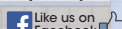




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North clinic overturned

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted 4-3 at a special meeting Thursday, Jan. 19, to halt work on a planned health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School that carried a price tag of nearly \$1 million.

Voting in favor of halting the project until an alternative can be found that doesn't involve spending taxpayer money were President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Secretary Ginny Jeup and Treasurer Sean Cotton. Trustees Colleen Worden, Valarie St. John and David Brumbaugh voted against the motion.

"I don't think this clinic solves the problem for \$1 million," said Papas, who

made the motion. "We all want to help our students, but this is not the best way to do it."

The board late last year voted 5-2 to approve an interagency agreement with Corewell Health to run the clinic with a grant from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The board also voted 5-2 to approve a bid from Turner Construction to build out the clinic at a maximum cost of \$989,000 in a science lab at North using sinking fund money.

Both of those votes saw Papas and Ismail opposed, with Worden and Brumbaugh joining then-board members Joe Herd, Margaret Weertz and Christopher Lee in favor.

Thursday night's vote

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Rocky Mtn. high

Grosse Pointe native JT Mestdagh takes to the mountains of Vail, Colo., where his daredevil moves are as brilliant as the blue skies above him. Feeling the urge to hit the slopes? Michigan has more great options than you can count on your mitten. Head to our special section, "Grosse Pointe Ski Fun" to find out the state's best spots to schuss.

Familiar face joins the Shores

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Dale Krajniak, longtime city manager in Grosse Pointe Park, was introduced as the new financial consultant at the Shores city

council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Krajniak was hired as finance director in the Park in 1986, and promoted to city manager in 1988, retiring in 2019.

"This opportunity in the Shores was very attractive," Krajniak said.

"I've got a farm in northern Michigan and have been catching up on projects, but now I've got some time on my hands and wasn't looking for anything full time."

Looking forward, Krajniak said he expects to be in the office Tuesday

through Thursday each week, but has been putting in a few more hours to get acclimated.

"Dale was here all last week and took some work home Saturday, so we got six days for the

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See how Grosse Pointers enjoy the coolest time of the year!



Section C

Hope not Handcuffs finds home in Pointes

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Last year, drug overdose was responsible for 107,000 deaths in the United States.

With the ideology that, "we cannot arrest ourselves out of this problem," and the war on drugs ought to be fought by "doing something about the demand, not just the supply," Hope not Handcuffs was formed in 2017, as a means of providing treatment for those with substance abuse disorder, rather than arrest.

Joining 123 other police departments across the state, including Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores, the City of Grosse Pointe became the first Pointe to welcome the

program with open arms Monday night, as council unanimously approved a memorandum of agreement. It is anticipated the other four Pointes may soon follow suit.

"A lot of people like to think that there's not a drug problem in Grosse Pointe," said Dean Dauphinais, communications manager for



Families against Narcotics, which formed Hope not Handcuffs. "I can tell you firsthand that there is."

Dauphinais, a lifelong Grosse Pointer, said his son has struggled on and off with addiction the last 17 years, beginning in high school, which inspired Dauphinais to

leave a successful 25-year publishing job to instead aid those who, like him, don't know where to start.

"Getting help for my son was a struggle," he said. "You don't know what to do when you're in that situation for the first time. You don't know who to call. You don't know where to go. This program makes it easier."

Once fully up and running — which should happen in the next two to four weeks and will be evidenced by a sticker on the department's door stating, "We participate in Hope not Handcuffs" — those struggling with any type of substance abuse disorder including opioids, alcohol, cocaine and methamphetamine can simply enter the City's

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Special patrol nabs accused thieves

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Criminals are opportunists. Like water, they seek the easiest route and, like water, it's usually downhill.

"They're coming back out of the cellars now that COVID's over," said Bryan Jarrell, Park public safety director. "They're taking advantage of certain things."

Such as parked cars. "We have cars lined up and down Maryland, Wayburn and Lakepointe, so there's a lot of opportunity," Jarrell said.

Two Detroit men were scheduled for probable cause conferences Wednesday, Jan. 25, in Park Municipal Court on four counts each of attempted car theft — walking into the Park and intending to drive out in stolen cars. The hearing was after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

A special detail of Park

police helped capture the pair at 9:55 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. They deployed in response to a report of suspicious activity in the 1400 blocks of Wayburn and Maryland. An unidentified third suspect got away.

"Our road patrol got a call that a resident heard a window break," Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "The resident looked outside and saw three guys near his neighbor's car across the street. He yelled to them. They ran some kind of quick ruse and took off. But we got a little description of their clothing and what they looked like."

"We had two men on the larceny detail, meaning we had five on the road," Jarrell said. "With that five on the road, when these calls started coming in, we were able to coordinate and set up a perimeter and slowly tighten the perimeter."

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Lisa Corbin Home: Grosse Pointe Park Owner of Chocolate Bar Cafe and runner-up on "Cake Wars."



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Park clerk-finance director retiring

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Jane Blahut's first day of work at city hall 42 years ago was in a job that no longer exists.

"I was the cashier," said Blahut, due to retire within three months as municipal clerk, treasurer and finance director. "We don't even have the title anymore. It was greeting people at the counter and taking tax and water bills."

To keep from becoming obsolete, Blahut learned



Jane Blahut will retire from Grosse Pointe Park after 42 years with the city.

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positive job and accepted all roles she either could or was asked to do while

gaining the experience and education needed for advancement.

"I've had every one of those jobs," she said from her office, pointing to the

cubicles and workstations composing the administrative corral on the second floor of municipal headquarters.

When higher-ranking employees retired or moved on, Blahut often filled the gaps.

In 1989, she agreed to replace a departing treasurer.

"After I got certified to become city clerk, I was appointed clerk," Blahut said.

So on and so forth until now. Her last day is Friday, March 31.

There wasn't a worst part of the career, but

there were bad days.

"The worst were when the (basement) floods happened," Blahut said. "When something bad happens, it's stressful for everybody."

She wasn't dwelling on the future when seeking work in the Park all those years ago.

"I just applied," Blahut said. "I knew someone working here. It was a woman who worked for Center Line at one time. She told me her friend was treasurer here. I applied for the job and got it and have been here ever since."



COURTESY PHOTO

Shores City Manager Steve Poloni, left, and former Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak after Krajniak was appointed by city council to help oversee the city's finance department.

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price of three," City Manager Steve Poloni joked.

Poloni and Krajniak worked together in the Park when the former was director of public safety there.

"I'm a CPA by training but municipal finance is something I enjoy, so my experience dovetails nicely with their needs," Krajniak said. "I've taken a look at the financial statements and the city is in great shape. I'm impressed with what they are able to get done given the limited number of employees there are."

Krajniak attributed that to the amount of cross-training involved between Poloni, Assistant City Manager Tom Krolczyk and Public Works Director Mike Way.

"I can't really see where any more streamlining could keep the costs down more than they already are," he added. "This place has such a

positive environment and attitude."

The position became necessary after former Finance Director/Controller Candice Giles left last fall to take a position in Oakland County's finance department.

The Shores interviewed a few candidates last October, but had very few applications. Poloni told council in December the process was a "work in progress."

Mayor Ted Kedzierski, himself a CPA, said at the time, "There's accounting and then there's government accounting," noting how specialized municipal finance is.

Krajniak agreed.

"In a small business, for example, you balance the books monthly and everything fits together," he said. "Here, each enterprise fund is separate, be it sewer and water, the harbor, the general fund. You have to be familiar with governmental accounting standards because there is so much interaction between each fund."

PS fundraises with supporter shirts

Funds may go toward sensory bag Carter Kits

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Farms public safety department is getting creative with finding ways to fund smaller projects that don't necessarily fit into its budget.

Supporter shirts — standard gray T-shirts with a police and fire melded logo in navy — made their soft debut last fall at the department's first open house, but still are looking to gain more traction as a means of fundraising.

Selling for \$20 sizes small to extra large, and \$25 sizes 2X and up, community members are invited to purchase the shirts and, in turn, support the department.

"The monies that we raise from these T-shirts we can spend more fluidly on the things that we really want instead of



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The supporter shirts featuring this logo operate as a fundraiser for Carter Kits and other department endeavors.

needs," explained Amber Hazelton, the city's newest fire specialist who came up with the fundraising idea. "... Instead of it being, 'Well, that's not in the budget,' we can say, 'Well, we have these funds,' so that was my intention in creating these shirts and working that into being able to be a resource for us."

While the funds conceptually could go toward any department endeavor,

Hazelton named fire prevention efforts, school resources, the plastic pin-back badges given out at events — "People don't realize the investment that a department makes in having those made," she said — and specifically, Carter Kits.

Carter Kits, of which the department recently purchased two, are sensory bags containing aids officers can use to calm distressed people with autism or sensory processing issues when they arrive on scene. They include headphones to deaden sound for auditory concerns, sunglasses to block light for visual sensitivity, a variety of fidget tools and a diagram to help officers communicate with nonverbal children.

The kits were created by a detective with the Saginaw Township Police Department whose son, Carter, has autism spec-

trum disorder, in partnership with a clinical neuropsychologist.

"They can be used from children on up," Hazelton explained. "It doesn't have to be just children, so anybody having some type of a crisis, potentially this kit can be used to try to help de-escalate and maybe be kind of that ice breaker."

One kit currently is kept in the department's command vehicle, while the other remains at the station, for instance, "if we have an OWI arrest with children in the car and we need to keep them occupied until somebody can come take care of them," Hazelton said.

As Farms officers currently don't carry anything similar in their patrol vehicles, ideally the goal would be to get one kit per car. Each costs approximately \$45.

With last year's creation

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station at 17320 Mack and ask the desk clerk for help.

This will trigger the officer to call the Hope not Handcuffs call center, which will dispatch a trained volunteer — called an angel — who will arrive at the station within 30 minutes. The participant will be invited to wait in a private room off of the station's lobby and given a comfort kit bin, which is supplied by the program and contains hygiene products, clothing and food, so the participant can go straight to treatment without stopping home.

Upon arrival, the angel will work with the participant to find placement, determine insurance coverage and schedule transportation.

"When somebody who's struggling wants help, the window is open for a very short time," Dauphinais explained. "The object is

to get them help when they want it, before they decide they don't want it anymore."

As the purpose of the program is to promote voluntary seeking of treatment, participants will not be questioned regarding any drug paraphernalia they may have on them and are free to leave and forgo the process at any point without fear of arrest.

While many participating departments do not run a LEIN search on the participant, they can do so for the purpose of ensuring the safety of officers or the angel.

"I think the best practice is to shy away from the enforcement side," Public Safety Director John Alcorn said of how the City's program will operate. "In this situation, we're there for help. There could be a situation where somebody comes in who is under the influence. They could have narcotics on them. (When) that window is open where they want help, it's a time to

offer that. We want to be known as a place that's a welcome safe haven for them to get help and start that process."

Exceptions to this practice, which could make a participant ineligible for the program, include if the person is listed on the sex registry, has a warrant for a violent felony or domestic violence or is a danger to others. In such a case, the participant would be directed to call the hope line directly to be provided a list of treatment resources to seek on his or her own.

Rather than the program adding to the department's workload, City Attorney Charles Kennedy explained it actually will ease a workload that already exists. Historically, a family member would bring the suffering person into the station, he explained, at which point detectives would have to set aside case work to call around and try to find where the person could be placed.

"This is spectacular to have this program," he assured council. "It's not increasing the burden.

These are people who are already going to present themselves. It's providing a seamless solution for us to the situation."

Since the program's genesis in February 2017, 8,900 people have been placed into treatment. Last year alone, that number was 2,083.

"I've had two good friends who had children who have had to deal with that," Councilman Don Parthum noted. "Luckily they're still with us, but watching them navigate it was not fun, so I commend you on the work that you do."

Anyone who may not feel comfortable going to the station also has the option to call Hope not Handcuffs directly at (833) 202-4673 or complete an online assessment form at hopenothandcuffs.com to be contacted.

Those interested in receiving training and volunteering as an angel also may apply online at hopenothandcuffs.com.

"The hours are very flexible (and) the work is extremely rewarding," Dauphinais said.

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Tri-certified mom of three is Farms' newest fire specialist

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Name the type of first responder and Amber Hazelton has been it.

Having just stepped into her new role in early January as the Farm's first new fire specialist in 20 years — filling the boots of the city's first female fire specialist, Sundee Harland, who retired at the end of 2022 — Hazelton is no stranger to the field.

A few years out of high school, and two into an EMS job, she first became certified in firefighting in 2004, attending the fire academy and picking up an extra gig as a volunteer firefighter in Charlevoix. Juggling multiple paramedic and fire jobs in the early years of her career, followed by a lengthy stint as a dispatcher for MedStar, she landed at the Farms department in 2015, as a civilian inmate dispatcher; Farms dispatchers hold the title because they also monitor and assist in searching prisoners.

"Actually, today is my anniversary," she said while talking with the



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Amber Hazelton is the Farms' first new fire specialist in two decades. Unique among the five Pointes, the Farms employs four dedicated fire specialists, who are responsible for the operation of the fire engine at each emergency.

Grosse Pointe News Wednesday, Jan. 18. "I started part-time exactly eight years ago."

In 2019, at 37 years old, Hazelton achieved the trifecta of first responding and graduated from the police academy, transitioning to her most recent role as a public safety officer in the Farms for the last three and a half years.

"I always wanted to help people," she said, adding her career track was destined either for first responding or nursing. "That was like my big thing. I wanted to help as many people as I could and it was just one of those things where I felt like that would be where I could do the most good."

Among the unit

awards, directors awards and general unit citations she's received throughout her career in the Farms, Hazelton was honored among other department members with a director's unit award in 2018, for police work leading to the arrest of Gerald Day Jr., who later was convicted of home invasion, criminal sexual assault and assault with intent to commit armed robbery out of the Woods.

The mother of three also is the Farms' only certified car seat safety technician, a pursuit she's especially passionate about. In educating caregivers about the safest ways to secure children in a vehicle, she also acquires state-funded car seats for those who aren't able to afford them.

"The parents that have come in, it's a little overwhelming because it's a lot of information — I'm spending like a half hour, 45 minutes with them sometimes — but it's useful and people feel more confident securing their little ones," she explained.

Hazelton saw her first official day as a fire specialist Thursday, Jan. 5, after training with

Harland through the end of last year.

As the certification for firefighting never expires and there aren't continuing education requirements similar to an EMS license or policing certification, Hazelton was good to go with her original fire academy certification.

"My family was probably the driving force for it," she said regarding the transition from a PSO. "I saw an opportunity just with Sundee leaving ... and we have some of the same temperament and kind of that go-getter (attitude), just (being) meticulous about certain things."

"I'll never fill her shoes, don't get me wrong," she added. "She was amazing and I already miss her."

With one call for mutual aid to Grosse Pointe Shores — although the truck didn't get set up, as only equipment and personnel were needed — already under her belt, Hazelton has big intentions for her time as a fire specialist.

Moving forward, just because residents see a fire truck hooked up in the city, doesn't mean there is an emergency in

progress, as one of her top goals is to begin running training exercises with the city's officers to build rapport, share knowledge and allow everyone to become comfortable working a scene with one another.

After all, the Farms' four dedicated fire specialists prior to Hazelton's instatement each held their positions at least 20 years.

"As the weather warms up, that will be happening more and more," she said. "We'll be popping up here and there, grabbing a hydrant and running lines and just practicing with each other."

"... It'll be good for everybody to kind of get their hands wet so to speak, literally and figuratively."

She also hopes to expand the department's nationally recognized car seat inspection program to include another officer or two, along with at least bi-annual check events, aside from simply excelling at her new role at the helm of the Farms' fire engines.

"My goal is always to strive for excellence," she said. "I want to be the best that I can be."

Dedicated to the cause

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Thus the late Lena Carlile is memorialized by members of the public safety department and Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, bound by their mutual respect and pursuit of the peace and safety of the city to which they are committed.

Representatives of both groups met Thursday, Jan. 19, at public safety headquarters to dedicate the department fitness center in Carlile's name. She was president of the foundation at the time of its \$50,000 fundraising campaign and is lauded as the muscle behind the results.

"This equipment is top-notch," said Bryan Jarrell, public safety director. "It's been a godsend for us. We are deeply grateful to the foundation and to Lena. It will last for many years."

"(Lena) was appointed a trustee in 2005 and, while she was always a dedicated addition to the board, it wasn't until she was unanimously voted president in December 2019 that her true dedication and skill were revealed," said Shery Cotton, the foundation's current president. "She took her responsibilities seriously, always getting things done timely and in excellent fashion. In 2021, she advocated for the foundation to fund the redo of the public safety department's exercise room. It was in desperate need of a thorough overhaul. My big regret is Lena is not here to see this dedication."

Cotton is the mother of the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

Foundation trustees in attendance included Barb Detwiler, Susan Richner, Mark Farnan and Paul Lavins.

The fitness room, located next to the fire truck bay, is about the size of a single-car garage. Its cinderblock walls are

painted bright white. Gray, padded flooring cushions a cement floor. Numerous gray, black and chrome fitness machines and weight-lifting equipment line the walls.

The only color other than the red, white and blue department logo is a bronze bas-relief plaque containing Carlile's color photo hanging on the wall near the entrance honoring Allene "Lena" Carlile.

"Lena took this project to heart and got it to this point," Jarrell said. "The plaque says it all: 'This

endeavor would not have been possible without Lena's vision and understanding of the importance for first responders to be healthy, both physically and mentally. Due to her determination, this facility was presented to the men and women of the Grosse Pointe Park Department of Public Safety by the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation on Nov. 18, 2021, and formally dedicated in her name on Jan. 19, 2023."

"I recognize Lena Carlile for her leadership in making sure the com-

munity's first responders have access to state-of-the-art amenities," said Councilman Martin McMillan, chairman of the public safety committee. "Residents like myself, who had not had the honor of meeting Lena before she passed, will know her passion for our community for years to come."

"It's all about community and working together to make great things like this happen," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "To know that Lena Carlile was one of those leaders that brought us together and made this happen pumps me up."

"One thing that stuck

out to me about Lena was her dedication to public service," Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "She served on our Downtown Development Authority board and she was our representative for the city employees' 457 Plan (an employee retirement system). We terribly miss her and

know she's in a better place."

After the ceremony, officers prepared to reinstall exercise equipment that had been removed from the center to make room for attendees.

"I ask many guys if they use the fitness room," Jarrell said. "They said, 'Yes, every day.'"



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Grosse Pointe Park Foundation members who were present included, from left, Bob Lucas, Sue Richner, Paul Lavins, Mark Farnan, Shery Cotton and Barb Detwiler.



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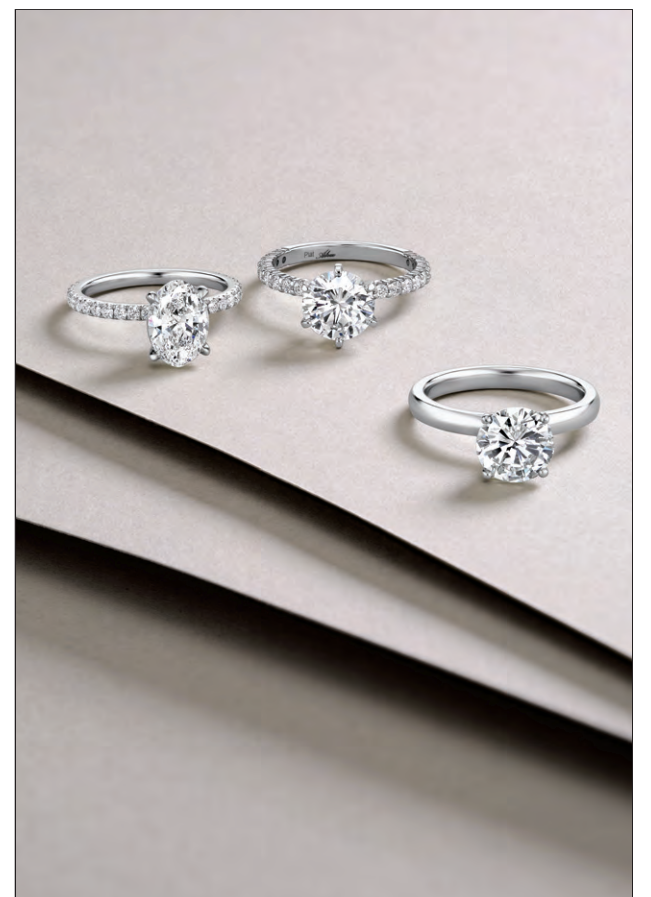
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Pointer enjoys sweet life as a small business owner

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

It's coming up on a decade since Lisa Corbin took home a second-place near-win on Food Network's "Cake Wars," but the owner of the Chocolate Bar Cafe in Grosse Pointe Woods is nowhere near ready to step out of the kitchen.

Hitting the sweet spot with a career she both enjoys and is talented in, Corbin fell into the industry naturally, starting a home-based baking and cake-decorating business — Cakes by Lisa — while her four children were young.

As life often does, one thing led to another and after a summer working for the former owner of the Chocolate Bar Cafe, Corbin went all in and purchased the business in December 2007.

"Right at the beginning of the recession," she said. "So we've survived the recession, a pandemic and power outages. There's been many things."

In its location at 20737 Mack since 1990, the cafe has long offered a unique dose of nostalgia as an old-fashioned soda fountain, serving up specialty ice cream creations, chocolate, candy and cakes, all to the background noise of an operational jukebox.

Under Corbin's leader-



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Lisa Corbin is owner of the Chocolate Bar Cafe, an old-fashioned soda fountain in Grosse Pointe Woods.

ship, the variety of sweet treats grew to include cupcakes, scones, biscotti, shortbread, chocolate caramel pretzels and other pastries.

"We're always making new cupcake flavors," she said. "We have a lot of new ice cream flavors to make sundaes and milkshakes that we (got at the end of 2022), so that's kind of fun. We have Cookie Monster ice cream (and) that's my

favorite. It's Blue Moon and Oreos and cookie dough. It's ridiculous."

The shop's iconic wall art featuring the word "chocolate" in a number of different languages was the brainchild of Corbin's brother-in-law, artist John Corbin, while her husband, Kim, offers his legal expertise to the business as an attorney.

But that's right where the family buy-in stops. Corbin's children,

the oldest of which is now 31, don't quite share the same passion for flour and butter.

"My one daughter does like to cook, but they're not interested in this business at all," she laughed.

However, Corbin's talents in the kitchen lend themselves to cooking as well, according to those who know her.

Throughout last winter and again this season, Corbin has made and delivered a couple pots of soup each week to a soup kitchen through the Open Door Ministry at Fort Street Presbyterian Church. The kitchen's organizer called her philanthropy, "a godsend."

"Her soups are just as good as her desserts," Kim Corbin said.

The Grosse Pointe Park resident's TV debut on season 1, episode 8 of "Cake Wars" — celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the Girl Scouts' Gold Award by way of a Girl Scouts theme — aired Aug. 17, 2015, on which she played the role of assistant to

friend and fellow baker Laura Amodeo.

"We made a giant log cabin and she made all this scenery around it," Corbin recalled. "It was pretty cool. We should've won, but it was quite intense."

Baking competition

shows remain all the rage for casual viewing, with almost too many titles currently on streaming-giant Netflix to count, and often leave viewers wondering what really takes place behind the scenes on episodes that appear to be filmed in a matter of hours.

Corbin's trip out to Los Angeles for the single "Cake Wars" episode actually was a four-day affair, on the first of which contestants were sent out to normal stores to shop for the ingredients they would need.

Other unexpected filming secrets, she said, she's not allowed to reveal.

With no current plans to have a second once-in-a-lifetime experience as a contestant on a baking competition, Corbin is simply enjoying everyday life owning a unique bakery and ice cream small business in the Pointes.

"I think people are always surprised when they walk in. They're like, 'Wow, this is amazing!'" she said. "It's just fun and nostalgic. It takes people back in time."



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Lisa Corbin, left, and Laura Amodeo, right, came in second place on "Cake Wars" with this Girl Scout themed log cabin cake.



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Corbin's roulette wheel cake was featured on a billboard as part of an MGM Grand Detroit marketing campaign.

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Coming home to roost?

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents shouldn't put all their eggs in one basket, but

city council has hatched a plan that could allow homeowners to keep and raise a limited number of chickens.

The idea was presented by Paul Lechner,

who also is chairman of the city's tree commission, at council's meeting Monday, Jan. 9.

"My thought is that people are moving more toward a farm-to-table approach and are eating healthier and want to know more about what they're eating," he said. "Plus, the cost of eggs is through the roof."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average price of a dozen Grade A eggs was \$3.59 in November, up from \$1.39 last January. The main cause is an outbreak of avian influenza, which has led to the loss of 44 million laying hens at hundreds of facilities across the country, along with increases in the cost of grain feed and shipping.

"I'm suggesting maybe two, no more than three per household," Lechner said. "Chickens aren't a public nuisance and coops don't take up much space. Plus, they help with pest control by eating bugs and they can eat table scraps, which means less trash."

Lechner also said car-

ing for chickens could help parents teach their children responsibility.

"I wouldn't be surprised if there are some already here," Lechner added. "Some might be keeping them in their garage, but that's not good because of the exhaust fumes."

Lechner also noted a few other cities that permit the practice, including Royal Oak, Huntingtown Woods and Warren.

Council had plenty of questions, but were willing to explore the idea.

Mayor Art Bryant said he would like to know if the cities that allow chickens require homeowners to get permission from neighbors first.

"A six-pound hen is less intrusive than some large dog breeds and there's no permission required for a dog," Lechner noted.

Councilman Kenn Gafa pointed out the city has an ordinance regarding the number of bird feeders a homeowner can have in order to limit seed spillage that attracts rodents. Lechner said chicken owners generally put feed on a

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City of Grosse Pointe

Embezzlement

From June through September of last year, a business owner in the 17000 block of Kercheval suspects a 53-year-old Madison Heights man embezzled approximately \$100,000 from him.

The victim and suspect share business space together but sell different products and operate under separate state licenses.

No license

While investigating a disturbance in the 600 block of St. Clair at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, officers found the 27-year-old Clinton Township man in question to have a suspended license.

He was cited and released.

Camper damage

A GMC motorhome parked in the 400 block of Rivard was damaged Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The tempered glass window in its door was intact but shattered, with a small hole in the corner.

Thief held accountable

The follow-up investigation to a Facebook Marketplace deal gone wrong — reported last week — led to the arrest of a 20-year-old Detroit

man at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20.

Best of both

A woman who presented a check to be cashed at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, left with approximately \$900 in cash and the check when the cashier handed it back to be endorsed.

Suspended speeder

After being stopped for speeding at Kercheval and Neff at 2:40 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, a 53-year-old Detroit man was cited for a suspended license.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Panhandling

After officers were called to the scene because a 32-year-old Canton man was leaving a business in the 19000 block of Mack after asking for money to buy gas from other customers at 12:49 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, he was found to

have a suspended license and several warrants from other jurisdictions.

He was cited for driving while license suspended and trespassing, while the vehicle was impounded.

Found identity

A 77-year-old Farms man was contacted by the Beverly Hills Police Department Tuesday, Jan. 27, because officers had arrested a man carrying the Farms man's driver's license with the suspect's photo on it.

Repeat offender

After being cited for trespassing at a business in the 19000 block of Mack earlier this month, a 64-year-old Detroit man returned at 2:16 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, and received a second citation. The man was advised he would be arrested if he returned a third time.

Dead end

Two patrol vehicles attempted to pull over a 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman suspected of drunken driving at 12:44 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, before she turned onto the dead end at Elm Court and was pulled over by a third officer.

The woman admitted to having both vodka and tequila before answering, "62," when asked for a number between 21 and 19. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.27, for which she was arrested.

Happy ending

After being stolen from where it was chained to a bike rack at an area school the day prior, officers located a Farms boy's bike abandoned near Moross and Lakeshore Friday, Jan. 20.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Sticker shock

A Grosse Pointe Woods woman was ticketed around 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, after an officer noticed the color of the sticker on her license plate indicated it was expired.

The officer saw the 2018 Audi on eastbound Vernier at Lakeshore, waiting to make a left turn.

The driver was cited

for the expired plate and no proof of insurance before the vehicle was impounded.

— Ted O'Neil
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report, per dispatch.

— Ted O'Neil
Report information about crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Furniture taken

Miscellaneous patio furniture was reported stolen from the backyard of a residence in the 1000 block of Wayburn between the hours of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, and 4 p.m. the next day.

Hit and run

Officers responding to a hit-and-run auto wreck in the 800 block of Park Lane at 10:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, located the alleged driver, a 61-year-old Park man, at his residence and logged the crime of drunken driving.

"A citizen witnessed a vehicle strike a street sign and flee the area," police said.

Prowler

At 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, police nabbed a known, 53-year-old male criminal from Detroit in the alley of the 1300 block of Wayburn.

"(He) was recognized due to being arrested for larcenies in the past," police said. "(He had) a warrant for his arrest and was taken into custody without incident."

Another prowler

An officer monitoring the 1400 block of Lakepointe shortly before 1:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, noticed a suspected male prowler in the alley.

"(The man, 63, of Detroit) was found to have multiple warrants," police said. "A search revealed (him) to be in possession of crack cocaine and a crack pipe."

Officers secured a felony charge of cocaine possession.

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

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Officers tracked down all three suspects, but took only two into custody.

"One just stopped and gave up without a fight," Pittman said. "The other two took off running. One got away, one got caught."

A search of the neighborhood revealed four cars with broken windows, plus damaged steering columns and ignitions, according to police.

"They gave full confessions to trying to steal four vehicles," Pittman said. "They each got charged with four counts of attempted motor vehicle theft, which is a felony."

Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe on Saturday, Jan. 14, arraigned suspects Joshua Jaylen

Humphries and Maurice Leon Cuff. Both are 18 and from Detroit.

Each was held on \$100,000 bond. Preliminary exams are scheduled Wednesday, Feb. 1.

"Part of the reason they were arrested was we put out an overtime detail to address the issue of cars being broken into," Pittman said.

Since mid-December, police logged three car thefts, eight attempted thefts, at least eight larcenies from parked cars and two instances of parked cars being damaged maliciously.

"The most important role of government is to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of our community," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "We absolutely are committed to that. And we have the best possible force to deliver on that."

Special overtime patrols strain the municipal budget.

"Clearly, we have budgetary concerns," Hodges said. "We're in an austerity mode, which is why we're looking for budget-relieving and budget-enhancing solutions, part of which is growing the tax base and part of which is identifying

unique partnership and grant dollars. I've challenged our team to do some scenario planning — get it down on paper: How can we make good, solid, informed decisions that have science and a recognition of the factors we are facing and the quality of the team that we want to continue to preserve?"

KITS:

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of the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Crisis Intervention Team — in which officers received extensive training on mental illness, substance abuse, adolescent issues, verbal de-escalation, etc. — and what seems like an

increasing local population of those with special needs including autism, ADHD and sensory processing issues, Hazelton said, the time is right to begin implementing the kits in the department.

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OUR VIEW

Time for district to re-sharpen its focus

Brownell Middle School was a befitting place to hold the Jan. 19 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, given some audience members' frequent interruptions, loud claps, cheers and boos. This uninviting behavior, typical of a middle schooler's lack of self-control, often drowned out fellow community members as they attempted to make public comments regarding the proposed health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School.

On a night that was equal parts business and bedlam, the BoE managed to get through the nearly four-hour-long meeting and voted 4-3 to halt work on the plan. The clinic carried a price tag of nearly \$1 million, as reported on page 1A of today's Grosse Pointe News.

But today offers the district a fresh opportunity to develop an alternative that doesn't involve our sinking fund taking a \$1 million hit. We call on the board to partner with students, teachers and staff to assess our district's collective mental health needs and seek a supportive, financially sound option to help them — without the district hyperbolizing a sudden, urgent want to provide health care access to our entire community.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services team that reviewed Corewell's grant application for Grosse Pointe plainly said our district did not demonstrate outstanding need for a health clinic. This information came to light thanks to former BoE candidate Will Broman, who obtained the documents under a Freedom of Information Act request. The Grosse Pointe News also reviewed the documents.

Grant reviewers stated that our district's needs included in the application "do not reflect necessity for services other than in a county with high risk disparities."

That means we are in a county (Wayne) that demonstrates need, but our actual school district does not.

The MDHHS team also said in its review the application contained "very little evidence or data provided to support need for medical services in immediate area in Wayne Co."

Bottom line: The grant application's data and MDHHS's comments make it clear that while a school-based clinic in Grosse Pointe might be beneficial, it isn't the critical need some are insisting it is. It's evident our district leadership tried to retrofit our community's needs in order to use a state-funded grant.

It also has become abundantly clear based on community, teacher and student feedback that we must develop ways to increase mental health support for



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

In what has been a mostly dry winter, Mother Nature gave us a pleasant surprise and blanketed the Pointes with a fresh snowfall last Sunday. Many scenes around Grosse Pointe felt like a photo op, like this one of the playhouse on the Ford estate along Lakeshore, pictured above. Against the snowy backdrop and tall trees, the playhouse looks like a cozy cabin in the woods offering a respite from the chill.

GUEST OPINION By Drew Kisskalt

Community support is key to Pointes' Unified Basketball Program

I have been in special education for 10 years, most recently for the last four years at Parcels Middle School. Helping people who have barriers in their life has long been an important part about who I am as a person. I don't view myself as someone who is altruistic or even all that special. However, I do care about people and it makes me feel good when I am able to help.



As a teacher and coach, I have been very fortunate to have made memories with many exceptional people. My former students and players will always have a special place in my heart. Grosse Pointe North's Unified Coed Basketball program is something that is especially unique and meaningful to me. As head coach of the team, I hope to bring awareness to an amazing group of athletes and grow this sport, and others like it, to help reduce some of those barriers we see, or maybe do not see.

In 2019, I learned about the opportunity to coach

North's team. We had one season off due to COVID, so technically, it's our third year. When I was offered the opportunity to be a part of this awesome program, I did not hesitate to accept the position.

The program provides the opportunity for high school students with special needs to get varsity athlete experience by competing against other Unified basketball teams throughout metro Detroit. Our athletes participate in weekly practices and play in home and away games, just like students in our general population do. Our season started Nov. 29, and our roster includes 13 players and 10 player "partners," who are general education peers who assist with the program. This is the largest team we have had, despite the pandemic halting the program for a year. Being a part of this momentum has been something pretty powerful for me, both personally

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our students.

One viable alternative to address our students' mental health needs may be the state's E3 program, which provides "on-site comprehensive mental health services from mild to moderate severity of need." The E3 (Expanding, Enhancing Emotional Health) program was specifically suggested for Grosse Pointe in the MDHHS's feedback, saying it was a more appropriate fit for GPPSS than a health clinic.

The district also could potentially partner with The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, which offers a variety of mental health-based programming, including suicide prevention, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, mindfulness and meditation and family dynamics. Perhaps there are ways to formalize linking the center's network of local psychiatrists, therapists and other practitioners with students in need.

If sharpening our district's focus to mental health somehow sounds unempathetic, consider this: By using this grant, we are taking dollars away from a school district in greater demonstrated need than ours. For example, Perry Public Schools in Shiawassee County also applied for the grant but was denied

funding, despite having more than the minimum number of points to qualify for it.

One of Perry's biggest demonstrations of need is the district is located 14 miles from the nearest concentration of medical services, like urgent cares, medical offices or hospitals. In addition, Perry has twice as many economically disadvantaged students district-wide than GPPSS. That's double what we are dealing with here, folks. If our numbers are causing some to shout that the sky is falling in Grosse Pointe, imagine what they are facing in Perry.

Can you look yourself in the mirror with this information and say Grosse Pointe's need is greater than the other school districts that applied? Right-sizing our need for school-based health care, when held up against another district's far greater need for it, defines empathy.

A brick-and-mortar health care facility is not our only option, as some in town would have you believe — it's just the most expensive one. This project warrants a pause to allow for more time and research to find an effective, financially sound mental health alternative for our students, staff and community, as it did from the very beginning.

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Finding an alternative

To the Editor:
I understand concerns about the costs related to the health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School, as well as how the process for approval was communicated with the public. I share some of these concerns. I'm also aware of how a health clinic could

benefit students in our community.

Studies conducted across Michigan and the country have shown that students who have access to school-based health centers experience reduced physical stress and depression. A report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also noted, "the pandemic has been especially taxing among

young girls, with ER visits involving adolescent girls attempting suicide climbing 51 percent in the early months of 2021 compared to the same period in 2019."

These findings beg the following questions:

- ◆ How does the Grosse Pointe Board of Education plan to meet the physical and mental health needs of students in our district?
- ◆ What specific, evidence-based solutions are being considered by the

board?

Effective strategies are required to address the mental health crisis plaguing our youth. By passing the resolution to postpone a health clinic at North High School, the BOE now is tasked with finding an alternative "to provide the services outlined in the Interagency Agreement without GPPSS expending taxpayer dollars."

MARIA WILLIAMS
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia



Life is a fragile, amazing gift

Rewind to a most four years ago. I was just living my life — a mom of four, running after a 10-, 9-, 7- and 4-year-old. Rushing to hockey and baseball, yelling a lot and worrying about pretty much everything. The book “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff” might have been a good tool for me to have at that time. Everything mattered — what their hair looked like, what their grades were on a third-grade spelling test, if there were holes in their knees, if we were on time for hockey practice and if they were winning their games and playing their best. That is just a small sample of what I found time to stress about.

Cut to 10 p.m. on a fairly normal night. I had just gotten home from a

day trip to Chicago with friends. I got up out of bed and felt like I got hit with a bat, or maybe it felt like my head was exploding from within. It’s hard to really tell. My neck suddenly went completely stiff, but with the worst pain I have ever felt or could even imagine. As I write this I’m having flashbacks as if it was a bad dream.

I thought it must be some form of horrific migraine or some sort of muscle spasm in my neck. Then I was sure I was just going to stop breathing. As I was getting sick and begging God to help me, I just kept thinking I must really be a wimp and to just deal with it. But the pain was so bad, I wondered if I would rather just die. I suffered through the night and in the morning, I headed to the hospital. I heard random words from the doctor. I remember hearing someone mutter “significant problem” and “lights and sirens to Royal Oak” mostly. I called my sister-



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Gryzenia and three of her children, in the ICU at Beaumont Hospital, May 2019.

in-law and asked her to make sure my kids were OK if and when I was gone, and to make sure they made it to church whenever possible. The morphine was kicking in. I felt loopy and my memory from there is foggy.

The next thing I remember is getting prepped for an angiogram and the look on my husband’s face. He sees this from time to time being a physician, but I

suppose it’s pretty stressful when it’s your wife. When I woke up I was in the ICU, connected to what seemed like a zillion buzzers, IVs and heart monitors. My calves were being pumped up and down with compression sleeves of some sort, which inflated and deflated every few minutes. For someone who likes to be in control and is very active, I do not recommend the ICU.

“Good news!” they said, “it’s not an aneurysm. It’s a subarachnoid hemorrhage.” I was happy to know it wasn’t as bad as it could have been, but also lucky I wasn’t well enough to Google subarachnoid hemorrhage. That would have put me over the edge. To save you the trouble if you were going to look it up, 12 percent have sudden death from a subarachnoid hemorrhage and up to 45 percent die in the first 30 days. For me, I was left with a very stiff neck and a headache that lasted nearly two years. I slept through most of that summer. This might all sound bad, but it’s not. You see, I was one of the lucky ones and my problems are minor inconveniences compared to most. It put life in perspective in many ways. I don’t worry about a lot of the things I used to. If there’s one thing I still do, it’s yelling at sporting events involving my children. Not even my brain exploding can put a lid

on my competitive “spirit,” I guess.

I don’t recommend a life-threatening illness or event to slap the sense into anyone, but might I suggest thinking about how fleeting and fragile life is before you send that not-so-nice email or review, freak out at a family member for something trivial or get caught up in things that actually don’t matter (as much as it feels like they do in the moment). I say that being alive is a pretty amazing gift. And experiencing a serious wake-up call helped me learn about what — and what not — to take too seriously. I have learned how to be more go-with-the-flow when I can and less stressed (unless I’m at a hockey rink). I hug my kids more. I try to stop and smell the roses. For that, I am forever grateful. And speaking of grateful, my thanks and gratitude to the amazing doctors at Beaumont. Who knows what could have happened without them.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

MRS. H.R. BOYER ‘BEST-DRESSED’: Detroit’s best-dressed woman is a Pointer, according to the current issue of Life magazine. She is Mrs. Harold R. Boyer of East Jefferson Avenue, the former Frances Alger and sister of Secretary of State Frederick M. Alger. The

magazine conducted a survey in 10 of the country’s representative cities, with society editor and fashion experts helping in the selections.

PROPOSES WAR ON MOSQUITOES: Mayor Netting raised the questions at the city council meeting of the possible efficacy of using DDT to halt the mosquito nuisance in the Pointe. He said he had learned that in many Florida communities this method was employed with excellent

results. There are many natural breeding places for mosquitoes in the Pointe, such as Milk River and other spots and unless some method is applied on a general scale for meeting the problem, it promises to continue indefinitely.

1973

50 years ago this week

NEW THREAT FOR SCHOOLS: The Grosse Pointe school system faces a serious financing

problem resulting from the recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling which declared the current school financing method unconstitutional. Because of a new method of financing, the schools’ 1973-74 year has yet to be decided in the Michigan legislature and given subsequent approval by the Court, the school system might be unable to issue tax anticipation notes which fund the schools’ operation from July through January.

OKAY OPEN CAMPUS FOR HS SENIORS: Open campus for seniors at both North and South high schools was given final approval by the Board of Education Monday night. Discussion was limited to 20 minutes as the new policy had been given a thorough airing at the last regular board meeting. The vote was unanimous as the trustees emphasized that it was the responsibility of the student governments to regulate and review the new privilege, which allows seniors to leave the school when not scheduled for classes or other school responsibilities.

1998

25 years ago this week

STARBUCKS LANDS IN VILLAGE: Coffee lovers will have a chance to add to their mug collections with the arrival of Starbucks Coffee in The Village. The national coffee house and mail order chain plans to move into the building being vacated by the La Strega clothing store.

BORDERS REVEAL STORE PLANS: Saying that Borders bookstore will help improve a “reasonably healthy” business climate in The Village, a representative of the book giant revealed drawings of the new store, which is scheduled to open in the building currently housing the Jacobson’s Store for the Home.

STRONG TEAM EFFORT CARRIES NORTH TO TITLE: Some records are made to be broken. Last weekend, Grosse Pointe North’s Derek Phillips set one that will never be broken. Phillips became the first four-time champion of the Norseman

Classic wrestling tournament. Someone may come along and match the North senior’s achievement, but they’ll never beat it.

2013

10 years ago this week

SIGNS OF CHANGE IN SHORES?: Realtors accepted the city council’s invitation to pitch the idea of posting “open house” signs in Grosse Pointe Shores. The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors’ Ambassador Committee want Shores officials to amend a city ordinance forbidding “open house” signs. Such signs are permitted in the four other Pointes.

WOMAN HELPED OUT OF LAKE ST. CLAIR: A 30-year-old woman gave no sound reason for jumping into Lake St. Clair near St. Paul Catholic Church early afternoon Jan. 17, according to multiple police officers. Patrolmen from one end of the Pointes to the other responded to multiple 911 calls reporting the incident.

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and professionally.

The best part of this experience is the pure joy it brings to the players. My athletes absolutely love playing basketball together. Wearing their school colors, playing a game they love and all the support they receive from their families, peers and teachers means the world to them. There is a level of dignity and respect for our students that they may not receive otherwise.

One of our biggest highlights every season is our North vs. South rivalry games. They are electric. The student section is raucous, the stands are filled with loved ones and player posters line the walls. Cheerleaders and band members pump up the crowd.

As many of you know, the North/South rivalry is epic and for our Unified teams, there is no difference. The players are very competitive and want so badly to win. The first of two matchups between our rivals will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in South’s main gym. Our final game of the season between North and South will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at North. I would love to see the stands packed.

I have always been motivated to help people with obstacles in their life,

which is why I became a special education teacher. Many people who are neurodivergent do not have a full menu of options, especially when it comes to school sanctioned sports. Unified Sports, with the help of the Special Olympics, is a great step in the right direction.

The main hurdle we face as a newer sport is finding other teams to play. While Unified Sports continue to expand, we do not have as many games as the teams that have been established for decades. All of us in this community hope this sport continues to grow and more sports are offered in the future. If you would like to see programs like these continue to thrive in Grosse Pointe, we ask you to come on board.

Any program support makes an impact, whether it’s by attending or volunteering at games, or by contributing financially to things like player posters, team T-shirts or uniforms, which helps make our kids feel supported and encouraged. Please email me at kisskad@gpschools.org if you want to get involved.

Our name is Unified Basketball, but it’s our community’s love and support for programs like this that truly bring us together as one.

Drew Kisskalt is a special education teacher at Parcels Middle School. He resides in St. Clair Shores.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH COED VARSITY UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Hoops hype

South Coed Unified varsity basketball player Michael Banaszewski, above, celebrates a big basket in the team's most recent game against Bloomfield Hills. Fans will get the chance to get in on the fun and excitement of Unified basketball when cross-town rivals from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South meet on the court at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in South's main gym, where city bragging rights will be on the line. The Devil's Den and Norsemen Tide student sections will pack the stands, decked out in themed attire, and fan paddles with players' faces will be available at the door. The game leads into the North vs. South girls varsity basketball game at 7 p.m.

— Meg Leonard

GP South's Winter Spectacular Feb. 2

The award-winning choirs from Grosse Pointe South High School present their Winter Spectacular at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse

Pointe Woods. "The Winter Spectacular is a preview of what we've been preparing as we head into competition season," said Director Vince Matia. "It's an energetic evening that will give our community a

chance to see what we will be bringing to our upcoming competitions in Ohio and Tennessee." Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. See gpsouthchoir.org for more information.



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All-State musicians

Five students from the Grosse Pointe Public School System received top honors from the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association last weekend during the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

Evren Celebi (trumpet) and Caleb Thomason-Redus (tenor saxophone), both of Pierce Middle School, were named to the MSBOA All-State middle school band.

Ben Graham (viola) of Grosse Pointe North High School, Daniel Gross (cello) and Lilliana Wodzisz (viola) of Grosse Pointe South High School, were chosen for the MSBOA All-State high school orchestra.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Sarah Bingaman was named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at the University of Colorado. The Grosse Pointe Farms resident also was named to the spring semester 2022 Dean's List.



Sarah Bingaman

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Blake K. Discher II, a 2022 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, made the Dean's List for the fall semester at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.



Blake K. Discher II

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effectively puts an end to the agreement with Corewell, which said either party could end the agreement "for any reason" with 30 days' notice. Superintendent Jon Dean explained the agreement called for the clinic to be ready for the start of next school year and the construction schedule showed it would have been completed by the end of August.

Some board members and many audience members questioned why the special meeting was called so quickly, rather than placing the issue on the agenda of a regular board meeting.

"I am appalled that our community is only being given 48 hours notice of a special meeting that will essentially gut the Corewell Health Clinic," Worden wrote to the other board members in an email the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 17, after the meeting was posted. "This special board meeting undermines transparency and deteriorates the public's trust in our board."

Ismail explained at the

start of the meeting that board bylaws allow a special meeting to be called with at least 24 hours notice if two board members request it. This meeting was requested by Papas and Jeup. Michigan's Open Meetings Act requires 18 hours notice for a public body to hold a special meeting.

Worden made a motion to table the matter, supported by St. John, which was defeated by the same 4-3 vote.

Papas said she took exception to accusations that the new vote was being rushed.

"I find it ironic we're discussing transparency," she said. "The first we heard of this was Nov. 3, and three weeks later we voted on it. That didn't give us a lot of time to do due diligence. First it was \$700,000, then two weeks later the cost jumped by \$215,000."

Papas also said while the agreement called for Corewell to pay for staffing and running the clinic with the state grant, any ongoing construction issues would be the responsibility of the district.

"If the building has problems, we have to fix

it. If the roof leaks, we have to fix it," she said. "There are lots of ways to do health care. We need to pause and look at options that don't involve spending \$1 million from our sinking fund."

Papas also said she heard from several residents who said they would not vote to renew the sinking fund millage in 2024 if the project moved forward.

The clinic was first announced in a May 24, 2022, email that did not mention any costs or the extent of the project and said the next steps would be to form an advisory council and construct "a secure entrance to the facility."

The board learned in early November that a design and development estimate from Turner put the price at \$700,000. Within weeks that jumped to \$915,000, which Dean said was due to Turner Construction getting firm bids from its subcontractors. The district agreed to a contingency fund that brought the maximum price to \$989,000.

During the raucous special meeting that lasted nearly four hours at Brownell Middle

School, some 48 people spoke during public comment, many interrupted by applause, jeers and random shouts. A Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer was on hand, but did not have to intervene. Toward the end of the meeting, when the board was discussing the resolution, Ismail twice had to ask the audience to refrain from shouting.

"You had your chance to speak," he said. "Please let us do our business."

A vast majority of speakers said they were in favor of the clinic, noting it would be beneficial to students struggling with mental health issues and also would be more convenient for parents whose students fall sick during the day.

One speaker pointed out, however, that while the clinic would be available to all students in GPPSS and Harper Woods, transportation to the clinic from other schools would be the responsibility of the parents.

Those speaking against the project primarily said they agreed that students need mental health services and encouraged the board to pursue other options at a lesser cost.

Three people who spoke in favor of the clinic said they were Detroit residents and

members of BAMN — By Any Means Necessary — a militant leftist group that the FBI has investigated for claims of domestic terrorism.

The meeting was called, and the subsequent resolution introduced, after the district received a letter indicating potential legal action against the misuse of sinking fund dollars.

Grosse Pointe Park attorney Anthony L. DeLuca sent the district a "demand letter" dated Sunday, Jan. 8, "on behalf of a significant number of residents of the five Grosse Pointes" opposed to the clinic.

In the letter, DeLuca says state law limits the use of sinking fund dollars "to the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction and repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, and for the acquisition or upgrading of technology."

In a response dated Tuesday, Jan. 17, the district's attorneys — Miller Canfield — said state law allows the district to enter into the interagency agreement and that using the former science lab as a clinic "does not change the character of the space from a school building to something else, particularly because the intent is to serve school district students and other youth

who are residents in the school district."

Several speakers told the board it should follow the advice of its law firm, rather than, as Worden said, "some random attorney."

Others questioned if this means the board will start to reopen other decisions made by past boards.

"I would reopen any decision if the organization has a threat against it and this organization has financial threats," Cotton said. "I've been going through the financials and have serious concerns about the financial viability of this school system."

Despite the vote, it appears the district will have to pay Turner Construction at least \$150,000 from its general fund for work already completed on the project, including architectural and engineering costs.

Brumbaugh questioned what the decision might do to the district's reputation when it seeks other bids on future projects.

Some board and audience members, however, mistakenly also said the decision would cost the district \$350,000 in yearly grants from the state. If the project had moved forward, that money would have gone to Corewell to staff and operate the clinic, not to the district.

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Army Corps to consider federal funding for seawall

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES

— Following several rounds of state funding allocated toward Band-Aid measures to the Lakeshore seawall deterioration in the last year, last month saw a step forward in the ongoing fight to secure federal funding for a long-term solution.

As part of a \$17,754,533 funding package secured by Rep. Brenda Lawrence for Michigan 14th district projects in fiscal year

2023, \$100,000 — paired with a prior allocation of an additional \$100,000 — has been allocated toward the Grosse Pointe shoreline.

What makes this allocation unique, however, is that rather than going toward additional emergency repairs, the funding is going straight to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enable it to conduct a Federal Interest Determination, or FID, of the seawall.

“This is a really significant first step in the potential of receiving

future federal dollars,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside explained, “where the Army Corps will actually come out to site and survey the seawall, the situation, and make a determination whether or not federal funding would be applicable for a long-term solution.”

The Pointes now need to secure approval from Wayne County — the Lakeshore seawall technically is the county’s jurisdiction and responsibility — for the Army Corps to proceed with the

FID, after which the process likely would begin around March and be completed in three months.

“The nice thing is we already have some of the information that they’ll be looking for in terms of some of the engineering work that has already been done that they’ll be able to utilize in the determination,” Reeside said, citing a typography study and boring samples previously conducted by Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

Assuming the FID determines federal funding for a permanent fix is appropriate, the funding itself likely still would be a few years out.

As for the previously allocated \$1.2 million from the state awaiting use this year, its application will depend on the results of the FID. While there are more emergency sites in need of repair — last year saw the repair of around 15 emergency priority sites using the state’s first allo-

cation of \$750,000 — administrators may not choose to spend the funds on temporary repairs if a new seawall is in the cards for the near future.

“I think the two promising prospects going forward is that we have gotten significant state funding to make significant repairs in the short term and this has gotten the attention of the federal government to look at a long-term solution,” Reeside said.

Snow removal rules

GROSSE POINTE PARK — There’s no brushing off the task of sweeping snow from roads and sidewalks.

Whether purest snow, driven snow or wondrous strange snow, the responsibility for clearing it is adjudicated by its accumulation of two inches more or less.

“For city streets, when there’s accumulation of two inches or more, the city will go out and salt and start plowing streets,” said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager. “We will have DPW help with sidewalk snowplows.”

Responsibility for sidewalks shifts to residents when snow misses the two-inch mark.

“When there’s accumulation of two inches or less, the city will only do the main street side-

walks,” Sizeland said. “Those areas cover Mack, Cadieux, Charlevoix, Vernor, Kercheval, St. Paul, Maumee, Jefferson, Fairfax, Avondale, Korte and Windmill Pointe.”

The Grosse Pointes average just over 30 inches of snow per year, according to usclimate data.com. Most snow falls in January, nine inches. Then comes February at eight inches and December with seven.

“We urge homeowners to please try not to push snow into the street when the plow trucks go by,” Sizeland said. “That only prolongs DPW’s process. Use your easement or side yard if possible.”

Commercial proprietors are accountable for clearing sidewalks directly in front of their

businesses.

“We will help in cases where there’s extreme amounts of snow,” Sizeland said. “The city will clear corners and parking meters in the area.”

Snowy sidewalks rate a subdivision in the city code, Chapter, 21, Section 52:

“The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lots or premises, if the same are not occupied, shall clear all ice and snow from sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises within the time herein required. After any snow or ice shall cease to fall, such snow or ice shall be cleared from sidewalks within 12 hours after each cessation.”

“We ask residents to help with their part as well,” Sizeland said.

— Brad Lindberg

A&B jail time is now 93 days

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In what is characterized as a bookkeeping matter, a portion of the city’s criminal code dealing with misdemeanor penalties is now updated to parallel state law.

“This is a fairly minor change to your ordinances addressing assault and battery and domestic violence charges,” City Attorney Dan Kelly told the council Monday, Jan. 9. “It increases the maximum penalty from 90 days to 93 days.”

The portion of the Park code lagged changes to the state’s 93-day penalty.

“This was brought to our attention,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, chairman of the ordinance committee.

“Because of some law changes that occurred many years ago, the difference between 90-day misdemeanors and 93-day misdemeanors are tracked differently,” Kelly said. “To be in compliance with state law, it is our recommendation to up the offense to 93 days. Other than that, it doesn’t have too much practical impact.”

— Brad Lindberg

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tray inside the coop, rather than scattering it around the yard and letting the chickens roam around to eat.

City Administrator Frank Schulte said he would have McKenna Associates, which oversees the city’s code enforcement, get the applicable ordinances from the other municipalities for the city attorney to review.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger also suggested talking with the building departments in those cities about any difficulties in enforcement.

“I was a little ambivalent about this at first, but you’ve convinced me,” Councilman Todd McConaghy told Lechner. “We’ve had chickens here before. All the Pointes did at one time.”

Lechner suggested council could allow a limited trial run of six to eight months once all the information is gathered before making any ordinance changes. The current ordinance prohibits keeping livestock

— defined as horses, cows, calves, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks or pigeons — on private property with the exception of Grosse Pointe Equestrian.

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New pumper

Grosse Pointe Shores is replacing a 1988 pumper with a new HME attack pumper. The price of a new pumper would have been more than \$500,000. The decision to go with an attack (mini-pumper) saved \$245,000. The old pumper will be auctioned off next month by a company that specializes in equipment auctions. The new pumper will be in service within a month after outfitting and training have been completed. Shores City Manager Steve Poloni, left, and Director of Public Safety Ken Werenski recently traveled to Wyoming, Mich., to pick up the new vehicle, which pumps 1,500 gallons per minute.



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Showroom ready

With founders in both the design and building industries, Maple & Mill, 17139 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, recently opened its showroom in The Village. The business offers cabinetry solutions with an emphasis on high design and implementation. Acting as an all-in-one solution for consumers, Maple & Mill uses an integrated approach to creating intelligent solutions that are tailored to each individual and their space. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, visit mapleandmill.com, email info@mapleandmill.com or call (313) 571-3385. To celebrate the official opening of its new showroom, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 14. Pictured are Maple & Mill partners Jamie Mertz, Becca Priestler, Kyle Valentage and Matt Lelli, along with other team members, as well as Chamber Executive Director Jenny Boettcher and City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Shelia Tomkowiak.



COURTESY PHOTO

Welcome to the Woods

Club Pilates, 21312 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is a boutique Pilates studio specializing in reformer fusion classes for any age or fitness level. Pure to Joseph Pilates' original Reformer-based Contrology Method, but modernized with group practice and expanded state-of-the-art equipment, Club Pilates offers high-quality training at an affordable price. For more information, visit clubpilates.com/location/grossepointe, email grossepointe@clubpilates.com or call (313) 512-4567. Pictured during a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting ceremony are Club Pilates staff and friends, with Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Club Pilates owner Sharon Seymour and Chamber of Commerce President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.

Bright lights bug resident

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — In keeping with the retail cannabis industry's fondness for naming outlets with word play, resident Erin Johnson is tired of being lit up by a nearby dispensary. Her complaint isn't against the Flower Bowl,

King of Budz or The Reef. But, rather, with Cloud Cannabis in the 16000 block of Mack across from Grosse Pointe Park. The store's exterior security lights are so bright, her house needs shades. "Floodlights on the outside of the building shine into our rooms," Johnson said. "I'll guess we'll just get blackout curtains."

Maybe not. "We don't want to add light pollution to our neighbors," said John McLeod, owner of the chain of at least nine stores in Michigan. "If (Johnson) could tell us where the issue is and what side of the building she's on, I'll get my facilities people out there to turn them down or put dampers on them or something."

"About three months ago, the people directly behind us asked us to adjust them and we did so they shine down more into the parking lot," said Michael Leporowski, Cloud Cannabis retail director. "If there's any more tweaking we can do, or if something got misaligned in a windstorm, we'll definitely fix it."

"One of the good things is (the store) closes at a reasonable time," Johnson said. "It's not like there's people hanging out loitering. I haven't seen any changes as far as traffic, which is good."

Johnson is a fellow entrepreneur. She owns RAMP (Recovery, Athletic Mobility and Performance) Athletics on Mack in Detroit across from Fisher Road in the City and Farms.

"I understand the lighting (for security)," she said of her new neighbor.

"We have a lot of lights for security at night," Leporowski. "We want everyone to feel safe walking in and out, including our staff. We

try to be as good of neighbors as we possibly can." "We've worked with police departments (by sharing (surveillance) video they've looked for," said McLeod, a former Detroit police officer.

He began taking marijuana under a doctor's direction to deal with a leg injury suffered while chasing burglars through an alley at night.

"We have a very robust camera system," he said. Park officials don't have problems with the store.

"I've had no concerns brought to me regarding this Cloud Cannabis," said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager. "We're excited to see development on the Detroit side of Mack. It seems they're following Detroit zoning and compliance laws."

"From my experience," Park Chief Bryan Jarrell said, "every dispensary I've ever seen or heard about is very tightly regulated; very strictly controlled by ownership on what happens inside — very strict. The notion that they're going to have parties outside the building or unsavory people hanging out, I've not seen that or experienced that."

In 2018, Michigan voters legalized anyone age 21 or older to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana and grow 12 plants at home.

Park Mayor Michele Hodges said solving cross-border issues includes building partnerships.

"In the short term, it's goodwill and the more goodwill we have with our neighbors, the more likely we're going to get a result," Hodges said. "We're working closely with the Eastside Community Network about Mack Avenue. If we're working together, we can come up with solutions that protect our community. And the same could be said in the reverse."

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Left, artist Scott Hocking stands next to his “The Egg and Michigan Central Train Station” installation. Above, “Floating Citadel” was installed in front of Huntington Place in Detroit last August.

Lecture series continues with talk by Scott Hocking

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Inspiration and irritation go hand-in-hand for Scott Hocking.

A master at documenting Detroit’s ever-changing urban landscape, Hocking uses irritations — a conversation, a book, a headline, an encounter — to inspire his artwork, which largely consists of sculptures and installations, as well as photography and videography.

His most recent work — an 11-foot bronze sculpture titled “Floating Citadel” — was installed in August in front of Huntington Place, formerly Cobo Hall.

He’ll speak about his life — from his working class upbringing in Redford Township, to a dark period after high school, to finding himself as an artist, to his 25-year body of work — during the next Your Old Mansion lecture, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Following years of “trying to find myself, unsuccessfully,” Hocking said, a 1996 car accident created a turning point.

“Instead of leaving Detroit, I was thrust deeper into Detroit,” he said. “I started art school in January 1997.”

During the past 25 years, the College for Creative Studies graduate has gained international attention for his series of works in various abandoned buildings around Detroit, where he has assembled large-scale sculptures from the surrounding detritus. He is considered one of Detroit’s most important contemporary voices and chroniclers.



While Hocking finds inspiration through angst, he also is inspired by history.

“There was such an abundance of material and space when I was young,” he said. “It was impounded in my head when I was young that it was all negative, but I chose to see it as potential. The use of wasted material became my inspiration. The irritation that we waste things, trying to use what’s been wasted, has become my primary theme.”

Hocking’s main body of work consists of site-specific installations. Among them are “The Egg and Michigan Central Train Station,” which took two years to create inside the former train depot; “Tartarus,” created in Hamtramck and consisting of 1,000 discarded plastic grocery bags collected throughout Detroit; “Garden of the Gods,” an installation and photography project created atop the remaining columns of a collapsed roof at the Packard plant in Detroit; and “Ziggurat — East, Summer, Fisher Body Plant 21, Detroit,” another installation and photography project in Detroit.

“My ideas come from the place, the material, the history, the people there, the energy or the

feeling I get,” he said. “I don’t think about it. I just start working.”

Creating is an outlet for Hocking, who uses art to channel everything, “whatever medium wants to come out,” he said. “... Art should be a way to figure out your place in the world. It’s how I solve problems in life and work through things. It’s about the practice to me rather than the end result. ... Part of me thinks the art practice is

like a meditation. It’s a spiritual practice.

“... My perspective is very outside of artwork, but also very much in it,” he continued. “I just love learning. I want to be the guy who’s excited about a new idea when I’m 80. I’ll either be a successful artist at an old age, or a hermit who’s living in squalor but still making things.”

Hocking said his favorite way of working is to be put in a situation where he has to figure

something out. He loves the research involved and the challenge of each new task.

“I’m going to Bosnia in May,” he said. “People trust me. I don’t know what I’m going to do, so I’ll go there and get the lay of the land and come up with something they’re going to be happy with.”

As for the meaning behind his works of art, Hocking said that is up for interpretation.

“A lot of my pieces have layers,” he said, “maybe inside jokes to myself. Or they’re convoluted: mythology, history, my personal history, city history, the layers of the place. It’s not necessary for everyone to know all that. I like it when people bring their own baggage to artwork and interpret it how they want.”

Hocking said all are welcome to his Your Old Mansion lecture. He enjoys connecting with people and invites ques-

tions about his work.

“I gave a DIA lecture to docents, patrons and staff — a lot of people who might have an idea of me or the work,” he said. “But it was also for people like me, like when I was 10 and would look at something and say, ‘What the hell is that?’ I like people who say, ‘What the hell is that?’”

“Scott Hocking: Retrograde” is on display at David Klein Gallery in Detroit until Saturday, Feb. 18.

“Scott Hocking: Detroit Stories” is on display at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills until Sunday, March 12.

Tickets for Your Old Mansion are \$20 for GPAA members, \$25 for nonmembers, and available online at grossepointeartcenter.org. For more information, call (313) 881-3454 or email gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org.



Hocking’s “Nike of the Strait” can be found along the Detroit Riverwalk at Valade Park.

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Farms couple honored for leadership, volunteerism

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In the nearly 20 years since Ron and Mary Lamparter retired, they've made quite a name for themselves in the defense industry.

The Grosse Pointe Farms residents, whose Defense Corridor Center for Collaboration and Synergy, or DC3S, serves as a major epicenter for the defense industry, recently were honored for their efforts twofold.

They first received the Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award from the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation.

A few days later, the couple was inducted into the Macomb County Hall of Fame for their efforts. Ron Lamparter noted his strong sense of patriotism, which formed during his childhood. Too young to serve in World War II or Korea, then too old for Vietnam, along the way, "I did develop what might be called a 'super strong' sense of patriotism and always wanted to do something to honor the many men and women who serve our country in uniform and keep us all safe from the likes of Adolf Hitler, Emperor Hirohito and the many evil dictators of the world."

"Mary and I were blessed with that opportunity shortly after we sold our companies and 'retired' almost 20 years



Ron and Mary Lamparter, center, recently received the Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award from the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation.

ago," he continued. "The opportunity to serve those who serve all of us came to Mary and me in the form of converting our former corporate headquarters buildings to a major center for collaboration and synergy relating to the industry that serves and helps protect those who serve our country in uniform."

Through DC3S, the Lamparters have regular opportunities to serve the state's large community of military personnel and veterans. It's a mission near and dear to both of them.

"I love the fact that the two of us together are able to make an impact in the defense/aerospace/military/veterans communities," Mary Lamparter said, noting the awards were "very humbling" to receive. "I'm very proud of what

Ron has done from the standpoint of our business with all the defense companies in our building. He does so much to promote Macomb County and the state of Michigan."

Added Ron Lamparter, "It is those efforts on behalf of those who serve our country in uniform for which we have recently been honored and thus, the real honor is due to those who serve in uniform."

In addition to their joint honors, Mary Lamparter also recently was recognized for her work as the regional coordinator of Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs, which pairs specially trained service dogs with veterans and first responders struggling with a variety of disorders. At the organization's gala in



Mary Lamparter's Volunteer of the Year Award from Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs.

November, she was surprised to be honored as Guardian Angels' Volunteer of the Year.

"I feel like I'm one of the luckiest people around," she said. "This is just something that happened by accident and that accident turned out to be one of the most rewarding things I've



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Ron and Mary Lamparter recently were inducted into the Macomb County Hall of Fame.

done. ... To find ourselves in the position to make a difference in veteran and military communities is pretty fulfilling.

"We never served (in the military), but Ron is such a patriot," she continued. "He really supports the defense community and I'm lucky enough to support the veteran community by what I do with Guardian Angels. It's nice to be recognized. Ron talks about his legacy. I never thought about my legacy, but I guess I have one with Guardian Angels. I

don't know how it happened. But it's important to me because eventually these dogs are going to impact someone's life, change their life. I'm lucky enough to meet these recipients. I don't know how much more rewarding it can be than knowing I've made a difference in someone's life."

Added Ron Lamparter, "May God always bless our great nation and keep us all safe from those who oppose what our great country represents."

Newly elected ERC officers are, from left, Jay R. Hackleman, Julie Baumer, Renée M. Strobl, Michael T. Vethacke, Pamela S. Solomon, David A. DeWitt and E. David Schumacher (inset).



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Republican club elects officers

Elected as 2023 officers of the Eastside Republican Club at its Jan. 17 annual meeting were Chairman Michael T. Vethacke, Grosse

Pointe Park; Vice Chairman Renée M. Strobl, Grosse Pointe Farms; Treasurer Jay R. Hackleman, Grosse Pointe Woods; and

Secretary Julie Baumer, Grosse Pointe Woods.

At-large board members are Pamela S. Solomon, David A. DeWitt and E. David Schumacher, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Eastside Republican Club meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through May, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at eastside republican.club.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ Nooks & Crannies guided tours are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is reduced.

◆ Storytime: "Winter is Here," by Kevin Henkes, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Jan. 31. Advanced registration is recommended.

◆ Black History Month performances, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, and Sunday, Feb. 19. Programs will showcase local poets, actors and singers. Guests should purchase 1 p.m. house and grounds tickets to be admitted to the performances.

◆ Storytime: "Crocodiles Need Kisses Too," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 7 to 28.

◆ Love and Libations: Valentine's Celebration and Tour, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14. The program includes drinks, appetizers, music, tours and the story of Edsel and Eleanor Ford's endearing relationship.

◆ House tours and grounds passes are offered noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 30. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$7.50 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.

◆ Grounds passes are available daily, 8 a.m. through sunset, now through Dec. 31. Passes cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.

◆ Gryphon Trio with vocalist Patricia O'Callaghan, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. Tickets are \$40, \$75 for premium tickets.

◆ Cookie Rookie Decorating Class, "Fake Out Foods," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, for children. Cost is \$65.

◆ Cookie Rookie Decorating Class, "Michigan Tile Cookies," 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, for adults. Cost is \$65.

Library

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

visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ Storytime with Miss Jane, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Adverse Childhood ExperienceS, or ACES, with Dr. Scott Grant, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tech Savvy Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Jean Alicia Elster and "The Colored Car," 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Illustrate with Procreate!, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Origins of Food Series, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 1,000 Hours Outside Winter Celebration, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Reader Dog Drop-in, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Burke bids farewell to War Memorial

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After nearly nine years as president and CEO of The War Memorial, the view from Charles Burke's office — the rippling currents of majestic Lake St. Clair, an American flag waving in the breeze — ranks among the top things he will miss.

Burke soon will step down from his post to become president and CEO of Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids.

"I wasn't looking," he noted. "I'm very content and happy with what I've achieved with The War Memorial."

Burke was nominated by colleagues for the position and received a call from the search committee just after Thanksgiving. After some discussion, "my family and I felt it was a wonderful time to move to Grand Rapids."

Burke's son is finishing his senior year at Grosse Pointe South High School. His daughter is away at college.

"As soon-to-be empty nesters, we felt it was time to look at a new adventure," he added.

Not only is the timing right for the Burke family, who currently live in Grosse Pointe Park, but plan to move this summer, Burke said the timing was right for the organization he'll soon leave.

"I'm quite proud of the culture that's been built here at this institution," he said, noting the accomplishments in just the last quarter alone. "It's been fun opening the new facility (The Fred M. Alger Center), laying the foundation for 'Les Braves,' visiting Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer (France) and seeing the statue in its initial stages, receiving a Top Workplace award for the region from the Detroit Free Press. ... These were all capstone moments, wonderful moments on which to build a future together. It's also a time to reflect and say, 'What's next?'"

Reflecting on his tenure at The War Memorial, Burke said he's proud of the place in which it currently stands.

"The institution is now perceived on a mantle that everybody believed it should be on," he said. "This place is welcoming to all people from all places. It is a cove of patriotic and democratic ideals. We lift up the idea of what brave men and women fought for and that is now permanent in this institution."

He said he also is proud of the quality of programming and partnerships the organization offers.

Despite the accomplishments Burke has spearheaded, the institution's work hasn't been without its challenges.

"We've had several challenges," he said, "from the Patriot Theater to the floods, but the biggest challenge is the biggest hope for the future. I've found that as a Grosse Pointer, my brothers and sisters of Grosse Pointe actually embrace change well, but the person initiating the change has to do a great job of communicating. As a leader, the job it takes is to over-communicate, so



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Charles Burke is stepping down from his post at The War Memorial after accepting a position with Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park.

they see the end point before it even starts. This is a special community. It's going to require that kind of vision in leadership."

As the board of directors decides next steps in the search for a permanent replacement, Maria

Miller will serve as interim president and CEO. Miller previously served as chief financial officer at The War Memorial; she joined the organization in March 2022.

"She's got every skill, attribute, life experience

and vision to be president and CEO permanently," Burke said of Miller. "But the board needs to caucus and understand what it is we need as an institution, what it is we want as an institution and what it is we aspire to be for the community as an institu-

tion."

Additionally, Nikki Charbonneau, who was named chief administrative officer in May 2021, has been promoted to chief operating officer.

"Nikki being named chief operating officer is critical," Burke said. "She has done a tremendous job as a colleague here for years."

Burke will be in-office the rest of this month, then assist in the leadership transition remotely throughout February. He plans to be full time at Meijer Gardens the beginning of March.

He said he looks forward to hearing the hopes and dreams of Meijer Gardens stakeholders and is willing to work hard to move the organization forward.

"It really is a wonderful testament that the CEO of this institution is going to such a world-renowned institution," he said of his departure. "It really tells how special it is here, how special the team is here, what this place is positioned to be. It's a mark of the success of the last

decade."

Burke, who spent 14 years with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, as conductor and executive team member in charge of educational and outreach programs, said he's filled with hope for Grosse Pointe and its connection with the region.

"Our community is what it is," he said. "We are blessed as a community to have what we have and we need to remember the sacrifice and service of the people who got us where we are today. We need to take that sacrifice and push it forward."

And while he will miss his view overlooking the lake — "This truly is one of the most remarkable views in the United States, perhaps in all the world, and that's not hyperbole" — Burke said he also will miss the people with whom he's worked: "The board who embraced creativity and trusted the execution, and the professional team who worked its tail off to make something spectacular a reality."

Winter fun incoming at City's Winterfest

On a day currently forecasted for a high of 31 degrees and thick cloud cover, City of Grosse Pointe residents are invited to the 18th annual Neff Park Winterfest from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

"It's going to be our traditional Winterfest," Parks and Recreation Coordinator Becca Jenzen said. "We're just hoping with bated breath we have an ice rink for it. Currently, the weather has not been cooperating in that respect."

While ice skating may be up in the air, a variety of other winter fun activities are scheduled, including a scavenger hunt, broomball, curling, a hockey shootout, ice sculpting and games.

Attendees also are invited to stop by the pavilion between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. for photo opportunities with a surprise guest star, as well as enjoy warming fires with free s'mores and hot chocolate.

The fun is free for City residents and up to two guests per park pass.

"There is a \$5 fee if they want the catered meal," Jenzen added.

— Laurel Kraus

ENGAGEMENT



Sarah Labadie and Samuel Cole

Labadie—Cole

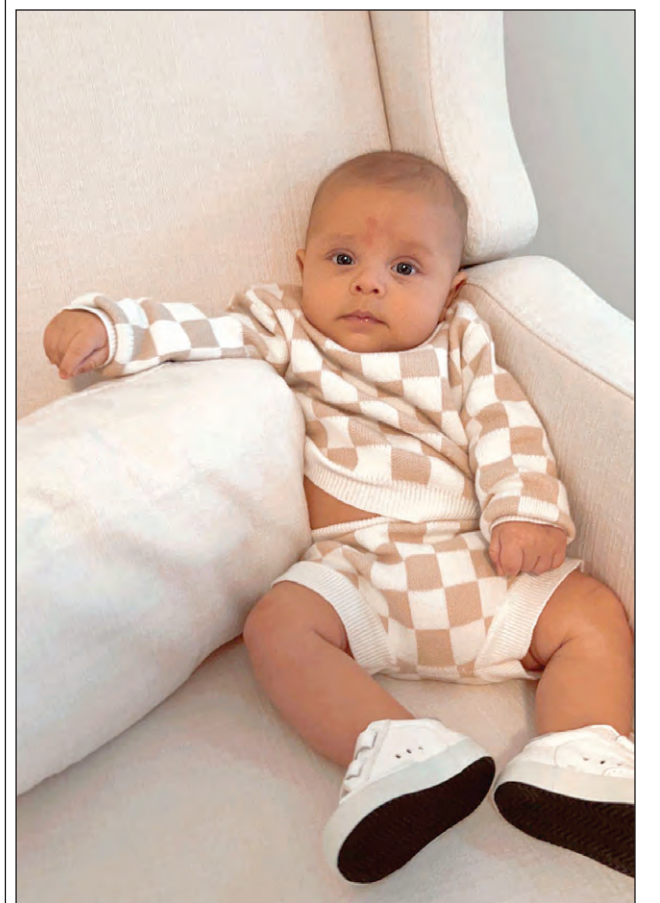
Timothy and Nancy Labadie of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Labadie, to Samuel Cole, the son of Robert and Lisa Cole of Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Labadie earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and is employed as a technology consultant.

Mr. Cole earned a bachelor's degree from DePauw University and is employed as a management consultant.

A June 2023 wedding is planned.

BIRTH



Brooks Norwood Oliver

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Lindsey and Michael Oliver of Grosse Pointe Farms welcomed a son, Brooks Norwood Oliver, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022.

Maternal grandparents are William and Cathy Mestdagh of Grosse Pointe.

Paternal grandparents are Peter and Kelly Oliver of Grosse Pointe. Great-grandparents are William and Ruthie Mestdagh, William and Beverly Coats, and Sharon Burke.



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Owner works bridal magic at The Alteration Shoppe

Fashion has always been Jennifer Bojarczyk's passion. As owner of The Alteration Shoppe, she has a hands-on connection to brides-to-be of the Grosse Pointe community at the most important moments of their lives. She's happy to share her gift for style, right when they need it most. Since purchasing the store May 1, 2022, Bojarczyk's goal has been to make every bride feel relaxed and excited to begin a wonderful new chapter of her life.

Not to say that her mission is without its challenges. Since buying the store, Bojarczyk has encountered a few obstacles, like dealing with the unexpected, correcting alterations that were done incorrectly elsewhere and saving the day for some brides who needed emergency help — two in particular who were getting married in less than a week. But since The Alteration Shoppe's objective is to always help the customer when-ever possible, those wedding days were saved, and the brides couldn't be more thrilled.



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- Jennifer Bojarczyk,
owner of The Alteration Shoppe

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A perfect fit, for a perfect beginning

The Alteration Shoppe is well-known by locals for excellent service and quality. Bojarczyk attributes her good reputation to providing an entirely different perspective on customer service. Having been born and raised in the Grosse Pointe community, she feels a true affinity for the people of the area. She strives to build trust with each and every customer. As the owner, Bojarczyk stands behind all of her work as she assists each customer with their everyday wear and special occasion alterations.

“All of the seamstresses at The Alteration Shoppe have extensive experience. One has been doing alterations for almost 50 years,” Bojarczyk said. All were taught by their mothers and grandmothers, so their handiwork is infused with care and attention to detail. She noted, as relationships between a seamstress and their clients grow, they begin to have their own following. They love building lifelong connections.

One of the best-kept local secrets is that The Alteration Shoppe is also a fashion boutique. You’ll find pieces there that you will not find anywhere else locally. From cashmere wraps to hand-beaded bags, jewelry to a men’s line of accessories called “Nick’s Picks,” which includes men’s sock, bow ties and pocket squares, they are all unique statement items.

As a matter of fact, men’s wear has become an essential part of The Alteration Shoppe. With a lot of people going back to work on-site after working remotely, many of their customers have broken out their wardrobe from three years ago only to find that it no longer fits. One male customer recently called the store and said he had lost 30 pounds and had an amazing wardrobe that would need to be taken in. Bojarczyk was surprised when he arrived with over 55 pieces for her and her team to alter. They considered it quite an accomplishment when they completed every alteration to perfection, salvaging his entire wardrobe.

But that’s no surprise for a store that works hard to provide such excellent quality and friendly service.

“Alterations typically take about a week, with some exceptions,” Bojarczyk said.

Pricing is custom, because there are too many variables for the store to standardize costs, such as how much an item needs to be taken in or let out, and how complicated the alteration is.

Bojarczyk invites the community to stop in, say hello, and look around. Appointments are not necessary, except for bridal gowns. Delivery is available.

The Alteration Shoppe is located at 377 Fisher Rd., Grosse Pointe. Call them at (313) 884-8663 or visit their website at alterationshoppe.com.



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OBITUARIES

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

John Monsour Nehra, M.D.

John Monsour Nehra, M.D., 100, passed away Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023.

John was born July 11, 1922, in Detroit, to Sharifa and Antonius "Tom" Nehra. He was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Shores and Stuart, Fla. While attending Catholic Central High School and later the University of Detroit, he helped with his family's grocery business. He was the first of his family to attend university.

He continued his education at Marquette University's medical school and graduated in 1947. "Lightning struck" when he met Teresa "Terry" Bolus of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. They were married Nov. 4, 1946. Their deep devotion and love for each other endured through decades of marriage.

John, who also went by "Monte," finished his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Detroit. He went on to set up a private practice on the east side. He maintained staff privileges at Bon Secours, St. John and Cottage hospitals.

Monte and Terry had three children in rapid succession: Anthony, John and DeAnne. Four years later, Paul was born. With the help of Teresa and her parents, Simon and Nora Bolus, he was able to focus on building his practice.

John ultimately became the founding president of Eastside Gynecology and Obstetrics, also serving for a time as chief of staff at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe. He was a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists throughout his professional career.

John excelled as a skilled Obstetrician-Gynecologist, but was more skilled as a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed his work life, but especially enjoyed his retirement, which allowed more time for golf, family and friends. His three sons and brother-in-law were his favorite golf partners. He also dabbled in the kitchen, making his unrivaled hummus and carefully rolled grape leaves. He reveled in family celebrations, whether a Sunday dinner or milestone anniversary, always leading family meals with enthusiastic toasts and grace.

"The Doctor," as he was affectionately called, and Terry were especially close to Teresa's sister, Rose-Anne, and her husband, Dr. Michael Michael.

John was predeceased by two brothers, George and Sam, and another brother, Frances, who died in infancy. He is survived by his wife; sisters-in-law, Rose-Anne and Priscilla; children, Anthony (Carlene), John (Susan), DeAnne (Jeff) and Paul (Jane Ann); grandchildren, Terese, Anthony, Lauren (Kehar), Katie, Josh (Michelle), Clare (Andy), Anne, Mary and Katherine; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A devoted Catholic throughout his lifetime, John attended daily Mass until his health declined. He was a founding member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. John was able to actively enjoy his 100th birthday celebration surrounded by his loving family.

His family feels blessed to have been introduced to Lois Murdock in 2017. Her loving care and devotion allowed John and Teresa to live gracefully and together in their home. The family also acknowledges all the other caregivers under Lois' leadership.

A memorial Mass was held at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Hobe Sound, Fla. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Martin Funeral Home & Crematory, Stuart Chapel. Online condolences and expressions of sympathy may be made by visiting martinfuneral.com.

Memorial contributions in loving memory of John may be made to St. Christopher Catholic Church, 12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455; the St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, or thecapuchins.org/donate; or Mariner Sands Chapel, 6500 SE Congressional Way, Stuart, FL 34997, or marinersandchapel.org/support-our-ministry.

Carol Theresa Schulte

Carol Theresa Schulte, 87, passed away peacefully Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023.

She was born Jan. 25, 1935, in Detroit, to Edgar and Leta (nee Walmsley) Kiefer. Carol graduated from Mercy High School in 1952, and received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College in 1956. She was a registered nurse at St. John Hospital & Medical Center for 41 years, retiring in 1997.

Carol led a very active life. She loved to play golf, tennis and pickleball. Another favorite was attending the U.S. Open tennis tournament each year in New York. She enjoyed traveling and was involved in the community. Her love for helping others was evident as she belonged to the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Assistance League and was active with both the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the parish at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

Carol will be remembered by those who knew her for her kindness, caring and compassionate nature and fun-loving attitude. She loved shopping, especially in New York City. Of all of Carol's interests and hobbies, her biggest love in life was spending time with her family.

Carol was predeceased by her loving husband of 60 years, George Schulte. She was proud of her children, Ann Downey, Nancy Augustitus, Brian Schulte (Nancy) and Mark Schulte (Lisa); she adored and loved watch-

ing her grandchildren, Matt, Ben, Alex, Tyler and Sara, play sports and would attend all of their school functions. She will be missed by her sister, Mary McPhee. She was predeceased by her parents; sons in-law, Sean Downey and Tom Augustitus; and siblings, Elenor Kiefer, Helen Gaynor, Edgar Kiefer, Patricia Van Hove, William Kiefer, Elaine Burke, Barbara Fackler and Janet Smith. She will be missed by her extended family and many friends.

Visitation occurred at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Carol was buried next to her beloved George at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial contributions may be made in Carol's memory to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 6333 Medbury, Detroit, MI 48211, or cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/money_gifts.

John Potter Huckins

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident John Potter Huckins, 95, died peacefully Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023.

Jack, as he was known to many, was born in 1927, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to George Earl Huckins and Vida Mae Pullen Huckins. He and his family later moved to Grosse Pointe. He attended Grosse Pointe High School where he lettered in swimming and worked as a life-guard at the city's lake-front park. Upon graduation in 1945, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in the Philippines during World War II as a meteorologist, achieving the rank of sergeant. Once home, he enrolled at the University of Michigan to study engineering and business, became president of ATO fraternity and, most importantly, met the love of his life, Nancy Lou Eggleston. The couple married in 1951, and celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary last July.

Jack became a businessman and was active in his community. He was a member of the St. Clair Shores Junior Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Yacht Club Aquatic Committee, Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and vestry of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Jack enjoyed life and always had a smile on his face. He was incredibly proud of his friends and family and couldn't wait to share their latest accomplishments. But his greatest joys in life were his wife, children and the Michigan Wolverines. His loyalty and love for them never wavered.

John is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Cheryl, Holly and Jacqueline "Jackie"; grandchildren, Kyle, Erica, Kelsey and Hilary; six great-grandchildren; and DuWayne Peterson of Ft. Collins, Colo., with whom he was raised.

The family plans to



John M. Nehra, M.D.



Carol Theresa Schulte



John Potter Huckins



Patsy Mann



Gene Wambold



Joyce Payne

hold a celebration of Jack's life this summer, including a memorial observance at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, on a date to be determined.

Donations in his memory may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, edomi.org/give; the Nature Conservancy, preserve.nature.org/page/81523/donate/1; the Alzheimer's Association, alz.org; or the University of Michigan Scholarship Fund, 2500 Student Activities Building, 515 E. Jefferson, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Patsy Mann

Anna Patricia "Patsy" Mann (nee Quinn), 92, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at Ascension St. John Hospital, Detroit. Anna was born Sept. 16, 1930, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, to Patrick and Margaret (nee Murphy) Quinn, both now deceased.

Patsy lived in Ireland until age 27, when she made the trip to Detroit to join her brothers, Martin and Jackie. After her arrival in the U.S., Patsy got a job at a candy store in downtown Detroit. When the Quinn children moved to the U.S., they were told to seek out the Mann family, who were former friends of their parents from Belfast. Patsy was introduced to Patrick Mann shortly after her arrival. The couple wed in 1960, and were blessed with two children.

After having children, Patsy went back to work and joined the sales department of Jacobson's in The Village where she worked for 17 years. After retiring, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Family was very important to her. She loved sitting around the table with family and friends to have drinks or a meal. She will be remembered for being a good cook and always adding a little bit more to everyone's plate. She was a true homemaker and caretaker.

Throughout her life, Patsy made three trips to visit her home in Ireland. She loved Irish dancing and even partook in the act herself. Patsy's Irish culture was important to her; she was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and Gaelic League Irish American Club.

Patsy will be remembered as a social butterfly. She was a good

hostess to anyone and everyone who came into her home. One of Patsy and Patrick's favorite things to do was sit on the front porch visiting with neighbors and all who passed by. One often would see friends and family sitting on the steps, laughing and enjoying each other's company.

Patsy was the loving wife of Patrick; dear mother of Eileen Marshall (Hugh) and Kevin Mann (Barbara); beloved grandmother of Julie Klingenberg (Brian), Conor Marshall, Iain Marshall and Colin Mann; great-grandmother of Maverick Klingenberg; cherished sister of Margaret McGlade, the late Moya Wills, the late Joan Quinn, the late Shelia O'Connor, the late Patrick "Martin" Quinn, the late Noreen McMullan and the late John "Jackie" Quinn; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial Mass will take place Thursday, Feb. 2, with a gathering at 10 a.m. until the time of her Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, stambrosechurch.net/donate; or the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207, thecapuchins.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Gene Wambold

Gene Wambold, 96, of Marathon, Fla., and formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023.

Gene was born in Evanston, Ill., and grew up in Chicago and Grosse Pointe. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and the University of Michigan business school. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and owned the Mineral Research Company of Detroit.

Gene loved dancing, local community theater, world traveling — especially in Africa — and telling stories about the "Nickel Mine" and his adventures in South America. Gene was a member of St. Columba Church, Country Club of Detroit, Harbour Club of Charleston and Marathon Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Georganna Huck Sage-Wambold; daugh-

ter, Krysten Swan; grandson, Aubrey Swan; stepchildren, Caroline, James and Angela Gipson, and their spouses, Seb Ettinger and Matthew Emrich; and grandchildren, Alice and Luc Ettinger, and Huck and Georganna Emrich. He was predeceased by his former wife, Joyce Oetjens Wambold, who passed away in 2009.

A funeral and Celebration of Life was held in Marathon, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Marathon Community Theater, 5101 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050, or American Cancer Society, cancer.org/involved/donate.html.

Joyce Payne

Joyce Payne (nee Schuck), 84, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

Joyce graduated from Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa., in 1960, and later earned a Master of Arts degree in education leadership at Eastern Michigan University. Throughout the 1990s, Joyce taught at Bishop Gallagher/Trinity Catholic High School and served as its vice principal until the school closed in 2005.

She enjoyed many summers working at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier and never turned down an opportunity to volunteer, whether as a Girl Scout leader, homeroom parent, softball coach, catechism teacher or Beaumont Hospital greeter. She loved movies, books, card playing and travel, but her greatest joy came from beating her children at Scrabble.

Joyce is survived by her daughters, Juliana Wooten (Garth) and Jennifer Payne (Patrick Johnson); grandchildren, Katherine, Margaret, Liam and Carolyn; sister, Barbara Slade (nee Shuck); and niece and nephews. Joyce was predeceased by her parents, William and Alice Schuck of Pittsburgh, Pa.; and her former husband of 35 years, Robert Payne.

A funeral service was held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh, St. Benedict Monastery, 3526 Bakerstown Rd., Bakerstown, PA 15007-9705, osbpgh.org.

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Anthony A. Foust

Anthony A. Foust, 84, passed peacefully Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, in St. Clair Shores, from long-standing complications of heart disease and Parkinson's disease.

Father, friend and architect, Tony Foust lived life with a creative spirit and devotion to his family and profession. Born in 1938, in Washington, Ind., his youthful passions included baseball and theater. He grew up in a happy, active home where education was always a priority. After high school, he enrolled in the University of Michigan School of Architecture and Design and graduated in 1956. He then fulfilled his military service at Fort Bragg, N.C.

His passion for excellence in design was recognized by his colleges and led him to work with a number of design focus firms, including Caudill Rowlett and Scott; Gunnar Birkerts; John Hilberry; Rossetti Architects; and Harley, Ellington, Pierce, Yee Associates. He finished his career as a consulting architect for General Motors.

He enjoyed volunteering with the Grosse Pointe Library Board and Boy Scouts. His major community work was with The Children's Center of Detroit, serving for 20 years on the board and executive committee, as well as leading the expansion of its facilities in midtown. The family thrived on spending time on Lake Charlevoix; they



Anthony A. Foust

sailed in the summer and skied in the winter. He never lost his love of the Great Lakes.

In retirement, Tony pursued his interests in classical guitar and Grosse Pointe Theatre, despite his increasing challenges with Parkinson's disease. He became a tutor at the Monteith Library in Detroit, working with a dedicated team of volunteers for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, Julie; daughter, Danielle Derethik (Dustin) of St. Paul, Minn.; son, Blair Foust (Judy Tincher) of Flagstaff, Ariz.; and brother, Stephen Foust (Karen) of Nashville, Tenn.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson Ave., Detroit. A gathering of friends and family will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Shore Club Community Center, 200 Shore Club Dr., St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Tony's name to The Children's Center of Detroit, 79 Alexandrine West, Detroit, MI 48201; or thechildrenscenter.com/donate/donate-online/.



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From left, Pam Ahee, Holly Fujishige and Sara Phillips hold up one of the donated bags that were used to cover parking meters last holiday season on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods, courtesy of the Ahee family. Now, the red bags are doing their second good deed by being made into mats for the homeless to sleep on.

**From trash to treasure
Church project repurposes plastic bags**

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

During the months of November and December, in celebration of its 75th anniversary, edmund t. AHEE Jewelers paid for parking at 900 Grosse Pointe Woods parking meters. Red plastic bags with the store's logo covered the meters during the holiday season and the jeweler footed the bill — paying \$27,400 to the city so visitors to the Woods wouldn't have to.

One former Woods resident, grateful for the gesture, wondered what would become of those bags once the holidays were over. Sara Phillips made a call to AHEE, who directed her to the city, who was happy to hand them over. She picked up six huge garbage bags full of red plastic bags, which she recently dropped off at Redeemer United Methodist Church in Harper Woods.

Phillips is one of a handful of volunteers who spend their Saturday mornings creating mats for the homeless. The process is called plarning, where plastic bags are cut into strips, then tied together to create "plarn," or plastic yarn. This group uses looms to weave the mats.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Holly Fujishige leads the small, but mighty group of volunteers.

"We've been doing plarning at my little church, which has usually under 100 people in attendance for services," Fujishige said. "I was introduced to it a long time ago. Making mats for the homeless is the priority, but we're also repurposing these bags so they don't end up in a landfill."

The group — informally called Ladies of the Plarn, though men are welcome too — has been meeting weekly at the church the last five years. Fujishige learned how to plarn through another organization, "but I saw the interest in my own church, so I wanted to start it here," she said. "Once I learned how to do it, I started to invite peo-

ple to help. Now nine or 10 people meet every Saturday."

Different volunteers cover different stages of the process, from bag collection, flattening the bags and cutting them into strips, to tying them together to create a ball of plarn and finally weaving them into mats.

"We use looms that have been handmade to (allow us to) weave using yarns of plastic," Fujishige said. "We weave different designs, try to make them cheerful. We're always on the lookout for bags that have color to them. Now we have a ton of red bags."

"I give credit to AHEE for providing those bags," she added. "When Sara picked them up, the man asked what she was going

to do with them. She told him and showed him a picture of a mat; he was floored."

Each donated bag was laid flat to dry out as "they were collected when it was raining, so they're soaking wet," Fujishige said. "We'll put down a tarp to protect the carpet, then wipe them down and dry them out. Then we'll start the process of cutting them."

Start to finish, one mat takes as little as one week to make, but since volunteers meet for a few hours weekly, it could take two or three months to finish one mat.

Recently, the project was combined with another program at

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7th annual Conference on Suicide is Jan. 26-28

Kevin's Song, whose mission is to empower communities to prevent suicide and offer hope and healing to survivors, hosts its seventh annual "Conference on Suicide: Building Roads to a Better Tomorrow," Jan. 26 to 28, at Saint John's Resort, 44045 Five Mile Rd., Plymouth.

The three-day conference will address suicide as a public health crisis to better understand and prevent suicide while helping build pathways to better models of pre-

vention and treatment in order to save lives.

The fourth annual "The School Summit" takes place Thursday, Jan. 26.

On Friday, Jan. 27, the conference features an array of presentations and breakout sessions.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the program "Surviving Suicide" takes place.

For more information, including a complete schedule of events and speakers, attendee rates and continuing education credits available, visit kevinssong.org.



Linda Procida and Sue Goulette measure the bags so they may be cut to the right size to weave into sleeping mats for the homeless.

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Gryphon Trio will perform with vocalist Patricia O'Callaghan this Friday.

Singers collaborate for concert Friday at The War Memorial

Canada's most highly respected classical music trio collaborates with one of its most famous cabaret singers for a performance at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the newly expanded lakeside ballroom at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Chamber Music Detroit presents the Gryphon Trio — featuring violin, cello and piano — with vocalist Patricia O'Callaghan. The program is presented with support from the Counsel General of Canada in Detroit.

The engaging, informal program — "Moonshine

Ballads and Various Charms" — features music from Arlo Guthrie to Aaron Copland, Charles Ives to Randy Newman, songs where nostalgia and hardship walk comfortably hand in hand. A southern waltz by Gillian Welch next to a northern ballad by Ron Sexsmith leaves one feeling the vast and beating heart of Americana and beyond.

Seating is cabaret style, with snacks and an available cash bar. A premium seating option at café tables is nearly sold out. Tickets are available at chambermusicdetroit.org or by calling (313) 335-3300.

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Redeemer United Methodist Church. Twice a year, the church makes 450 sandwiches for the NOAH Project's bag lunch program in Detroit.

"Now we take mats with us when we bring the sandwiches," Fujishige said. "Every time we go down, we're taking more and more mats.

"They're not just to sleep on, but also a shelter," she added. "The mats are really good insulators, so they can cover their shelter with a mat. Our goal is to take 10 mats down whenever we take sandwiches, which is twice a year. But we got a head start this time, so now we're aiming to take 20 mats down in April.

"Before we go down to take sandwiches, we take the mats to the sanctuary

Nancy Schleicher puts the dowels into the holes she drilled to make the looms the group is using to loom the plarn into sleeping mats for the homeless.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Mary Ellen Haas, Lynn Kreig, Alicia Mertz, Rhonda Mitchell and Karen Licari flatten out the donated plastic bags so they are ready to be measured and cut.

and (the Rev. Marshall Murphy) blesses them. It's a very detailed process. It's something we're very proud of. This is one of many projects our little church is doing. It's a personal endeavor for us. It has a special place in our hearts."

Fujishige said volunteers always are needed to help make mats.

"We need people at all

stages, most importantly people who can weave," she added. "The mats need to be woven tightly in a specific way, so no cutting corners. This is someone's place to sleep on. We want them to last."

The group meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays. People from all over are welcome.

"This is not a church

thing," Fujishige said. "Church is not a requirement.

"Our primary focus is to help the community who needs these mats, but I'm also excited we're saving all these bags," she added. "There are thousands of bags we've worked with that have been kept out of landfills."

Fujishige said it takes 750 bags to make one mat, so bag donations are welcome.

"I'm always on the lookout for bags; every bag is valuable to us," she said. "... A regular donation of bags is welcome, a constant flow of donations."

Plastic bags may be dropped off between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20633 Vernier, Harper Woods.

For more information, call the church at (313) 881-7251.

EVENTS:

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 17017 12 Mile, Roseville.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 2 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, St. Lucy

Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie "Downton Abbey: A New Era," will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks and the movie.

◆ AARP Smart Driver program, 10:30 a.m. to

noon Monday, Feb. 6, with instructor Roger Doster.

◆ Wise Guys conversation group for men, 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays.

◆ Canasta Club, noon to 4 p.m. Mondays.

◆ Body Alignment, 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays for beginners and 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays for intermediate students. Gwendolyn J. Scales instructs this free class.

◆ Watercolor Painting with Roselyn Rhodes, 2:30 to 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Cost is \$25 per class for members, \$35 per class for nonmembers.

◆ Walk with Ease, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and

Thursdays, Jan. 10 to March 9, with instructor Carolyn Bratt.

◆ Crafting with Holly, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month, with Holly Hazel. Cost is \$10 per class for members, \$15 per class for nonmembers. January students make colorful collage luminaries.

◆ Conversational French, noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays for beginners, and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 to 3 p.m. Fridays for intermediate students. Dr. Dib Saab instructs this free class.

◆ Grief Work support group, 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month, with psychotherapist Frank Wilberding.

◆ Enhance Fitness, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Wednesdays, with instructor Paul Clark. This program is free to members and nonmembers.

Pierce Middle School

Pierce Middle School students will perform the musical "Matilda, Jr." at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the school, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Park. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, 15118 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, or at the school 30 minutes before showtime.

The Family Center

The Family Center presents "ACES: Understand the Impact of Childhood Experiences," from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Dr. Scott Grant will discuss how adverse childhood experiences affect people into adulthood and how parents can raise their children to be resilient. Register by emailing info@family-centerweb.org.

The Family Center presents "Optimize Your Health & Wellness," from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Drs. Anna Flores and Danni Hamilton will discuss bringing balance to one's lifestyle and wellness, "Wellness Culture," healthy self-talk about food and body, and disordered eating and orthorexia. Register by emailing info@family-centerweb.org.

centerweb.org or calling (313) 447-1374.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center and the Grosse Pointe Farm & Garden Club welcome Jenny Rose Carey, who will present "Grow More Flowers," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Carey is a noted author, gardener and lecturer who will share tips on how to fill a garden with color and style. Registration is free for Garden Center and Farm & Garden members, \$5 for nonmembers. Register at gpgcenter.org or by leaving a message at (313) 499-0743.

GPA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts "Imitating the Masters," oil-painting workshops with Donald Cronkhite. 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.

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Grosse Pointe Theatre presents Neil Simon's 'Broadway Bound'

Neil Simon is one of America's most beloved playwrights and, as part of its 75th season, Grosse Pointe Theatre is presenting the popular play, "Broadway Bound."

Part of the acclaimed semi-autobiographical trilogy, "Broadway Bound" opened on Broadway at the Broadhurst Theater Dec. 4, 1986. The two-act dramatic comedy centers on two brothers — good-humored, lovable Eugene and business-minded Stanley — as they struggle to break into comedy writing while their parents' relationship falls apart.

"Broadway Bound" is the third play in Simon's Eugene Trilogy, following "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "Biloxi Blues." The character Eugene, Simon's alter ego, appears in each of the three plays.

Director Laura Ver Beek is making her main stage directorial debut at Grosse Pointe Theatre with "Broadway Bound."

"Neil Simon is one of my favorite playwrights and 'Broadway Bound' is, in my opinion, one of his very best plays," Ver Beek said. "It is a departure from many of his other works. It still has brilliant one-liners but, at its heart, it is a drama as opposed to a farce."

Ver Beek devotes much rehearsal time to developing the characters.

"I have a supremely tal-

ented cast and their understanding of 'who they are' gets richer with each rehearsal," Ver Beek pointed out. "Character" is a tricky word for actors. It can lead to them pretending to be someone else, which typically leads to creating a cardboard caricature rather than an interesting human being. I tell them, 'You're not a character, you are YOU under different circumstances.' 'Character' is really just about point of view and of course any adjustments that must be made, such as an accent because you live in Brooklyn. This approach garners very believable performances."

The cast of "Broadway Bound" includes Amy Choudhury Martin of Sterling Heights as Kate Jerome; Phillip Potter of St. Clair Shores as Ben Epstein; Robbie Mullinger of Grosse Pointe Park as Eugene Jerome; Carl Ghafari of Grosse Pointe Shores as Stan Jerome; Rebekah Sellers of Harrison Township as Aunt Blanche; and Jerry Nehr of Detroit as Jack Jerome.

The production team includes director Ver Beek of Grosse Pointe Park; Producer Lyndsey Briggs of Grosse Pointe Woods; Stage Manager Arlene Schoenherr of St. Clair Shores; Assistant Stage Manager Joanna Delpaz of Macomb Township; and Apprentice Director Michael Parker of Grosse Pointe Farms; as well as Gordon Richardson of Grosse Pointe Park, set construction; Kathy Conlon of St. Clair Shores, set design; Kathy Grabruck of the City of Grosse Pointe, set dressing; Michael Gravame of Detroit, costume design; Carolyn Darby of Detroit, properties; Stella Woitulewicz of Detroit,



properties; Jeffrey Ver Beek of Grosse Pointe Park, sound design; Tom Archinal of Grosse Pointe Park, lighting design; and Jacquelyne Pfaff of Chesterfield, hair and makeup.

As a first-time main stage director, Ver Beek is finding both challenges and fulfillment.

"I have found blocking, which is the movement of actors on the stage, to be a challenge," she said. "It must appear natural and organic to the scene, never arbitrary. At the same time the actors must utilize the stage space and be seen. It's quite the balancing act. I find working creatively

with not only the actors but my entire production team to be the most exciting. I have many ideas, but bouncing them off others and listening to other creative voices is a fun process."

After "Broadway Bound," Grosse Pointe Theatre continues to celebrate its 75th anniversary season with "Clue — On Stage, March 2 - 12, directed by Olyvia O'Donnell; and the season finale, "Something Rotten," May 5 - 14, directed by GPT President Danielle Caralis.

Seeing "Broadway Bound" may help brighten bleak winter days with its mix of comedic humor and heartwarming family complexity — and the story is timeless.

"It is about a comically dysfunctional family," Ver



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Pictured top row, from left, are Carl Ghafari, Jerry Nehr and Rebekah Seller; and bottom row, from left, Phil Potter, Robbie Mullinger and Amy Choudhury Martin.

The details

What: Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound"

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, and Saturday, Jan. 28

2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4

2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, and Sunday, Feb. 5

Where: Parcels Middle School Auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

How: Tickets are \$30 at gpt.org/broadway or by calling (313) 881-4004

Beek added. "Who cannot relate to that? It is compassionate and heart-felt, yet still witty and funny."

Tickets available now at gpt.org/broadway.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Dr. Scott Grant

Learning tools to overcome adversity

Q: "Who do you go to when you need help or you're in trouble?"

A: While this may seem a simple question you hear at your child's annual doctor visit, it reflects a fundamental milestone in our emotional development that can have lifelong effects. Children and adults will experience adversity. How we respond to adversity as an adult is shaped in our early childhood years.

With the 1998 landmark "Adverse Childhood Experiences Study," Drs. Vince Felitti and Rob Anda described the profound impact adversity in childhood can have on our long-term health. These researchers showed the progression from adversity in childhood — like abuse, neglect, witnessing violence in your home and parental substance abuse or mental illness — to poor health outcomes in adulthood.

Ongoing research in this area paints a grim picture. Unbuffered exposure to adversity has been linked with increased risks of eight of the 10 top causes of death in the United States.

Your eyes may have naturally focused on the scary words in that last sentence: ADVERSITY or DEATH.

I draw your attention instead to the word that is our source of hope: UNBUFFERED!

Just as adversity is a consequence of negative relationships, healing and prevention come from positive relationships. Just one relationship with an adult that is safe, stable and nurturing can buffer these consequences of adversity. A former mentor taught me,

"Every kid needs one adult in their life who irrationally believes that they are the best kid in the world."

Doctors should ask about the adversity kids are facing. There is an equally important question: Who is the adult in your life who you can go to when you need help?

And the question for our community is this: How can we equip as many adults as possible to have the tools necessary to provide safe, stable and nurturing relationships for the children in their lives?

Join us Monday, Jan. 30, to learn more about the science of adversity and the tools you can use to help the kids in your life thrive and overcome the adversity they will face.

Dr. Scott Grant is a husband and father who works as a pediatrician in southeast Michigan. In 2021, he created Docs2Dads, a podcast to help men find joy in fatherhood and become experts in their own health and the health of their children. His program, "Overcoming Adversity & Building Resilience," takes place 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald Branch. Visit familycenterweb.org for more information.

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

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Unhealthy video gaming: what parents can do

Dear Gabby: My son doesn't care at all about sports, or music, or really anything other than video games. I don't even know what to do anymore. I try to have board game nights and other activities but he just doesn't want to and goes back to the basement to play more war games. What should I do?

— Giving up in the Farms

Dear Giving Up,

Do NOT give up. Video games are an addiction just like any other vices in life. The good news is this — you are the boss.

My guess is that your son did not pay for his video game console on his own, so it is yours to do with what you choose.

Excessive screen time is linked to obesity, impulse issues, eye strain, neck

strain and you name it — and it is your job as a parent to take action.

If it were me, I would use video games as a reward after all of their responsibilities are completed.

Homework, chores, reading and whatever else you deem appropriate must be done before he earns his hour (my suggestion) of device time.

Kids need to learn how

to be social, and how to live in the world without the stimulation of a phone or video game. I know it's not easy, but you do have the control. Use it!

— Gabby

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



Weight gain due to surgeries has caused boyfriend to lose interest in relationship

Dear Ann Landers: I have always been a small woman with no weight problems — that is, until I had three back surgeries and an operation on my neck. Now, I'm 35 pounds overweight and can't seem to lose it. I'm not a big eater, and it is difficult to exercise because of my health problems.

sex, and I'm beginning to feel insecure and wonder whether he's seeing someone else.

I always thought loving someone went deeper than looks and it is what's inside a person that counts. I would love him if he were fat or skinny.

I don't want to lose this man and don't know what

to you is based primarily on your looks. It's time to move on.

Meanwhile, see a nutritionist and a physical fitness professional to find out what exercise options are available to you. Do this not for any man, but for yourself. You will not only feel better, but it will do wonders for your self-esteem.

sound so phony, as if she had a broken leg.

My wife will NOT get well, soon or ever, for that matter, and everybody knows it, including her. I haven't said anything about this because I know these people mean well, but it makes me want to scream every time I hear it.

These friends are important to us, and I don't want to offend them by telling them to stop saying that, so I'm hoping if you print my letter, it will help. — Granada Hills, Calif.

Dear Granada Hills: Here's your letter, but it won't help.

People are going to continue to say, "Get well soon," no matter what you say, even though they, too, know your wife is terminal. Play the game. The phrase is intended to be comforting.

Dear Ann Landers: My wife has cancer. We have been battling it for six years, and short of a major miracle, she will die from it. I am not asking for sympathy.

We are living our lives as fully as we can, and we are not shy about discussing all aspects of this battle when it comes to our children, friends and family.

Here is my problem: I find it painful when friends say to her, "Get well soon." It hurts to hear these words. They

Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Are you sick and tired of hearing from disgruntled bridesmaids? I hope you will print one more letter.

I have a message for bridesmaids who complain about the expense of buying pink dresses with shoes to match.

I was married a year ago and went out of my way to accommodate my bridesmaids. Those who accepted were told they could choose the style of dress they wanted from the six or seven I liked. Only one showed up at my house to make a selection.

I found a seamstress who would make the dresses at a reasonable price (\$60 each), and I bought the material.

Then, I found a wholesale shoe store that sold me the matching shoes (already dyed) for \$13 a

pair. Each bridesmaid had a total bill of \$73.

If they hate their dresses, too bad. And what they do with them after the wedding is no concern of mine. If a friend doesn't want to make the small sacrifice, she should say, "Sorry, no," when asked to be in the wedding party. If she agrees to accept the honor, she should buy the dress and shoes and shut up. — No Name in Fla.

Dear Ann Landers: You sound like a practical (and tough) lady, but I can't argue with a thing you've said. Your last line is worth repeating, so I'll do just that: If she agrees to accept the honor, she should buy the dress and shoes and shut up.

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I am in a relationship with a great guy, and things were going well until my weight gain. Now, he says he is not attracted to me anymore. He avoids having

to do. Can you help? — Miserable in Houston

Dear Houston: Your boyfriend is telling you loud and clear that his attraction

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



If you're like me, there are certain online influencers who really speak to you. My absolute favorite, named Cella Jane, is beautiful and organized and has exquisite taste (in my opinion of course). So when she recommends things, I tend to order them.

This winter, she recommended a velvet jumpsuit and wow — it really delivered. So when she suggested a knock off sweater to a more pricey name brand I love, I was all over it. I had to try it!

The beauty of Amazon is that the anticipation and

price are very motivating — as is the usually one day wait to get the goods. I followed the link and clicked



and purchased and was giddy with excitement about my dupe sweater. It was going to look just like my beloved clothing item — the Varley quarter zip.

As promised, one day later the package was waiting for me on my doorstep and I tore into it like a kid at Christmas. Hmm. At first glance it looked sort of like the Varley sweater but the texture was definitely off. As was the length

and proportions. I felt like it was a Varley imposter (which it is). I proceeded to wear it to work and experienced zero joy or pride in my outfit.

Sometimes nothing is as good as the original, and this is one of those times. Save up your money and go for good quality. I'd

rather have one nice thing

than five mediocre things. Maybe it's my age talking, but quality over quantity is a lifestyle for me these days, so I am giving the fake Varley sweater 2 out of 5 alligators. Check out Corner Active and Leisure in Grosse Pointe Park for the real thing!

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.



2 Out Of 5

Grosse Pointe Farms Winterfest

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Farms hosted its annual Winterfest at Pier Park Saturday, Jan. 14. The band Moodswitch entertained guests of the event, which also included a food truck, games, ice sculpture putt-putt, ice carvings and more.



New Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 officer Rich Rosati and 1-year-old K-9 officer Rocco do the first demonstration of their K-9 career.



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Grilled veggie mezze

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Grilling season is year round at our house. You'll find me at the grill many nights battling the rain, sleet, snow or wind and happily grilling our dinner. Most importantly, I enjoy doing it. Grilled food just tastes better.

The vegetables that I use in this dish turn almost meaty with a quick, high temperature cook time. Crispy burnt edges plus smoked paprika and cumin make for the vegetables to be more of a highlight on your plate instead of an afterthought.

A simple and bright herb oil is drizzled over the top, as well as salty feta to help round out all the flavors. Pair this with your favorite grilled meat.

If you are in a winter slump, I suggest you head to Nino Salvaggio's for inspiration. The pro-

duce screams health but more importantly we eat with our eyes.

The entire store is a mecca of beautifully sorted and perfectly placed fruits and vegetables. It would be impossible to choose wrong.

Be creative and shop with what looks delicious and is in season. If you do that, you can bring any veggie hater to the table for a beautiful and vibrant meal and hope that they at least indulge for a bit.

Sometimes the side dish is more important than the main dish. My motto as a parent is only one word... patience.

Cheers, Mombeau

Grilled Veggie Mezze

- 3 baby eggplants
- 3 red bell peppers

- 2 fennel bulbs
- 3 zucchini
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tsp each, smoked paprika, cumin, salt, pepper
- 4 oz crumbled feta

Parsley-Mint Oil

- 2 cups flat leaf parsley
- 10 leaves of mint
- 1 tsp red chili flakes
- Juice of 1 lemon
- ¼ cup olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste

Start by preparing your vegetables. Slice the baby eggplants into



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

halves. Slice the red bell pepper and fennel into quarters, removing the seeds, pith and core of the fennel. The zucchini should be sliced horizontally into four strips each.

Combine the olive oil and spices in a zip lock freezer bag and marinate the vegetables for 30 minutes or up to one hour.

In a blender, add all ingredients for the parsley and mint oil. Blend on a high speed until it's smooth and vibrant green in color.

Preheat your grill to high and cook the vegetables until charred on both sides. It takes between four and seven minutes a side depend-

ing how cold the temperature is outdoors. Make sure you get crispy edges for optimum flavor.

To serve, layer the vegetables on a platter and crumble the feta evenly over the top. Drizzle the herb oil generously over the top and serve. Or, make ahead and serve at room temp.



The wine options game

Once you really delve deeply into wine, the passion to buy fine wine while it's still available and its price hasn't leaped into the stratosphere can become an obsession.

The feeling is both heady and worrisome. On the one hand, we love having great wines in the cellar, improving, but soon we realize we have too much wine! It's inevitable.

And there is no little bell that goes off to tell you there's plenty of wine in your cellar. Only when the storage space fills up and you start finding bottles in the shower do you realize your enthusiasm

is out of control.

It starts innocently with a few bottles. Then the word "buying" is replaced by "collecting." We know this because instead of bottles, we are getting half-cases and cases of the good stuff. And some magnums.

We buy wines to consume young, and we buy already-mature wines to serve on special occasions. We get some wines to drink when they get more age and become mature.

Then, at some point, we must decide how we're going to drink it. One way is to create more special moments and actively attack our

cellars, rather than letting the wines deteriorate. We do more dinner parties, more excuses to bring out rare treasures.

I once belonged to a wine society dedicated to drinking up fine wines. "The Too-Much Wine Club" membership was made up of people who admitted they filled too many closets with bottles.

Years ago in Australia, I participated in yet another scheme to make use of older wine. The late Len Evans, ex-restaurantier, winery owner and bon vivant, came up with the idea.

Called "the options game," it was created mainly for those who were knowledgeable about wine, but it is fun to include those who know a little or nothing about wine and who'd like to learn more. It's educational and lots of fun.

It is played like any wine guessing game

where each person has brought a bottle for the others to identify.



For enthusiasts, wine buying can be quickly replaced by "collecting."

Evans' version of the Options Game calls for each person to start with 20 coins — dimes or nickels are best. It's merely for tallying; the winner can take home the pot.

A wine is opened. All players get a few ounces. The person who brought it asks an "options" question. Assume that the wine is a 1998 Silverado cabernet. The first question is: Is the wine a California cabernet, a

Bordeaux or something else? Each person guesses. The contributor then announces the answer. All those who were wrong put a coin into a cup in the center of the table.

Knowing the wine is a cabernet, the guests are then asked, "Is it from Napa, Sonoma or Central Coast?" After that, the query could be, "Is the wine above \$75, between \$30 and \$75 or less than \$30?" And so forth.

Even people who know little or nothing about wine can participate. With three choices, you have a 33 percent chance that each guess is correct.

Each wine normally

takes 15 minutes. With four or five people playing, it takes an hour to play, during which time the first course of a meal is served.

Some sneaky people play this game. One particularly tough player brought a chardonnay that was in a Bordeaux-shaped bottle, so when we poured the wine (which was in a brown paper bag), most people assumed it couldn't be a chardonnay!

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Siblings, Willa and Theo Murray, stand next to Willa's favorite ice sculpture, "Winnie the Pooh."



Moodswitch entertains the Winterfest crowd with lots of music. From left are, on guitar and vocals, Charlie Bomgaars, a Grosse Pointe North senior; on guitar and vocals, Nolan Eszes, a Grosse Pointe South senior; and on bass, Peter Smith, a Grosse Pointe South junior. In back, on drums, is Sebastian Moncivais, a Grosse Pointe South senior.



Russ Zampich of Finesse Ice adds the finishing touches to a Yoda ice sculpture.



Savannah Fisher gets ready to get the golf ball through the ice sculpture, over the hill and into the hole. Her brother, Edison, takes his golf ball out then cheers on his sister.

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By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

Ski lovers walk among us, all throughout the Pointes. They may look like everyone else, but deep inside they are unique. They're the ones giddy with delight when the weather forecast predicts several inches of snow. They are nonplussed at the thought of a season ahead of boots and gloves and snowblowers. They stride confidently where the rest totter on the ice. Yes, we know them, and yes, we are in awe.

Skiers and snowboarders are right at home in Michigan. And with all the excellent places to ski throughout our great state, there is plenty to keep them active and elated.

All skiers have their most-cherished locations. Here are some Grosse Pointers who took to the slopes recently for some prized time in their happy places, doing what they love most.

Jamie Law, left, of St. Clair Shores, at Shanty Creek, one of her favorite ski areas.

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PHOTO BY STEVE CRAMER

Author, speaker and thrill seeker, J.T. Mestdagh, above, of St. Clair Shores, is an inspiration on and off the slopes. Here, he takes on Vail, in Colorado. Find his amazing story at jtmestdaghfoundation.org.



Wade Kogler and Trent Dara, above, of Grosse Pointe Farms, ski cross-country on the Paint Creek Trail in Goodison, Michigan.



Katie Fruehauf, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is pretty in pink at Nubs Nob during Christmas break 2022. Look at all that fresh powder!

Fantastic Michigan skiing, and more, is all yours to explore!



From left, Rainier, Scott and Shea Goddard, of Grosse Pointe, prove that the family that skis together, stays together! The smiles tell the whole story of a Christmas vacation day to remember.



The Ernst family of Grosse Pointe Woods, above, enjoys a glorious day of skiing at Nubs Nob over the recent holiday break. Nubs Nob is near Petoskey and Harbor Springs, Mich., and offers 53 slopes for visitors to master, over three huge snowy peaks.

Michigan skier hits the powder across the globe



COURTESY PHOTOS

The natural winter beauty is as enjoyable as the skiing in Killington, Vt.

Michigan skier Jacob Piontkowski has made it a point to travel the world in search of amazing ski adventures.

“As far as skiing/snowboarding goes, I’ve been on the snow here in Michigan, out west, in Europe, and many places in between!” Piontkowski said.

As you can see from the breathtaking photos he shared with the Grosse Pointe News, he surely has lots of great stories to tell about the scenic miles he has put on his skis.

It takes a Michigander to appreciate the joys of winter, and Piontkowski serves as inspiration on how to make the most of the love of snow.



Piontkowski experiences Tyrollian majesty, skiing St. Anton am Arlberg, in Austria.



Jacob Piontkowski and the alps of Chamonix-Mont Blanc, in France, home of Mont Blanc.



Jacob Piontkowski catches some air in Flagstaff, at Arizona’s Snowbowl.

Meanwhile, back at the lodge

What’s the next best thing to heading to the hills? Why, hanging out at the ski lodge, of course! Where else can you bask in the glow of the fireplace away from home, sipping on hot cocoa and talking about Black Diamonds and bunny hills? It’s where everyone meets, rosy-cheeked, tucked out for a spell, and ready to have something warm and yummy before returning to the slopes for round two of the day.

These local families found time to partake of it all, packing in a great day of togetherness, exhilaration and fresh air, along with all the fun the lodges also have to offer.

We’ve said it before, Grosse Pointers know how to live their best lives, whether on the beach or in the snow. The happiness shown in these photos is living proof!



COURTESY PHOTOS

Two of the Ernst girls, above, of Grosse Pointe Woods, warm up and take a break at the lodge amid a day of snowy fun on New Year’s Day 2023.



The Goddard family, above, of Grosse Pointe, including Ranier, 9, mom Kelly, Shea, 9 and dad Scott (on camera duty) perfect the art of family fun at Boyne Mountain.



Ranier Goddard, above, roasts the perfect marshmallow at Boyne Mountain, for a perfect ending to the day.

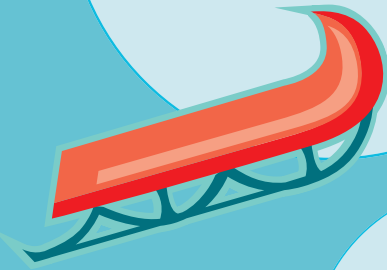
Simple SKI ❄️ HACKS YOU CAN USE RIGHT NOW

Skiers know that any time on the slopes is precious. Here are some simple but ingenious hacks to maximize your fun and help you ski around any bumps.

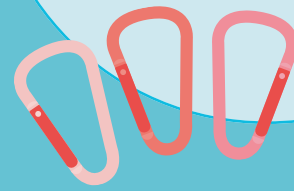
Use zippered duffel bags like hockey bags or the blue Ikea bags to keep everything (mittens, gloves, hats, helmets, goggles) in one handy place until everyone is dressed. Makes ski prep so much easier (and no one loses anything on the way to the hill.)



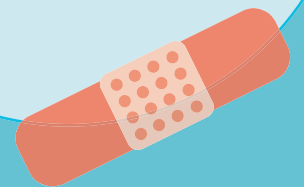
Bring a sled or sledding saucer to conveniently lug everyone's gear to the slopes. Allemon's Landscape Center on Mack has some good ones to choose from.



Get some carabiners! You can easily hook these onto snow pants or coats to keep passes, goggles, gloves (and whatever else kids typically lose) secure so nothing is lost. Great Lakes Ace on Mack has them.



Bring along some zipper plastic bags, for wet gear, or to store your phone. Fill one with a few necessities like sunscreen, lip balm and a few first aid supplies for minor bruises and scratches.



Buy passes online to avoid long lines and maximize slope time.



Buy a balaclava, especially for the kids: cold faces ruin the day.



Wear heated gloves, socks and vests — so much easier and better than using hand or foot warmers. We found these heated socks on amazon.com.



Save ski time and money by packing snacks and a lunch or dinner. Pack some hot soup from Side Street Diner.



Bring spares! Getting soaked can cut the day short. Make sure you have two of everything, like gloves, socks and neckwarmers. Need more gear? Ridge Crest Outfitters can hook you up with everything to ensure the day is comfortable and fun.



By Anne Gryzenia and Donna Zetterlund

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Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



MOVIE REVIEW
"Dog Gone"
 2023 - Rated TV-PG
 1 hr 35min

Sometimes I need a break from the heavier fare when it comes to movie viewing and reviewing. "Dog Gone" proved to be a breath of fresh air. It's a family-friendly, sweet little film that is guaranteed to delight everyone, especially dog lovers.

Sure it's a bit cheesy, and the story is fairly predictable. But that's okay. Since it was produced by Rob Lowe, who also stars in it, you know it'll be well made. It's also based on a true story, so that puts another notch in the plus column.

Fielding (Johnny Berchtold), is a senior in college, and he's just broken up with his girlfriend. Against the advice of his roommate Nate (Nick Peine), he decides to ease the pain by adopting a dog. Nate is a sarcastic, witty sort, and I enjoyed his smart aleck personality and constant stream of quotes from famous writers and philosophers.

As luck would have it, an energetic pup jumps up on Fielding during his visit to a shelter, and adopts him. He gives the frisky dog the unlikely name of "Gonker" and the two are almost inseparable for the rest of the school year.

As graduation day approaches, Fielding finds out all his friends have jobs and careers to look forward to. Meanwhile, he has absolutely no plans whatsoever

and is reduced to moving back home with his parents John and Ginny Marshall (Rob Lowe and Kimberly Williams-Paisley).

Predictably, Fielding's dad gives him constant grief for his aimlessness, and this creates tension between them. It doesn't help that he spends his days doing yoga and going on hikes.

One day, they find Gonker totally listless and know something's wrong with him. After taking him to the vet, they discover he suffers from Addison's disease, which when treated, returns the dog to health. If he receives a monthly vaccine, he can live a normal life. Without the shot, he could die.

The two enjoy their rambles hiking stretches of the Appalachian Trail. On an outing with his pal Nate, they encounter a fox. Then disaster strikes. Nate encourages Gonker to chase after the fox. You just have to ask yourself, what kind of moron would encourage a pet dog to chase after a wild animal?!?! Sure enough, Gonker runs off and goes missing. As you'd expect, this becomes the central theme of the movie. Gonker needs a shot in 30 days or else faces an uncertain future. The countdown begins, and the days start being checked off on the calendar.

It becomes a bit of a road trip film when John decides to help his son find his faithful companion. It turns into a mission for both parents. Ginny joins the quest by setting up a command

center at their home. It's almost like a war room and she spends her days plotting the searches, contacting animal shelters, police departments, media outlets, and blanketing the area with "Lost Dog" posters. It's heartwarming the way the world of animal lovers comes to their aid. Their plight soon receives national and international attention.

In a series of flashbacks, we learn that Ginny received an Akita puppy when she was a young girl. The dog was her best friend until one day, she's informed that her beloved pet was struck by a car and killed. Naturally, she was devastated by this traumatic experience. This helps explain her enthusiasm for finding her son's dog.

The film plays out as most "Lassie Come Home" type films do. Father and son share some tender moments and ultimately their trip brings them closer together. We also learn that Fielding has been hiding a painful stomach disorder for some time.

The characters that come to their aid are a fun surprise and include a homeless person who gives them a small statue of St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost things, and a seemingly badass gang of bikers. Be sure to have some tissues handy, "Dog Gone" will have you a bit choked up at its conclusion.

An added bonus is the photos of the real subjects of the story as the credits roll. It's a Hallmark-type movie the whole family will enjoy. Currently streaming on Netflix.

★★★★☆

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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 Left, John Berchtold as Fielding Marshall, Kimberly Williams-Paisley as Ginny Marshall and Rob Lowe as John Marshall in the 2023 Netflix film "Dog Gone," directed by Stephen Herek.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023:

You have an air of authority that makes you an excellent leader. You are decisive, honest and down to earth. You speak your mind.

This is a year of learning and teaching. You might renew your spiritual and religious beliefs as well.

Explore new ideas to discover what is important to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

For the next four weeks, you'll be more interested in mystical, spiritual subjects. You also might have to care for a loved one, either at home or in a hospital. Others might be involved with charitable activities. This is because you feel more selfless. Someone will appreciate your generosity. Tonight: Avoid arguments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

For the next four weeks, you will enjoy friendlier relationships with almost everyone. Because your ability to deal agreeably with others will be superb, your relations with group settings, meetings and conferences will be successful. Even romance will be happier. Tonight: Stay calm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Today Venus will begin to cross the top of your chart in the next four weeks, which will create favorable circumstances for your professional life. Bosses and people in authority will be impressed with you. People will seek your advice about how to make something look more attractive. Tonight: Patience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your desire to travel for pleasure will be strong in the next four weeks. You will also have a heightened appreciation of beauty. Make an effort to see art exhibits, galleries and museums, because this will please you. Romance with someone "different" might begin. Tonight: Show respect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Romance will be more passionate and affectionate in the next four weeks for your sign. However, it's interesting to know that you will have the ability to attract money to you through your spouse, business partner or a bank during this same window of time. Ka-ching! Tonight: Avoid controversy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Lucky you! For the next four weeks, Venus will be opposite your sign, promoting all your relations with others, especially close friends, partners and spouses. You will be more easygoing and able to express your affection more easily. (Even your relations with enemies will improve.) Tonight: Check your assets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your health will get a lovely boost in the next four weeks, which is good news. You will also find that you can more easily discuss agreements with others and cooperate with co-workers. This is a good time to discuss duties, the division of labor and shared obligations. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have a lovely four weeks ahead! This is because fair Venus will travel through your House of Romance. Love relationships will be favored, along with creative activities. Even your relations with

children will improve, because this will be a great time for games and fun! Tonight: Listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

In the next four weeks, take advantage of every opportunity to entertain at home, redecorate or make your home more attractive. These things will make you happier. Despite the possibility of entertaining, you also will enjoy quiet time in congenial surroundings. Tonight: Patience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You have the good fortune of enjoying your daily surroundings more in the next four weeks. You will find that your relations with people around you -- siblings, neighbors and relatives -- will also improve. Even your appreciation of your daily surroundings will be heightened. Tonight: Be polite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

In the next four weeks, you will be more inclined to spend money on beautiful things for yourself and for loved ones. Fortunately, your ability to earn money and attract money to you will also increase. Money in, money out. (Keep your receipts -- and the box.) Tonight: Avoid arguments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Fair Venus will be in your sign for the next four weeks, which will make you charming and diplomatic. You will be able to make peace among others. This is a fantastic time to schmooze. It's also an excellent time to buy wardrobe treasures for yourself -- boots and shoes! Tonight: Go gently.

BORN TODAY

Actor Paul Newman (1925), hockey icon Wayne Gretzky (1961), TV host, comedian Ellen DeGeneres (1958).

Contract Bridge

CAREFUL: DANGER AHEAD

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable

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

The bidding:
 North 1♦ East Pass South 1♥ West 1♠
 2♥ Pass 4♥
 Opening lead — king of spades.

Assume you're declarer in four hearts and West leads the king of spades. How would you play the hand? Take your time — the play is not as simple as it may seem.

To begin with, you should duck the king of spades. If you take the king with the ace and East is a first-rate defender, he will signal with the jack to show his J-10 combination. This guarantees him an eventual entry in spades

that will allow him to make the killing club return that defeats the contract.

But even if you duck the king of spades, you still have to play carefully to get home safely. Let's say that after you duck the king, West leads another spade to dummy's ace. In that case, you draw trump with the queen and king, then lead a diamond from dummy and, after East follows low, you finesse the nine!

This extraordinary play ensures the contract. West wins with the queen but is helpless. If he returns a spade, you ruff in dummy and finish with 11 tricks; if West cashes the ace of clubs instead, you finish with 10 tricks.

Note that East cannot stop you from making the contract by playing the ten on your diamond lead from dummy. In that case, you would win with the king, return to dummy with a trump, lead another diamond and finesse the nine to finish with 11 tricks.

The operative principle throughout is to shape the play so as to prevent East from ever gaining the lead. That's why it's correct to duck the opening spade lead and why you later take the deep diamond finesse. Failure to make either of these plays would cost you the contract, assuming proper defense.

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by Steve Becker

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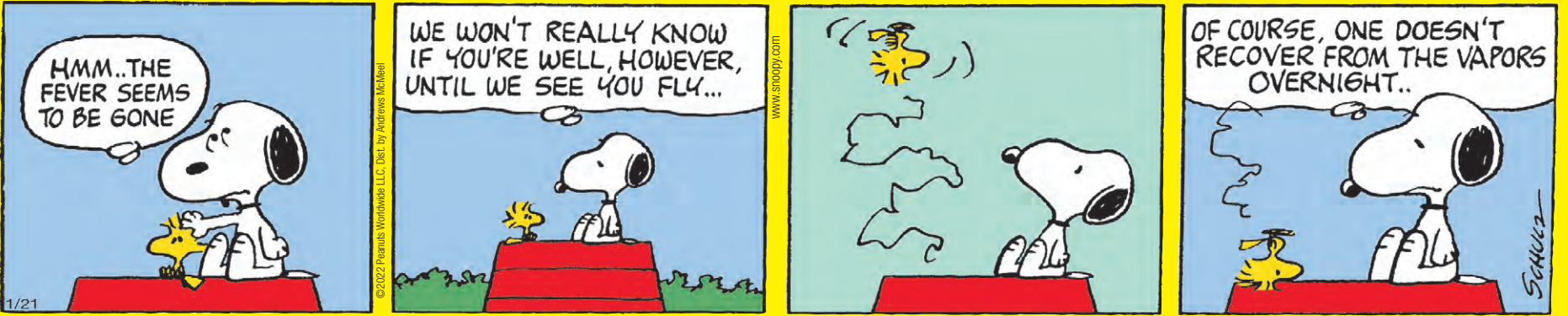
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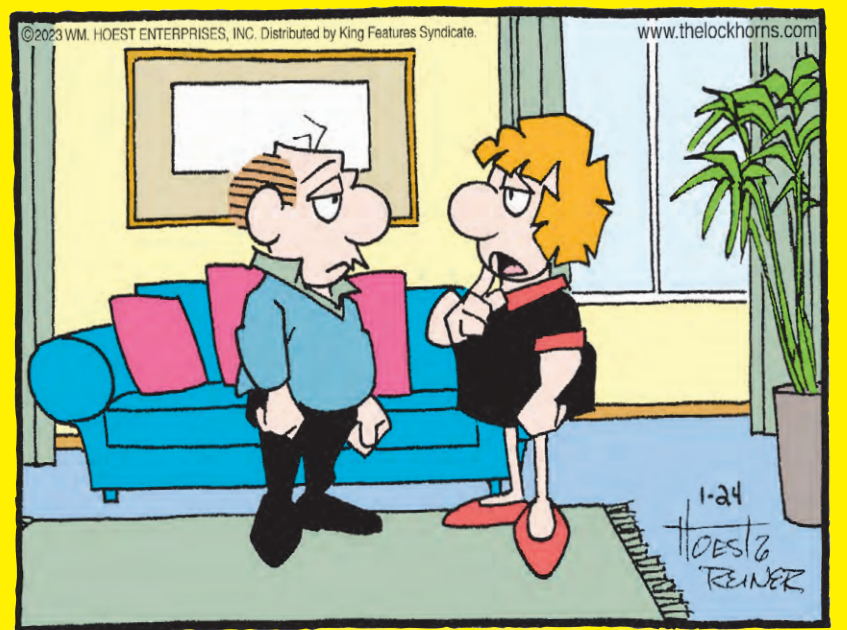
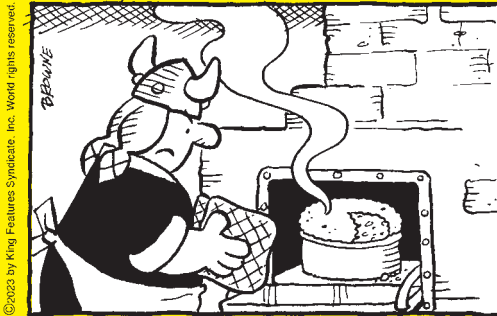


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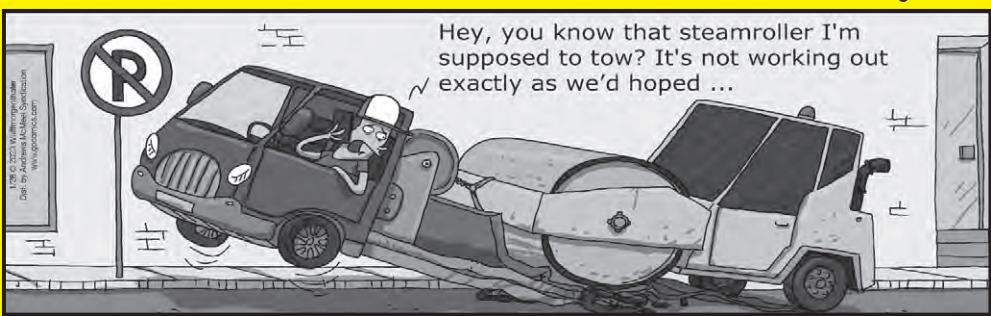
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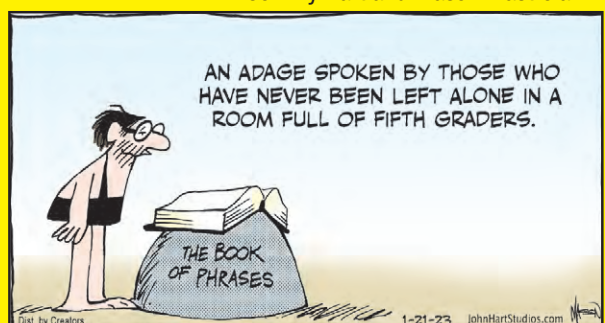
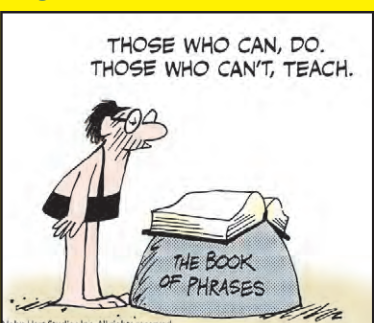
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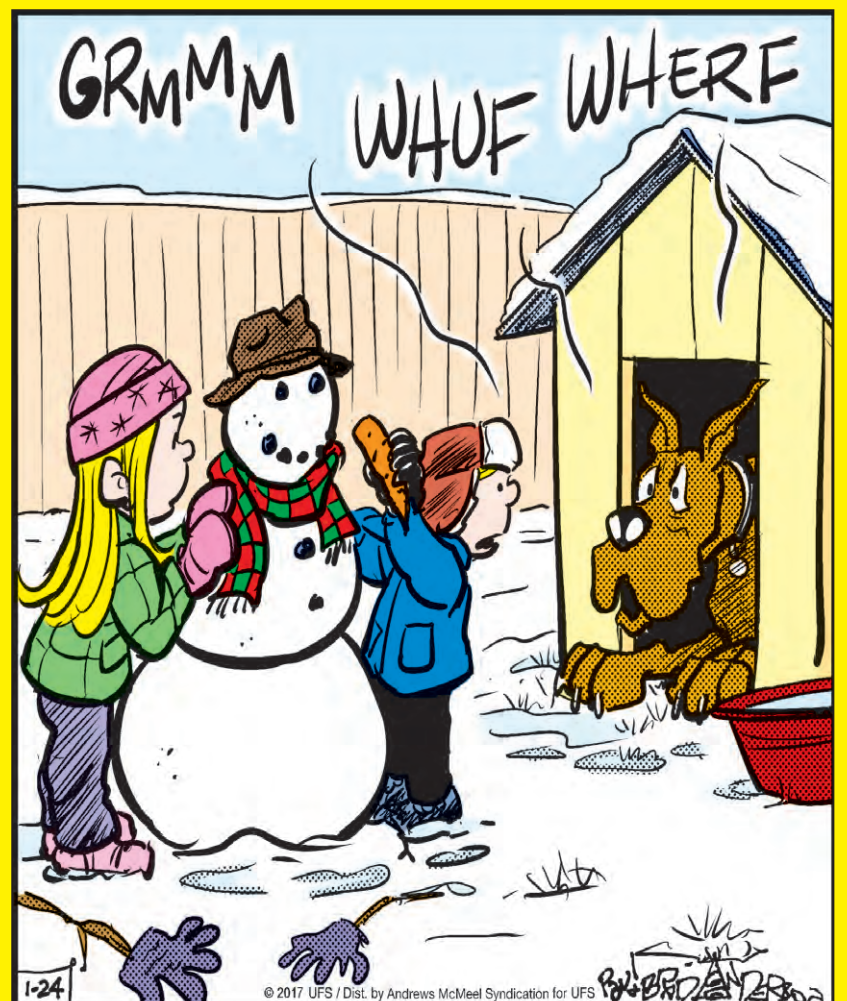
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Liggett's Service lives the DREAM

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

No stranger to playing in tournaments and showcases on the national stage, University Liggett senior baseball player Oliver Service got perhaps his biggest opportunity yet to show off his skills and learn from the best earlier this month.

Service was one of 50

players selected to attend the invitation-only 2023 MLB DREAM series Jan. 13-16 in Tempe, Ariz. to train with current and former MLB coaches and players.

"It's one of the top events and many MLB players that we know today have been there," Service said. "It really helped me learn a lot and showed me how a day in the minor leagues or

spring training would go. Waking up at 6 in the morning and working until like 3 p.m."

The DREAM Series is a "showcase event focused on the dynamics of pitching and catching for a diverse group of high school athletes, predominantly African American, from across the country." Service, who is committed to play collegiate baseball at the University

of Texas, saw the invitation as the perfect opportunity to hone in on his defensive skills behind the plate.

There are no games or exhibitions played at the DREAM Series, making it unique from many other showcases. The event puts a strong emphasis on one-on-one training and drills to enhance defensive development, which is exactly what Service did. Getting to work with legends like former professional catcher and World Series champion manager Mike Scioscia made the experience priceless.

"I really got to work on my catching, which I've wanted to do for a while," said Service. "I left there a better player with no doubt in my mind...The defensive part was huge for me because I learned so much that I didn't know before I was there. Transferring, receiving and blocking."

As he prepares for his senior season with the Knights this spring and eventually college baseball, Service could one day join the growing list of MLB stars who were once DREAM Series attendees. Current and former pros like Hunter Greene, Jo Adell and



Service, left, with Los Angeles Angels outfielder Jo Adell.



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University Liggett senior Oliver Service works on his catching skills at the 2023 MLB DREAM Series in Arizona earlier this month.

Howie Kendrick — a personal hero of Service — were all on hand for the DREAM Series this year as alumni.

Service certainly hopes to join their ranks one day, but also wants to see more players from his home state have the opportunity to as well. Service was the only player from Michigan at this year's DREAM Series. However, it does not make him any less confident that the base-

ball talent in his backyard is among the best.

"I know for a fact that if we put a team together of Michigan guys, we could go up against anyone in the country and hold our own," he said. "There's a bunch of guys from Michigan who don't get as much recognition as they should and hopefully I can put in a good word and make a good impression and help get them to things like this too."



PHOTO BY BARBARA JOHNS

University Liggett senior Ian Gudenau has been with the Knights varsity boys hockey team since his freshman year and was named MVP of the MIHL Liggett Holiday Tournament in December.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

From the time he first hit the ice at age 10, University Liggett senior Ian Gudenau was hooked. He picked up hockey soon after and began playing for the Bulldogs Hockey Club.

A few years later, Gudenau made the jump to high school and has been with Liggett's varsity team since his freshman year. Now as a senior, Gudenau has worked himself up the ranks and come a long way in just a short amount of time, with those around him recognizing his hard work and dedication.

"Last year I was an assistant captain and I worked with my coach in the offseason so he knows how hard I work and it put into perspective that I could be a good leader for the team," he said. "My teammates voted me to be captain...I'm honored to be this team's captain because I love this team and we have a lot of talent. I'm the captain of this team but there's so much other

leadership in the room. We hold each other to the same standards."

Many of those teammates who voted Gudenau captain are also longtime friends. The chemistry and connections they have with

"Almost all of us have been playing together for four years," Gudenau said. "We've been through everything together...There's a lot of chemistry on the ice especially with guys like Sean Sullivan and

That accountability and the ability to push each other is what makes Gudenau believe that his best quality as a leader is leading by example. He may not be at the top of the stat sheet after every game, although he is third on Liggett this season in points with 17, but Gudenau sets the example by never slowing down no matter what the score is.

Gudenau is the type of player who is not afraid to hustle on both ends of the ice as a forward. His mentality is often to pass first and create plays, but like most good hockey captains, he also knows when to seize the perfect chance to strike.

"I'm a dependable two-way player and I take pride in my faceoffs and using my teammates," Gudenau said. "I like to use my teammates before shooting the puck but if the opportunity is there I'll put the puck in the net."

His dedication to being a two-way forward and setting the

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Grosse Pointe News

Ian Gudenau

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each other boosts the team's production on the ice and has helped Gudenau grow as a leader. He may be the one holding the title of captain, but knows it is important to take pride in holding each other accountable.

Campbell Marchal. We know where each other is going to be and each other's tendencies...I have the 'C', but it's not just me telling people what to do. We push each other and have a lot of depth in the room."

O Captain, My Captain

- Captain of Liggett's boys varsity hockey team
- Scored nine goals in the first 10 games of this season
- Currently third in team scoring with 17 points

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South victorious at Norsemen Classic

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Six wrestling teams from around Metro Detroit, including Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North, gathered in North's gym last Saturday morning to battle in the 2023 Norsemen Classic. The Pointes welcomed Avondale, L'Anse Creuse North, Lakeview and Dearborn Crestwood, but it was the Blue Devils who prevailed, sweeping five rounds of matches to earn the trophy.

Four Blue Devils went undefeated on the day.

Sophomores Wyatt Hepner and Alex Wilson, along with junior Paul Wilson and senior captain Griffin Klautky all ended the day without losing a single match. Sophomore Josh Lemanski and freshman Mason Zantz had impressive days as well, with both going 4-1 in five matches.

"I'm happy with the performance. We couldn't have done any better and competed any harder than we did," said South wrestling head coach Dave Salazar.

For the Norsemen, they ended up in third

place with a 3-2 overall match record. North took down L'Anse Creuse North, Avondale and Lakeview in its three team victories.

Four North wrestlers also had perfect days. Seniors Michael Salvador and Andrew Dupree both finished Saturday at 5-0 along with junior Preston Auld. Senior Jacob Nowicki went 4-0 to round out his undefeated day.

Both South and North are in action once again at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26 as part of a MAC Gold quad-meet hosted by Port Huron.



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Top right, the Grosse Pointe South wrestling team celebrates with the first place trophy after winning the Norsemen Classic last Saturday.

Bottom left, South's Blake Jordan, left, stares down his opponent from Dearborn Crestwood.

Bottom right, North senior Michael Salvador grapples for top position during a second round match against L'Anse Creuse North. Salvador finished Saturday with a perfect 5-0 record.



PHOTOS BY BARBARA JOHNS

Gudenau battles for a puck with South's Massi Warner as the crosstown rivals compete in the Liggett Holiday Tournament.

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example for everyone else on the ice has only grown with his role as a senior leader. The ability to score, create plays, and also defend gives Gudenau practically everything a team

could want as part of a senior core. He is working to only get better with every game and practice that he has remaining to wear a Liggett sweater.

"I've really wanted to be dependable defensively and be out there at the end of the game giving my all to pre-

serve a win," he said. "I want to hold myself accountable for being a good defensive player but also grow offensively."

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Gudenau fights for a faceoff win during a game against Allen Park.

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Liggett girls hockey heads north, hoists tourney trophy in Traverse City

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

With a mindset for a trip up north that was all business, the University Liggett girls varsity hockey team headed up I-75 and hoisted the championship trophy at the Traverse City Challenge Girls Hockey Showcase Jan. 20-22, outscoring opponents 16-4 and remaining undefeated on the season at 14-0-0.

"The tournament is set up where you play against teams that are at your level," said Liggett's head coach Cassie Jaeckle. "We played some really strong teams who are some of the top dogs in

the state.

"These were some really hard-fought wins for us."

Jaeckle said the Lady Knights, who are the reigning Division I state champions, began playing up north each season around 2010 with only a few teams, including Midland and Traverse City. The annual competition has now grown into the Traverse City Challenge Girls Hockey Showcase, and includes several teams from throughout the state, including Grosse Pointe North this year.

In Friday's Game 1, Liggett faced host team Traverse City at Centre Ice Arena, pulling out a

4-1 win with two goals each from Guiliana Lutfy and Elle Quinlan. Lutfy also earned Player of the Game honors.

"Guiliana had a great tournament, but really, her entire year has been on fire," Jaeckle said. "She is just there to compete and help her team. She has made her whole line better."

In Saturday's Game 2 match up against Grand Rapids, the Knights got contributions in the 5-1 win from Sophia Secco, who lit the lamp twice, and one goal apiece from Lutfy, Allie Roth and Sullivan Estes. Liggett goalie Brooklyn Peshl earned Player of the Game.

Though she is listed as



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY LUTFY

From left to right, University Liggett girls varsity hockey players Guiliana Lutfy, Annaclare Doppke, Isabel Standish and Elle Quinlan keep it loose before taking the ice last weekend at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City.



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A hat trick from Liggett defenseman Sullivan Estes, pictured above, helped secure the championship in the Traverse City Challenge Girls Hockey Showcase.

a defenseman on the roster, Estes continued on an offensive tear in Sunday's championship game against the USA Eagles, where her hat trick paced the team's 7-2 win. Lutfy added two more goals to her stat sheet, while Secco and Avery Welsh added a goal each. Sullivan was named Player of the Game in the championship.

"Sully had a great game," Jaeckle said. "She is one of the best defensemen in the league."

Jaeckle said the weekend's No. 1, 2 and 3 stars were Lutfy, Secco and Estes respectively, with an honorable mention going to Welsh, Lutfy's and Secco's linemate.

For the tournament, Lutfy recorded four goals and six assists, Secco had four goals and two assists, while Estes had three goals and one assist.

"It's a complete team," Jaeckle said. "From our leadership, to our captains to our coaches... we had some intense games this weekend and when you can feel that shift, when adversity comes in whether it's due to injuries or the intensity of the game, it's a question of who is going to step up, and our whole team is willing to do that."

On the heels of such a successful weekend, Lutfy credited her teammates and the synergy they have created together this season.

"Our team chemistry is what really makes us work well together," she said. "How close we are as a team off the ice, too, contributes to our success."

Lutfy also said the team will continue working to improve all aspects of its game as they enter the final half of the regular season.

"We need to work on staying out of the penalty box," she said. "We also need to make sure that we're keeping our heads up while we're skating so we're not running into the other team."

The Knight's head coach said she will shift her team into what she calls "playoff prep mode." She said some of the crisp play fans saw during Liggett's 2022 state championship run were things the team specifically practiced the month before.

"We will get more specific in practice throughout February," she said. "More video reviewing, chalk talk and game situations will be our focus."

The Knights take the ice next at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at McCann Ice Arena, hosting an international matchup against the 18U Windsor Wildcats.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South sophomore Madison Benard brings the ball up the court in transition during last Thursday's loss to Port Huron. Benard finished the game with eight points.

Blue Devils let lead slip away

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The first MAC Red win of the season on Tuesday, Jan. 17 over L'Anse Creuse North could have been the spark that the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team needed entering the second half of the season. However, the South team that took the court last Thursday night at home against Port Huron could not reach the level of production on the offensive side of the ball that it had when scoring 52 points just two days before.

Instead, the Blue Devils found themselves locked in a low-scoring, defensive battle with the Big Reds that saw South let a lead slip away in the final minutes as it fell 32-25.

Thursday's opening quarter set the tone for a tight and defensive game. Port Huron's

defense held the Blue Devils off the board for the first few minutes while the Big Reds only managed to build a 4-0 lead. South eventually found some rhythm and ended the quarter on a 7-0 run to take a three-point advantage after the opening eight minutes.

The Blue Devils had their most productive stretch of the game offensively in the second quarter. Using some of the momentum built up at the end of the first, South scored 10 more before halftime to lead 17-13 at the break.

All of that offensive flow quickly faded coming out of halftime. While only six points total were scored in the third quarter, four of them were in favor of Port Huron. The Big Reds cut the deficit down to just two at the end of the third quarter and kept pressing into the final minutes.

Port Huron kept the

momentum while both teams seemed to recover from a slow start to the second half. The Big Reds eventually grabbed the lead and pulled away late as South tried to keep up late but fell short.

Senior Olivia Bachert and sophomore Madison Benard led South with eight points each in a night that was heavy on defense.

South recovered on Monday night, Jan. 23, with a 44-28 win on the road over Utica in a non-league game that was rescheduled from earlier this month.

The Blue Devils visited Eisenhower on Wednesday, Jan. 25 after press time. Next up is a turn hosting crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe North at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 for the second meeting between the two teams this year. The Norsemen defeated South 58-24 in the first matchup on Jan. 11.

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Struggling South hockey strikes in OT, returns to winning form

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The road leading up to Grosse Pointe South boys varsity hockey team against Cranbrook last Thursday night has had its fair share of bumps. Having lost five of their last six games, a Jan. 13, win over rival Grosse Pointe North marked the Blue Devils only victory in 2023.

Plenty of factors have contributed to South's cold stretch, the biggest of which is the Blue Devils did not play a game from Dec. 17 until Jan. 4, a considerable amount of time off in the middle of the season. The Blue Devils also were not producing offensively at the same pace as they were in the beginning of the season, a simple fundamental to correct for the team to get back to its winning ways.

"We had a tough schedule coming back from the holiday break and had a few games canceled right before the holidays so we had a gap between games," said South boys hockey coach Brandon Contratto. "The biggest thing is putting the puck in the net...Regardless of who we've played, we've had more than enough chances to put the puck in the back of the net and just didn't do so."

A solution, one that many coaches would want to during such times, was to simply shake up the lineup a bit. Contratto shuffled the Blue Devils' lines around ahead of the team's showdown with Cranbrook, and the strategy seems as though it paid off.

South fell down 1-0 after an early first period goal from the Cranes but tied things back up before the end of the opening frame thanks to a goal from sophomore Evan Bernard. A scoreless second period kept things deadlocked at one heading into the third.

In the third period, the Blue Devils struck in quick succession with goals from Hayden Crane and AJ Zaccagni putting them on top 3-1. However, Cranbrook answered and brought it back to a one goal game with just around four minutes remaining. South's defense attempted to hold off Cranbrook, but Cranbrook's Michael Horton found the back of the net to tie it, sending the game to overtime and making it look as though a late-game collapse could keep South's cold stretch going.

In overtime and in desperate need of a win, South got perhaps its biggest goal of the season when Everett Kielt broke



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior Kevin Miller moves the puck into the offensive zone during a game against Grosse Pointe North on Jan. 13. The Blue Devils won 8-0, which was the team's first win in 2023 before defeating Cranbrook last Thursday.

the tie in the extra period and sent the Blue Devils home with the victory 4-3.

Having a different lineup and a night where four different players accounted for the team's four goals is a highlight that could give South a much needed boost. The Blue Devils have depth

and know how to share the puck, and the next big thing to securing more wins in the coming weeks could be finding that balance between generating opportunities and individual playmaking.

"It shows that every guy on the roster is capable of competing,"

Contratto said. "We have a team where everyone is willing to grind. We have a lot of playmakers and a lot of unselfishness, which is great, but we're trying to develop some of that wanting the puck mentality and wanting to get it and put it in the back of the net."

South hits the ice again

back-to-back nights in the coming days. First is a home game where it is set to welcome Orchard Lake St. Mary's to East Side Hockey Arena at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. The next night, the Blue Devils hit the road to face off against Romeo at 6:30 p.m. at Suburban Ice Macomb.

Injuries hamper North in key game, Blue Devils keep hold on MAC Red

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South's boys basketball teams have carried on this season at or near the top of their respective MAC Divisions. For the Norsemen, that sense of early-season divisional dominance in the MAC White is starting to slip a bit due to some key injuries changing things around in the lineup. For South, the Blue Devils spent last week keeping their MAC Red division winning streak alive and held their spots at the top of the standings.

North

The Norsemen hosted a key MAC White showdown last Friday against Port Huron Northern in need of a win to reclaim top spot in the division. But doing so without James Phillips and Drew Hill, who are sidelined due to injury, would prove to be a tough task.

Last Friday's contest was one of those nights where North was never out of the game, but was never quite able to catch up to the Huskies either. A back and forth first quarter saw the Huskies leading by just two, 15-13, after the opening eight minutes.

Neither team was short on offense for most of the game. Both sides kept up a steady

pace of scoring before halftime, but Port Huron Northern extended its lead slightly from two after the first quarter to four points at halftime, sending the game into the break with North trailing 30-26.

The Norsemen came out of the locker room with an extra burst of speed that propelled them in front of the Huskies for a period of time in the third quarter. However, the early third quarter run ended up cooling off and Port Huron Northern went on a run of its own to end up leading by seven going into the fourth quarter.

North's lineup was hampered even more early in the fourth quarter when Adam Ayrault had to leave the game due to injury, leaving the Norsemen without a majority of their usual starting group. The final frame saw much of the same from the rest of the night, with the Huskies out in front and eventually pulling away to a 63-54 win.

Ayrault had 12 points for North in the loss before his early exit from the game. Junior Rubin McBride-Williams and sophomore Leo Perettie both reached double digits with 11.

North visited New Haven on Tuesday, Jan. 24, after press time and is on the road again for another MAC White

showdown against Romeo at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26.

South

Returning to MAC Red play last Tuesday after an overtime loss to River Rouge Jan. 14, South was on a mission to get back in the win column and remain undefeated in the division. The Blue Devils did just that with a 57-47 victory, a fourth consecutive MAC Red win.

Senior Anthony Benard led the charge for South with 24 points in the win. His backcourt partner junior Karter Richards nearly reached the 20-point mark as well but ended the night with 19 points and five assists.

The winning streak against MAC Red opponents continued last Thursday night when South hosted Dakota. The Blue Devils cruised to 5-0 in the division with a dominant 56-28 win over the Cougars. Benard surpassed 20 points for a second game in a row and added five assists to his box score. Richards had 11 points and six rebounds.

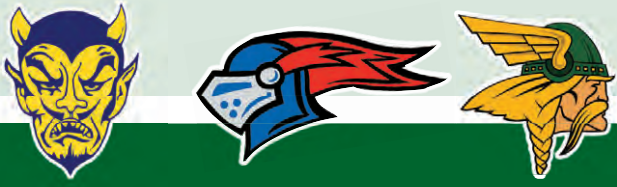
South hosted Roseville, currently second place in the division, Tuesday, Jan. 24 after press time. The Blue Devils stay at home for a matchup with Stevenson at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Adam Ayrault, left, and Rubin McBride-Williams begin a fast break after a defensive turnover in last Friday's game against Port Huron Northern. Ayrault had 12 points and McBride-Williams finished with 11.

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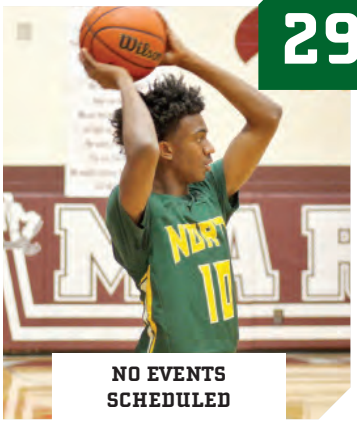


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- 26**
- > Wrestling MAC Gold @ Port Huron - 5pm
 - > Gymnastics League Meet @ GPN - 6pm
 - > GPN boys hoops @ Romeo - 7pm
 - > GPS boys swim and dive vs. UDJ - 6pm
 - > GPS boys hockey vs. OLSM - 6:30pm
 - > GPS boys hoops vs. Stevenson - 7pm

- 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
 - > GPN @ GPS unified hoops- 4pm
 - > GPS girls hockey vs. AA Pioneer - 7:30pm

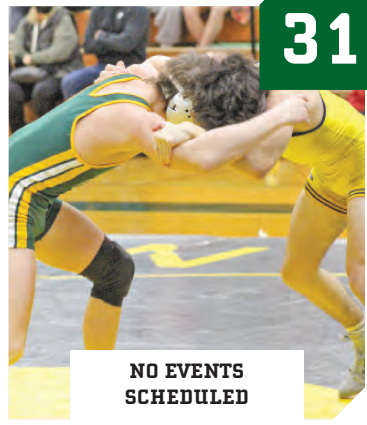
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- > Gymnastics @ Lakeland - TBD
 - > GPN wrestling @ Lake Shore - TBD
 - > GPS wrestling @ Fitzgerald - 9am
 - > GPS girls hockey @ Washtenaw - 12pm
 - > GPN boys hockey @ UDJ - TBD, ULS girls hockey vs. Windsor - 2pm



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- > 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
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Cranbrook - 7pm

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FEBRUARY

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- > ULS girls hockey @ Livonia - 8pm
 - > GPS girls hockey vs. Livingston - 7:30pm
 - > GPN boys hoops vs. Mott - 7pm
 - > GPS boys hoops @ Chippewa Valley - 7pm



- 2**
- > ULS boys hockey vs. Salem (@ Trenton) - 7:30pm
 - > GPN boys hockey vs. Capital City (@ Trenton) - 5:30pm
 - > South unified hoops vs. Bloomfield Hills - 4pm
 - > South girls hoops vs. ND Prep - 7pm
 - > Gymnastics vs. Bloomfield Hills - 6pm

- 8**
- > GPN boys hoops @ Eisenhower - 7pm
 - > ULS girls hockey vs. GPS - 5pm
 - > GPS boys hoops vs. LCN - 7pm
 - > ULS girls hoops vs. Austin Catholic - 5pm
 - > ULS boys hoops @ Everest - 7pm
 - > GPS boys hockey vs. GR Catholic Central (@ Trenton) - TBD

- 4**
- > GPS boys hockey vs. Forest Hills NE (@ Trenton) - 5:50pm
 - > GPN & GPS Wrestling MAC Gold Meet (@ Lakeshore) - 9am
 - > Gymnastics @ Canton Invitational - 10am
 - > GPN girls hockey vs. Regina - 6pm
 - > GPN boys hockey vs. Livonia Churchill (@ Trenton) - 6pm
 - > GPS boys swim & dive Wayne Co. Meet (@ Trenton) - 10:30am
 - > GPS girls hockey @ Skyline - 5pm
 - > ULS boys hockey vs. Alpena (@ Trenton) - TBD



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NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

- 6**
- > GPN girls hockey @ ULS - 5pm
 - > GPN & GPS Competitive Cheer MAC Blue Meet (@ GPN) - 6pm
 - > GPS girls hoops @ Port Huron - 6pm



- 7**
- > GPS unified hoops @ GPN - 4pm
 - > GPN boys hockey vs. UD Jesuit - 5:30pm
 - > GPN boys swim & dive @ Stevenson - 6pm
 - > GPN girls hoops vs. Henry Ford II - 6:30pm
 - > GPN boys hoops @ PHN - 7pm
 - > GPS boys hockey @ Thumb Area Legion - 5:30pm
 - > GPS boys swim & dive vs. Chippewa Valley - 6pm
 - > GPS boys hoops @ Dakota - 7pm
 - > ULS boys hockey vs. Country Day - 5:30pm
 - > ULS boys swim & dive @ Kettering - 6pm
 - > ULS boys hoops vs. Lutheran North - 7pm

- 8**
- > GPN Wrestling Team Districts (@ GPN) - 5pm
 - > Gymnastics @ Groves - 6:30pm
 - > GPN girls hockey vs. Plymouth-Canton - 7:30pm



- 9**
- > Figure Skating (@ Suburban Ice Macomb) - 4pm
 - > GPN unified hoops vs. Sterling Heights - 5pm
 - > GPN girls hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - 6:30pm
 - > GPS wrestling Team Districts (@ Lakeview) - 5pm
 - > GPS boys hockey vs. Gabriel Richard - 6:30pm
 - > GPS girls hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - 7pm,

- 10**
- > GPN & GPS Competitive Cheer @ Fraser - 5:30pm
 - > GPN boys hockey vs. Lakeview - 5:30pm
 - > GPN boys hoops vs. Lakeview - 7pm
 - > GPS boys hoops vs. ND Prep - 7pm
 - > GPS girls hockey vs. Livonia - 7:30pm

- 11**
- > GPN girls hockey vs. TBD (League Showcase @ Chelsea) - TBD
 - > GPS girls hockey vs. TBD (League Showcase @ Chelsea) - TBD
 - > GPN boys hockey @ De La Salle- 2pm, GPS wrestling Individual Districts (@ Dakota) - TBD
 - > GPS boys swim & dive vs. Groves - 12pm



THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

QUICK HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Pointes are always action-packed on the sports front, and last week was no exception. Some quick hits and highlights include:

COED UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Grosse Pointe North Coed Unified Basketball beat Woodhaven High School 61-42 Friday, Jan. 20. North tips off against Grosse Pointe South's Coed Unified team at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27 in South's main gym.

BOYS HOCKEY

The boys hockey team from Grosse Pointe North snapped a five-game losing streak last Friday, Jan. 20 with an 8-3 win over Port Huron. Zach Potter had four goals and three assists in the victory. Leo Dragovic and Matthew Lorelli scored two goals each.

BOYS BASKETBALL

University Liggett boys basketball defeated Our Lady of the Lakes 74-43 to make it seven wins in its last eight games before falling to Lutheran North 64-62 last Friday, Jan. 20.

UNITED GYMNASTICS

United Gymnastics scored a season-high 137.45 in their first duo away meet against Fraser. The team's high score edges out their previous season high of 137.375, which they set last week at home against Fraser.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball earned a blowout 63-33 win over Dakota on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Two nights later, the Norsemen lost their first game of the season to Eisenhower 47-46.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to mleonard@grossepointenews.com.

Dance the night away

Members of the Grosse Pointe North dance team show off their moves during halftime of the North vs. South girls basketball game on Jan. 11.



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