply practical, day-to-day experiences, you don't have that. My favorite days are when I have the



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**Working in conjunction with The Family Center, Dr. Scott Grant invites the community to "Intro to ACEs," which takes place Monday, Jan. 30.**

mornings off from work. I get to spend the morning with my 2-year-old and my baby while my oldest is at school. Some of my colleagues at work, maybe their partners are not comfortable doing that. I want dads to be confident and competent to take care of their kids. Most dads have the skills they need to do it successfully, but they need encouragement."

In contrast to social media outlets that serve more as places to vent, Grant is taking a positive-minded approach to his podcast. He wants fathers to find joy in parenthood, whether it's a new venture or not.

"There will be frustrations and challenges along the way," he said. "How can you still enjoy those experiences along the way? Not just as a

dad, but as a husband, too. I want to help them think about things a little more through that lens."

Through Docs2Dads, Grant shares parenting basics — based on his experience as a father and as a pediatrician — from welcoming a baby to the challenges of first-time fatherhood and beyond. Podcast topics have included "Helping Kids LOVE to Read," "Surviving Without Sleep ft. Dr. Phil Boucher," "The Rollercoaster of Fatherhood — Finding Joy in Survival Mode" and "Why Our Words Matter."

Men's health, financial wellness and civic responsibility are other topics he's covered. All of them are available online at docs2dads.com.

"The first year, I focused on getting the information out there, establishing myself and Docs2Dads as a place to go for information," he said. "It's a podcast that will hopefully grow into other things as time goes by."

In the future, he hopes to add video course-style content to the website, as well as live events, coaching opportunities and a regularly meeting dads' group.

"It's so important to have a community of dads to interact with regularly, to bounce things

off of," he said. "If I can find a way to facilitate that in a meaningful way, I can use the Docs2Dads platform to build this community and create a place for dads to share things in a positive way."

"I would love to connect with as many dads as possible," Grant said. "My hope is if there are dads out there who feel they need support, I hope the podcast can provide that to them."

Information about Docs2Dads may be found on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. Dads who would like to learn more also may email Grant at docs2dadspod@gmail.com

"If I'm remembered for anything when I'm gone, other than being remembered for my kids, I hope I'm remembered for this — helping dads be great dads."

### On tap

Working in conjunction with The Family Center, Grant invites the community — dads and moms — to "Intro to ACEs," which takes place Monday, Jan. 30.

During the event, Grant will discuss adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, which can impact kids' health and well-being, as well as

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## Neighborhood Club celebrates 10 years in current home

In celebration of its 10th anniversary at its current location, the Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center has planned special events Saturday, Jan. 7, as well as throughout the week.

Members-only activities will take place between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, while an open house welcomes the public between 2 and 5:30 p.m. The community also is welcome to check out 30-minute fitness class demonstrations between 7:15 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Also Saturday, member and nonmember raffles take place. Members will be in the running for 10 free personal training sessions, while nonmembers can enter to win one-year memberships to the Neighborhood Club. New Neighborhood Club swag also will be raffled off to members who check in on the app.

Other treats include free 15-minute private

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swim lessons and free 30-minute personal training sessions; these are available on a limited basis and sign-up is required. Five-minute chair massages, available for members only, are offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fun continues during the week for mem-

bers, who are offered the following:

◆ Sunday, Jan. 8 — Gentle restorative classes offered throughout the day.

◆ Monday, Jan. 9 — Enter to win a pickleball party for eight.

◆ Tuesday, Jan. 10 — Refreshments and snacks from 5 a.m. to noon,

while supplies last.

◆ Wednesday, Jan. 11 — Enter to win a free birthday party package.

◆ Thursday, Jan. 12 — Celebrate the Neighborhood Club's 112th birthday with cupcakes at 11 a.m., while supplies last.

◆ Friday, Jan. 13 — Donate blood to the American Red Cross; sign up at redcrossblood.org.

For more details, visit [neighborhoodclub.org](http://neighborhoodclub.org).

### A look back

While the Neighborhood Club is celebrating 10 years at 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, the organization has been going strong for 112 years. Having opened in 1911, the Neighborhood Club is the oldest nonprofit in the Grosse Pointes. Additionally, its Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop will celebrate 95 years in 2023.

The Neighborhood Club was organized in

1911, by a group of women who wanted to address the recreation, education, welfare and healthcare needs of the community. In the early days, the Neighborhood Club co-sponsored Grosse Pointe's first library, constructed its first gymnasium, organized the community's first hospital — Cottage Hospital — and hired a visiting nurse to tend to local families.

Following the donation of eight acres and an extensive fundraising drive, a new community center was completed in 1927, across the street from its current location. During the Great Depression and World War II, federal and county emergency relief programs were coordinated and administered by the organization.

The building lasted until the 1960s, when it was demolished and the property sold. The club operated out of a small house with programs at

off-site locations. It became self-sustaining after government and nonprofit funding stopped in the 1970s, as it shifted from providing welfare services to its current offerings of recreation and athletic programs.

In the early 2000s, the Neighborhood Club developed a recreation master plan and strategic plan. Between 2003 and 2008, discussions were held with the City of Grosse Pointe and local healthcare organizations to enhance community services. The Neighborhood Club received significant planned gifts for future growth, purchased adjacent property through donations and traded property with the City to square off its footprint.

The next couple years saw the development of a partnership with Beaumont Health to provide high-quality recre-

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# SENIOR LIVING



## The Encore Years:

# Ross Fazio honored by grateful Young Survivors Coalition



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Fazio, flanked by a few family members as well as members of the Young Survivors Coalition, above, who recently recognized his contributions to their group.

## Ascension volunteer lovingly known as “The Greeter”

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Members of the Young Survivors Coalition had a surprise for Ross Fazio during a recent meeting.

The 93-year-old St. Clair Shores resident, whom they affectionately call “The Greeter,” was presented with cake and balloons, gifts and cards — all in recognition of his years of volunteering.

Fazio has been a volunteer at Ascension St. John more than 40 years, the last 14 of which he has served as gatekeeper for the YSC support group at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

“The Young Survivors Coalition is a group of young women that started in California,” he explained. “They’re all breast cancer survivors. It turned out that some of the women were younger and had difficulty relating to some of the other breast cancer survivors. So they started the Young Survivors Coalition. Then they started a group here at the Van Elslander Cancer Center.”

The evening meetings take place when the center is closed. Though some physicians occasionally stay late to do paperwork, the support group is the only activity in the building, Fazio said.

When it started, members sat at a long conference table, “but that was not conducive to the kind of support they needed,” Fazio said. “So I let them roam the building. The third-floor lobby had all the appropriate furniture.

“... I let them have run of the building for quite a few years,” he added. “They would come and start at 7 p.m. They were supposed to get out at 8 p.m., but I would let them stay until they finished.”

Any stragglers who were late for the 7 p.m. start would be greeted warmly by Fazio, who would tell them, “Don’t worry. I saved a good seat for you.”

“I let them stay until after 9 p.m.,” he noted. “They would say, ‘Don’t worry. We’ll put all the furniture back.’

“... The Van Elslander Cancer Center is theirs, so they would have a good, long meeting,” he added. “These are all cancer survivors. They’ve been through hell.

They’re not there to play games, but they do have a lot of laughs. ... It’s not all laughing though; there’s a lot of crying, too.”

Not only would Fazio make sure guests were greeted, but he also helped guarantee their safety.

“When they started meeting there, the parking lot was not lit up like it is today,” he said. “After their meeting, the women would go into the parking lot — before we had lights there — and would have meetings in the parking lot. I would call security so they could send a vehicle. When they finally would end up in the parking lot, they appreciated the fact they had security.”

During his years of service, Fazio has grown close with YSC members. Among them was group leader Michelle Tubbs, who passed away in 2016. While Tubbs attended YSC meetings, her husband and son would spend time with Fazio, whose origami hobby entertained the youngster. The boy was enthralled with the swans — whose wings moved when their tails were pulled — as well as the flat boxes that inflated with one breath.

Years later, at Tubbs’ funeral, Fazio made a point to extend his condolences to her husband and son.

“When I went up to the front ... the father says to the son, ‘Do you remember Mr. Fazio?’ The son said, ‘Yes, he made origami!’ In anticipation, I had made five of them and put them in my shirt. You never know what you can do, especially for the little people. He remembered that.”



Fazio, left, displays his official volunteer coat, presented to him by Ascension, at his 90th birthday celebration planned by the Young Survivors Coalition.

Children have always had a special place in Fazio’s heart. He spent years teaching special needs students in Detroit Public Schools after closing out his career as a private practice attorney.

The father of four has 10 grandchildren, as well as one “in heaven.”

“My dad was always a big volunteer, with the Dads’ Club and at church,” said his daughter, Ann Marie Aliotta, noting the family attended grade school at St. Matthews, then went to Bishop Gallagher and De La Salle high schools. “He volunteered in our family, too. He was always very active with the grandkids. He went to all of their events and was the babysitter.”

The Detroit native’s volunteer efforts are not limited to being “The Greeter” at Van Elslander. He spent years volunteering for Detroit’s Thanksgiving Day Parade as well.

“I used to help make floats,” he recalled. “There was a lot of work involved, but it was good work.”

He animatedly describes “rolling out” the floats the night before the parade, as well as arriving early the next morning to learn his assignment.

“He would walk with the floats — until we told him he couldn’t do that anymore,” Aliotta said.

He also was involved with the Friends of Belle Isle, organizing activities and cleaning up the island. He was part of the Belle Isle Botanical Society, too, responsible for taking care of the conservatory.



Honoree Ross Fazio, above.

“You’ve got to enjoy what you’re doing, because you get to see the results,” he said, specifically recalling the comfort and accomplishment he felt making sure YSC members were safe before, during and after their evening meetings. “I felt secure because I knew they were secure. To let them have that facility so they’re free to discuss their problems, to laugh and cry together. If it was not me, I don’t think anybody else would have done it.”

On his 90th birthday, Ascension presented Fazio with a volunteer coat for logging more than 3,500 hours of service. Now, three years later, he has even more time under his belt. But more meaningful is the lasting impression he’s left on YSC.

“Our YSC cancer group recognized and thanked him last night prior to our monthly meeting,” said Grosse Pointe Farms resident Patty McKee, a breast cancer survivor, in a November email. “He has volunteered for over 40 years and the last 14 specifically with our group, greeting and watching over us every second Tuesday of every month. We adore him.”

The group stopped meeting during the pandemic, but made a point to invite Fazio and his family so they could thank him for his kindness and support. When he and his family came to the surprise party at Van Elslander, Fazio was greeted by members who affectionately told him, “Don’t worry, Ross. We saved a good seat for you.”



## Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

### Embarrassing moments that last a lifetime

I've endured thousands of embarrassing moments during my 80-plus years. I remember two with extra-painful twinges. The first embarrassing moment isn't about me, but with how I dealt with — or witnessed, but didn't deal with — someone else's embarrassing predicament. The second one occasionally pops up in my nightmares.

The first. It was 1963. I was a first-year teacher, fresh out of college, still gingerly tiptoeing my way into a job I was enjoying much more than I thought I would. I was hired by the Livonia Public Schools to teach English and American history to seventh graders. My kids were terrific. I liked the school, the principal, my colleagues.

Once a month, teachers and staff members stayed after school for what was then called in-service training. We got together in the school library to learn about a new teaching method or talk about common problems or listen to a speaker.

One of the first in-service trainings I attended featured a well-known child psychologist who was an expert on dealing with children who had emotional problems. He had written several books on the topic and was known in educational circles for his keen understanding of these children and his new ways of working with children who acted up in the classroom.

He had written several books on the topic, which I had read. And he was well-respected for his humorous view of the problems and his entertaining lectures. We all looked forward to his talk.

He walked to the front of the room, stood in front of 30 to 40 teachers and talked for more than an hour.

Later, nobody could remember anything he said.

His pants were unzipped. Not just an inch or so. ALL THE WAY unzipped.

He entered the room, greeted us, then took off his suit jacket and carefully draped it over the back of a nearby chair. He remained standing while he loosened his tie and made eye contact with many of the staff members. We could only focus on the obvious embarrassing situation which was, unfortunately, approximately at our eye level.

Nobody said anything. Nobody told him. We let him talk and talk and talk.

He put his hands in the side pockets of his pants while describing a particularly troublesome case. He walked to the center of the room, arched his back and stretched, causing some white cotton cloth (probably his boxer shorts) to peek

out of the opening in the front of his pants.

We held our breaths.

He hunched forward, placing both hands on the back of the chair. The white cotton retreated.

We breathed easier.

What should somebody have done?

I didn't think it was my place — a brand new female teacher — to get out of my chair, walk to the front of the room and whisper, "Your fly is open" or "Shut the barn door," or whatever the code words men had for this predicament in 1963.

This job should have been taken up by a man. It would have been an embarrassing task for the teller AND the teller. But it should have been addressed.

The second embarrassing situation involved swimming, which is not my strong suit.

All my children swam competitively from the time they were kindergartners until they graduated from high school. One of my daughters swam for the University of Michigan. Their father was a swimmer.

But not me. I can swim. But barely. I can tread water for a long, long time. I can manage one length of a pool, slowly, with terrible form. I'm OK with backstroke. My freestyle is sloppy and jerky and uneven and I never learned the proper breathing technique. And I never learned the proper form for butterfly or breaststroke.

Our whole family was at a Fourth of July celebration. A variety of swimming races were on the program. One of the race categories was a mother-daughter relay — ages 8 and under.

Hmm. I can do that, I thought. I was sure my youngest daughter — who was 6 years old — wanted to enter the race. Obviously, I'm her mother, so I volunteered to be her partner.

She did a nice racing dive into the pool with the other 8-and-unders and made it to the other end in record time. She was first. I was waiting there with the rest of the mothers, ready to dive in and swim back to the starting point.

Alas. Apparently every blasted one of the other mothers in the race was a former competitive swimmer. They all did perfect — sleek — racing dives and completed the length of the pool quickly.

I belly flopped. Struggled. Came up for air. Dog-paddled to the other end.

My daughter was embarrassed. I was embarrassed. It still haunts me.

## Is a part-time job for you?

Retirement is an opportunity to wave goodbye to the daily grind. Retirees may focus on rest and relaxation, and many make travel a major component of their lifestyle. Yet, upon retiring, many retirees discover that they miss interacting with others and being productive through some sort of employment. Others want or need to supplement their retirement incomes.

Part-time work during retirement offers the best of both worlds, half relaxation and half social stimulation. Seniors who regularly socialize have been shown to benefit both emotionally and physically.

But there are a few things to know about working during retirement, particularly if a person is collecting government benefits.

- According to the Social Security Administration, those falling under full retirement age for the entire year (which was raised to age 67 for those born in 1960 or later) will be subjected to an SSA deduction of \$1 from your benefit payments for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit. For 2022, that limit is \$19,560. In the year you reach full retirement age, SSA deducts \$1 in benefits for every \$3 you earn above a different limit, but they only count earnings before the month you reach your full retirement age. For full retirement age reached in 2022 your limit on earnings for the months before full retirement age is \$51,960. After full retirement age, there is no limit on earnings.

- Keep in mind that if you are on Medicare, extra income could potentially trigger surcharges for parts B and D. It's beneficial to speak with a financial consultant to weigh the pros and cons of part-time work during retirement.

- Part-time work does not need to be daily work. Many retirees work according to how they feel. Some options include seasonal jobs, such as driving shuttles in national parks or working during the holidays in retail stores. Or you may use your expertise to consult or start a business.

Whatever you do, choose employment that you enjoy, with minimal stress. Working a job you like during retirement can supplement savings while providing structure and fun that ensure that your later years are indeed golden.

## Packaged and delivered



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HELM

From left, Brian Morgan, Jackie Reuther and Barbara Wachter begin filling gift bags with assorted goods.

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

A team of volunteers at The Helm at the Boll Life Center recently bagged a selection of nonperishable food and other items during its annual Holiday Gift Basket program.

"This is one of our favorite traditions," said Peggy Hayes, executive director of The Helm. "We have been doing this well over 10 years and so many people look forward to it, both from the giving and receiving ends. Each year we receive calls and letters of thanks from the volunteers who deliver to the seniors and from the seniors who receive the packages about how much this means to them. It truly is a heartwarming activity."

On Thursday, Dec. 15, volunteers filled 105 gift bags with at least 50 items — from nonperishable foods and beverages to personal-sized hand sanitizers, large-print puzzle books, calendars and much more. All of the items were donated by the community through direct drop-off donation at The Helm or through its Amazon wish list.

Once packaged, the gift bags were delivered by volunteers to homebound seniors throughout the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"We are so grateful to be in a community that understands and appreciates older adults," Hayes said.

The Helm at the Boll Life Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, non-residential senior community center dedicated to making the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods areas a great place to grow older. The organization serves as an essential resource to older adults in those communities by providing opportunities and services in the areas of health, nutrition, education and recreation, such as transportation, Meals on Wheels, home maintenance, social activities, health screenings and lifelong learning classes. For more information, visit [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org).



Nonperishable food items, above, were included in the bags.

Volunteers visited The Helm on Dec. 15, to fill gift bags for the homebound. More than 100 gift bags, right, were filled for homebound seniors.



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## 4B | FEATURES

# 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.

## R. Scott LeTourneau

R. Scott LeTourneau, 59, passed away Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Scott was born April 12, 1963, and grew up in Grosse Pointe, graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School.

Scott spent much of his adult life traveling across the country, living in Michigan, Atlanta and San Diego, among other places on the West Coast. He had quite a diverse work background, from managing a picture framing store to experience in the automobile industry, plus home improvement supplies and transportation management. Those who know Scott well knew that he had the knack of adapting to the situation at hand.

Scott was predeceased by his father, Roy. He leaves behind his mother, Joan LeTourneau; his sister, Angell (David); and two nieces, Ashley Whitlock and Anna Whitlock. He also is survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as a lengthy list of lifetime friends.

A celebration of life gathering is planned for Scott in January at Atwater in the Park restaurant, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park. More details will be released soon.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial contributions supporting the Van Elslander Cancer Center at Ascension St. John Hospital, ascensionstjohnfoundationMI.org, gift designation of 'other: VECC,' 19251 Mack Ave., Ste. 102, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Helen A. Fildew

Helen Angela Fildew (nee Lloyd), 85, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Helen was born Sept. 15, 1937, in Cleveland, Ohio. Helen spent her early life in Cleveland, graduating with honors from Villa Angela Academy and then from Ursuline College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin and education, and a Master of Arts degree in classical studies from the University

of Pittsburgh, magna cum laude. She enjoyed a semester studying at the American Academy in Rome and was awarded membership to Kappa Gamma Pi National Honors Society.

After graduate school, Helen moved to Grosse Pointe, where she taught in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and at Sacred Heart Academy. In 1963, she married the love of her life, John Hoxley Fildew II, a lawyer with the firm Fildew, Hinks, PLLC. They enjoyed travel, reading and classical music, and held season tickets at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for five decades. They had a close group of lifetime friends who socialized together regularly. One of their great pleasures was their cottage on Lake Huron, where Helen spent time on the beach with her children and grandchildren, and enjoyed the company of extended family and friends. The family had four generations of membership at the Detroit Athletic Club, where Helen and John celebrated their wedding reception, took their children to swimming lessons and loved dining and dancing with their friends.

Helen's priority was always her family. She took an extended leave from teaching to rear her three children. During this time, Helen was an active volunteer in the schools and the community, serving on the Bon Secours Assistance League and with the Friends of the DSO, as well as volunteering with the Boy and Girl Scouts. Helen loved reading and doing needlework, passing these pursuits to her children and grandchildren. She was the hostess for large holiday dinners for family and friends. Her homemade pies were legendary.

Helen returned to teaching at University Liggett School once her children were in school. She taught Latin and served as the head of foreign languages until her retirement in 2001. After retirement, Helen enjoyed being an active and involved grandmother, both locally and abroad. She and John supported many charities. Helen was known

for her quick wit and intelligence and was beloved by her family and friends, as well as her students and colleagues. Recently, during the 2022 Christmas season, Helen received notes addressed "Salve, Magistra," from former students.

Helen was predeceased by her beloved husband, John; parents, Helena and Harold Lloyd; sister, Marjorie Lloyd; and in-laws, Stanley and Ruth Fildew, Janet Fildew, William Fildew and Carl Kaltwasser. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Patricia Kaltwasser; children, Stanley Fildew II (Kelley), Anne Grobel (Ian) and Mary Fildew; daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Fildew; grandchildren, Jacob, Peter, Mary, Helena, Matthew and Isabelle; 10 nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

A funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. There also was a wake from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, friends@dso.org, or the scholarship fund at University Liggett School, uls.org/giving.

## Gordon Stewart Whitten

Gordon Stewart Whitten, 81, of Roseville, passed away Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at Autumn Woods Health Care Facility in Warren.

Gordon was born Dec. 16, 1941, in Meridian, Miss., to Victor and Margaret (nee Doherty) Whitten, both now deceased. In 1963, Gordon joined the U.S. Air Force, following in the footsteps of his father. There he was trained in the computer field. He then launched into his lifelong career in computer programming and analysis with various healthcare and financial institutions.

In 1970, he met the love of his life, Cynthia Fabian. They married the same year and shared



R. Scott LeTourneau



Helen A. Fildew



Gordon Stewart Whitten



Shirley Ann Griggs



Richard George Sanders



Linda B. Harris

## Shirley Ann Griggs

Shirley Ann Griggs, 91, of Chappaqua, NY, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022.

Shirley was the daughter of Cecil and Ann Griggs. Dr. Griggs graduated from the Grosse Pointe Public School System, graduating from Dominican High School in 1949. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1953, a master's degree from Northwestern University in 1956, and a Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University in 1967.

Dr. Griggs began her career as a teacher, counselor and then assistant principal in the Detroit Public Schools. From 1963 to 1998, she was a professor of counselor education at St. John's University in New York. She published extensively in professional journals and authored and edited numerous books on counseling and learning styles. She has funded scholarships at St. John's University for graduate students in counselor education.

Dr. Griggs was a member of St. John and Mary Church in Chappaqua, and served on the Parish Council and as a Eucharistic Minister for the homebound. She volunteered at Twigs Thrift Shop, was a docent at the New Castle Historical Society and was a member of the Mohegan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She traveled the world with her sister, Dorothy Griggs, visiting numerous countries on seven continents.

Dr. Griggs was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Dorothy.

A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Dec. 22, at St. John and Mary Church in Chappaqua. Visitation was held at Beecher Flocks Funeral Home in Pleasantville, NY, and Chas. Verheyden Inc., in Grosse Pointe Park. Funeral services in Michigan took place Dec. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to St. John and Mary Church, sjsmrcc.com, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, stpaulonthelake.org/donate, or a charity of the donor's choice.

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## Richard "Ricky" George Sanders

Richard "Ricky" George Sanders, 39, passed away at home Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, with his parents and sister by his side. A funeral took place at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Ricky was the beloved son of Richard and Carol; dear brother of Elizabeth "Beth" Shabselowitz (Adam); loving uncle of Amelia "Millie" and Caroline; dearest Godson and nephew of Colette Perugia (John) and the late William Sanders (Susan); and dear nephew of Cheryl Kelly (Joe), Karen Riffe (Jeff), Robert Sanders (Gloria), Jacqueline Shuk (Gary) and Dr. Michael Yaremchuk (Marilynn). Ricky also is survived by his many cousins, his loving and dedicated caregiver, Juliane Fluegel, and his remaining family and friends. In addition to his uncle William, Ricky was predeceased by his grandparents, Richard and Georgiana Sanders, and George and Jean Yaremchuk.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, stpaulonthelake.org/donate, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Linda B. Harris

Linda B. Harris (nee Scott), 74, of St. Clair Shores and formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, after a long battle with dementia.

Linda was born Sept. 15, 1948, in Detroit, to William and Elizabeth Scott. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School, class of 1966. She retired after 36 years from Warren Consolidated Schools.

Linda was the dear mother of Leslie Backer (Karl), Heather Stick (Tom), Tracy Sams (Michael) and W. James Harris (Kristina); loving grandmother of Eric and Nicholas Backer, Samantha, Thomas, Jessica and Julia Stick, John Sams, Leanna Harris and Kendahl Rector; and beloved sister of Carol Fradeneck. She was predeceased by her parents, William and Elizabeth Scott, and brother, Bruce Scott.

Arrangements were entrusted to A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Warren. Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, Max M. & Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

## Library

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

◆ 1,000 Hours Wolf Moon Celebration, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

## GPAA

The Grosse Pointe

Artists Association hosts "Imitating the Masters," oil-painting workshops with Donald Cronkhite. A John Singer Sargent portrait class takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 5 and 12. A Mary Cassatt portrait class takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 16 and 23. A Caravaggio portrait class takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, March 16 and 23. Cost is \$115 per class for members, \$135 per class for nonmembers, materials included. Visit grossepointeartcenter.org to register.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts "Acrylic Painting through

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Laura Rain, left, and Emma Aboukasm will perform Jan. 13.

# Award-winning musicians to perform at GP Unitarian Church

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is excited to host "Hot Music for a Cold Night," a live music fundraising event open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, featuring award-winning local musicians Laura Rain and Emma Aboukasm.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, or \$25 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to Alternatives for Girls, which helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation.

Non-alcoholic drinks and light refreshments will be available for sale and attendees are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks to enjoy at the show.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit the Eventbrite link at [gpuuc.org](http://gpuuc.org) or on the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Facebook page.

### About the artists

Renowned musician Laura Rain, a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, has recorded four albums with her band, toured the U.S., Europe and Canada, and performed at numerous blues festivals. She'll be joined by guitarist Alex Anest for a set of blues and acoustic soul for the evening.

Emma Aboukasm, a graduate of

Grosse Pointe South High School, is an award-winning, Detroit-based recording artist, vocalist, pianist and composer. The University of Michigan graduate performs in a variety of venues, ranging from intimate clubs like the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe to expansive stages like the Detroit Jazz Festival.

### About Alternatives for Girls

Founded in southwest Detroit in 1987, Alternatives for Girls provides homeless and high-risk girls and young women access to the support, resources and opportunities necessary to be safe, grow strong and make positive choices in their lives. Their programs focus on providing shelter and housing stability, outreach, and prevention and early intervention through mentoring, after-school programs and more.

### About Grosse Pointe Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church is located at 17150 Maumee in Grosse Pointe. It's an oasis of religious freedom, spiritual exploration and social justice serving the Grosse Pointes and surrounding east-side communities. Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion rooted in Christian and Jewish values. Its philosophy keeps an open mind to the religious questions people have struggled with through the ages.

# Corewell Health East welcomes first 2023 baby in Grosse Pointe

The first baby for Corewell Health East, the new name for Beaumont Health, was born at 12:32 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Lillith Kathryn Zimmerman, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches long, was welcomed by proud parents Rachael McCarty and Richard Harley Zimmerman, both 27 and from Roseville.

Lillith will be welcomed home by



Rachael McCarty and Richard Zimmerman, with their new addition, Lillith Kathryn Zimmerman.

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two brothers — one born December 2021, and the other born February 2020.

"Oh no, we're done I think," McCarty said when asked if they plan to add to their family in 2024.

## EVENTS:

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Thick and Thin with Valerie Allen," from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. Early-bird prices end Jan. 9. Register at [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

### Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10. Todd Bettison, deputy mayor of Detroit, speaks. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20 at the door. To reserve a seat, email [gmcattendance@gmail.com](mailto:gmcattendance@gmail.com) or call (313) 550-9661.

### Tuesday Musicales

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit presents "Warm Musical Delights," at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Grosse Pointe

Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Performers include Maria Meirelles, Judith Van der Weg, Robert Byrens, Olga Yalovenko, Yaroslav Gnezdilov and Yalen Piao. Visit [tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org](http://tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org).

### Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods offers the following programs:

- ◆ Mindfulness Meet-Up, 3:30 to 5 p.m. for middle school students and 5:30 to 7 p.m. for high school students, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. Students can visit stations on journaling, breathing, nutrition and healthy habits, stress reduction, essential oils and more.

- ◆ Preschool Playtime, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register by emailing [maryjo.harris@familycenterweb.org](mailto:maryjo.harris@familycenterweb.org).

# CHURCH BRIEF

### St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church invites everyone to "A Festival of Lessons and Carols," at 10 a.m. Sunday,

Jan. 8, followed by coffee hour in the parish hall. St. Michael's is located at 20475 Sunningdale Park, next to the Parcels field, Grosse Pointe Woods.

# Worship Service

## Concluding the Christmas Season at St. Ambrose Catholic Church

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St. Ambrose Catholic Church is located at 15020 Hampton Road between Wayburn and Maryland, one block north of Jefferson, just west of the Grosse Pointe Park City Hall. (313) 822-2814 • [stambrosechurch.net](http://stambrosechurch.net)

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# Keep eyes peeled for the eastern screech owl

By Rosann Kovalcik  
Guest Writer

What flies silently in the night, has eyeballs that are 5 percent of their total body weight and has ear flaps (operculum) that can be closed to block out sound during the day when they sleep?

It's the eastern screech owl, the most abundant owl in our area, found in open woodlands, readily accepting parks and suburban neighborhoods. Their breeding territories range from 10 to 15 acres in wooded suburban areas, depending upon food supply.

Screech owls are 6 1/2 to 10 inches tall with a wingspan of 18 to 24 inches and a weight of only four to nine ounces. Male screech owls are smaller than females and more agile fliers and hunters. However, the female, with her larger size and harder strike, takes on the duty of defending their nest from potential threats. Screech owls have two color phases — gray and red, with the gray being the dominant color in Michigan.

Screech owls have eyes that are tubular, which is similar to having telephoto lenses. They have more rods in their eyes, allowing them to see two and a half times better than humans do in low light.



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The eastern screech owl is the most abundant owl in the area, found in open woodlands, readily accepting parks and suburban neighborhoods.

With eyes that are fixed in place, they must move their head to see around themselves, the 14 vertebrae in their neck allowing for a 280-degree rotation of the head.

One of the most fascinating attributes of screech owls are their vocalizations. Their contact call is a tremolo with a descending whinny-like quality. Their other call is a low, mellow trembling whistle which lasts two to four seconds all on the same pitch. The males' voice is deeper than the females.

Screech owls have a varied diet, which is

why they are successful in so many habitats. They consume mammals, including rats, mice, squirrels and small rabbits. They also eat small birds, normally caught directly from their nocturnal perches or during nocturnal migration. If the habitat provides, they also will eat large numbers of earthworms, insects, crayfish, tadpoles and frogs.

Their hunting technique is to sit and wait for small prey to pass by, dropping down and catching the prey with their talons. The screech owl's sense of hearing is acute enough to allow it to locate mammals under heavy vegetation or snow. Their ears are placed asymmetrically on their head, enabling them to use the differences between each ear's perception of sound to hone in on prey. Additionally, the flight feathers of the screech owl have shaggy tips, allowing air to flow smoothly around the wings, which enables them to sneak up silently on prey. Screech owls regurgitate the undi-

gestible bones, fur and feathers of their prey in an oval pellet.

Screech owls are monogamous and remain together for life. They roost and nest in holes and cavities that have an entrance three to eight inches wide. They also may roost in conifers and thick vegetation. Unable to excavate a cavity themselves, they depend on natural

tree cavities. Screech owls readily accept nest boxes. They do not build a nest, the female laying her eggs on whatever debris is at the bottom of the cavity, including wood-chips, twigs or the cast-off feathers and droppings from a previous year's nest.

Breeding season for screech owls starts in April. Before the breeding season, males defend an area containing several cavities. As part of patrolling their territories, males are known to spend nights in different cavities. Female screech owls select the nest site from the cavities in her mate's territory.

The female will lay two to six white eggs with incubation taking 30 days. Food is supplied by the male to the female while she is on the nest. Once hatched, young owls remain in the nesting cavity for a period of about 30 additional days, after which time they climb out onto nearby branches. After fledging from the nesting cavity, they depend upon their parents for food for eight to 10 weeks. During this time

period, they tend to roost in a communal group with the female.

What threats do screech owls have in our community? As they fly across streets, their fixed eyes do not pick up peripheral objects, so they are unable to avoid approaching cars. Poisons used for rodents accumulate in their tissue and cause mortality. Eastern fox squirrels and raccoons will eat eggs from nesting cavities and great horned owls will eat adult screech owls. Cats are the largest threat to screech owls, eating the mice and rats that owls need for food. Cats also predate on fledgling owls that are not yet able to fly.

Do you have screech owls in your neighborhood? Listen for their calls at dusk in the upcoming months and check the trees for cavities. Report your sightings to our store and we can map out the population of these little wonders.

Rosann Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 881-1410, email WBUGPW@gmail.com or visit grossepointewoods.wbu.com/



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An eastern screech owl in its red phase at Ford House.



An eastern screech owl in its gray phase perches in a natural cavity.

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ation and wellness options for all ages and abilities. A capital campaign began with 100 percent pledge participation by Neighborhood Club board and staff.

Ground was broken in June 2011, followed by the demolition of its former site and the start of construction that September. Despite being under construction, all programs and activities continued at temporary locations throughout the community. Some 16

months later, the new 48,051-square-foot Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center opened to the public.

The \$10.6 million construction budget was covered by planned gifts, a capital campaign and tax-exempt bonds. The operating budget is covered by user fees for programs, facility rentals, membership fees and lease payments by long-term tenants.

Previously, the Neighborhood Club primarily was known for its youth athletic league programs. With its cur-

rent facility, all youth sports programs continue, but additional offerings for the community allow more individuals of all ages and abilities to lead a more active lifestyle.

With the addition of a warm-water pool, gymnasium and fitness complex, the Neighborhood Club added expanded fitness class offerings, personal trainers, swim lessons, water aerobics, open swim and open gym time, as well as special event birthday party packages and conference room rentals.

Additionally, Corewell

Health, formerly Beaumont Health, provides adult physical therapy, as well as services to children and adolescents with behavioral and developmental disorders. The Neighborhood Club is the only place Corewell offers these services all under one roof and the only place for these services in the Grosse Pointe area.

Learn more about the Neighborhood Club at neighborhoodclub.org. Or stop by the facility at 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, and be a part of its 10th anniversary celebration.

## DADS:

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have consequences affecting families, communities and society. The program will help attendees understand, recognize and prevent ACEs.

Grant will provide insights to creating healthier, happier childhoods for kids today and brighter futures for adults tomorrow.

"I'll talk about the bad news first — the health impacts of ACEs," Grant said, noting exposure to ACEs may have longterm health consequences such as high blood pres-

sure, diabetes or cancer. "There's science coming out around that and the importance of relationships. We are social creatures. I think we learned that especially during the pandemic, that we need social interactions to function well. While bad adverse childhood experiences happen within the context of relationships, healing also happens within the context of those relationships."

Grant said the majority of his presentation will focus on the good news.

"Children need one safe, stable and nurturing relationship with an adult who will care, com-

fort and nurture them in a reliable way that can better the effects of the adversity they're exposed to," Grant said. "We have the opportunity to develop a community to provide each kid with a safe, stable nurturing experience."

The program is geared toward parents, but "anybody in the community who is interested in child welfare and has a kid in their life they care about deeply would benefit," Grant added. "I want to have as many adults who are safe, stable and nurturing with a child as we can — whether it's their grandkids, nieces, neph-

ews. Teachers can fill that role, bus drivers, next-door neighbors. Any adult can fill that role as long as they're available in a positive way."

The presentation will close with a Q&A session.

"Intro to ACEs" takes place 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, email info@family-centerweb.org.

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# LIFE & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Singer, club join forces with live music, food

Driving along Mack Avenue on the city's eastside, local soul singer Laura Rain had an idea: Why not partner with a local business to foster success in her own neighborhood? Curious to find a venue to regularly host her show, she spotted Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille near her home. Reaching out, she met owner Rokib Myles — a Grosse Pointe Woods neighbor — who proved her intuition was correct. The two were both eager to start something fresh.

"I had been thinking about the idea for months" said Rain, whose award-winning soul/R&B band, Laura Rain & the Caesars, often performs on the road. "We tend to tour a lot and don't get the opportunity to play in our own neighborhood.

I wanted to find the perfect spot where we could establish a residency and help generate local excitement. When I researched Cornerstone Village, I saw they had been having live music — R&B, blues and soul, exactly my style."

Like many businesses, Cornerstone Village Bar



Laura Rain and her band will perform live at Rokib Myles's Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille every Saturday in January.

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& Grille opened in 2019, and felt they never had a proper opening due to the pandemic.

"We are looking forward to January as our grand re-opening, featuring a new chef and a

new menu," Myles said. "We're even featuring Laura's favorite cocktail, The Golden Cadillac."

He added that his goal is to create a customer-friendly environment where the surrounding

neighborhoods can come together and enjoy quality live music and food.

"Collaborating is the key to success in any business," Rain said. "It proves reaching out can help bridge the gaps we all too often experience. I wanted to support the local business community and am especially

proud to partner with a black-owned business."

Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille is located at 17315 Mack, near Cadieux, in Detroit. It kickstarts the new year with live music from Laura Rain & the Caesars every Saturday night in January. Tickets are \$15 at the

door. Music starts at 8 p.m.

Guests should call (313) 821-4998 for reservations Wednesday through Saturday after 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit [cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com](http://cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com) or [laurarain.net](http://laurarain.net).

### DEAR JEFF AND DEBRA

## Not quite an alcoholic

**Q: I see conflicting news reports about alcohol. Some stories say drinking wine is good for you. Others tout the dangers of drinking. I'm a high-functioning individual and I like to drink, but I don't think my drinking is impacting me. Yes, I drink a lot sometimes, but I don't drink every day and I certainly don't drink on weekday mornings. I'm looking for sane guidelines, without going to extremes. What do you recommend?**

**A:** It appears you do drink in the morning during the weekend, perhaps at a tailgate party. You do drink heavily, sometimes, but not usually. However, you do not drink every day. What other substances do you use? Cannabis products? Mood-altering prescription medications? The occasional illicit substance, like cocaine?

We live in a drinking and drugging society, and the use of alcohol and other drugs has become more commonplace than ever before. What passes for moderate use today — almost daily drinking, marijuana, Xanax, Adderall, etc. — would have been considered full-blown addiction a generation ago.

Let's confine ourselves to alcohol. A recent, large-scale study showed that one in five deaths among people aged 20 to 49 involved excessive use of alcohol. These numbers have gone up significantly in the last 10 years and the rates are higher for men than for women, according to the new research published by the Journal of the American Medical Association Open Network. The study didn't track alcoholism, but simply excessive drinking. The bottom-line message from the study was that 20 percent of the deaths among 20- to 49-year-olds were preventable and unnecessary. Something to think about.

As a society, we have accepted getting high as a normal part of modern life, an acceptable way to deal with stress. Moderation is the key, but what counts as moderation? The recommended guidelines are two drinks per day for men, with a maximum of 10 drinks every week — 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of hard liquor. For men, drinking

more than four drinks per day or 14 drinks per week is considered heavy drinking. For women, moderate drinking is one drink per day. Women metabolize alcohol differently and not because of a difference in body mass.

Some studies show a health benefit from drinking moderately, but these benefits must be weighed against the increased risk for cancer. Alcohol is no friend to the immune system and can decrease our bodies' natural ability to ward off illness and to heal.

Two out of three people who drink do not drink moderately. They may be functioning well in their jobs, but their family life often is suffering. What is more important, alcohol or family?

There's an old sailing adage that may be applicable here. "When is the right time to reef the mainsail? As soon as you think of it." If you are wondering whether you're drinking too much, you probably are. It doesn't mean you're an alcoholic, but it does mean you should consider moderating. Can you stay within the guidelines? How many tools do you have in your toolbox for decreasing stress and just plain relaxing? Are chemicals like alcohol your go-to solution? The flaw in that strategy is that your body may develop an increase in tolerance, so you'll need more of the same substance to get the same result. Increased tolerance can easily lead to problems.

We appreciate your question and your candor. Remember, job issues are one of the last indicators of a problem. Family relationships are typically the first to suffer. If someone you love thinks you have a problem, listen to them. You don't need to be an alcoholic to need to cut back. And if you can't moderate your drinking, seek help.

*Jeff and Debra Jay have helped families face addiction more than 30 years. They are the authors of "Love First: a family's guide to intervention," 3rd edition (Hazelden, 2021). They live in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them with questions at (313) 882-6921 or [lovefirst.net](http://lovefirst.net).*

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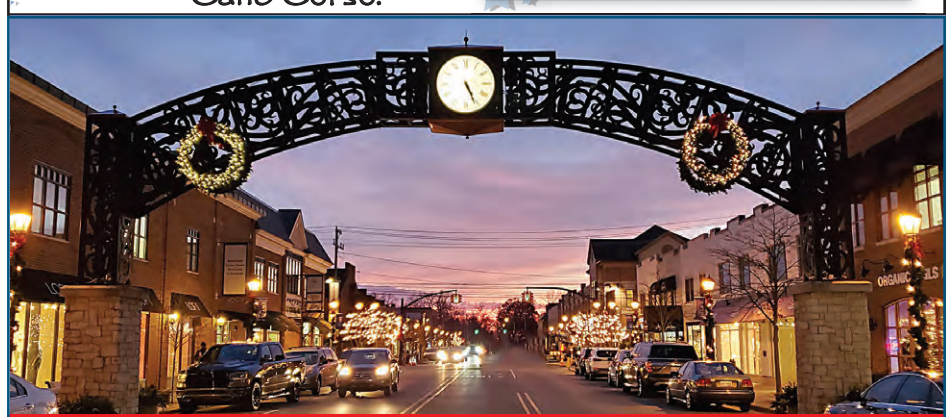
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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Social anxiety about moving into new area

**Dear Gabby:** In about a month, I am moving to a new city alone. I have been to this city many times before and have some family that lives there, but I won't have any friends nearby. I'm a little nervous about how to remain social in my new town.

I will be working remotely so that only increases my worry that I'll be spending a lot of my time alone. How can I maintain a lively social life in this situation?

— Scared in the Shores

**Dear Scared,**

Congratulations on taking such an adventurous leap! You have already made the difficult decision and all of the plans, so now you are ready to dive in.

Working remotely does take away the ability to automatically meet people with zero effort, and that is not ideal.

However, given that your work location is flexible, this opens up a number of opportunities — like bringing your laptop to a local coffee shop, park or shared

office space.

I would also suggest joining a workout studio — yoga, pilates, any type of fitness. You may meet a few people and even if you don't — at least it's a healthy endeavor!

Also, try to branch out and introduce yourself to your new neighbors. Chances are, some of them are in the same boat.

Lastly, be sure to invite a friend or two to come visit you in the next month. Maybe go find a trivia night at a local watering hole and see if you make any connections there. Having a wing-

man when you are out and about in a new city is very good for your mojo and can help you meet other friends.

Best of luck to you in your new city, but always know that Grosse Pointe is here for you when you are ready to come back.

— Gabby

*We love problem-solving and giving advice! Please send us your questions & problems to [advice@grossepointenews.com](mailto:advice@grossepointenews.com).*



## A Happy New Year to all as opportunities await

**DEAR READERS:** Welcome to 2023! A new year has arrived, and the last one is behind us. As always, this new year brings with it our hopes for a new beginning.

Today presents an opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's Resolutions — which were adapted by my late mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:

**JUST FOR TODAY:** I will live through THIS DAY ONLY. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** I

will decide to be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak

softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

**JUST FOR TODAY:** I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. And I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.



**JUST FOR TODAY:** I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, allow me to share an item that was sent to me by L.J. Bhatia, a reader from New Delhi, India:

**DEAR ABBY:** This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say, "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message:

Lord, make me an



### Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. And so, Dear Readers, may 2023 bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of us. — LOVE, ABBY

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## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



Sometimes walking through CVS to get a toothbrush can lead you in a totally different direction.

Case in point, me, a few weeks ago. My weight is not something I'm proud of at the moment, and I am

ALWAYS so hungry it seems abnormal.

When I was walking mindlessly through the

supplement aisle, I came across the DietWorks Appetite Control prebiotic gummies. On the bottle it claims to help control cravings, maintain healthy blood sugar and promote healthy metabolism.

According to the product's website, "the formula is highlighted with Slimbiome®, a patented element shown to reduce calorie intake and lower food cravings. This revolutionary component helps promote a longer feeling of fullness. This ingredient may stimulate the growth of positive bacteria, which promotes gut health."

I walked out of CVS without a toothbrush, but with a bottle of raspberry-flavored gummies instead.

The reason I had to try these is because even though I'm always so hungry, I need to not always eat something. (That's what has gotten me into the predicament I'm in!)

I decided to keep them in my desk at the ready when I'm late getting lunch or dinner or am just hungry for no reason (usually the latter). So the first time I

felt my stomach grumble I reached for the gummies and took two, as directed.



They taste fine — not awesome and not bad.

However, the act of chewing actually made me wish I had a lot more than just a tiny gummy vitamin to eat. I started almost hallucinating about a burger, as I was starting out my work window at Old Pony. Not a good sign.

I poured myself back into work, hoping to forget

about the Old Pony burger and hot fries.

I tried chugging water to fill up my stomach. The sheer fact that I had to then get up and use the restroom several times at least somewhat took my mind off food.

However, all-in-all, this is not the earth shattering miracle gummy I was hoping for. I'm giving it a 2 alligator review, because there's a very slim chance it worked slightly and perhaps others are not as driven by hunger and food as I.

As for me, I ended up at Old Pony for those hot fries and a delicious burger, and decided I was much happier overall. Diet starts tomorrow...

*We LOVE testing out new things! Tell us about your favorite item or something you want us to try for you! Drop us a line at [media@grossepointenews.com](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com).*



## EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

<p><b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 5</b></p> <p>» <b>1,000 Hours Outside Kick-off &amp; Full Wolf Moon Celebration</b> Ewald Branch, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 7</b></p> <p>» <b>Neighborhood Club 10 Year Anniversary Celebration</b> The Neighborhood Club - 17150 Waterloo St, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>» <b>Reader Dog Drop In</b> Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p><b>MONDAY, JANUARY 9</b></p> <p>» <b>Beginner CAD Modeling</b> Woods Branch, 4-5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>» <b>Blues Jam</b> The Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m. 4300 Cadieux Rd..</p> <p>» <b>Girls Reading</b> Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 10</b></p> <p>» <b>7th &amp; 8th Grade Book Group</b> Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p>» <b>Middle School Book Group - 7th/8th</b> Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p>» <b>Read, Rhyme &amp; Play</b> Ewald Branch, 10:30-11 a.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p>	<p>» <b>Tech Savvy Tuesdays</b> Ewald Branch, 4-5 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p>» <b>Tuesday Night Book Discussion</b> Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11</b></p> <p>» <b>Music Jam</b> Cabbage Patch Saloon, 9:30-11 p.m. 15130 Mack Ave.</p> <p>» <b>The Mindfulness Meet-Up</b> Woods Branch, 3:30-7:30 p.m. 20680 Mack Ave.</p>
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Check out the online calendar on our website for more details

# Healthy new year Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Bell peppers are a secret weapon when it comes to your overall health. They're super high in Vitamin C, double that of citrus fruits and have a ton of antioxidants.

This soup is exactly what I need coming off the holiday season. I added turmeric, which is a subtle flavor but is an anti-inflammatory powerhouse.

The broth is not specified because you can add whatever you want, chicken or vegetable work great.

Coconut milk gives the soup an added creamy luxury. The best part is there is minimal chopping and the oven and blender do most of the work.

Make this and feel great about what you are putting into your body. It tastes pretty good too! Happy New Year.

Cheers, Mombeau

## Roasted Red Pepper Soup

4 red bell peppers, halved and seeded

1 halved large onion, quartered

2 roma tomatoes, halved

4 peeled garlic cloves

2 sprigs thyme

3 tbsp olive oil

2 tsp turmeric

2 cups broth

½ can of coconut milk

Salt and pepper

Preheat your oven to 450. On a baking sheet, add all the vegetables, herbs and olive oil, season with salt and pepper. Give everything a good mix. Place in the oven and roast for 30 mins. They should come out soft and charred.

Put all the vegetables into a blender and blend until smooth. Add everything into a stock pot along with the broth, turmeric and coconut milk.

If using an immersion blender, add the vegetables to a pot along with the chicken broth, tur-



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Roasted red pepper soup is not only a good source of vitamin C, but is loaded with antioxidants.

meric and coconut milk. Blend until desired consistency.

Simmer for 15 minutes

and then it's ready. If you want, drizzle some extra coconut milk over the top of each bowl and

place a sprig of thyme over top. Serve with bread or gluten free crackers.

# Wine bargains for 2023

As we enter 2023, consumers who are concerned about inflation or other financial matters of the moment may be thinking about the prices of wine and whether they are going up or down.

It has been at least three decades since there was any particular problem in terms of wine pricing, due in part to the nature of the industry, which relies upon the fact that grape-growing and winemaking today are better than they have ever been.

As a result, wine is better than ever and more reasonably priced, so we're more likely to find good value as well as distinctiveness.

Ten years ago, if you bought a \$10 bottle of wine it was likely to be drinkable and perhaps have some interesting elements. Today, on average, \$10 gets you a much better wine.

Looking ahead to next year, however, still entails a bit of knowledge and watching a few trends. What follows is worth remembering when you're shopping for decent value red and white wines.

## PINOT NOIR ON THE RISE

This light, delicate red wine grape has been widely planted throughout California over the

last five or six years, and now that all that production is coming into wineries, an awful lot of wine that once was mediocre is better than it has ever been. And there's a lot of it.

Although it's true that you will probably have to pay \$50 a bottle or even more to get classic examples, today it is possible to find extremely drinkable and interesting examples for about \$20.

Also, a few bottlings are worth more than the \$12-\$15 wine stores are charging. You may have to try three or four different examples to find the style you like best, but values are surely there.

## AUSTRALIAN BARGAINS

About a year ago, China and Australia became embroiled in a major trade dispute, one aspect of which was that China imposed outrageous tariffs on many Australian-made goods, including one of its most important exports, wine.

Within the last few days, the large Taylor's Wines said the effect in the last year has been bad for its core business.

Managing Director Mitchell Taylor said his company has "a significant oversupply" of wine, based mainly on

the tariff war.

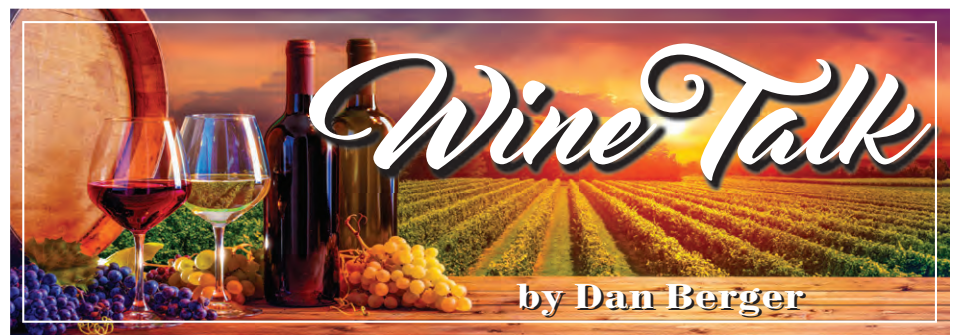
"Overnight we were building up... and all of a sudden that market just got chopped off," he told Sky News Australia. "We went from about \$1.4 billion in exports to literally zero overnight."



From its launch in 2001, Yellow Tail has grown to be one of the world's most recognisable wines.

As a result, some wine experts are now suggesting that Australian wine, which once was a significant portion of the United States wine market, will return here in the form of lower prices (\$7 to \$11) for some wines from Southeastern Australia.

(For reference, the Australian dollar is worth only 67 U.S. cents.)



**BUBBLY UP**  
Americans seem to be fascinated with sparkling wines and the American wine industry has responded with increased production of this most festive product.

Moreover, Spanish cava and Italian prosecco are better than ever, and prices remain extremely fair, partly as a result of a decline in the value of the Euro.

## CABERNET STILL STRONG

The devastating fires that hit California starting in 2017 and continuing through 2020, from region to region, caused an enormous decline in usable grapes. Smoke-tainted fruit couldn't be turned into potable beverages.

However, the decline in production wasn't particularly damaging because of the lower demand throughout the COVID-19 crisis. But then things turned positive.

The last two harvests in Northern California both turned out to be excellent in quality and with sufficient quantities

that could be turned into excellent wine. There's plenty of cabernet around that is now selling for \$20 a bottle or less, and other red grapes add to the excitement.

## Wine of the Week:

2020 Vara Garnacha, Vino Tinto (\$15) — This fruit-driven medium-weight Spanish red wine

has an aroma of fresh plums and jam and a trace of pomegranate. The wine is best served slightly chilled and works well with lighter-weight red meat dishes.

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<p><b>FRIDAY</b> Seasonal Catch Dinner</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b> Prime Rib Dinner (While it lasts)</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b> Home Style Turkey Dinner with all of the fixings</p>

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# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
**"A Chance Encounter"**  
 2022 - NR  
 1 hour 31 minutes

This new release was a recommendation in the weekly email I get from Kanopy. The brief synopsis of the film intrigued me so I thought I'd give it a shot. What a pleasant surprise.

The director Alexander Jeffery is quoted as saying it was inspired by "Lost in Translation" and "Before Sunrise," two movies I particularly enjoyed. I can definitely see the influence in this charming little film.

It features fine performances by two relatively novice actors, thoughtful and heartfelt dialogue, and a gorgeous setting. All the makings of an indie hit well worth an hour and a half of your time.

"A Chance Encounter" stars the talented Nebraskans, Paul Petersen, who co-wrote the screenplay with Jeffery, and Andrea von Kampen, who composed and performed the memorable soundtrack.

The film opens with Hal (Petersen) checking into his hotel — which famously hosted Oscar Wilde, over a century ago. After dropping off his luggage, he explores the picturesque town of Taormina, Sicily, his leather-bound journal in tow. At a square overlooking the beautiful countryside he bumps into Josie (von Kampen) who is singing and playing her guitar.

Hal comments that he's impressed by her cover of the hit song she's performing, and to his surprise, he's informed that it's actually her original tune. After a brief introduction, he asks her to photograph him in the same location as a woman in a photo he draws from his notebook.

Josie tells him she'll have the film developed and she'll give it him when they meet the next day. Thus marks the beginning of a relationship that's at the heart of this delightful film.

As it turns out, the two are struggling artists.

After releasing a hit record, Josie is having a tough time crafting tunes for her follow-up LP.

Meanwhile, Hal has been writing a steady stream of poems, yet lacks the self-esteem and commitment to devote himself to become a professional writer. It's fun to watch their relationship develop. Their friendship is strictly platonic, however it's clear that they're soul mates. Their initial banter is a bit awkward, as they try to impress each other with literary quotes and pithy witticisms.

Josie then makes a proposal Hal simply can't refuse. She invites him to move in with her at the sumptuous villa where she's staying. They jokingly refer to the arrangement as a weeklong "writers retreat." It's at this point we discover she's in a relationship — her boyfriend is out of town and she's in a quandary. He wants to get married while she's not ready to make a commitment.

Much like Hal's insecurity in making a commitment to being a professional writer. It's their common search for creating art that propels their friendship forward.

The film follows the couple as they become more comfortable with each other. Their days are filled with them working on their respective crafts, while taking time out to explore the beautiful town and its sumptuous surroundings.

I especially like the scene where Josie takes Hal to the little village where Michael Corleone's wedding took place in "The Godfather." Hal responds by doing an



absolutely horrible impression of Marlon Brando.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the hauntingly beautiful soundtrack. It was written and performed by Ms. von Kampen. If you enjoy it as much as I did, be sure to look for more of her songs on YouTube — there are a ton of her music videos on there!

I find it especially encouraging seeing indie films like this being made. It's also great that producers have outlets like Kanopy and Hoopla to reach an audience like me, that's tired of all the mediocre tripe being released by Hollywood these days. Without meaning to offend anyone, I ask the question, "Do we really need to see an annual sequel or prequel to the Batman and Stars Wars franchises?"

Note to parents: The film is not rated, although I didn't find anything objectionable in it. Younger children will most likely find it boring.

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy.com and Hoopla.com. And to rent on Prime Video.

★★★★☆

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

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



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From left, Andrea von Kampen as Josie Day and Paul Petersen as Hal Flynn in the 2022 movie "A Chance Encounter," directed by Alexander Jeffery.

# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** After 9:30 a.m. EST today (6:30 a.m. PST), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Cancer.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023:

You are friendly and easygoing with others; however, personally, you can be a perfectionist about whatever you do. You are emotionally compulsive and also compassionate. You care. Simplicity is your theme this year. Take charge of your health. Exercise will be important -- martial arts and yoga.

**ARIES**  
 (March 21-April 19)

There is a Full Moon tomorrow, which means there's tension building today in your relations with family, especially a parent or someone in a position of authority in the family. They might surprise you in some way. Don't overreact. Wait until Monday to let the dust settle. Tonight: Cocoon.

**TAURUS**  
 (April 20-May 20)

You want to take advantage of unexpected opportunities to travel! Others will have lovely opportunities to explore legal matters, medicine or something to do with publishing and the media. Because you're thinking big today, get ready to make ambitious plans! Tonight: Conversations.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 21-June 20)

Tension about financial matters or something to do with shared property or inheritances might arise today, because this kind of energy is building up before tomorrow's Full Moon. Meanwhile, something going on behind the scenes might surprise you. Everything will turn out fine. Tonight: Check your possessions.

**CANCER**  
 (June 21-July 22)

Because the Moon is your ruler, you will feel some tension within you building up today before tomorrow's Full Moon, which is the only Full Moon in your sign all year. Be patient with others. Stay positive. Meanwhile, if something looks too good to be true, it might be. Tonight: Stay chill.

**LEO**  
 (July 23-Aug. 22)

Something a bit surprising about your health or your job is percolating now and might peak today. Look for a fast solution -- it exists. Meanwhile, your inner optimism will carry the day. Relations with partners and close friends are warm and supportive. This is good. Tonight: Peace and quiet.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Playful diversions, social invitations, fun with sports or the entertainment world, concerts, movies and theater will surprise you. Perhaps you'll suddenly attend a sports event or accept a fun invitation. Romance with someone unusual might begin now. Tonight: Be friendly.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

The Full Moon tomorrow will take place at the top of your chart, which is a sure sign that you might be at odds with authority figures today — parents, bosses, teachers and the police. Surprises on the homefront, especially about financial support issues, also might occur. Don't make a big deal about anything. Relax. Tonight: Be aware.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Be careful today and tomorrow, because the energy building up now before tomorrow's Full Moon is mildly accident-prone for you. Therefore, pay attention to everything you say and do. Guard against impulsive

behavior that you might later regret. (Forget your "no guts, no glory" credo.) Tonight: Learn something.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Be aware of what's going on with cash flow, earnings, expenditures, credit cards, plus inheritances and shared property. The Full Moon tomorrow will aggravate these issues. Stay on top of things. Leave your rose-colored glasses at home. Tonight: Check your finances.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Tomorrow the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place, which might create tension today with close friends and partners. Opportunities for vacations and social outings might come your way. Act fast, because this window of opportunity is brief. Tonight: Patience.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a lovely time to buy wardrobe items for yourself. (Especially because you feel confident at work.) Meanwhile, a surprise might occur today, possibly related to home and family. It might be an outburst or something related to your kids. By Monday everything is settled. Tonight: Cooperate.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a wonderful time to socialize with friends and interact with groups and organizations. However, tomorrow's Full Moon might introduce romantic tensions or a standoff with your kids. Very likely, someone will surprise you today, or you might be introduced to someone who is unusual and different. Tonight: Play!

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Bradley Cooper (1975), actress Diane Keaton (1946), filmmaker, animator, manga artist Hayao Miyazaki (1941).

## Contract Bridge

13 — THE MAGIC NUMBER

North dealer.  
 Neither side vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>			
♠	A 9 4		
♥	K 10 7		
♦	7 6		
♣	K Q 10 8 5		
<b>WEST</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠	3	♠	K Q J 10 8 6 5
♥	A Q J 8 5 3 2	♥	9 6 4
♦	K 5	♦	Q
♣	A 7 4	♣	9 2
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♠	7 2		
♥	—		
♦	A J 10 9 8 4 3 2		
♣	J 6 3		

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1 ♣ 3 ♠ 5 ♦ Dble  
 Opening lead — three of spades.

In many hands, the ability to count to 13 is all that is needed to find the winning play. Take this deal from a team contest where at both tables, South wound up in five diamonds doubled. Both declarers won the spade lead, played a diamond to the ace and then led a club.

At the first table, West feared that the club might be a singleton, so he put up the ace and tried to cash the ace of hearts. Declarer ruffed, conceded a diamond and claimed, discarding his losing spade on one of dummy's winners.

At the second table, West was not so quick to grab the ace of clubs at trick three. Instead, he reasoned as follows:

South was known from the bidding and play to this point to have started with eight diamonds, two spades (assuming East had seven for his preempt) and the club he was now leading. If he had only one club, then he had to have two hearts. In that case, West would eventually score tricks with the ace of hearts and king of diamonds, and East would get a spade trick since dummy's clubs could never be established. Thus, no harm could come from holding up the ace of clubs initially.

After West ducked, East played the nine of clubs on the king, beginning a high-low to show that he held only two clubs. Declarer's hand now became an open book: eight diamonds, two spades, three clubs and, therefore, no hearts.

South did the best he could by conceding a diamond to West's king at trick four, but West found a brilliant reply. After taking the trump king, he exited with a low club! Declarer won and led his last club to West's ace, whereupon West returned the ace of hearts. South ruffed, but eventually lost a spade to East for down one.

Observe that if West leads anything but a low club after winning the king of diamonds, declarer makes the contract.

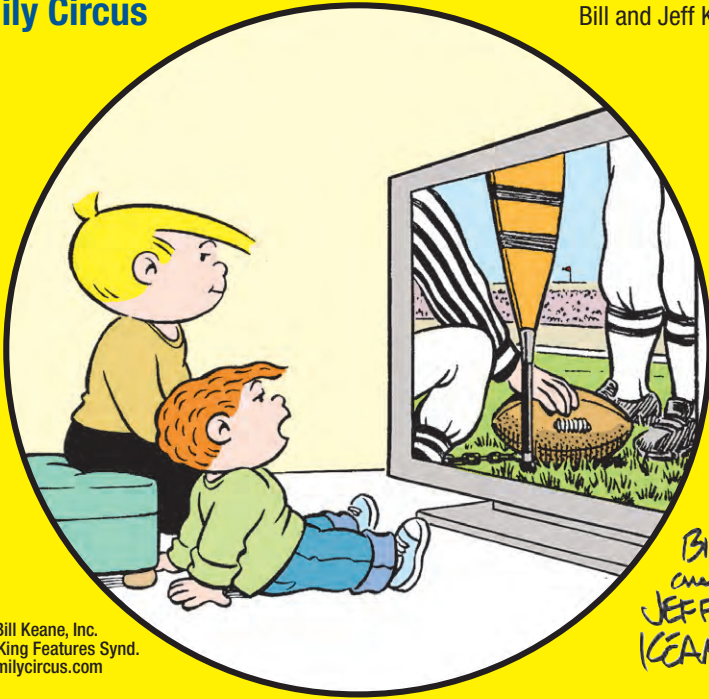
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by Steve Becker

# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

Bill and Jeff Keane



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Bill and Jeff Keane

**"Why do they keep measurin' the football? Isn't it always the same size?"**

## Garfield

Jim Davis



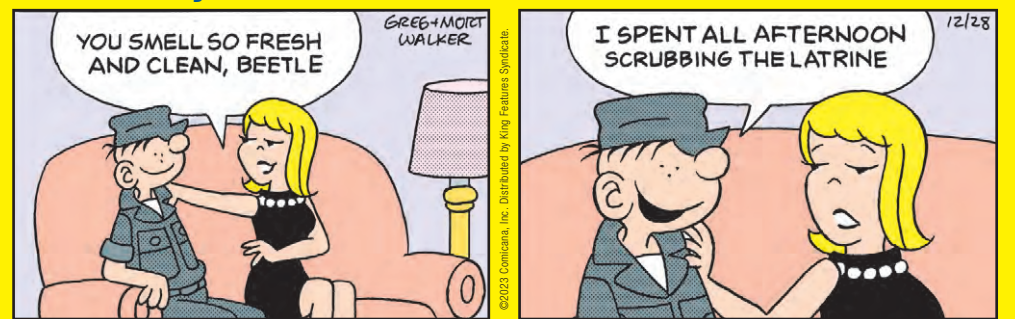
## Dilbert

Scott Adams



## Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



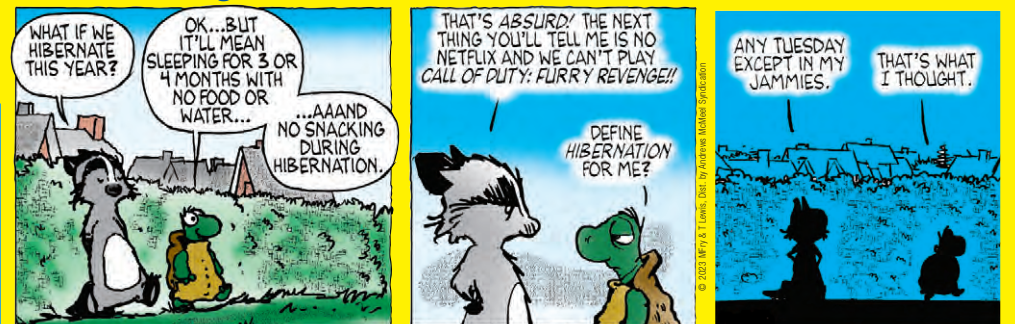
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Chris and Dean Young



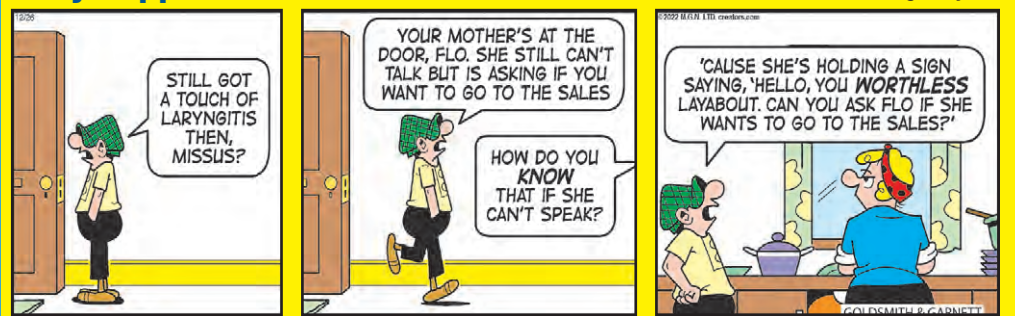
## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



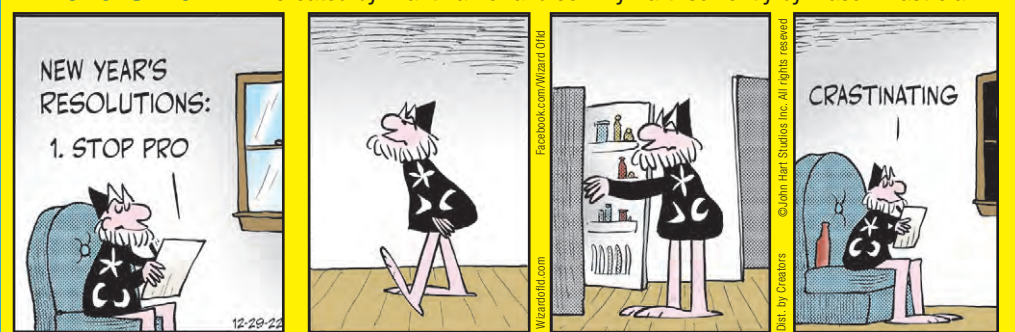
## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



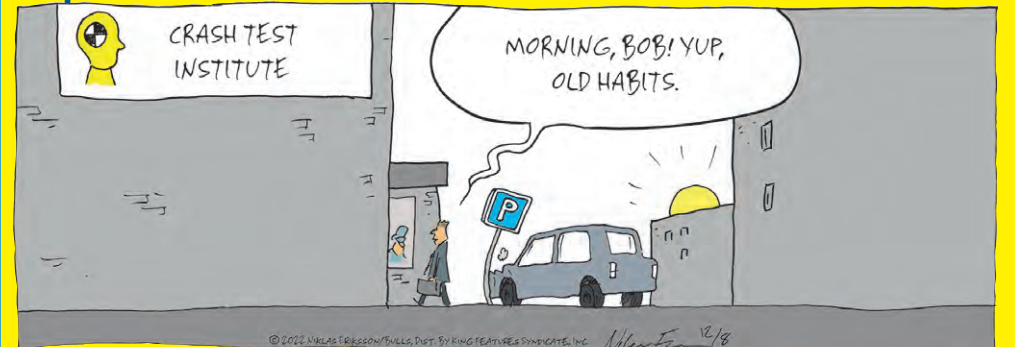
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Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson

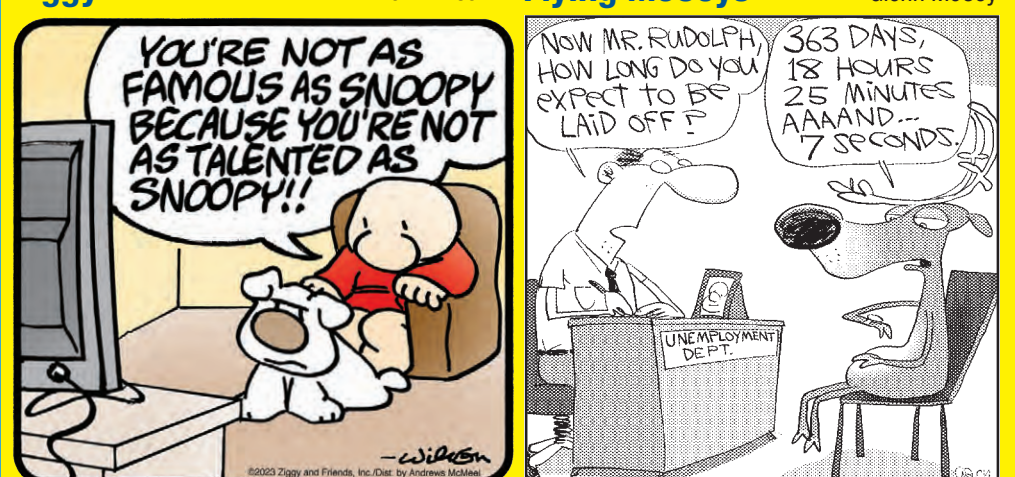


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

1/5 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆  
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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 5, 2023

- ACROSS**
- 1 Forearm bones
  - 6 Jazz group
  - 10 Tablet with Siri
  - 14 What a 10-Across responds to
  - 15 Praiseful poems
  - 16 Folk rocker Case
  - 17 "Singer who portrayed Catwoman
  - 19 Queen Story Hour (LGBTQ+-friendly event)
  - 20 Shares on Twitter, informally
  - 21 Formerly named
  - 22 \_\_\_ room (pool table's place)
  - 23 "2004 comedy whose title is stylized with a symbol of love
  - 30 Border
  - 31 "Always happy to help!"
  - 32 Battery for a remote
  - 34 TV spot for social good
  - 35 By way of
  - 36 Globe-trotter, or a hint to the word progressing through the starred clues'
  - 41 Snooze
  - 42 "If I \_\_\_ be so bold ..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Where embryos grow
  - 2 Detest
  - 3 Sipped slowly
  - 4 Slip into a role
  - 5 "Quit spoiling the movie!"
  - 6 Word for photographic blur that rhymes with "okay"
  - 7 Farewell that's bid through the starred clues'
  - 8 Acrobat's precaution
  - 9 Summer hrs.
  - 10 Financially behind
  - 11 See
- 12** Alias lead-in  
**13** Pomeranian, e.g.  
**18** Crumb carrier  
**22** Bit of sunshine  
**24** Gelatin substitute  
**25** Totally legit  
**26** Familia's house  
**27** Scoundrel  
**28** Qatari leader  
**29** \_\_\_ urchin  
**33** Accept as a member  
**34** Nose around Baylor University's city  
**37** Place for elevated music appreciation?  
**38** Quesadilla alternative  
**39** Happily \_\_\_ after  
**40** Gave temporarily  
**41** Refusals
- 45** Penciller or inker, for comics  
**46** Times Square ball drop day, for short  
**48** Hindu principle of cosmic order  
**49** Seasoned, as peanuts  
**51** "Laughing" scavenger  
**52** Itsy-bitsy  
**53** Campfire residue  
**54** Sierra Nevada lake sacred to the Washoe  
**58** Ctrl-\_\_\_-Del  
**59** Spelling contest  
**60** Photo \_\_\_ (media events)  
**61** Cat part with toe beans  
**62** Work unit hidden in "power grid"  
**63** Early ISP

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

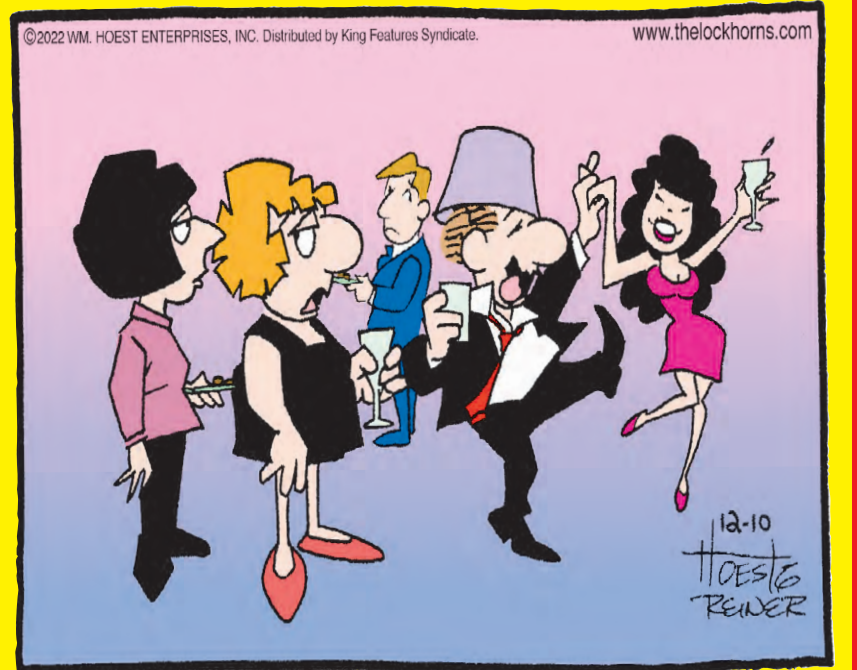
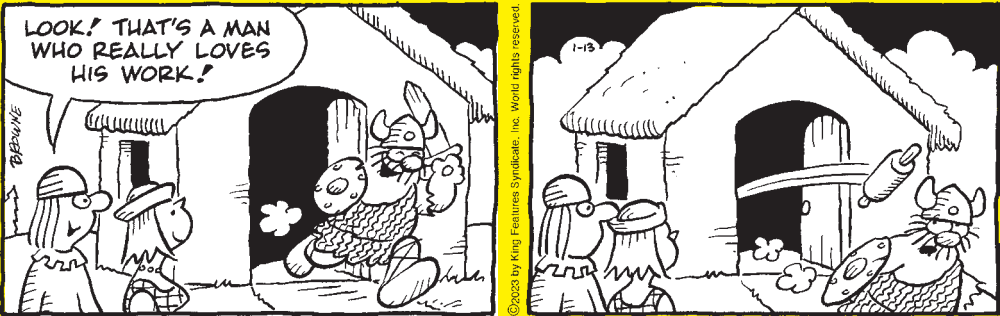


## Hagar The Horrible

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## The Lockhorns

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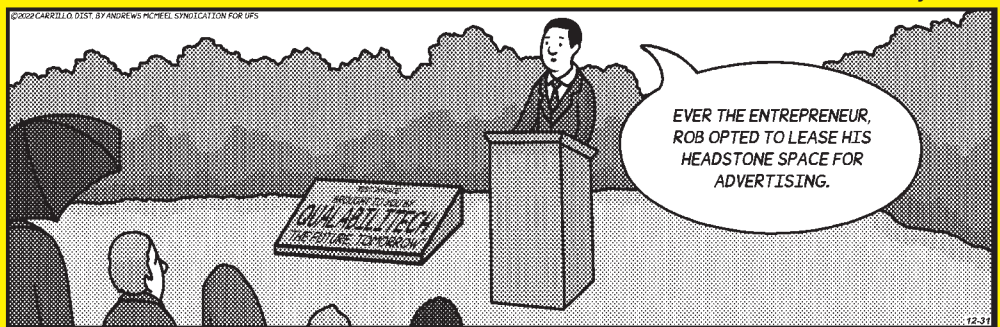
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## F Minus

Tony Carrilo



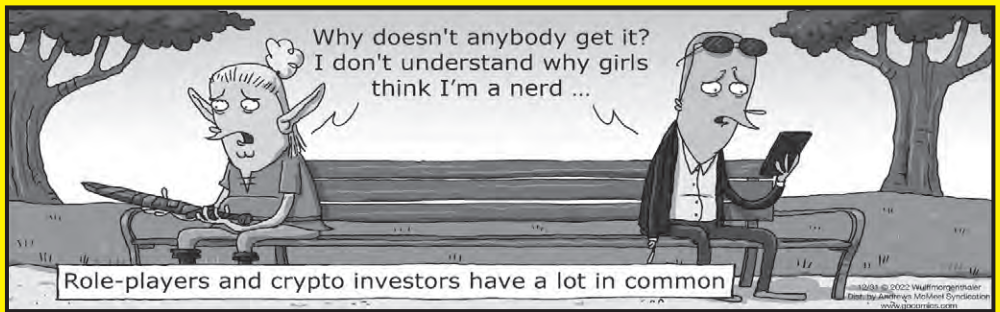
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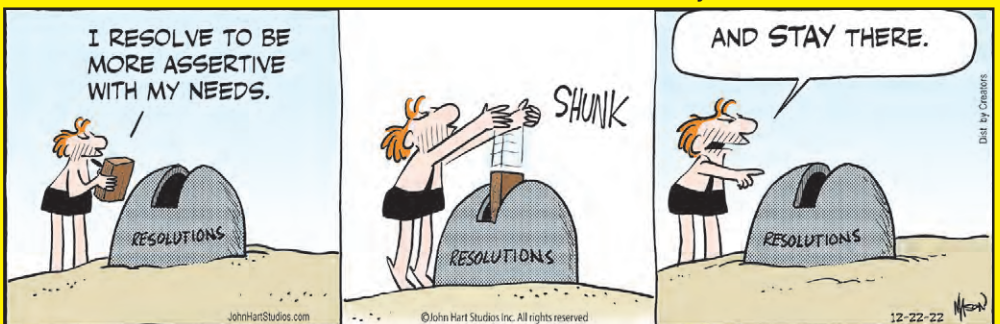
Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



"I hate it when you work remotely."

## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

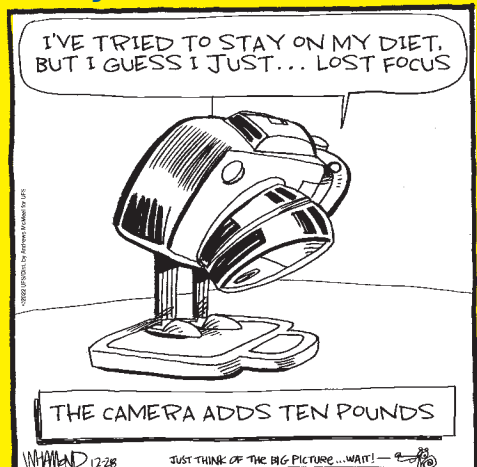


## Reality Check

Dave Whamond

## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



"Finder's keepers does not include the car keys, the TV remote, wallets, purses, shoes..."

# SPORTS



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## Wrestlers grapple for wins at Lakeview tournament

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

In a day filled with high school wrestling action Thursday, Dec. 29, wrestlers from more than a dozen schools around the area, including Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, gathered to wrestle their way to individual supremacy in the holiday showcase at Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores.

Both Norsemen and Blue Devils finished the

day at or near the top of their brackets to close out the 2022 calendar year on a high note.

South sophomore Wyatt Hepner was the only wrestler from either school to take first place in a weight class. Wrestling at 126 pounds, Hepner battled his way to three straight victories by fall to end up in the championship bracket. Hepner took down Logan Tourville from Cousino by fall to earn himself a trip to the first-place match.

Looking unstoppable throughout the day, Hepner's winning ways continued in the final with another win by fall over Lake Shore's Logan Olesky.

South's Kloie Roy also competed in the 126-pound weight class, winning two matches before missing the remainder of the day due to injury.

At 165 pounds, Alexander Wilson for the Blue Devils won his opening match before being defeated in the third round of the tour-

namment, ending his day in sixth place.

South's other high finish of the tournament was in the 175-pound weight class. Junior Paul Wilson earned three victories by fall in the opening rounds to earn a place in the championship bracket. Another win by fall over Cousino's Oliver Perry in the semifinal moved Wilson on to the first-place match, where he lost by decision to Utica's Jack Nilson.

Several Norsemen also had plenty of success in the brackets last Thursday, with four wrestlers finishing in the top three of their weight classes. Preston Auld made his way to the championship bracket at 136 pounds. A win by decision in the semifinal gave the junior a chance at taking the top spot in the weight class, but lost by decision to Andrew Kovach of Utica Ford in the final, which landed Auld in second place overall for the day.

Jacob Nowiki finished in second place for the 144-pound class. Nowiki, like his teammate Auld, won by decision in the semifinal before eventually losing by decision to



North's Preston Auld warms up before a match last Thursday. Auld finished second overall in the 136-pound weight class.



South junior Paul Wilson moves for position on top of his opponent, Maurice Young, from Lakeview. Wilson was victorious in the match.

PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

Lakeview's Matthew Horak in the final match.

North's third and final second-place finisher was Michael Salvador at 150 pounds. Salvador also lost by decision in the final when taking on Roseville's Jay'Den Williams.

Norseman Andrew Dupree took third place in the 285-pound class. Back-to-back wins in the opening rounds sent him

on to the championship bracket, but despite a loss in the semifinal, Dupree still had a chance to finish in the top three. The senior did just that with a win by decision over New Haven's Cole Pannell.

Both North and South are set to be back on the mat at 8 a.m. this Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Spartan Classic hosted by Warren Fitzgerald.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
 Sports Reporter

If there is one word that describes Peter Ulku, it would be "tough." The Grosse Pointe South senior plays some of the griciest positions in all of sports, whether he is on the offensive or defensive line on the gridiron, or playing center on the basketball court.

Being tough comes with the territory of playing such positions like Ulku does. However, along with that toughness Ulku brings to every game, there is also a heart and passion for the sports he loves.

"In football, I'm getting hit every play," Ulku said. "In basketball, I have toughness when someone's driving into the lane I can knock them over, I'm not going to get knocked over. When the other team gets knocked down, they're a lot more hesitant to drive the lane the next time."

Inspired by his mom, a former basketball player,

Ulku first got on the court in third grade, playing throughout elementary and middle school at St. Clare of Montefalco before becoming a Blue Devil. His mom also encouraged him to try football. Ulku was unsure

with South's varsity basketball team and finished his final football season in the fall. The end may be bittersweet, but Ulku knows that the best thing to do is enjoy it and to stay in the moment.

"In the moment, I don't think I realized everything that was happening and taking in that this will be one of the last times I suit up," he said. "After the fact, it was cool sharing those moments with the team I've played with for the last four years."

Ulku ended the football season with 40 total tackles on defense. Fourteen of those were tackles for loss and he brought down the quarterback seven times, earning him Second-Team All-Metro East honors from the Detroit Free Press.

From being an anchor on the offensive and

defensive lines in football to being now a senior captain of the South varsity boys basketball team, Ulku embodies leadership. He may not always have the most outstanding stats or big plays, but anyone who has played with or watched Ulku can see that he is the type of player who often makes those around him better.

"(Peter) is the type of student athlete you can build your program around," said South varsity boys basketball head coach Stephen Benard. "His sophomore year, we needed another post player to help our varsity team in practice. Peter would have started on the JV but chose to play on the varsity team his sophomore season to make the program better. His unselfishness made the team and program better."

What makes Ulku's last year more special is he gets to play alongside some of his closest friends in both sports. Student athletes like Karter Richards, Vince Vachon and fellow senior Anthony Benard were alongside him in the fall for football and are now

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COURTESY PHOTO

Peter Ulku has been a member of South's varsity boys basketball team for three seasons and is a senior captain this winter.

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**Peter Ulku**

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- Finished 2022 football season with 40 tackles, 7 sacks and two forced fumbles

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## 2D | SPORTS

## North, South send off 2022 in winning fashion

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The final week of 2022 saw the basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South end the year on a high note. The girls and boys teams for the Blue Devils and the Norsemen boys all earned victories last week, with hopes to carry that momentum into the new year and the beginning of league play.

**North**  
During last week's Tars Holiday Classic at Anchor Bay, the North boys basketball team unwrapped a late gift in the form of the tournament trophy. Back-to-back wins last Tuesday and Wednesday left the Norsemen with plenty to cheer about on their way to ringing in the new year.

For the tournament's first game on Tuesday, Dec. 27, North took on Rochester. Senior Adam Ayrault stepped up with a 21-point performance to help lead the Norsemen to a win 54-45. James Phillips also ended up in double-digits with 16 in the victory that set North up with a trip to the tournament final.

North took the court Wednesday, Dec. 28 against the Armada Tigers, looking to capture the tournament crown. The strength for the Norsemen most of the night came in the form of defense. North held the Tigers to just four points in the first quarter and led by eight

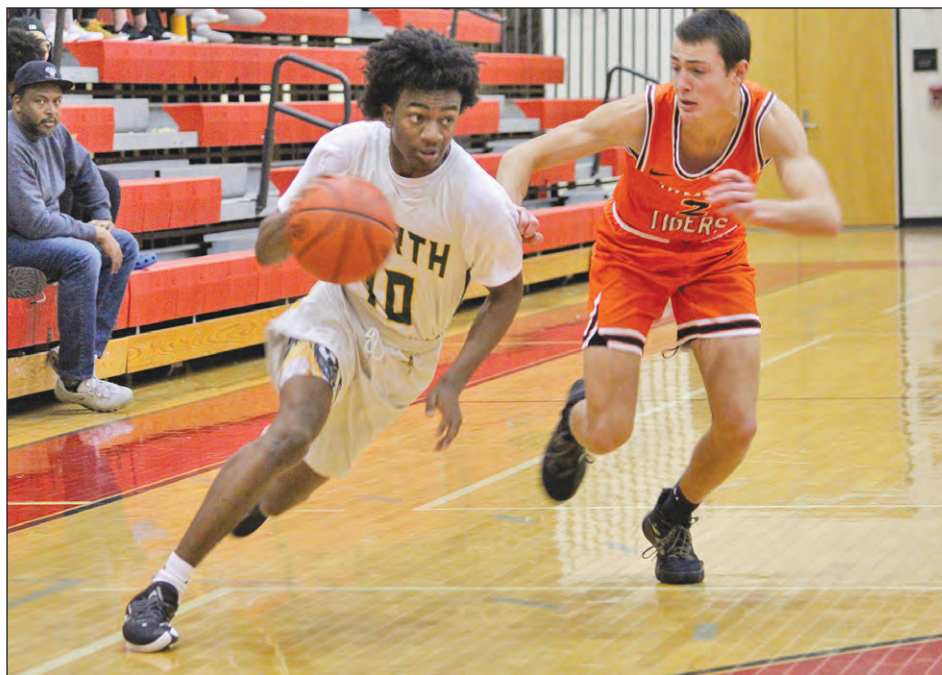


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**North junior James Phillips uses a burst of speed past an Armada defender in last Wednesday's 30-point win for the Norsemen. Phillips ended the game as the leading scorer with 19.**

when the first eight minutes were up.

The Norsemen offense was not scoring at its fastest pace in the first half, but it was more than enough to keep out in front while the defense held off Armada. North once again held the Tigers to single-digit points in the second quarter and took a 25-13 lead into halftime.

The lead North built by halftime, along with solid defensive performance throughout, helped the team run away with the game in the second half. The Norsemen turned up the heat on offense in the third quarter, scoring 19 points in just eight minutes and extending the lead to 18 entering the

final frame.

The scoring frenzy continued for the Norsemen in the fourth quarter. North put up 20 points in the last eight minutes while the defense continued to stifle Armada like it had all night long, securing a win by 30 points.

"It was something we needed to build our confidence," North boys basketball coach Rob Johnson said after his team's victorious holiday tournament effort. "Now that we've seen what we can do when we commit to the defensive side of the ball because it leads to our offense."

Ten different Norsemen tallied at least one point on the stat sheet in the

tournament final. Phillips led the group with 19 while Ayrault had 12.

The Norsemen host New Haven at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 for one last non-league game before opening MAC White play against Romeo at home Tuesday, Jan. 10.

**South**  
The Blue Devils boys basketball team had two opportunities to shine last week playing in a pair of holiday showcases. South had the chance to show its abilities against some tough competition with the eyes of the state watching, and it did just that.

South traveled to Ferndale on Tuesday, Dec. 27 for a matchup with West Bloomfield in

the Motor City Roundball Classic. Taking on an always-tough Lakers team, the Blue Devils did not back down and impressed many by pulling off a 52-39 win. Karter Richards was named the game's MVP with 20 points, while senior big man Alex English had 16 and Anthony Benard finished with 11.

The Blue Devils got a day of rest before hitting the court again Thursday, Dec. 29. This time it was off to North Farmington to face off with Saline in the Chris Webber Holiday Extravaganza.

Watching the first quarter, one might believe that last Thursday's contest would be a close, back and forth battle. It was that way for the first eight minutes. South and the Hornets traded baskets with the first quarter ending 20-19 in favor of the Blue Devils, with 11 of those first quarter points for South coming from Richards.

South's offense was heating up after scoring 20 in the first quarter, and it continued to look unstoppable before halftime. The Blue Devils had no trouble finding the basket while Saline struggled to get much of anything to go in during the second quarter. South ended up out-scoring the Hornets 28-6 in the second quarter, pulling away and leading by 23 at halftime.

A substantial halftime

lead turned into the Blue Devils continuing to roll in the second half. Despite Saline picking up its production on offense a bit, it was too little, too late after South's monster second quarter. The Blue Devils kept their foot on the gas and led 65-41 heading into the fourth, where they had the game in hand and closed it out for a 84-57 win.

Richards was once again the leading scorer in what was a monster day on offense for South. The junior finished with 31 points, once again earning honors as MVP for the game. Benard was close behind with 27.

South's boys team plays its first game of the new year in its first game of MAC Red play at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 on the road against Roseville.

The Blue Devils girls varsity team was the only girls basketball squad in the Pointes in action last week. Even with an early 9 a.m. tip-off last Tuesday, Dec. 27 in the Motor City Classic at Westfield Prep, South got the job done over Ann Arbor Huron 53-42.

Madison Benard's 25 points, along with six steals earned the sophomore game MVP honors. Freshman Alex Lupo made a statement with nine points and three steals of her own.

The South girls are back in action at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5 hosting Eisenhower in a MAC Red showdown.

## ATHLETE:

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with him on the court too.

"It builds chemistry like no other when I'm a right guard and my starting QB is the point guard," Ulku said. "Anthony trusts me to

protect him in football season and I trust him to make the right plays in basketball. The more time you spend with your teammates, the better your chemistry is going to be naturally. Vince Vachon was a receiver, Anthony (Benard) being the quarterback and

Karter (Richards) being a receiver, we've spent a lot of time together and built relationships. I can trust all of them."

The chemistry that Ulku and his teammates have built through both football and basketball also helps complement their individual styles of



COURTESY PHOTO

**Peter Ulku, (No. 51), recently finished his senior season with South's varsity football team, playing on the offensive and defensive line.**

play. Especially in basketball, while Ulku does have the ability to score when the opportunity arises, his real strength lies in battling at the rim.

A big part of that leadership comes from his passion for the game. Whether it is blocking shots on the court or

blocking defenders on the football field, Ulku is an example of doing whatever it takes to get the job done, while also remembering that competition is about loving what you do.

"I've always seen basketball as the sport I just have fun in and don't

have too high expectations," he said. "I want to have fun all year and see our team win the MAC Red and win the district which I think is very achievable."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2022**

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

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

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 5, 2022 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held on December 13, 2022
- 2) to approve the changes to the City Council meeting dates as listed for 2023; January 2 to January 4, 2023 for the New Year Holiday; January 16 to January 18, 2023 for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr; February 20 to February 22, 2023 for the observance of President's Day and September 4 to September 6, 2023 in observance of Labor Day, and further that the City will meet on June 12, July 10 and August 14, 2023, the second Mondays only months.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126093 through 126199 in the amount of \$482,564.99 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 SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$39,304.40 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of November 2022. (3) approve payment in the amount of \$6,956.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. (4) approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$7,200.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (5) approve payment in the amount of \$6,600.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with two water main breaks. (6) approve payment in the amount of \$38,892.50 to Waste Management for leaf transport following the end of the leaf pickup program. (7) approve payments to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$9,186.60 for assistance with leaf pickup and fall maintenance in various areas of the City. (8). approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$8,291.54 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of a computer and monitors. (9) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$45,979.92 for professional services during the month of November 2022 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; 2022 Misc Concrete Repair, #180-283; 2022 Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning, #180-259; 2022 Storm Sewer Repair, #180-282; Vernier Water Main, #180-308; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Kelly Road Streetscape, #180-306; Eastland Center, #180-244; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303; Tim Horton's Rebuild, #180-288; DPW Interviews, #180-304; DPW Analysis, #180-307; SRF Loan Projects, #180-301 and DWRF Loan Projects, #180-302.
- 2) to approve payment to L. Anthony Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$140,819.47 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the Danbury Lane Improvements, #180-281D.
- 3) to accept the proposal dated December 6, 2022 submitted by Plante and Moran for auditing services in the amount of \$51,000.00 for the 2022 audit.
- 4) to renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2023 in the amount of \$252,598.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.

Valerie Kindie, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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## 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

## North girls cross country

The Grosse Pointe North girls varsity cross country had one of its best seasons in recent years, earning second place in the MAC Red, according to head coach Scott Cooper.

Sophomore Lillian

Deskins not only qualified for state finals, but also earned a spot on the school's record board with the eighth fastest time in North's history at 18:57. Deskins, who also qualified for states as a freshman, finished

84th overall this year and was North's top individual regional finisher, earning All-Region honors. Both Deskins and junior Lucie Leonhard also earned All-Division in the MAC Red.





# SPORTS CALENDAR

# JANUARY 2023

**5**

- > GPN vs. GPS boys swim and dive (@ GPS) - 6pm
- > GPN girls hoops vs. LCN - 6:30pm
- > GPS boys hockey @ Lake Orion - 6pm
- > GPS girls hoops vs. Eisenhower - 7pm
- > ULS girls hockey @ Cranbrook - 5pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Oakland Christian - 7pm

**6**

- > GPN boys hoops vs. New Haven - 7pm
- > GPN girls hockey vs. Livonia - 7:30pm
- > GPS boys hoops @ Roseville - 7pm
- > GPS girls hockey @ Downriver - 8pm
- > ULS boys hockey vs. Eisenhower - 5:30pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Cardinal Mooney, 7pm
- > ULS Girls hoops @ Cardinal Mooney - 7:30pm

**7**

- > ULS boys hockey @ Flint Powers - 2pm
- > GPN & GPS Wrestling @ Fitzgerald - 8am
- > Gymnastics @ Fraser - 10am
- > GPN boys hockey vs. Marysville - 7pm
- > GPS boys swim and dive @ BC Lakeview - 2pm
- > GPS girls hockey @ Sacred Heart - 4pm
- > GPS boys hockey vs. Stevenson - 6pm

**8**



**NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**9**




**NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**10**

- > ULS boys hoops @ Cranbrook- 7:30pm
- > GPN & GPS wrestling (@GPS)- 5:30pm
- > GPN boys swim and dive @ Eisenhower- 6pm
- > GPN boys hoops vs. Romeo- 7pm
- > GPS boys hoops @ Stevenson- 7pm

**11**

- > GPS @ GPN girls hoops- 6:30pm
- > GPN boys hockey vs. Trenton (@ Clark Park)- 6:30pm
- > GPN girls hockey vs. Bloomfield- 7:30pm,



**12**


- > Gymnastics vs. Fraser- 6:30pm
- > GPN Boys hoops @ Mott- 7pm
- > GPS boys hoops vs. CV- 7pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Everest- 7pm
- > ULS girls hoops @ Lutheran North- 7pm

**13**

- > GPS @ GPN boys hockey- 5:45pm
- > GPN girls hoops @ PH- 6pm
- > GPS girls hoops vs. Dakota- 7pm
- > ULS girls hoops @ Austin Catholic- 7pm
- > ULS boys hockey @ Country Day- 7pm

**14**

- > GPS boys hoops vs. River Rouge (@ Ferndale) - TBD
- > GPN wrestling @ Armada - 9am




**15**



**NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**16**

- > ULS boys hockey vs. SCS - TBD
- > GPN boys hockey vs. PHN - TBD



**17**

- > ULS girls hockey @ Livingston - 5:30pm
- > ULS girls hoops @ Sacred Heart - 6pm
- > GPN girls hockey @ Sacred Heart - 4:30pm
- > GPN boys swim and dive vs. Lakeview - 6pm
- > GPN girls hoops vs. Dakota - 6:30pm
- > GPS boys swim and dive @ Dakota - 6pm, GPS girls hoops vs. LCN - 7pm

**18**

- > ULS girls hockey @ Livingston - 5:30pm
- > ULS girls hoops @ Sacred Heart - 6pm
- > GPN girls hockey @ Sacred Heart - 4:30pm
- > GPN boys swim and dive vs. Lakeview - 6pm
- > GPN girls hoops vs. Dakota - 6:30pm
- > GPS boys swim and dive @ Dakota - 6pm
- > GPS girls hoops vs. LCN - 7pm

**19**

- > Gymnastics @ Fraser - 6:30pm
- > GPN girls hoops vs. Eisenhower - 6:30pm
- > GPS Wrestling MAC Gold (@ Hazel Park) - TBD
- > GPS girls hoops vs. PH - 7pm
- > GPS boys hockey @ Cranbrook - 7pm

**20**

- > ULS girls hoops vs. Southfield Christian - 5pm
- > ULS boys hoops @ Lutheran North - 7pm
- > GPN girls hockey @ Traverse City - TBD
- > GPN boys hoops vs. PHN - 7pm
- > GPN boys hockey vs. PH - 7pm
- > GPS boys hoops vs. Dakota - 7pm


**21**

- > Wrestling Norsemen Classic @ GPN - 9:30am
- > GPS boys hockey @ Saline (Yost Ice Arena) - 4pm
- > GPN Girls Hockey @ TBD (Traverse City Tournament) - TBD




**22**

- > GPN Girls Hockey @ TBD (Traverse City Tournament) - TBD



**23**

- > GPS boys hockey vs. UDJ - 5:30pm
- > GPS girls hoops @ Utica - 7pm




**24**

- > ULS girls hoops @ Frankel Jewish Academy - 5pm
- > ULS boys swim & dive Tri-Meet (@ Woods Tower) - 6pm
- > ULS boys hoops @ Loyola - 7pm
- > ULS boys hockey vs. Trenton - 7:15pm
- > GPN boys hockey vs. Cranbrook - 5:15pm
- > GPN boys swim & dive vs. St. Clair - 6pm
- > GPN girls hoops @ New Haven - 7pm
- > GPS boys swim & dive @ Anchor Bay - 6pm
- > GPS boys hoops vs. Roseville- 7pm

**25**

- > GPN girls hoops @ LCN - 7pm
- > Competitive Cheer MAC Blue @ GPS - 6pm
- > GPS girls hoops @ Eisenhower - 7pm



**26**

- > Wrestling MAC Gold @ Port Huron - 5pm
- > Gymnastics League Meet @ GPN - 6pm
- > GPN boys hoops @ Romeo - 7pm
- > GPS boys swim and dive vs. UDJ - 6pm
- > GPS boys hockey vs. OLSM - 6:30pm
- > GPS boys hoops vs. Stevenson - 7pm

**27**

- > ULS boys hockey @ Cabrini- 4:30pm
- > ULS girls hockey vs. St. Catherine Siena - 5:15pm
- > ULS girls hoops vs. Cardinal Mooney - 5:30pm
- > ULS boys hoops @ Cardinal Mooney - 7:30pm, GPN @ GPS girls hoops - 7pm, GPS boys hockey @ Romeo - 6pm, GPS girls hockey vs. AA Pioneer - 7:30pm

**28**

- > Gymnastics @ Lakeland - TBD
- > GPN wrestling @ Lake Shore - TBD
- > GPS wrestling @ Fitzgerald - 9am
- > GPS girls hockey @ Washtenaw - 12pm
- > GPN boys hockey @ UDJ - TBD, ULS girls hockey vs. Windsor - 2pm

**29**



**NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**30**

- > GPN boys swim and dive vs. Marysville - 6pm
- > GPN girls hoops vs. PH - 6:30pm
- > GPS boys swim and dive vs. LCN - 6pm
- > GPS girls hoops @ Dakota - 7pm, ULS girls hockey vs. Washtenaw - 5:15pm
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**31**



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