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BoE talks independent attorney

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education recently held a second discussion about the possibility of hiring an inde-

pendent law firm to provide legal counsel directly to the board.

Treasurer Sean Cotton — owner of the Grosse Pointe News — introduced a resolution on the matter at the board's meeting Monday, Jan. 23. The subject first arose at

the board's organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 4, during which Cotton made a motion to pursue the issue. It passed 4-3, with Cotton, President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas and Secretary Ginny Jeup in favor.

Trustees Colleen Worden, Valarie St. John and David Brumbaugh were opposed.

"Legal counsel would not be there just to protect the board, but would be there to advise the board and guide the board in legal decisions,"

Cotton said in introducing the resolution. "It would not be meant to act as an attorney for any one board member who acted grossly negligent or stepped outside their role as a board member."

The matter is scheduled for a final vote at the

next board meeting Monday, Feb. 13, at Brownell Middle School.

Worden said she could not think of any circumstance where the board would require independent legal counsel.

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Charter school won't open in fall

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — A planned charter public school will not open in time for the 2023-24 school year after not being able to secure a suitable facility.

The Hill Pointe School, announced last year, is looking to open fall 2024.

Murray Sales, president of the school's founders board, said the group was unable to secure a lease for one of three buildings it had in

mind, including two vacant Grosse Pointe Public School System elementary schools and the former school at St. Lucy Catholic Church just inside St. Clair Shores on Jefferson.

"We were looking at starting off paying \$150,000 a year and probably increasing to \$350,000 as we added more grades," Sales said. "We thought for sure someone would want that revenue. We also overestimated their interest in innovating and underesti-

mated their desire to protect their niche."

The school already has 190 students from 120 families signed up to enroll.

"For those who say there's no need for a charter school, I think that states very clearly there is interest," Sales added. "People say we must hate the local school district but that's a false argument. If I have a choice between chocolate and vanilla ice cream and

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PHOTO BY MEREDITH MEYER

Feathery floof

As the calendar flips to February, this beautiful female cardinal appears to be festively dressed up in Valentine's Day red. Affectionately nicknamed by bird enthusiasts as a "floof" to describe her abundance of fluff, this cutie was captured on camera last Saturday at Kensington Metropark by birding photographer Meredith Meyer, of Bloomfield Hills. Do you consider yourself a "bird nerd"? Then head to page 8B to learn more about the different types of owls to look for in the Pointes this winter.

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Sutherland case pre-exam postponed

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Because of the "voluminous" amount of evidence anticipated in the case, last Wednesday's probable cause conference for the State of Michigan vs. David Sutherland was adjourned and set to resume at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, allowing time for both counsels to prepare for the preliminary exam.

"On that day, I certainly would anticipate setting a preliminary exam date," said Judge Charles Berschback of Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court, after defendant Sutherland waived his right to have a pre-exam within 21 days of the Jan. 11 arraignment.

Sutherland, a Grosse Pointe Farms attorney and former trustee, legal counsel and advisor to the Gretchen C. Valade Irrevocable Living Trust,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Farms attorney David Sutherland faces four felony charges for allegedly diverting assets from the Valade Irrevocable Living Trust for his own use.

faces four felony charges — two counts of embezzlement of \$100,000 or more; one count of embezzlement from a vulnerable adult of \$100,000 or more; and one count of criminal enterprise conducting — for allegedly diverting trust assets to his own use.

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Warm up to chili fest Sat. Feb. 4

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Organizers are hungry for this weekend's Chilly Fest and chili cook-off.

"I'm incredibly excited for this event and looking forward to everything we have to offer this year," said Chad Craig, Park director of parks and recreation.

Chilly Fest is 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, on Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack Avenue.

Activities distributed

among the three locations are Frozen Ropes mobile high ropes, Frost Bite chair swing ride, Mount Everest rock-climbing wall, wood-carving demonstrations, carriage rides, chair massages, eyebrow waxing, tinsel hair, free yoga classes, rubber fish toss, pony rides, petting zoo, trackless train rides and a s'mores station.

Some activities require registration in advance. Visit grossepointepark.org for instructions.

"To make it easier for

individuals to participate in all three areas, the (K-Line) trolley will follow a six-stop route to pick up and drop off attendees," Craig said.

The trolley loops from Maryland to Mack to Lakepointe to Kercheval. Stops are on Maryland and Lakepointe at Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack.

Food trucks are scheduled for the Kercheval and Charlevoix social districts. At least six busi-

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Two sides to drug-tax bust

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT — A narcotics-driven fraud case in federal court is an example of higher-ups letting a big fish off the hook and trying to land the little guy, according to an attorney representing the latter.

A document filed in U.S. District Court in Detroit on Jan. 5 names Grosse Pointe Park resident Matthew D. Adams as violating two statutes regarding embezzlement and obstruction of an IRS investigation. Both charges stem from the alleged selling of millions of dollars of illegal narcotics dating back 15 years.

Adams owned a company whose sole customer is cryptically named in the filing as “Company A.”

Ambiguity extends to a supposed partner in crime identified only as “Individual A,” who is an employee of his respective company, “Company A.”

To spell out the relationships:

◆ “Individual A” works for “Company A,” and

◆ Adams works for another company that transacts with “Company A” through “Individual A.” “Beginning in or around 2008, Individual A paid Adams for the illegal narcotics with funds embezzled from Company A,” according to the court document. “Beginning in or around 2012, Adams and Individual A agreed to make the payments for illegal narcotics appear like they were payments from Company A to Adams’ company for legitimate work. (Adams’ company) did, in fact, perform some legitimate work for Company A.”

Total transactions exceed millions of dollars.

“From 2013 through 2017, Adams was paid more than \$10 million by Company A for illegal narcotics he sold to Individual A,” according to the filing.

Adams’ attorney, Sanford Plotkin, has another take. He explained Adams’ role as a naïve cat’s-paw within the context of criminal matters committed by another man who works for another family business.

The way Plotkin described it, the other man and business seem to fit the roles of “Individual A” and “Company A.”

“Matt Adams is learning disabled,” Plotkin wrote during an email interview. “(The other man) stole millions of dollars from his family company, devised, financed and created the scheme to prey on my vulnerable client — who was in his early 20s — to go in the streets and obtain his pills. Matt never wanted anything but a job and felt coerced into the scheme by (the other man).”

Plotkin said there’s a disproportion in the degrees prosecutors are

handling the two parties.

“The government now gives (the other man) a sweet deal, spares him any money laundering charge, yet insists that Adams take the fall and face almost four times as much prison time,” Plotkin said. “It’s the most disparate treatment I have seen in this district in 37 years of practice.”

He continued, “(The other man) embezzled millions of dollars from the company to finance his pill project. The government allowed him to plead to two tax counts, with minimal exposure. The feds allowed him to escape all of the money laundering exposure, though he created and financed the entire scheme. The hard treatment of Adams, relative to (the other man’s) sweet deal, is outrageous.”

He added, “When the (dirt) hit the fan, the family pushed (the other man) out of (his family’s busi-

ness) and into Brighton Hospital for rehab.”

There’s nothing in the filing describing the investigation as a back-alley drug bust with high-speed pursuits and chase scenes and pat downs.

Rather, the feds say they got their man through a paper chase.

“Adams was always paid by check for the illegal narcotics,” according to the document. “(He) deposited some of the checks into his personal bank account, some into (his business’) bank account and cashed the remainder at a local liquor store.”

A list of 10 deposits between late July and mid-October 2017 range from \$11,550 to \$23,775.

Prosecutors describe Adams and “Individual A” agreeing in 2013 to fill out tax forms in a manner to mask narcotics proceeds as legitimate business income.

“Adams caused his tax preparer to prepare false tax returns ... for 2013 through 2016,” according to the filing.

The IRS audited Adams and his company in 2017.

“Adams did corruptly endeavor to obstruct and impede the due administration of the internal revenue laws by making false statements to an Internal Revenue Agent who was conducting an audit,” according to the filing.

It is alleged Adams violated:

◆ Title 18 of the United States Code 1957 concerning engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity of a value greater than \$10,000.

Punishment consists of a fine of not more than twice the amount of the criminally derived property involved in the transaction, imprisonment for up to 10 years or both.

◆ Title 26 United States Code Section 7212(a), which outlaws obstructing or impeding the carrying out of the Internal Revenue Code.

Conviction carries a \$5,000 fine or imprisonment for up to three years, or both.

Delay in car theft case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A criminal defense attorney seeking the best deal for his teenage client, being prosecuted for trying to steal four parked cars in a single night, complained to the judge during a pretrial hearing last week that the bond was too high.

“That’s a lot of money,” the attorney petitioned the judge.

“It’s also a lot of cars,” answered the judge.

The exchange composed part of the no-hard-feelings repartee of a probable cause conference held virtually via the internet Wednesday, Jan. 25, before Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe.

“I appreciate your advocacy on behalf of your client,” Jarboe told attorney

Mark Magidson, representing Joshua Jaylen Humphries, 18, Detroit. “But, (when) somebody tries to steal your car and tries to steal your neighbor’s car and the next neighbor’s car and the next neighbor’s car, that’s a pretty serious matter.”

Humphries is co-defendant in the case with Maurice Leon Cuff, 18, Detroit. Both are charged with four felony counts of attempted car theft.

An overtime unit of Park police caught them Wednesday night, Jan. 11, near where police said the pair tried to steal a quartet of cars in the 1400 blocks of Wayburn and Maryland.

Humphries and Cuff refused to identify a third suspect who ran away, according to police accounts and court testimony.

Both attorneys received

permission to postpone the conference to Wednesday, Feb. 8. They want more time to get ready.

They also asked Jarboe to lower each defendant’s \$100,000 bond set during arraignment Jan. 14. Neither Humphries nor Cuff could afford the bond and have been in the Wayne County Jail ever since.

“On behalf of Mr. Humphries,” Magidson said, “he has no prior criminal history. Property damage is serious. But, fortunately nobody was harmed or they didn’t even succeed in what they were doing. They attempted to break into some cars.”

“They attempted to steal some cars,” Jarboe corrected.

“Right,” Magidson said. “They attempted to steal

some cars. My client lives with his mother and grandmother. He’d been working recently at Dollar Tree and was let go because he came in late because the bus didn’t show up. He indicates to me he has a young child, so he’s got some responsibilities and wants to get back to work. I think we should get him out of jail. I’m asking that he be allowed a personal bond.”

A personal recognizance bond is basically a promise, without collateral, to return to court.

Cuff’s attorney, Mohamed Sabbagh, said, “Likewise, Mr. Cuff, this is his first run-in with the law. He lives with his mother. He was going to school and was working at Burger King. He’d like to go back to work and help his mother take care of his younger siblings. He would just like to move on and move forward with his life.”

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Prosecuting Attorney Gary Bresnahan opposed the lenient proposals.

“Your honor,” he told Jarboe, “what the court could consider is a bond reduction with the defendants paying a cash bond with a GPS tether with home confinement to be released for school, work, medical doctor’s appointment (or) church.”

Bresnahan recommended the defendants face a \$10,000 to \$20,000 bond, of which they’d have to post only 10 percent.

“Judge, that’s excessive,” Magidson countered. “I don’t see the need for such a high bond (for) people who have very limited income. That’s a lot of money.”

“This wasn’t just some little thing that happened, or at least alleged to have happened,” Jarboe said. “This is like a scheme here. It looks like they were out searching for a particular brand of car to

steal.”

“Kias and Hyundais — that’s what they’re after,” said Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman following the hearing.

“It really doesn’t sit well with me,” Jarboe continued. “I see it quite a bit differently.”

Jarboe reduced bond to \$25,000, or 10 percent, in both cases. He also mandated the pair wear electronic tethers and obey the conditions Bresnahan recommended.

“I think I’m being generous with the bonds with this alleged course of criminal conduct,” Jarboe said.

Both men have already spent more time in jail awaiting trial than afterward if convicted of the crimes.

“I have not run the (sentencing) guidelines, but I think if (Humphries) pled guilty to the charge or (was) found guilty, his guidelines would be probation,” Magidson said.

Community creates vision for unified Mack streetscape

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS, PARK & DETROIT — A single

commute down Mack Avenue is enough to perceive a noticeable incongruity between the streetscapes on either side.

The desire to unify and shape a clear identity for the corridor fueled the previous Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan, which was conducted two years ago and has since spurred a \$200,000 State of Michigan Enhancement Grant to further move the

effort forward.

The funding now is being used to conduct a series of community engagement workshops intended to filter out a unified vision for the Mack streetscape. Project engineers then will get to work creating renderings out of the feedback, with the intent to have them ready for presentation to the community around June or July and ultimately culminating in a

slow introduction of the physical improvements.

The study area of the 3.6-mile corridor from Connor to Moross, which spans Grosse Pointe Park, the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms and Detroit, is home to 47,000 residents and 260 businesses.

“This process is for us to be able to have some type of understanding of what the community is looking for,” said Sommer

Woods, with Woods & Watts, an equity and inclusion consulting firm taking part in the project.

The feedback being sought on streetscape design standards is particularly in regard to:

◆ roadway changes such as bike lanes and parking lanes;

◆ crosswalk improvements such as pedestrian lights;

◆ activation of medians;

◆ signage and wayfinding;

◆ trees and planting;

◆ street furniture;

◆ and public art.

Offered three general identities for the future streetscape — classic charm, a nature/modern feel and an artistic/urban feel — participants during a workshop in the Pointes last Tuesday, which included Grosse Pointe business owners and city officials, seemed to agree classic charm is most in line with the Grosse Pointe mentality.

At various points, the discussion returned to an overarching theme of Mack’s current lack of walkability, with participants comparing the “hurry-up-and-get-there

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Parks and rec director appointed city clerk

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — What may seem from an outside perspective like a drastic leap from director of a parks and recreation department to serving as assistant city manager/city clerk, actually was a behind-the-scenes transition years in the making before Chris Hardenbrook officially assumed his new roles in early January.

The Ida Township native had been leading the City of Grosse Pointe's parks and rec department 17 years — his first job after completing a master's degree in public administration from Northern Michigan University to

complement an undergraduate degree in outdoor recreation and leadership management — when talks of longtime Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Julie Arthur's impending retirement began about three years ago.

As Hardenbrook explained, and other city officials have echoed, Arthurs' 26 years with the City led to the accumulation of so many different hats and resulted in such a unique variety of responsibilities that it would have been difficult to bring in an outside hire to fill her footprint.

"At the time, I was with the City for so long (that) new challenges, experiences and responsibilities



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Chris Hardenbrook is sworn in as city clerk/assistant city manager by Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak Monday, Jan. 23.

and to further progress with the City was very enticing," Hardenbrook said, "so I was definitely interested in transitioning toward, hopefully, in the end to advance into an administrative role with

the city."

Then fresh out of college and the Upper Peninsula, Hardenbrook took leadership of the parks and rec department in 2004, at a pivotal point in its history when it was

first expanding from a seasonal operation to a year-round department.

Focusing mainly on developing offseason programming in the winter, Hardenbrook based himself at "the front lines" with a year-round office at Neff Park; began keeping the sidewalks plowed for walkers; and moved the underutilized ice rink at Elworthy Field — the public service department used to flood the tennis courts to create an ice rink, which was damaging to the courts, unsupervised and weather dependent — to Neff Park, meanwhile implementing the classroom space nearby as a warming building.

His work, in partnership

with organizations including the Grosse Pointe Foundation and Grosse Pointe Rotary, also brought to fruition a portable refrigerated ice rink, new playscape, restored eagle statues at the entrance to Neff Park, the Rotary Tot Lot reimagined project and two platform tennis courts at Elworthy.

Hardenbrook's vision also saw the creation of many annual festivities residents know and love today, including Winterfest, which celebrated its 18th year last Saturday, and Fall Harvest, which may be the City's most popular event.

"I look back and after 17 years in the park, your

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Zoning code re-do starts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Some 125 years ago the English urban planner Ebenezer Howard wrote a book titled "To-morrow," eventually republished as "Garden Cities of Tomorrow."

In it Howard advocated for the establishment of what he called garden towns.

He conceived them as relatively verdant and

sparingly developed alternatives to the cramped, haphazard and dirty urban centers the likes of which Charles Dickens had such impact as the setting of his grittier social commentaries on childhood hopelessness and adult remorse.

"The idea of a garden city appealed not only to the middle classes but to many speculative builders," wrote John Gloag, in "The Englishman's Castle." "This spacious

form of suburban development increased the demand for detached and semi-detached houses; it made the Victorian streets and terraces seem cramped and out-of-date, and it encouraged hundreds of builders."

Yesterday's "To-morrow" is relevant today in the longing by people to live in suburban Edens. The notion also is part of the inspiration for members of the Park planning commission to

reserve at least the first half of this year to updating the municipal zoning code.

Such codes have the force of law to describe, outline and regulate permitted uses and exceptions thereof of property within the city.

The job of updating is so big and technical the commission retained planning specialists, McKenna Associates, as guides.

"Representatives from McKenna have been enlisted to help us renovate, refurbish and rewrite some of our zoning ordi-

nance and give it a much-needed overhaul," Commission Chairman Patrick Coletta said.

Work involves evaluating current zoning — various types of residential, commercial, parkland and so on — and implementing changes where necessary.

"The key is making sure we have proper standards in place so they're used to reinforce the character of the community and not used to circumvent zoning and allow (the devel-

opment of) something we'd look at five to 15 years down the road and (wonder), why ever allow that?" said John Jackson, president of McKenna and native Pointer.

Commissioners and consultants are at the kickoff stage. They met during the Jan. 23 commission meeting to more or less touch base and set a plan of work.

Main objectives consist of aligning zoning ordi-

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nesses offer free food and beverage samples.

"Attendees will be able to travel with a beverage in hand from establishments who hold a social district license," Craig said.

At least 23 Park businesses are participating this year. More than a dozen of them are raffling such things as gift baskets, power tools and gift cards.

"I do it every year," said Andrew Curcuru, owner of Ripe Records Detroit on Charlevoix, where 99 percent of the 10,000-plus inventory of classical, jazz and rock recordings are on vinyl. "I donate a \$200 gift to the city and am involved in all the city events here."

He donates turntables, shirts and records.

"You name it, I've donated it during the last five years," Curcuru said.

Cook-off

The sixth annual Chili Cook-Off is at Cabbage Patch Saloon and hosted by company owner Alicia Carlisle.

"We're expecting community members to submit 15 to 20 chilis for sampling," Craig said.

Chili entries must be preheated in a crock pot with the entrant's name taped to the bottom. Set-up starts at 1 p.m. Tasting is 2 to 6 p.m. Samples cost two for \$1, cash only.

Winners are picked at 5:45 p.m.

"Chilis will also be eligible for six prizes, which will be gift cards to different Park restaurants and businesses," Craig said.

Competitors vie for three places in both the

judge's and people's choice categories.

Prizes in the judge's competition are:

◆ First, \$100 gift card to Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe,

◆ Second, \$75 gift card to Howlers and Growlers and

◆ Third, \$50 gift card to Cabbage Patch Saloon.

Prizes in the people's choice category are:

◆ First, \$100 gift card to Pointe Hardware & Lumber,

◆ Second, \$75 gift card to Howlers and Growlers and

◆ Third, \$50 gift card to Cabbage Patch Saloon.

Raffle participants are Bikes, Blades & Boards, Belding Cleaners, Duffey & Co., The Nott, Cellar 313, Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, The Sprout House, Pointe Hardware & Lumber, Alma Kitchen, Hoof N' Woof, Shaw's

Books, Gallery Animato, Ripe Records Detroit and Park Place Market.

Chilly Fest began in 2008 at Patterson Park.

"It expanded to both parks over time (and) was primarily geared towards families with children," Craig said. "In 2021, the city council was looking for ways to help our business owners during the pandemic and we came up with the idea of moving Chilly Fest into our business districts."

The city also helps businesses participate.

"The assistance would allow a business to offer raffle items, give away samples or provide activities for attendees," Craig said. "Another reason I believe the popularity of the event has grown by moving it to the business district is that it offers more opportunities for individuals of all ages."

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 6

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park Ordinance Review Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park DDA meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Mother-Son Movie, noon

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street" to slower-paced streets like Kercheval, stating many of the businesses — Staples, Belle Tire, McDonald's and Wendy's — are designed for people to drive to them and drive away.

"One of the things we've noticed through this is there's not a lot of signal crosswalks," Woods reported, noting Michigan has one of the highest pedestrian death rates in the country. "... The average distance between crosswalks is a third of a mile, which is crazy when you think about that."

The study also has found the hot spots for vehicular, bike and pedestrian crashes along the corridor, which sees about 10,000 vehicles a day, to be at Moross, Cadieux, Outer Drive,

Alter and Connor.

"We're sitting in a police station and traffic is speeding by tonight," one participant noted, as the workshop was held in the community room of the City's new department on Mack. "I mean, if there's a car going less than 45, he's being passed by somebody who's going faster."

While the suggestion of more bike racks along the corridor was met with general consensus, opinions were a bit more split when it came to tree talk. The topic is of particular concern to Mack business owners, who struggle with trees blocking their signage, while others note the benefits of shade and softening the area.

"The last thing I want on Mack Avenue is more trees," one business owner said.

Potential ways to make the majority happy could be to incorporate more

low-maintenance shrubbery or focus on the median as the place to put trees.

Woods remarked other similar workshops along the corridor have brought forward focuses on lower shrubbery, activating the median and a significant amount of talk about bike lanes.

City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, in attendance, cautioned the engineering designs set to come out of the series of workshops likely will need to be phased in over time.

"This is going to be a long-term endeavor, because there just isn't money there to do it and it's not going to be cheap," she said. "We're struggling right now to try to get even the first \$7 million and that's a drop in the bucket, so we're talking millions."

"But you have that full

plan," she added, by way of explanation for the design process taking place before funding to execute it is secured. "You have to have the vision of knowing where you're going to go and have to have the design to stitch the whole thing together, so that you can phase it in and not look like a patchwork quilt, which is the goal of what we're trying to do."

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For the love of the game

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

Lacrosse always has played some kind of role in Ken Brubaker's life, even long before his days coaching at the Neighborhood Club or operating 313 Lacrosse. A resident of the Pointes for more than 25 years, Brubaker found a love for the game over the years that has turned into a passion and full-time job, all to help the next generation of lacrosse players.

Born in Upstate New York, Brubaker briefly remembers lacrosse being involved in things like elementary school gym class, but that was in a part of the country where lacrosse was and still is much more prevalent. When he moved to Michigan and attended

L'Anse Creuse High School in the early 1970s, lacrosse had just become a recognized high school sport in the state.

"I was actually a basketball player in high school because (lacrosse) was still pretty obscure," Brubaker said. "I had a friend who was a goalie on the team and he got me a stick and I just started messing around. I learned about it and saw games back in the '70s, and it was a brutal game back then. ... As time went on, I tried to stay in touch with the sport, but back in those days it was hard because you had to find something in a magazine and it was still very obscure in the Midwest."

It was not until Brubaker first moved to

Grosse Pointe in 1996 that his love for the sport was reignited. His son, Brice, was interested in playing and Brubaker attended an information meeting. That got his interest rolling once again and a few years later in the early 2000s Brubaker started volunteering as a lacrosse coach and instructor at the Neighborhood Club. Then he was hooked.

"When I got back on that field, something happened and I reconnected with the sport and went crazy," he said.

It was not long before Brubaker established his own lacrosse training operation and travel lacrosse club. It began as Grosse Pointe Select and eventually became 313 Lacrosse. That grew from a club team into an apparel company and



Ken Brubaker, right, is the founder of 313 Lacrosse. Pictured with former professional player and 313 Lacrosse senior instructor, Brandon Davenport.



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In 2017, Brubaker expanded 313 Lacrosse into a retail storefront now located on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

now includes a store selling lacrosse gear on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Athletes from the Pointes and around metro Detroit have had the chance to train and play with 313 Lacrosse nearly two decades now. What has grown so much over the years started as a simple idea to provide opportunities for players in the offseason that were not widely available in the area.

"Kids weren't doing anything in the offseason but playing in leagues here and there so I figured I'd get my staff together and start training them," Brubaker said. "We get Grosse Pointe kids, Macomb County kids, some from Oakland and St. Clair counties. ... We bring in top-level trainers because I want to bring the best possible coaches that I can."

Brubaker has brought in numerous college

coaches and former college players over the years to train players at 313 Lacrosse. Always by his side is his son, the same one who helped him fall back in love with lacrosse years ago.

Now Brubaker works closely every day with Brice, who serves as director of 313 Lacrosse. The two not only share a passion for lacrosse, but also a love for running a business and building it day in and day out together.

"It's awesome working with him every day," Brubaker said. "He's learned a lot about business from me because I've been an entrepreneur for 30 years. ... I taught him a lot of different things and he's taught me. He's gotten me on social media and stuff like that. It's a Yin-Yang."

While Brubaker's growing knowledge of social media and online marketing is helping

313 Lacrosse evolve, the core beliefs of the program's training methods have largely stayed the same over the years. Sticking to things like highly personalized training, Brubaker helped instill a love for lacrosse in players around Grosse Pointe and the state of Michigan and continue the growth of the sport right in his own backyard.

"We stay the course and it goes back to having really ethical coaches who make sure kids get playing time and one-on-one instruction," he said. "One thing about us that might be a little different and old school is that we tell the kids we're an enhancement to the varsity experience, not a replacement. ... I want to work with the Grosse Pointe coaches to make their kids better when they come back in the spring."

CASE:

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The Michigan Attorney General's Office, as well as a separate complaint currently making its way through Wayne County Probate Court, claim the former trustee lended himself more than \$7.7 million and a business of which he was a 50 percent owner, more than \$7.6 million.

Each charge, all to which Sutherland pleaded not guilty, carries a penalty of up to 20

years in prison and extensive fines.

Last Wednesday's probable cause conference — typically the time for plea negotiations, changes to bond and any other stipulations regarding the case before it moves on to a preliminary exam — saw Berschback sign two orders: one regarding demand for discovery — requested by both counsels and requiring evidence be shared with one another — as well as another permitting disclosure of tax information pursuant to MCL

205.28.

"This court finds that to prosecute and adjudicate this case, information obtained regarding the administration of tax may need to be disclosed, including testimony from Michigan Treasury employees and/or authorized representatives, as well as exhibits such as tax returns," the order reads.

The disclosure of such information normally would be prohibited under MCL 205.28(1)(f).

"I find good cause to grant this motion,"

Berschback said, "based on the complexity of the case and the issues involved."

James Sullivan, attorney for Sutherland, also took the opportunity to request the court reconsider the GPS tether component of the \$250,000 bond that was set during the arraignment, citing Sutherland's lifelong residency and ties to the area; insistence there is no question he will appear for all future court dates; claim the tether is "a punishment" prior to being convicted of anything; and belief it implies a notion of guilt.

"He presented himself here voluntarily on agreement with the prosecuting attorney's office and myself, even before he was formally arraigned on these charges," Sullivan said, "so this notion that he's got to have a tether in order to get some added

security for his appearance, I think it's rather inflated and rather ludicrous under these circumstances."

When asked for a response to the request, Assistant Attorney General Dan Gunderson said, "Your honor, I don't think any of the factors that the court used to make its determination two weeks ago have changed in the interim."

"I think a tether is important in this case, given, as the court noted, the enormous amount of money that we allege is stolen in this case," he added. "I think that ensuring the defendant's appearance is of vital importance, because there is a lot of impetus for someone in his position to flee."

Sullivan requested the opportunity for a rebuttal.

"These tethers, they do cut into people's legs," he said. "I'm not

saying he's got a wound on his leg yet, but there should be a consideration given for his 57 years on this earth and all the things he's done prior to this that (indicate) that he's going to appear for future court dates."

Berschback ultimately denied the motion, at the same time denying that a tether impinges on the presumption of innocence.

"It's based on the seriousness of the charges and the amount in controversy," he said of the decision. "You could say that he is a lifelong member of the community — and he is and that's something to consider and I have — but there's still a flight risk that I'm concerned about. Not to say that he's going to flee, but I just think a tether is a requirement that I need to have for my comfort level at this point."

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Carting away evidence

Detectives are searching for a suspect after she stole \$193 worth of groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.

The suspect is described as a short, heavysset black woman in her 50s.

Red means stop

After disregarding the red light at Mack and Rivard, a 23-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, and cited for driving while license suspended.

Hit and run

Units were dispatched to St. Paul and Neff for a report of a hit-and-run accident involving a white SUV at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The fleeing vehicle was located at Fisher and Maumee, at which point the 49-year-old Farms man driving was found to be intoxicated and was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Alcohol thief

An unknown suspect placed two bottles of alcohol, worth \$59 each, into a DoorDash bag and left a business in the 18000 block of Mack

without paying at 5:07 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23.

The suspect was wearing a brown camouflage jacket with a hood, gray sweatpants, light brown shoes and a black mask.

Year late

After being pulled over at Mack and Colonial at 5:04 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, for a license tab that expired in February 2022, a 45-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and driving while license expired. The vehicle was impounded.

Window shopping

It appears no items were taken when the back window of a Ram truck parked in the 300 block of Hillcrest was broken into between noon Saturday, Jan. 28, and 8:20 a.m. the next morning.

The owner of a Dodge Durango parked in the 300 block of Piche was not so lucky, as keys to her place of work were stolen from the center console after the vehicle's passenger window was broken between 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, and 6 a.m. the next morning.

Fentanyl arrest

A 27-year-old Farms man was arrested on a felony charge for suspected narcotics after being pulled over for speeding 50 mph on Mack at 12:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29.

As the vehicle was being impounded, officers discovered numerous items consistent with the use of narcotics, including a small bag of white powder which the man admitted "probably" was fentanyl.

Clean getaway

Two suspects were seen stealing approximately 10 gallons of windshield washer fluid from a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 3:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30.

One suspect is described as a tall, skinny black man around 20 years old and wearing a gray coat, blue pants and gray hat. The getaway driver was a black woman around 40 years old.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nap time

A 57-year-old Detroit man was arrested for drunken driving after an officer noticed a vehicle parked on Lakeshore near Lochmoor around 11:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27.

The vehicle's hazard lights were on and the man was sleeping. He failed several field sobriety tests and registered 0.164 on a preliminary breath test. The driver

was arrested for OWI third offense and his 2019 Nissan Pathfinder was impounded.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Dirty dozen

A 36-year-old Detroit man was ticketed for his 12th instance of driving with a suspended license after getting pulled over for an expired license plate tag around 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, on Severn near Eastbourne.

Not only did the plate expire in 2022, it was registered to a GMC Yukon rather than the Honda the man was driving. The driver also was cited for the plate and no proof of insurance.

Remote control

A resident on Newcastle filed a report around 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, regarding computer fraud.

The woman told officers she received an email claiming to be from Norton Antivirus and was put in touch with a man calling himself Steve Madison. The woman gave him remote access to her laptop and several hundred thousand dollars was deposited into her investment account, which she then was

instructed to wire to a bank in Hong Kong.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Two stolen vehicles

◆ Although police haven't caught the person suspected of stealing a 2008 Chrysler Town & Country minivan Monday, Jan. 23, in the 15000 block of Mack, they know how the crime happened.

"(The victim) parked his vehicle at the location and left it running while he went inside," an investigator said. "(The) suspect was walking eastbound on Mack and happened upon the running vehicle. (The) suspect took (it) to an address where it was recovered within minutes by way of tracking the victim's phone which remained inside the vehicle. (The) suspect was gone when the vehicle

was located."

◆ Someone between the hours of 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, and 7:24 a.m. the next day stole a black 2012 Dodge Charger parked in the area of Maryland and Charlevoix.

Police reported finding broken glass where the car had been parked.

Disobey

During the roadside investigation of a 27-year-old woman from Southfield for disobeying a stop sign at Balfour and Jefferson at 11:19 a.m. Monday, Jan. 23, an officer arrested her for disobeying the restrictions of her suspended driver's license.

Nearly the same thing happened to a 22-year-old Park man at 9:24 p.m. at Nottingham and Mack.

An officer stopped him for speeding and arrested him for violating a suspended license.

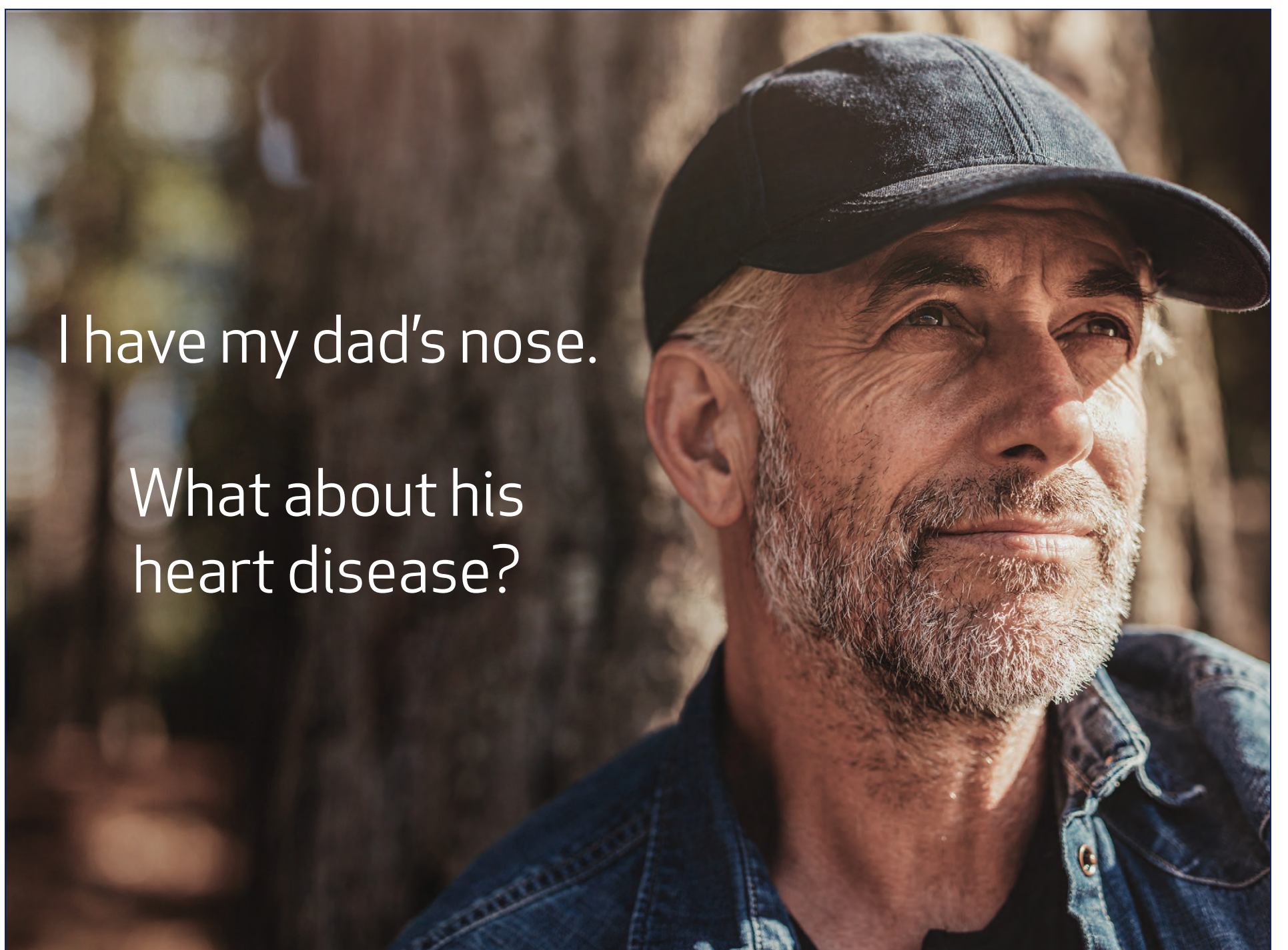
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OUR VIEW

Proposed 679 area code doesn't cut it for most Detroiters

Any fans of the long-running '90s sitcom, "Seinfeld," probably can recite the plot of the Season 9 episode when a main character, Elaine Benes, lost the highly coveted "212" New York City area code to the dreaded "646" when she changed her telephone number.

Desperate to return to the status of having a 212 — and the cachet it lends to being a "real" New Yorker — Elaine makes an unsightly plan to take over a number with the coveted area code from an elderly woman in her apartment complex who recently passed. (Trust us, this was equal parts cringey and uproarious comedy, as "Seinfeld" always was).

She also loses a prospective romantic date when she hands him her new number and, as he looks at it, says he is sorry but he's "seeing someone."

Presumably the joke here is that the new area code is so bad, it's an actual turn off.

Detroiters may be facing a similar situation as news broke last week that the state is running out of 313 phone numbers and wants to introduce a new area code — 679 — to use within the city proper and some surrounding suburbs. The 313 area code covers the Grosse Pointes, along with Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Allen Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Redford Township, River Rouge and Taylor.

Area codes are important to Detroiters and to certain cities around the country, including the well-known 310 in Los Angeles and 305 in Miami. Even rapper and hip-hop star Pitbull, who hails from the Magic City, refers to himself as "Mr. 305."

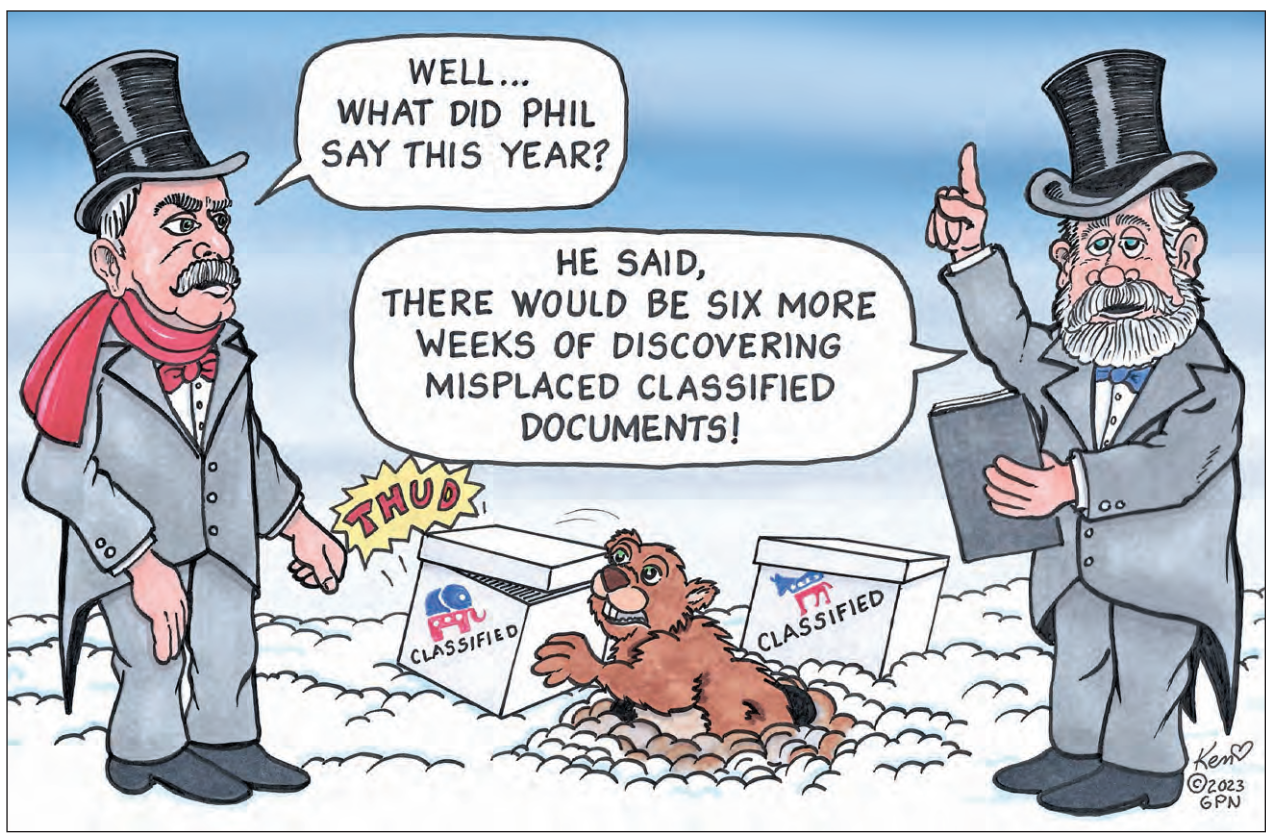
Over the years, Detroiters' pride of being from the 313 has grown and the area code has earned a certain street cred. It's become part of the city's brand and is seen on T-shirts and apparel everywhere, a lot of which greets visitors in gift shops at Metro Airport.

Creative types have parlayed those numbers in recent years to celebrate all things Detroit each March 13 (get it, 3-13?). In 2014, Detroiters celebrated the 313th anniversary of Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac's founding of the city in 1701.

So what do we do with the proposed 679? It doesn't exactly roll off the tongue or rhyme. It doesn't even equate to a cool date. Down the road, when we start meeting people who tell us they are from the 679, maybe we just offer a sympathetic smile and then forget that number even exists.

The Michigan Public Service Commission announced in a press release late last month that splitting the beloved 313 area code is imminent, predicting it will be exhausted during the third quarter of 2025. That means most phone numbers within the area code are already used, with too few left to assign, aside from those "returned to the numbering inventory and reassigned through standard industry practice," the news release said.

It's no wonder this news was met with a big thud. One of North America's original area codes, 313 came



GUEST OPINION By Jon Dean

District, Family Center have solid partnership

In last week's Our View, "Time for district to re-sharpen its focus" (Jan. 26, 2023), the author suggests that the Grosse Pointe Public School System partner with The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods to address students' mental health needs.

The Family Center has in fact partnered with the school system since its founding in 2000 by Diane Strickler, a registered nurse and social worker.

The Family Center evolved out of the Grosse Pointe Youth Summit, held in 1999, when community leaders and GPPSS educators met to explore ways our community could become more

youth and family friendly. For over 20 years, The Family Center has continued to offer programs on a wide range of topics aimed at building strong families and helping parents raise children and teens who will become competent, caring and responsible community members.

Recent examples of partnership with GPPSS include providing recovery spaces for students in emotional distress with the goal of keeping them in school and teaching them self-regulation techniques; hosting wellness days at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse

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about in 1947. Detroiters and beyond have called it their own for generations. For decades, 313 covered all of south-east Michigan and about one-third of the Lower Peninsula.

The first crack in our 313 armor came in 1993, when the 810 area code was assigned to Macomb County. In 1997, the 734 area code was introduced for parts of Wayne and Washtenaw counties. The most recent change came in 2001, when the 248 and 586 area codes split the 810 area code.

Some suburbanites embraced the differentiation those changes provided from Detroit. But for Grosse Pointers, who aren't exactly known for being huge fans of change and "newness," the 313 area code gave us a chance to hold on to what we have always known and keep a piece of our history intact.

There is still a chance to make your voices heard about the change. The Michigan Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed new area code from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Wayne County Community College's downtown campus. The meeting will be conducted by an administrative law judge in the Frank Hayden Community Room.

Written comments regarding the plan also may be submitted by mail by 5 p.m. Monday, March 20, to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909. You

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Do you like the new Detroit area code 679?

POINTER POLL

72% Oh, heck, no!

Not important to me **22%**

Cool! **7%**

Poll taken via GPN Facebook and Instagram. Follow us to see upcoming polls. We want to hear from you!

also may email mpscedockets@michigan.gov. All comments should reference Case No. U-21337.

A final decision, known as a commission order, is expected by the end of May. We suspect neither Ms. Benes, nor her potential love interests, would approve of the anticipated change.

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Get financial house in order

To the Editor:
The Grosse Pointe school board acted correctly in voting to cancel plans for a health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School.

More to the point, the school system should not be going into the health care business. This proposed mission creep for the school sys-

tem comes at the exact time enrollment is declining, yet employee retirement and other obligations are increasing. State dollars that are allocated on a per-student basis decline with lower enrollment and the value of the district's sinking fund has also decreased by approximately 25 percent.

It would be appropriate for taxpayers, who

Kudos!

support these schools through their tax dollars, to be able to understand exactly where all the money is going in a clear, easy-to-understand format and language. I know that I don't. How much is being spent on the schools overall and per pupil? What percentage of per-student expenditures come from the state and how much is provided by the local tax base? What is the plan for empty school buildings and excess classroom space? When will the school board sell off properties it no longer needs?

The school district needs to get its financial house in order before it considers taking on new and expensive initiatives outside of its core responsibility for K-12 public education.

GEORGE E. KRIESE
Grosse Pointe Shores

To the Editor:
One of our community's wonders is our Grosse Pointe Theatre.

I'm a theater lover but have never been a fan of dramas, so with a bit of trepidation I watched the opening night of their latest production of "Broadway Bound." I was pleasantly surprised! Now, I'm not a critic but I loved everything about this show — the set, the actors, the direction. It all ran so smoothly. It is funny and poignant and the audience was mesmerized til the end.

That being said, kudos to the cast and crew on an amazing production. I highly recommend it to all.
JANE ROUSSEAU
Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Heartwarming Korean dramas for winter watching fun



A reported 60 percent of Netflix subscribers watched at least one piece of Korean content in 2022.

This statistic can most be attributed to “All of Us Are Dead,” a 12-episode apocalyptic thriller following a rag-tag group of teenagers fighting to survive when their high school becomes ground zero for a zombie apocalypse.

However, while I thoroughly enjoyed the show, there were a few other Korean titles dropped on Netflix last year that really took the cake in terms of next-level storytelling, the awe-factor and lasting impact.

As a lover of all things

Korean drama since discovering the genre during 2020 lockdown, I wrote an I Say last year around this time on the best mini-series I had seen to date.

“Crash Landing on You” and “My Mister,” both on Netflix, still — and probably forever — hold their positions as top two, but in the spirit of snuggling down in this winter weather to watch a worthwhile series, here are my recommendations on the best 2022 Korean dramas Netflix had to offer:

‘The Sound of Magic’

This one’s a musical. But before I entirely lose you with that statement, it’s not your typical “twirling on the mountaintops” affair, despite what the title would suggest.

It’s dark, deep, heavy and chock-full of lessons on what it really means to be an adult, or rather, what it should mean.

A short six episodes

long, the plot is a hard one to summarize, but has to do with a high-schooler secretly bearing the burden of raising her younger sibling alone and so consumed with simply trying to afford their next meal that she forgets she’s a child, as well as a mysterious magician who lives at an abandoned theme park and is so bruised by the pressures of society that he refuses to conform to the typical notion of adulthood.

The theme may be best summarized by this quote:

“How should we live life? A lot of adults give a lot of answers. How would an immature child answer that question? Would that answer be wrong?”

The characters randomly break out into song at times, sure, but the number of musical moments taper off as the episodes progress and really are masterfully used as a plot device to

reveal a character’s innermost thoughts and emotions.

This show, which also thrillingly keeps the viewer questioning whether the magician really can do real magic, has cemented itself as the third best Korean drama I’ve ever seen.

‘My Liberation Notes’

Perfect for a lazy weekend — or two, or three, depending on your TV binging skills — this is a slice-of-life mini-series documenting the trials of three adult siblings who live in the countryside and commute an hour and a half into the big city for work.

Each character is at some level depressed, or at the least entirely discontent, with situations spanning the monotony of life, inability to succeed no matter the effort, dealing with death and the belief you’re missing something vital that qualifies you to be worthy of

love.

It’s slow-paced with a striking lack of dialogue, especially in the first episodes, and a sparing use of background music.

And yet, despite running the risk of depressing viewers by reminding them of their own pain, the stories as a whole feature underlying tones of hope as the characters each fight for liberation from the very real thoughts and feelings trapping them in.

Just as in real life, some storylines move forward only to find themselves back where they started; some characters find their liberation only through abandoning their dreams and others in what could be seen as settling; and some manage to let go of lifelong burdens in the most anti-climatic and mundane of moments.

But from all, there is a lot to learn.

Rather than simply getting entertainment out of the deal, viewers likely

will find themselves walking away from this drama having gained something.

“Business Proposal” gets an honorable mention for anyone looking for a lighthearted, hilarious and good old-fashioned rom com. As the story of a handsome CEO unknowingly falling for one of his low-level employees when she pretends to be her friend on a blind date, there’s nothing much realistic about this drama, but sometimes that’s exactly the kind of entertainment that’s needed.

Also worth mentioning is “Twenty-Five, Twenty-One” for its creative genius in storytelling. A youthful romance between a budding broadcast journalist in 2001 — just take a moment to get the implications of that one — and a rising Olympic fencer, it’s told in flashbacks through the eyes of the fencer’s daughter, as she reads her mother’s diary from decades past.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

POINTE COMMUNITIES CAN SETTLE SWIM PROBLEM:

The opinion that safe swimming along the entire shoreline of Grosse Pointe can be enjoyed through the cooperation of the Pointe communities themselves and Macomb County has been expressed by Murray Smith, public works commissioner in the Farms. In a report submitted to the village trustees, Mr. Smith states that in his opinion the pollution which has closed Pointe beaches is not coming from Canada, Port Huron, Mount Clemens or any other distance source, but locally and from Macomb County. He recommends that all Pointe communities should take proper steps to clear up any present sanitary pollution reaching the lake from their own areas and says he feels sure that in the case of the Farms, City and Park there are a number of sewers outletting directly into the lake which could be eliminated.

YOUTHFUL WOLVES VANISH IN NIGHT: Mrs. Dowling, of 498 University Place, stepped out of her door at 9 p.m. Jan. 22 and was greeted by three half-grown boys who yelled “Hi Babe!” and then ran quickly around to the back of the place. She called the police to get hold of the over-enthusi-

astic young gallants, if possible, and discourage further social approaches of that nature. The youngsters had vanished like quail in the brush by the time the police arrived.

FARMS TO SELL OLD KERBY FIELD:

Another major change in the typography of Grosse Pointe Farms was approved by the village trustees when they sanctioned the advertising for bids for sale of the athletic field at Kerby and Chalfonte. The village’s new recreation grounds further east on Kerby are expected to be all ready for general use this spring and the building and zoning committee sees no reason to keep the old field.

1973

50 years ago this week

HOSPITALS JOIN IN STUDY:

In a move geared toward providing better community health services, Bon Secours, Cottage and St. John hospitals have engaged a Minneapolis hospital consultants firm to analyze the present medical facilities in the area and to project its future health care needs.

FLOOD AID SOUGHT BY CITY, FARMS:

Applications for low-cost flood insurance were sent to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently by officials of the City and Farms. The Woods is in the process of preparing its application. Concern over the rising water level of Lake

St. Clair prompted these actions. Under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, HUD is authorized to approve municipalities for insurance coverage which can then be purchased through local agents.

1998

25 years ago this week

MERRILL LYNCH, OTHERS MAKE GP MINI WALL STREET:

Now that Merrill Lynch has opened an office in Grosse Pointe Farms, The Hill sports more brokerage houses than the area in downtown Detroit known traditionally as the financial district. The bullish investment house met the opening bell of the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 26. In a hopeful note, the Dow Jones closed the day up 12.2 points.

PARTY IN DETROIT ENDS UP A BUST:

Acting on a tip provided by Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers, Detroit police broke up an illegal “rave” party on Mack, just across from the Detroit/Grosse Pointe Park border. According to Park police, a flier was circulated around the Pointes advertising a party in Detroit on the 23rd. The flier stated there would be alcohol and music. Over 70 people were arrested, of which 66 were 18 or younger. A large number of those arrested were from the Pointes.

SHOPPING DAY:

Farmer Jack at Nine Mile and Mack in St. Clair Shores has a shopping cart built for four —

the four Wilberding babies of Grosse Pointe Farms. Store manager Matt Asta presented the cart and \$4,000 in Farmer Jack gift certificates last week to the family. Born June 8, the children will go through 29,200 diapers, 416 containers of baby wipes and 1,460 cans of infant formula. Farmer Jack Supermarket will give a total of \$16,000 to the Wilberdings for food, clothing, diapers and baby supplies.

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THE NOSE KNOWS:

On a nearly zero-degree night last week, Raleigh the police dog warmed his nose to an alleged thief hiding in a side-yard storage bin in the 800 block of Lakeshore. “He flipped the lid off with his nose and chomped down on the guy’s pant leg,” said Sgt. Michael Almeranti, of the

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department.

SHORES SEEKS SLEEK NEW SLOGAN:

Shores boosters are seeking a city slogan. Proposals range from descriptive: “A portrait of unique beauty and community pride;” to declarative: “It’s all here.” All are being brainstormed through the Ambassador Committee, formed last year to pitch Grosse Pointe Shores as a premier community in which to buy a house and raise a family.

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Pointe South; holding the annual community-wide Suicide Prevention Walk and Mental Health Fair at Grosse Pointe North with the support of North’s mental health team and student peer-to-peer mental health club; and offering counseling for GPPSS employees following staff-only active shooter drills.

While counseling staff at both high schools rely on The Family Center’s

network of local psychiatrists, therapists and other practitioners to assist students and their families, we regularly hear that demand for these services far exceeds capacity.

Our partnership in the community was created to listen to our stakeholders so that we may design programs jointly that fit areas of greatest need.

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Jon Dean is the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

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GPPSS starts budget process

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Although the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education won't vote on a new budget until June, it already has started talking about what focus the process should have.

The board talked about budget parameters — a 13-point checklist dealing with everything from spending cuts to enrollment — at its meeting Monday, Jan. 23. The final list will be up for a vote at the next board meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Brownell Middle School.

Treasurer Sean Cotton — who owns the Grosse Pointe News — said the goal should be a balanced

budget in which the district spends everything it takes in but no more.

“We are in belt-tightening times,” he said. “We have to make cuts. We absolutely have to in order for this system to be fiscally sound.”

One parameter Cotton and other board members proposed is cutting at least \$3 million in support services, which the specific parameter says is “furthest away from classroom impact” and would come from purchased services and supplies.

Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for business services, clarified that special education does not fall under support services, as some mistakenly thought when Cotton first mentioned the idea at an earlier

meeting.

“Special education falls under the instructional line item,” she said, adding that cutting \$3 million from the budget’s \$100 million budget, “does not concern me.”

Along with overall budget concerns was a discussion about the district’s fund equity balance.

One of the parameters states the board should avoid “disproportionate adherence to arbitrary general fund equity levels that threaten the primary mission” of the district.

That ties in to what is known as the “formula” in contracts with the district’s various bargaining units. It calls for reduction in compensation when the fund equity drops below 10 percent. It

currently stands at 9.6 percent, but the formula is not part of any current contracts.

“We need to figure out how to do new contracts without doing that,” Cotton said. “With no fund equity target, the formula is part of negotiations.”

Trustee Valarie St. John said she favored a parameter calling for multi-year employee contracts.

“The industry standard is three or four years,” she said. “Negotiating once a year is exhausting and a waste of resources.”

Vice President Lisa Papas agreed, noting that multi-year contracts could help with the retention of current teachers and would help attract teachers from other districts.

Superintendent Jon Dean said while multi-year contracts are beneficial, he preferred not to see it in the parameters.

“The place to resolve that is at the bargaining table,” he said. “I don’t support having it in the budget parameters because it could create unreasonable expectations.”

The parameter dealing with student enrollment says the district will propose strategies to halt the decade-long enrollment loss trend, take into account “both traditional competitors and new competitors,” and maintain GPPSS’ “long-standing enrollment policies and practices.”

Trustee Colleen Worden asked that specific language be added indicating GPPSS would not become a school-of-choice district.

As a way to increase

enrollment, trustees said they want to play up the district’s offerings, including career and technical education, and pursue a stronger early childhood education program.

“The Plante Moran analysis said early childhood education is one of the best ways to capture more students,” Cotton said. “That could mean a bond proposal, which I’d be open to.”

Moving forward, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will present her proposed budget, including school funding numbers, later this month. The state House and Senate will work on the budget in March and April and the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference will be held in May. The CREC is how the state determines how much money it will have available to spend.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Isabel Constand and Sisi Costa of Grosse Pointe Park, Samuel Salisbury of Grosse Pointe Farms and Harry Crane of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean’s List at Belmont University for the fall 2022 semester.



Isabel Constand



Samuel Salisbury

Audrey Leo of the City of Grosse Pointe and Gavin Hamilton of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the Dean’s List at Iowa State University for the fall 2022 semester.

Kendall Zinn of Grosse Pointe Farms and Ben Sheffield of Grosse

Pointe Woods have been named to the Dean’s List at Bucknell University for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

Dominic Carozza of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean’s List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University for the fall 2022 semester.

Board of education members receive anonymous letters, file police reports

Two members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education filed police reports Saturday after receiving anonymous, handwritten letters at their homes calling into question their intelligence and morals.

Vice President Lisa Papas and Secretary Ginny Jeup filed the reports at the suggestion of Superintendent Jon Dean.

“I have not seen the letters, but if someone receives something they’re not comfortable with, my recommendation is to talk to the police because they are the experts,” Dean said.

According to Detective Sgt. Joe Adams with the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department,

no crime was committed because the letters, which appear to have been written by the same person, do not contain any threats. Adams added that if the letters continue, it could turn into a criminal case of harassment.

The letters, which the Grosse Pointe News has seen to verify them, are postmarked Jan. 20, one day after the board voted to stop a planned health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School. Papas and Jeup voted in favor of a resolution to stop the project, along with President Ahmed Ismail and Treasurer Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

“It’s not a crime, but it’s more the intimidation factor,” Papas said. “Sort of

like ‘we know where you live’ type of thing. The letters were very poorly written, so my guess is they came from some who is uneducated or trying to make themselves appear uneducated.”

Jeup said she compared her letter to slips residents fill out in order to speak during the public comment portion of board meetings and said she has a suspicion of who she thinks sent the letters.

Adams said no one is being questioned because no crime was committed.

“The letter did make me a little nervous, especially having kids at home,” Jeup noted. “We’re being a little more careful about locking doors.”

— Ted O’Neil

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“When we look at the attorney-client relationship, we as the board are the client,” she said, noting the various law firms the district already employs. “I’m trying to figure out a situation where the interests of the board and the interests of the district would be different.”

Under the board’s current bylaws, members must ask the board president or superintendent to contact its law firms for guidance.

“This sounds like what we can already do,” St. John said. “Is the concern getting away from asking the superintendent (to be

involved)?”

“That would be one of them,” Cotton responded. “I think you have it nailed there.”

Worden and Brumbaugh noted that the Michigan Association of School Boards said one district — Flint Community Schools — had taken similar action in recent memory.

“Maybe it’s a very progressive thing and that’s not a bad thing,” Cotton replied. “Having a governance system in place that has reporting so that there is a line of sight that is more robust into our district will prevent situations that could have a much larger impact on our system and our kids.”

Papas said having an independent attorney

would provide checks and balances independent of the administration.

“There are things that occur in any system where there is a substantial budget,” she said, adding that she was not calling into question anyone in the administration.

Papas also noted the Oxford school shooting, where she said district employees took actions the board there was not involved with, and also a recent court case involving embezzlement from the Monteith PTO.

“Certain circumstances come up that might require the board to ask questions,” she said. “This is proactive instead of reactive.”

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I have chocolate, that doesn’t mean I hate vanilla.”

GPPSS Board of Education President Ahmed Ismail said he thinks it’s “highly unlikely” the district would lease space to the school, but added he could not speak for the entire board since the topic has not come up at any meetings so far this year.

“For those who think our model is so terrible, I say why not let us funnel our money your way and let us fail,” Sales said. “If

classical education is so bad, why are they worried about us taking students?”

A charter school is a tuition-free public school not confined to geographic boundaries the way conventional school districts are. Charters also operate solely on per-pupil state funding and do not collect property taxes or have the ability to seek voter approval for bonds or millages.

The idea for the school first was announced last July. Hill Pointe received its official charter from the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees in a unanimous

vote last September.

Hill Pointe has partnered with Hillsdale College to develop a classical education curriculum. Its website says teachers will use the “Socratic Method, asking students questions and asking them to formulate their own questions,” while stressing values such as courage, gratitude and humility and focusing on the humanities, math, science and the arts.

Plans call for a limit of 25 students per classroom, with two sections per grade. It will start with kindergarten through fifth grade, adding a grade each year.

Sweet treats galore at The Cheesecake Shoppe

By Olivia Monette
Special Writer

Nestled in the heart of downtown St. Clair Shores, The Cheesecake Shoppe is proud to offer Michigan's best New York-style cheesecake to the metro Detroit area.

The Cheesecake Shoppe has been a long-standing institution in the area for many years. The bakery originally was founded in the 1980s on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods. When the opportunity arose to purchase the business, Sandra Kravitz and her husband took over in 2020.

"My husband heard about the opportunity and thought that an existing business that had such a great legacy should continue," Kravitz said. "We didn't want to see the product go away."

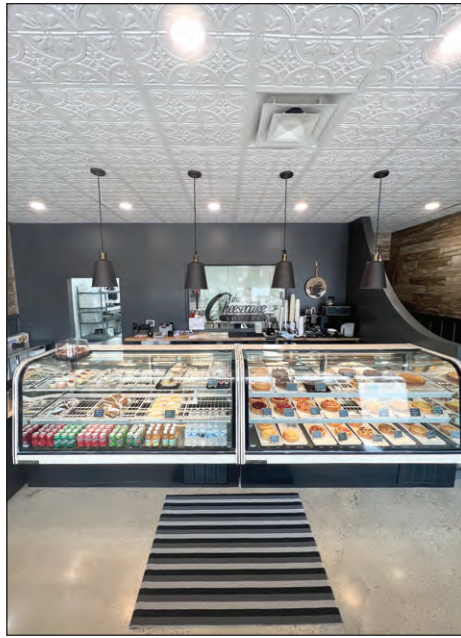
With a background in real estate, Kravitz initially did not have bakery experience. Her brother, however, owned multiple Java CoffeeHouse locations and was willing to jump on board. Today, Kravitz and her brother, Jimmy Mazzola, have crafted a partnership that joins coffee and baked goods in perfect synergy.

Kravitz and Mazzola manage the retail and customer service aspects of the business together. Kim Knuth, The Cheesecake Shoppe's master baker, handles the baking and creation of its delicious desserts. Kravitz assists her with prep and decorating. With a team of eight total employees, The Cheesecake Shoppe specializes in custom cakes, tartlets and cupcakes that can be used to celebrate all of life's special occasions.

Offerings include a full selection of Java CoffeeHouse drinks, as well as baked goods that are always prepared in-house. Kravitz, Mazzola and Knuth have taken the time to experiment with other desserts that aren't cheesecake related, which their diverse menu reflects.

"The bulk of our business revolves around cheesecake," Kravitz said. "We have introduced bite-size tartlets, cupcakes and a smaller three-inch cake. We are also catering events and weddings too."

While cheesecake is a classic dessert people know and love, serving it at weddings hasn't always been commonplace. The current trend is a great way



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cheesecake Shoppe offers a full selection of coffees, as well as baked goods prepared in-house.

to add unique flair to a wedding reception.

For many occasions, a dessert bar filled with bite-size treats is very popular. These individual treats are easy to serve and fun for guests to enjoy. They can be customized for any event or season.

Due to Copper Hop Brewery's expansion, The Cheesecake Shoppe relocated to the space next door in August 2022. The team began renovating the new storefront to match Kravitz's design vision.

"I was thrilled we were able to put our own spin on the interior," she said. "Now, The Cheesecake Shoppe has a great updated bakery and coffeehouse look."

Kravitz and Mazzola incorporated window seating that overlooks the walkable St. Clair Shores downtown area. According to Kravitz, it's a wonderful spot to grab a cup of coffee while the kids enjoy an afternoon treat.

The Cheesecake Shoppe is located at 23411 Greater Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores. It can be found online at thecheesecakeshoppe.com or on Facebook and Instagram at @thecheesecakeshoppe. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays.



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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 from left are Jared Cantin, owner/partner; David Bercini, project manager; Jamie Mertz, owner/partner; Becca Priester, showroom manager; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak; Christian Leininger, job superintendent; Gene Casazza, owner/partner; Andrew Casazza, owner/partner; Matt Lelli, architectural designer; Ellen Casazza, director of operations; and Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president and executive director.

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nances with the recently updated master plan.

"The big picture objectives of this update are to modernize the ordinance," Jackson said. "It hasn't been significantly reviewed in decades. It's been piecemealed here and there, which in some ways created a Frankenstein and in others kept it alive and breathing."

In addition to the topic being on the monthly agenda of every planning commission meeting until completion, two

public open house sessions are promised. The first is pegged for early spring at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park, but possibly elsewhere.

An important goal is making the code's technical jargon and mumbo-jumbo readable by amateurs.

"Some people look at the zoning ordinance once in their life when they want to build a fence or something," Jackson said. "They should be able to do it just as easily as a developer who looks at the zoning ordinance as part of their job on a regular basis."

"It's just as intimidating to the staff to try to understand it," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager and commission secretary.

"We're going to turn this (zoning) ordinance inside out," Jackson said. "If there's anything in there not in alignment with the master plan, with best practices of Redevelopment Ready Communities (and) with the direction the city wants to go, we'll make the corrections."

"Even if it is with those things, it's worded so poorly that it's very hard to actually utilize," Rothe said.

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hand has been a part of and involved in so much," Hardenbrook said. "The biggest aspect in broad during my time with the parks and recreation department was building it from a seasonal department that only had primarily summer programming to the year-round department that we have today."

The city's preparation for the transition from Arthurs to Hardenbrook saw the latter spend a year and a half splitting his time between the park and city administration, before spending the past year primarily training for the administrative duties, with Becca Jenzen taking over as parks and rec coordinator.

The foresight afforded him the opportunity to receive extensive training from Arthurs — although he'd already been aiding with election operations

around 10 years due to the city's small size — as well as the time to begin working on necessary certifications such as election official accreditation and qualified voter file training through the state's Bureau of Elections, vital records training through the Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan professional municipal clerk certification and certified municipal clerk certification.

"Obviously, I would never, ever be able to fill Julie's shoes, nor do I plan

to," Hardenbrook said. "That isn't a possible feat and I would fail. Julie was amazing. There's no replacing her. But I know that I will continue giving it my all (and) continue to learn and grow every day in the position."

"I thought I did what I could do with the parks and recreation department," he added. "I'm very thankful, very appreciative of the trust and support that I've been given both by the administration and council to be able to transition and

move up into this new role."

Barely a year off from celebrating a two-decade milestone working for the City of Grosse Pointe, Hardenbrook believes it is the close connection with the community that has kept him within its 1.1

square miles all this time.

"Being with the city so long, you get to know so many residents and develop so many different relationships with those residents from ... watching kids being born moving up through swim lessons, to swim team, to

lifeguards, to going off to college," he said. "Now I get to see them at the polls voting and I get to get caught up with a lot of those kids that I've watched grow up, (who) now talk about their careers and where they're moving to and working."

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Help 'Raise the Roof' on Michael B's Cafe

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By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

Alicia Carlisle's vision is clear. She can see it plain as day: a bustling atmosphere, the aroma of rich coffee and buttery pastries, cheerful exchanges between eager customers and a dedicated staff.

Carlisle knows exactly what one can expect when they walk through the doors of Michael B's Cafe, anticipated to open next year in Grosse Pointe Park.

"They'll find the warmest, most welcoming cafe they've ever walked into," she said of the future business, which will employ adults with special needs to enhance their sense of self-worth and respect through meaningful work and cooperative relationships. "It's going to be so special. I doubt this will happen, but (customers) might have to wait an extra minute for a cup of coffee — but they won't care. Or maybe their cake will be a little lopsided, but they won't care. Because everything will be made with love."

To kick off fundraising efforts for the project, Carlisle is hosting Wine, Women & Song at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

"It's a gathering of wonderful women — entertainers and comedians," she said. "It's a women's event, though men are welcome. We'll charge them a little bit more to be one of the girls for the night. Then we're having a men's event in March, for March Madness, where we'll charge the women a little bit more to be one of the guys for the night."

The February event also will



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Plans for Michael B's Cafe feature a main floor coffee shop and bakery, while the upper level will offer meeting spaces for businesses and nonprofits.

include wine, hors d'oeuvres and an auction.

"We'll start auctioning off the ability to 'purchase' different parts of the building," Carlisle explained. "It will be a nice night for women to get together, see old friends and make new ones."

A big fundraiser in June will feature Fleur Seule, "the No. 1 band in New York," Carlisle said. "They just performed at Carnegie Hall and they performed at Brad Pitt's movie premier for 'Babylon.'"

Later in the summer, building demolition takes place, followed by around one year of new construction. Jeff Russell is the general contractor, Erik Heiderer the architect.

Carlisle's goal is to raise \$3 million for the project. The fundraising events, she explained, not only are meant to raise money, but also awareness for the project.

Michael B's Cafe is named for Carlisle's 26-year-old son, who has autism. The Grosse

Pointe South High School graduate and current college student "doesn't let the stereotypical restrictions of autism stand in his way," according to the cafe website. "He forges his own path in life and does it all with a smile and innate kindness. The cafe is a dream come true for Michael B. He is proud to be a part of an organization that employs individuals like himself who simply need an opportunity to show their worth."

Carlisle said she'll have work for anyone who's interested.

"If someone walks into the cafe, we will find a job for them," she said. "Whether they can work five minutes a day, once a week, once a month or they want to be there all the time, we will find something that works for them."

"... I want to create a safe place for people who have special challenges to work and contribute and educate the community so they see how

valuable everybody is," she added.

The cafe will come to life through partnerships with the Full Circle Foundation and Coffee Connecting Communities. Full Circle works in conjunction with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide opportunities for increased independence for individuals with special needs. Through coffee sales, Coffee Connecting Communities provides assistance to help save the silverback gorilla, as well as sustain the homes, hearts and habitats of frontline farming communities who live in UNESCO-designated heritage sites near the gorilla habitat.

"Wherever we can partner with someone where we're able to give back, we'll do it with this," Carlisle said. "When we sit down and talk about what we can do with this cafe, it's overwhelming. There are so many great opportunities to do things."

Apart from the coffeehouse

and bakery aspect, the upper level of the two-story building will include event space for classes or meetings.

Carlisle said she is grateful for the support she's received from Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges, City Manager Nick Sizeland and Public Safety Director Bryan Jarrell, as well as a host of community members.

"I've got the best people in the community coming together to make this happen," she said. "Everybody's ready to help. ... All the wheels are in motion. There's a lot going on behind the scenes, but we're all moving forward."

The Feb. 9 fundraiser is just the start, she said. Tickets for the event are \$100 each and may be purchased online at michaelbcafe.com.

"There are so many ways people can be a part of this," Carlisle said. "If you can't contribute now, you can walk in and buy a cup of coffee tomorrow."

Three types of art sought for third annual art contest

Last week, the Grosse Pointe News kicked off its 2023 Finer Pointes art contest, the deadline for which is Friday, April 7.

The theme for the third annual contest is "Fresh Takes," which invites artists to submit "fresh" art in the forms of photography, digital art and sneaker art. All submissions must be original and must have been created within the past year.

Photography can be captured on film or digitally, with a camera or smartphone.

Digital art is defined as



artistic works "that use digital technology as part of the creative or presentation process." Digital artists, who use light, sound and pixels in the creative process, have a

variety of mediums in which to work, among them digital painting, two- and three-dimensional painting, digital photography and digital collage.

However, the use of AI

image generation is strictly prohibited.

As for sneaker art, a craze that took off a few years ago, artists are encouraged to paint a pair of sneakers with an original design. High-durability acrylic paints are available in options specific to leather and fabrics.

The Grosse Pointe News again is collaborating with Mary Wysocki of Paragon Art Collective to administer the contest. Additionally, two prolific local artists have been selected as judges.

Eric "El Cappy" Lowry,

a Detroit-based and self-taught artist, will judge the sneaker art portion of the contest. Known for his intricate designs that require hours of strategy and artistic ability, he has worked with companies such as Shinola, Stella McCartney, Stock X and the Detroit Lions' "My Cause, My Cleats" campaign.

Photographer Joe Gall, aka Camera Jesus, will judge the photography and digital art category. Gall is a freelance commercial photographer for international brands like

Adidas and Ford; once was the house photographer for the Royal Oak Music Theatre; and has 109,000 followers on his Instagram page, @camera_jesus.

"Detroit artists El Cappy and Camera Jesus are incredible talents," Wysocki said. "They will use that wealth of experience to assess contest entries and select winners for each category. We are thrilled and honored to have them on board for this year's 'Fresh Takes'"

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GPPL welcomes new librarians

There are some new faces at the Grosse Pointe Public Library's service desk.

Lisa Burns, Adam Pecar and Alexis Smith joined the GPPL as the new teen librarian, DREAM Lab librarian and emerging technologies librarian, respectively. Jeff Maurer moved from a substitute librarian to a part-time librarian. Burns, Maurer and Pecar work at the Woods branch and Smith works at the Ewald branch.

"Retirement, a promotion, staff turnover and the new DREAM Lab maker space opened up opportunities for us to hire three new staff and move one to a part-time position," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "Lisa, Adam, Alexis and Jeff bring a set of skills to the library to meet the needs of our community and the needs identified in our strategic plan."

The teen librarian's pri-

mary responsibilities include creating engaging teen programs, collaborating with the middle and high school librarians and maintaining teen materials.

"We want to meet teens where they are and let them know the library cares about them," Burns said. "They're one of our most important age groups. We want to provide an inclusive, inviting space for them."

Pecar joined the library to oversee the new maker space in the Woods branch. Called the DREAM Lab (Design, Record, Experiment, Access, Make), Pecar's primary responsibilities are to develop maker space programs and services and help patrons use the technology in the DREAM Lab.

"I want people to be blown away when they come to the DREAM Lab," Pecar said.

Recently, he was able

to work with a patron and help him make a part for his pinewood derby car on the 3D printer.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to bring new technology to the community," he said.

The emerging technology librarian's responsibilities include enhancing technology learning opportunities for the community and library staff.

"I always knew I wanted to be a librarian," Smith said. "As the emerging technologies librarian, it's my goal to make our staff and patrons' lives easier."

As a part-time librarian at the Woods branch, Maurer's primary responsibilities are adult and youth reference.

"I help with a lot of technology needs, such as setting up hoopla and Libby on patrons' phones," Maurer said.

He worked as a substitute librarian for around

six years and is happy to be a more permanent part of the staff with a set schedule.

A resident of Ferndale, Burns earned a master's degree in library science from Wayne State University. Before joining the Grosse Pointe Public Library, she worked for the Dearborn Public Library and Detroit Public Library. Pecar is a resident of Harper Woods. He earned a master's degree in library science from Wayne State. Previously, Pecar worked for the Detroit Public Library and Harper Woods Public Library.

Smith is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe. She earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana. Her most recent position was with the Waldo Library at Western Michigan University. Maurer is a resident of Grosse Pointe



Left, Lisa Burns is the new teen librarian. Right, Adam Pecar is the new DREAM Lab librarian.



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Left, Alexis Smith is the new emerging technology librarian. Right, Jeff Maurer is a new part-time librarian.

Woods. He earned a master's degree in library science from Wayne State. Previously, he

worked for Century 21, Quicken Loans and was a research librarian for the United Auto Workers.

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.

◆ 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. Tickets are \$45 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ House tours and grounds passes are offered noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, now 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.

Library

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

◆ 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.

◆ Okra to Grow Kit, all day Monday, Feb. 6, at Ewald, Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tech Savvy Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Ewald, Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Creepy Valentines DIY, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Ewald, Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Optimize Your Health and Wellness, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Ewald, Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Baby Time, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Illustrate with Procreate, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Ewald, Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Speed Dating for Books, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ James Patterson Monthly Book Discussion, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 11, at Ewald, Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The group will discuss Patterson's "Steal."

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 5, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, Holy Innocents Catholic Church, 26000 Ridgmont, Roseville.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Sign up at redcrossblood.org.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a variety of classes at its studio, located at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register for the following, visit grossepointeartistscenter.org.

◆ Calligraphy workshop with Vicki Corwin, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.

◆ "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.

◆ The deadline to submit entries for the exhibition "Green," is Monday, Feb. 27. The juror is Roger Garrett, art committee chairman of the Moross Greenway Project.

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.

◆ Winter Jazz Brunch

with Dave Bennett, Sunday, Feb. 5. The brunch is at 11 a.m., followed by the concert at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for the concert only, \$65 for the concert and brunch.

◆ An Evening with Chef Joe, 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Cost is \$75 and includes one drink. Reservations are required Friday, Feb. 3.

◆ Tammy's Tastings: Love Potion #9, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Tickets are \$59.

◆ Detroit Opera's "Valentine's Concert," 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$35 VIP, which includes an afterglow with the artists.

◆ Drs. Sara Arena and Chris Wilson present "A Philosophy of Prevention-Focused Physical Therapy for Older Adults," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. The event is free, but registration is required.

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:

◆ AARP Smart Driver program, 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 6, with instructor Roger Doster.

◆ Travels with Peter Haley, "Antarctica," 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

◆ Tour and Lunch Series: Somerset Collection, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. Lunch is not included in the cost.

◆ The movie "Marry

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contest."

For an entry fee of \$25, artists may enter up to three pieces of original work. That fee is waived for 52-week subscribers to the Grosse Pointe News. Subscribers may email media@grossepointenews.com with their name and address to receive an entry code.

Entries are due by 11:59 p.m. Friday, April 7. Finalists will be announced Friday, April 14.

Contest winners will be announced during a mid-May reception in Grosse Pointe.

One winner in each category will receive \$1,000. One runner-up in each category will receive \$500 and a Readers' Choice winner in each category also will receive \$500.

New this year, one winner will be selected to receive the Gretchen Valade Award, named after the late philanthropist and entrepreneur, Grosse Pointe's "Angel of Jazz," who passed away in December. A \$500 prize will be awarded to the photographic artist whose work most highlights the spirit of the Grosse Pointe community.

Artists must be 18 or older to enter. Complete rules and details may be found online at grossepointenews.com/art

SENIOR LIVING

An eye on nutrition keeps seniors in top health

By Grosse Pointe News Staff

The human body is a marvel. How it transforms over the course of an individual's life is one of its more remarkable qualities, and those changes never cease, even as individuals enter middle age and beyond.

The changes associated with aging include physical transformations but also more subtle shifts the naked eye cannot see. For example, metabolism slows as individuals grow older, and aging also can lead to a decrease in bone density and muscle mass. Both men and women need to approach their diets in recognition of the various ways their nutritional needs are changing.

We spoke with registered dietician and in-house nutritionist at Healthspan Michigan, Meghan Pendleton, about what to look for.

"Older adults are likely to have lower intakes of important nutrients such as protein, vitamin B12, calcium and vitamin D," Pendleton said. Here are a few basic tips she suggests to keep seniors in top nutritional shape.



Prioritize protein.

"Consuming enough protein is important to maintain muscle mass that is naturally lost as we age. While many people are familiar with animal-based sources of protein like poultry, beef, pork, seafood and eggs, it can be very helpful to also incorporate plant-based sources of protein into the diet such as soy (tofu, tempeh, edamame), seitan and legumes like beans, chickpeas and lentils. Plant-based proteins provide fiber and are naturally low in saturated fat," Pendleton said.

A 2010 study published in the journal Current Opinion in Nutrition and Metabolic Care recommended that older adults consume between 25 and 30 grams of protein with each meal.

Overcome reduced production of calcium and vitamin D.

"Calcium and vitamin D are important for bone health," Pendleton said. To boost these two nutrients, she advised eating and drinking foods high in calcium — which include dairy, fortified plant milks and canned fish with bones (like sardines or salmon).

"For vitamin D, it is actually pretty hard to get enough through food alone. Exposure to sunlight helps your body to naturally synthesize vitamin D. However, in Michigan we don't get enough sun to rely on and we tend to spend a lot of time indoors. Vitamin D is definitely a supplement to discuss with your healthcare provider. You should first get testing done to assess your levels, which helps your physician or RD to recommend an appropriate regimen," she said.

WebMD notes that vitamin D helps with anti-inflammation, immune system support and muscle function, among other benefits.

Monitor intake of vitamin B12.

"Vitamin B12 is important for neurological function and is of concern for older adults. As we age, our ability to create acids and enzymes necessary for vitamin B12 absorption decreases," Pendleton advised.



"Additionally, some medication may decrease absorption. Dairy is a great source of vitamin B12, and is actually almost three times more bioavailable than meat, fish and poultry. Dairy is also rich in other nutrients of concern like protein, calcium and potassium. So for those who can tolerate dairy, I would recommend moderate amounts of products like yogurt, kefir and cheese," she said.

Pendleton recognized that some people may be lactose intolerant or prefer not to eat dairy. In this case, she advises other good animal sources of vitamin B12, like fish and beef. "If someone exclusively eats a vegan diet, they may benefit from adding nutritional yeast or consuming fortified products like plant milks and cereals," she said.

Consume ample dietary fiber.

Pendleton said she would suggest adding adequate fiber intake to meals as well.

"Fun fact, fiber is not technically a nutrient because it is not digested or absorbed by your body — but is a very beneficial food component nonetheless," she said.

She added that fiber is very important for digestive and cardiometabolic health. "Veggies, fruits, nuts, seeds and whole grains are great sources of fiber," Pendleton said.

She stated that a recommendation for around 30 grams of fiber per day is based on evidence of risk reduction for coronary heart disease.

"It is important to note that if you are increasing your fiber intake, you should do so slowly with a variety of sources, and have plenty of water as well," she said.



Adapt to a regular healthy diet. As for types of diets, Pendleton said she is a big fan of the MIND diet for anyone of any age — but especially for older adults. MIND stands for Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay.

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Meghan Pendleton is a Registered Dietitian at Healthspan in Grosse Pointe Farms. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics with Honors from Eastern Michigan University, where she will complete her MS in Human Nutrition this spring with a research focus on the Mediterranean Diet and older adults.

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Sec^ond Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Senior ladies show ‘em how target practice is done

We signed some papers and forked over our driver's licenses. A nice man gave us instructions on how to open the barrels, then load and fire two kinds of pistols — a .22 and a .38.

We were seven Ladies-Of-A-Certain-Age (LOACA) — near or beyond 70. We have played pickleball together for several years and we all like to learn new things, try new experiences. Shooting a gun was a new experience for most of us. It has been on my Bucket List for about 15 years.

We LOACAs have visited Meadowbrook Hall and Greenfield Village. We went to an escape room where everyone got locked in a small space and we had to figure out how to get out. The group went to an axe-throwing bar, where — surprisingly — I turned out to be a pretty decent axe-thrower. I knew there was a sport for me!

We attend theatrical performances in a nearby town. We also did a couple of 5K walks which were fundraisers for breast cancer. We always go out to lunch after these excursions.

At first, the gun range was a scary, testosterone-infused place. Animal trophy heads decorated the walls — dead bears and boars and deer and antelopes and such. All sorts of guns and ammunition were on display, arranged neatly and locked in glass cases.

A poster showed a photo of Adolph Hitler doing his Nazi salute. The message below: "Raise your hand if you're for gun control."

We were told to remove our hearing aids and dangly earrings. The nice man issued earmuffs and ear plugs and goggles.

We went into room equipped with a half dozen cubicles, each with an alley and a moveable paper target. The target was an outline of a person! Not a colorful archery-type circle, mind you — a person!

I found this mildly disturbing.

The same affable, patient man showed us how to use a gun sight and how to aim. He helped each of us, one at a time, load our gun, point it at



the target-person and shoot. I tried both the .22 and the .38. I liked the .22 better than the .38. I don't know why.

It was scary. I kept thinking stuff like: "We're playing with real bullets. What is preventing some psychopath from waltzing into this room and wiping out a half dozen innocent people who just stopped in for an hour of target practice?"

Or, "What's preventing some deranged person in another cubicle from turning to the left or right and aiming at some naive LOACA who just came here to see what it feels like to shoot a gun?"

I wondered who the shooters in the other cubicles were and why they wanted to hone their skills for shooting target-people.

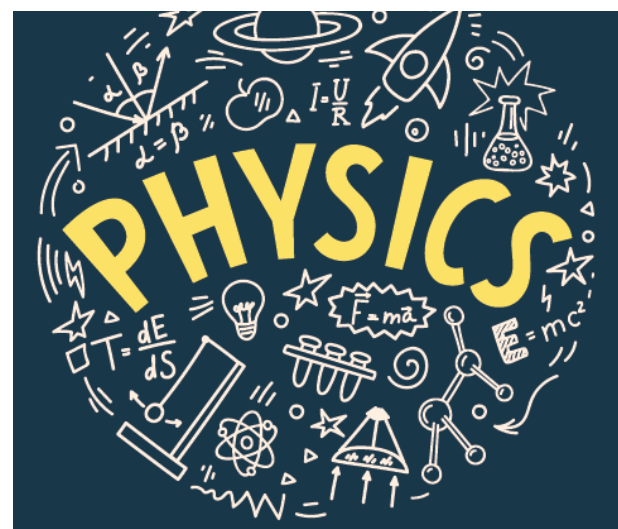
A couple of young women were using another kind of pistol. After each firing, the cartridge slammed back toward the shooter and spewed bullet casings all over the floor. Some teenage boys were practicing in another cubicle. It was a school vacation day.

We were the only LOACAs shooting that morning.

But our instructor said we were more thoughtful and more careful than most men.

"Men come in here to shoot for the first time, like you ladies," he said, "and they don't listen. They think they know everything already."

"And they aren't nearly as accurate as you ladies were," he said.



The Helm hosts intergenerational physics workshop

Grandparents and their grandchildren are invited to a fun, hands-on, creative exploration of the physics of sailing, from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 11, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Award-winning science educator and author Gary Abud Jr. will teach participants what makes a sailboat move. Is it sail shape? Wind speed? Something else?

Abud's workshops are informational and entertaining. Grandparents and grandchildren will use what they learn to create a wind-powered sail cart to race against others in the workshop.

Cost of the workshop is \$15 for members and one grandchild; \$20 for nonmembers and one grandchild. All supplies are provided.

To register, visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600.

Technology 101

The Helm is offering free one-on-one technology instruction to members and non-members on the first and third Fridays of each month from noon until 3:30 p.m..

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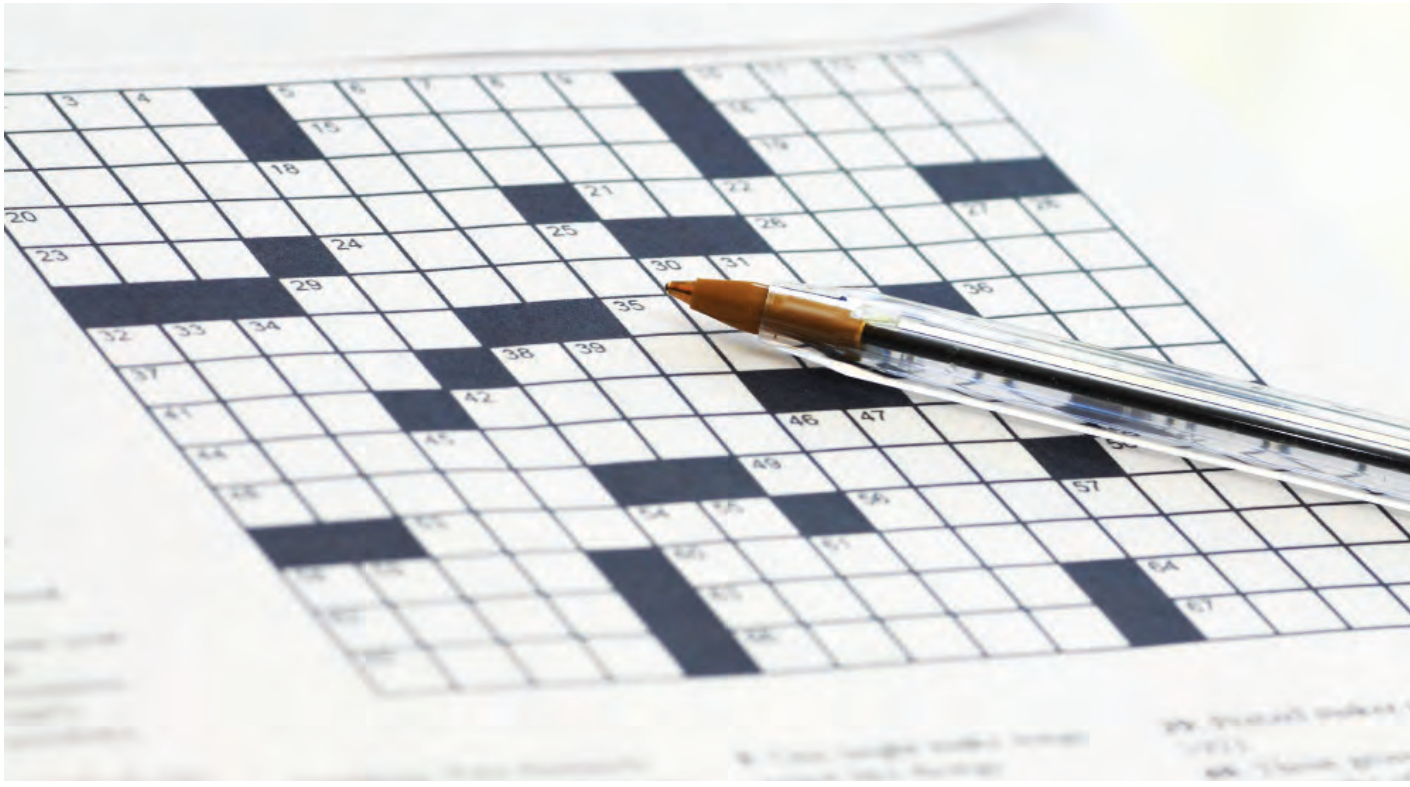
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TOP HEALTH:

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“The MIND diet is not a fad or restrictive diet — rather, it is a broad dietary pattern that emphasizes regular consumption of extra-virgin olive oil as a primary fat, fish high in omega-3 fatty acids, flavonoid-rich foods like berries, citrus fruits, tea, dark chocolate and foods rich in vitamin E and B vitamins such as nuts, seeds, avocados, dark leafy greens, whole grains and squash,” she said.

She cited research trials on the MIND diet that point toward the possibility of it delaying cognitive aging by around 7.5 years.

“And since the MIND diet is actually a hybrid of the Mediterranean Diet and the DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) diet, this pattern would be great for cardiometabolic health as well,” she said. **Keep moving.** Asked about any other advice for seniors, Pendleton didn’t hesitate to recommend exercise.

“Regular exercise is extremely important, especially strength training. In fact if you asked me to give just one piece of advice to follow, it would not be about nutrition — it would be about exercise!” she said.

Pendleton explained that around a person’s 30s, a process of age-related muscle loss and strength begins called sarcopenia. This is a normal process and the average person will lose about 1-2 percent of muscle every year.

“That may not sound like a lot,” she said, “but add it up over the years and in our 70s we could lose up to 50 percent of our muscle mass!” Pendleton said. Muscle mass has important implications for functional ability, independence, and risk of fall-related deaths.

“An important question I think that everyone (even someone in their 20s) should think about is: what do I want to physically be able to do when I’m 70? 80? 90+? And what do I need to do now to not only live a long life, but a healthy and happy life?” she posited.

She summarized with the two key pieces to the health puzzle: nutrition and exercise.

“It is important to note that research shows that optimized nutrition without exercise does not necessarily improve risk of frailty. So both matter, but two to three days a week of strength training may matter more.” she said.

Explore the history and facts of crossword puzzles

Even though a type of word puzzle was found inscribed on the wall of an ancient Egyptian tomb, the first known crossword puzzles are credited to journalist Arthur Wynne, who designed his “word-cross” in 1913. Wynne’s puzzle appeared in a Sunday newspaper called New York World.

Since its inception, the crossword puzzle has become one of the world’s most recognizable puzzles, attracting enthusiasts from all over the world, and now appearing in virtually all newspapers. According to readers, it’s a beloved feature of the Grosse Pointe News.

Crossword puzzles get their fun from challenging users to discover the answers that correspond to numbered clues. The words are fashioned into a grid of horizontal and vertical squares to form completed, intersecting words. When all of the words are supplied correctly, the puzzle is complete. In North America and Great Britain, crossword grids traditionally have 180-degree rotational symmetry. The diagram, or placement

of black squares within the grid, must be symmetric diagonally. This means that the pattern of the puzzle will appear the same if the puzzle is turned upside down.

American crossword puzzles conform to a set of established rules made popular by publisher Simon & Schuster, the original crossword puzzle publisher. The standard puzzle grid size is 15x15. However, 17x17, 19x19 and 21x21 also are used. Smaller 13x13 also are accepted. Many crossword puzzles do not use two-letter words, and three-letter words are kept to a minimum. In addition, every letter square must be part of both an ‘across’ and a ‘down’ word. Crossword rules are different in other parts of the world. For example, in Japan, the corner squares of a crossword puzzle must be white.

The New York Times routinely produces what many consider to be the world’s most challenging crossword puzzles. Stanley Newman is credited with completing a New York Times crossword faster than anyone in history. In 1996,

Newman completed a crossword in two minutes, 14 seconds.

Crossword puzzles appear in newspapers, magazines and kids’ activity books and are even used in school lessons to supplement vocabulary lessons. Doing these puzzles also may be good for one’s health. According to a University of California at Berkeley study, crossword puzzles may help in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease. Researchers found that the more often someone engaged in mentally stimulating activities such as crosswords, the less build-up of beta-amyloid plaques in the brain, which are hallmarks of the disease. Doing crossword puzzles also may offer a distraction that helps people reduce stress.

Crossword puzzles have a storied history and many fans. They are completed recreationally and in competitions, and cruciverbalists (an enthusiast of word games, especially of crosswords) look forward to new puzzles in their newspapers every week.

Bet you didn’t know you were a cruciverbalist!

Edgemere – The Joseph Berry Estate



Joseph Berry’s English manor house was designed by Mason and Rice. The “Edgemere” estate stretched from Lake St. Claire to Kercheval and from McKinley Road to Sunset Lane.

Joseph H. Berry was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, March 10, 1839. He moved to Detroit in 1855. 16 years old, he went to work in a wholesale chemical house. He quickly realized a need for better varnish and began experimenting.

Berry perfected his varnish on his mother’s kitchen stove. He began manufacturing his own formula in 1858, and in 1860 he and his brother Thomas began Berry Brothers Varnish, Inc.

Many Pointe homes in the 19th century were elaborate get-away cottages. Berry became one of the first full-time residents in 1882 with construction of “Edgemere” at 50 Lake Shore Drive. The estate spanned 15 acres, with extensive gardens, greenhouses, and a pet bear.



Visit a virtual exhibit about Edgemere

Joseph Berry died unexpectedly in 1907. A broken ankle sustained when getting out of his carriage three months prior became infected, leading to his demise. It is believed that he possessed more property than any other individual Michigan resident. The Berry Estate was the largest estate ever probated in Wayne County up to that time.



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Our readers love their puzzles! Here are two bonus word search puzzles for some extra fun on a chilly day. Enjoy!

“Looking for Love” Word Search

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A	T	S	U	O	V	Z	E	D	N	E	R	A	S	A	chocolate
C	D	Y	G	E	B	E	D	Y	D	U	T	L	S	E	cupid
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U	K	O	I	H	I	A	N	B	P	L	O	C	R	X	dinner
M	L	Z	E	R	U	N	U	I	W	U	Y	O	T	V	february
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N	R	X	B	R	V	R	A	X	O	N	Q	C	M	J	love
T	B	E	X	P	G	S	E	S	O	R	E	T	W	X	rendezvous
D	F	W	X	K	L	V	W	U	Q	X	F	L	D	K	romance
R	B	A	O	G	F	N	L	S	G	I	X	F	T	A	roses
A	F	M	H	O	C	D	C	Q	P	G	A	G	A	V	sweetheart
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FARM FINDS WORD SEARCH

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Agriculture	Irrigation
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Bloom	Land
Cat	Manure
Corn	Mule
Cow	Pasture
Crops	Pig
Dairy	Plow
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Donkey	Process
Duck	Rooster
Farmer	Season
Farmhouse	Silo
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Hay	Wheat
Hen	Workers

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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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.

Robert Edward Balfrey

Robert "Bob" Edward Balfrey, 84, passed away Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, following a courageous battle with multiple health issues.

Bob was born in Lawrence, Mass., in 1938, to William Edward and Lillian Christine Balfrey. He was raised in Manhasset, N.Y., and later in Grosse Pointe, where he graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1956. Bob attended the University of Michigan, where he was a member and vice president of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. Following graduation, Bob served his county in the U.S. Army Infantry, followed by service in the Michigan National Guard as a combat medic.

Bob married his high school and college sweetheart, Alice Read Aagesen, in 1961. He then began a long and successful career with the leading advertising agency, Kenyon and Eckhardt, rising to Detroit media director and vice president. In 1976, Bob and his family moved to San Diego, Calif., where he formed a successful apartment business partnership with longtime friend, David Anderson. Bob spent most of his last 30 years in Incline Village, Nev., on the lovely shores of Lake Tahoe.

Bob was an amazing husband and father. He was loving, patriotic, generous, insightful, fearless, compassionate, patient, religious and an effective problem-solver. Never one to complain when something needed to be done or fixed, Bob was the go-to man. Bob always put his family and friends first. He was a lifelong sailor, dedicated Rancho Bernardo Little League coach, fisherman and avid bridge player. It speaks volumes that he maintained friendships that lasted his entire life.

Bob was predeceased by his brother, William E. "Bill" Balfrey. Bob is sur-

vived by his wife of 62 years, Alice; sons, Brian David (Deirdre Kelly) and Robert Jr.; grandson, Brighton, and nephew, Mark Balfrey (Brenda), both of whom were lovingly referred to by Bob as "his boys"; cousins, Brooke, Blake and Meg Balfrey; niece, Laura Balfrey Elsaden (Sami); and cousins, Kirsten, Payton and Ethan Elsaden, Suzanne Ackerson Alexander (Ron), Diane Ackerson Minton, Tom Sullivan (Catherine), Michael (Amy) and Catherine McLaughlin (John).

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Incline Village, Nev.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Blvd., Incline Village, NV 89451, or bit.ly/3H7sv9p.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the dedicated Scripps Clinic medical team, led by Drs. Paul Pockross, John Fisher, Randolph Schaffer, Mohammed Shaker and Michael Kosta, as well as the extraordinarily compassionate crew at the Casa de las Campanas Health Center.

Robert P. Werenski

Robert P. Werenski, 82, passed away Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, in Grosse Pointe Farms. Bob was a resident for 51 years.

Bob was born March 4, 1940, in Hamtramck, to Helen and Tony Werenski. After graduating from Denby High School in 1957, Bob graduated from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Bob furthered his education at Wayne State University, earning an MBA and a degree in Industrial Engineering.

Bob met Sally Sample during a ski trip to Boyne Mountain in 1965 and fell in love. They were married March 4, 1967.

Bob began his automotive career with General Motors, Ford Motor and

Chrysler Corporation. He went on to work for several automotive suppliers before starting Werenski & Co. Bob and Sally were manufacturers' reps until their retirement in 1995.

Since retirement, Bob and Sally have traveled the world. Some of Bob's favorite destinations included Italy, Paris and cruising every major river in Europe. As faithful Christians, they traveled to Israel, which was a life-changing experience for both of them.

Bob loved sailing, skiing, bike riding, exercising at the Detroit Athletic Club, working in his basement workshop and reading. Bob was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Crescent Sail Yacht Club, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, St. Paul Men's Fellowship, Engineering Society of Detroit and The Alpha Gam Fraternity.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sally. Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Hillsdale College, 33 E. College Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242 or bit.ly/3Y44cjS.

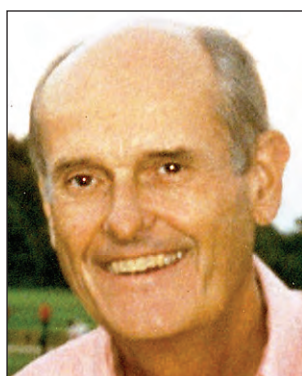
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The St. Paul Educational Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Hillsdale College, 33 E. College Street, Hillsdale, MI 49242 or bit.ly/3Y44cjS.

Jane Ellen Slinger

Jane Ellen Slinger (nee Hull), 81, passed away Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023.

Jane was the beloved wife of the late Paul Slinger; loving mother of Diane Marie Slinger, Ann Lynn Burke, Daniel Burke, Kay Ann Slinger, Tracy Lynn Lemanski (Patrick), Michael Slinger and the late Paul Thompson Slinger; cherished grandmother of Stephanie Slinger, Michelle Kusch (Carl), Daniel Burke, Samantha Burke, Cydney Slinger, Alison Barkhouse (Brandon), PJ Lemanski (Natalie), Carly Lemanski and Grace Lemanski; and the dear great-grandmother of Natalia Wedekind, Nikolai Wedekind, Trace Kusch, Logan Burke, Aughtum Pfromm, La'Riah Cunningham and Graham Barkhouse.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



Robert Edward Balfrey



Robert P. Werenski



Jane Ellen Slinger

Richard A. Schrage Jr.

Richard A. Schrage Jr., 75, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, in Grosse Pointe Farms, surrounded by his loving family.

Rick graduated from Xavier University and joined Ford Motor Co., in 1969, where he worked for 30 years. While at Ford, he served his country two years in the U.S. Army. After his retirement from Ford, he joined his brother's automotive supply companies, where he worked 13 years before retiring permanently to spend time with his family.

Rick was a man of faith, with a particular devotion to Blessed Solanus Casey. It was his faith that sustained him through his battle with cancer.

He was most proud of his family and enjoyed being part of a large family. He was a "car guy" who loved to share his passion for cars with his kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. When he wasn't working on his cars, he enjoyed boating. He spent many years racing his sailboat on Lake St. Clair and later, fishing and cruising the Great Lakes with his kids and grandkids. Another favorite pastime he developed in recent years was writing poetry. He often wrote whimsical poems for special family events that reflected his great sense of humor.

Rick is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan; son, Michael Schrage (Therese); daughters, Jeannie Wilcox (Scott) and Katherine English (Trent); grandchildren, Henry, Luke and Holly English, and Anderson and Annie Wilcox; sisters, Elizabeth Schrage and Patricia Sterba (James); brothers, David Schrage, Robert Schrage and John Schrage (Jeannie); sisters-in-law, Julie Schrage and June Schrage; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Richard and Helen Ann Schrage; and brothers, James Schrage and Peter Schrage.

Funeral services take place Friday, Feb. 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a



Richard A. Schrage Jr.



George Pamerleau

funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or csk-detroit.org/ways_to_give/monetary_gifts; or PIME Missionaries, 17330 Quincy, Detroit, MI 48221 or pimeusa.reachapp.co/donations/new.

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George Pamerleau

George Raymond Pamerleau, 61, of Jenison, was called home Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, surrounded by family.

George was born Aug. 29, 1961, in Muncie, Ind. The family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods when he was 4 years old. George attended Grosse Pointe North High School and was active in football, track and the chess club. Following high school, he attended Central Michigan University and began his military career, enlisting in the U.S. Army Reserve.

After leaving Central, George enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving on active duty in the Security Forces for almost 25 years, retiring as a master sergeant. While serving at Wurtsmith Air Force Base, George met his wife, Heidi (nee Parlow). Upon returning to Michigan, George went to work for the Transportation Security Administration, serving 17 years at Gerald R. Ford Airport.

George was passionate about his work, but his favorite role was being a father. He loved nothing more than spending time with his children. He was always there to offer love, support and encouragement. George taught his children strong values, that kindness was a person's best virtue and to always focus on the positive no matter the situation. He had a unique wit and the ability to make others smile. His

honesty, integrity and positivity will forever shine in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to know and love him. His legacy will carry on forever, reminding people to live a life of meaningful acts of love and service, just as Christ modeled.

George considered his home his castle. He is survived and will be forever missed by his loving wife of 33 years, Heidi; children, Vielka Milewski (Alex), Sonia, Nathan and Noah; mother, Mariann Pamerleau; father, George Pamerleau (Liz); sisters, Mary Bresser (Jim), Beth Ann Doyle (Dan) and Paula Bejin (Bill); brother, John Pamerleau (Kathy); mother-in-law, Carole Parlow; brothers-in-law, Jon Parlow (Debra) and Pete Parlow (Katie); nieces and nephews, Bethany, Andrea, Ashleigh, Elizabeth, Joe, Erin and Olivia; dear friend, Lisa Pamerleau; and many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins. He predeceased by his half-brother, Christopher Pamerleau; father-in-law, Paul Parlow; and sister-in-law, Sara Parlow.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Georgetown United Methodist Church, 2766 Baldwin, Jenison, MI. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. A luncheon will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Be Bold — bit.ly/3wGGLRW — a non-profit organization that will directly support George's children and others. Be Bold provides sustainable, low-cost housing to adults in need of support toward independence or transitional housing. George's legacy as provider and protector lives on in the way in which Be Bold will honor and support his children. Envelopes will be provided at the service for donations.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of
Laura M. Vitolins,
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Think of Laura, but laugh, don't cry.
I know she'd want it that way.

Hey yeah, when you think of Laura, well, laugh, don't cry.
I know she'd want it that way.

A friend of a friend, a friend to the end,
that's the kind of girl she was.

Taken away so young; taken away without a warning.

Think of Laura, but laugh, don't cry.
I know she'd want it that way.

Hey yeah, when you think of Laura, well, laugh, don't cry.
I know she'd want it that way.

Lovingly, Dad, Mom and sister Karen.

'Planting Like Nature' seminar is Feb. 18

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts the annual Detroit Legacy Seminar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson.

The focus of this year's seminar is the New Perennial Movement, its origins, status and future growth as a global movement toward a more ecologically and sustainable landscape and garden design. The event will highlight lectures by two internationally recognized horticulturalists who have been actively involved in the movement.

The first speaker, Tony Spencer, aka The New Perennialist, is an award-winning photographer, garden designer and writer. He will provide a brief history of the development of the naturalistic style of garden design, as well as an introduction to major designers active and influencing the movement today.

He will show participants examples of world-class designers achieving ecologically sustainable gardens.

Laura Ekasetya, the second speaker, is the former head horticulturist at Lurie Garden in Chicago and now works for Future Plants and the Piet Oudolf Collection. She will show examples of iconic plants used in the naturalistic style and demonstrate how grasses and sedges are planted with flowering gardens around the world. She also will introduce participants to some of the new perennials becoming available and explain why they are useful in the garden.

In addition to the speakers, a boxed lunch will be available and several sought-after vendors will offer unique garden-related items.

To register or for more information, visit gpgarden.center.org.

Dinner theater finds home in Grosse Pointe

'Crab Cakes and Murder' takes place Feb. 10-11

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A casual conversation between a pastor and parishioner led to the dawn of dinner theater in Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church member Diana Jones-Kirby, during a remodel of the church's entire lower level, including its fellowship hall stage, briefly mentioned she would love the church to offer dinner theater. Immediately, the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver said, "Let's do it."

With the new stage came an upgraded kitchen, allowing the church to host the area's first performance. A talented group of veteran theater actors will take the stage for "Crab Cakes and Murder," a murder mystery that takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 11, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"There's nothing like this going on in the Pointes," said Jones-Kirby, who noted the church broke in the new stage last summer with a series of short plays. "All the actors are from the Pointes, from either Grosse Pointe Theatre, the Fine Arts Society of Detroit or Theatre Arts Club of Detroit."

Jones-Kirby directs the comedy, which is set in a little fishing town where the CEO of a fishing company "somehow mysteriously dies," she said, "... or does he?"

"It's super funny," she added. "I wanted the right energy for these characters and we got it. Directing the show, I know the script, so I know when the jokes are going to happen, but every time I still laugh."

Yeager-Stiver is producing the show, which stars Elizabeth McQuillen, Charlie McQuillen, Monica McQuinn, Bill McCarthy, Cyndy Lambert, Elizabeth Rager, Charly Davis, Erin DiSante, Pete DiSante and Anne Maters.

The cast was selected just before Christmas and began thrice-weekly rehearsals early January. They've been off-book two weeks.

"Murder mysteries are



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Elizabeth McQuillen, Cyndy Lambert. McQuillen is the widow of the deceased and she is arguing with her sister-in-law about the funeral. Left, McQuillen and Bill McCarthy. McQuillen is the widow of the deceased and she is speaking with her husband while he is still alive in this recount of events for the sheriff.



The cast, from left, Elizabeth Rager, Erin DiSante, Anne Maters, Charly Davis, Cyndy Lambert, Pete DiSante, Elizabeth McQuillen, Bill McCarthy, Monica McCarthy and Charlie McQuillen.

awesome because we get the whole audience to interact," Jones-Kirby said, noting, however, this isn't a murder mystery where audience members take on roles. "Every table will get an evidence packet, which they will open during intermission. You watch the show, open the clue packet and are encouraged to give feedback, give your theory on what happened. It's guaranteed you're going to laugh your boots off."

In the role of sheriff, Charlie McQuillen will take questions from the audience about what they've seen.

"He has lines to memorize, so he knows the play inside and out, but he has to answer these questions, so he has to ad lib," Yeager-Stiver explained.

The dinner will be catered by Ferlito's,

thanks to help from Jones-Kirby's neighbor, Maria Chapman.

"They've been amazing to work with," Jones-Kirby said of the restaurant, whose menu includes lemon chicken, dinner salad, sausage and peppers, meatless mostaccioli, rolls and cheeses. Wine will be available for a donation as well.

In a nod to families — the performance is family friendly — an exhibit featuring the paintings of Ashley Menth, whose parents are in the show, simultaneously will occur in the church's art gallery. Guests are welcome to peruse the art before and after, as well as during intermission; each piece is available for purchase.

Additionally, parishioner Anne Archer, who creates glassworks, made lanterns for each table

that also will be available for purchase.

"We want people to see we have talent here — and delicious food," Yeager-Stiver said. "The driving point behind this is fellowship."

"... My goal is to create an environment where people feel we have a wonderful product — this dinner theater — and eventually turn our profits into a scholarship," he added. "But in the short term, we're supporting the church. ... To do quality shows, there are royalty fees. The funds will go to that for now, to an account separate from operations. It will funnel directly into this ministry."

With a limited capacity, seats still are available for Friday night's show, but only a few remain for Saturday night. Those

who miss their chance to see "Crab Cakes and Murder" will have to wait a few months for the next production, which is tentatively planned for the end of May.

Tickets for dinner and the show are \$32 each and available in advance only. Visit gpcong.org/theater-ministry to purchase.

chase.

"To make sure everyone's safe, the doors will close at 7 p.m.," Yeager-Stiver said. "Everybody with a ticket is on the list. Once the final name is marked off, the ticket takers will shut the doors."

For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

Phillies pitcher Mark Appel speaks Feb. 8 at GP Yacht Club

Mark Appel, a Stanford University graduate and No. 1 draft pick in the 2013 Major League Baseball draft, currently a member of the Philadelphia Phillies, will be a guest speaker at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Appel will speak about

"The Power of Mentorship" for the Grosse Pointe chapter of Young Life, along with Jim Stump, founder of a member of the Philadelphia Phillies, will be a guest speaker at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

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'Whooo' knows what owls can be found in the Pointes?

By Rosann Kovalcik
Guest Writer

While screech owls are the most common owl in Grosse Pointe, there are other types of this beautiful bird to look out for, if you are lucky enough to see one for yourself. The following includes many types of owls that have been sighted in our area "whooo" may surprise you with an appearance.

Great Horned Owl

The most likely sighting in our area is that of the great horned owl. This very large owl averages 22 inches tall with a wing span of 44 inches. They require a large tree with a flat area for nesting, such as a broken-off main trunk. In the past, a pair has nested in the field across from The Ford House, the only place that fulfills that nesting need.

Food supply is plentiful around the Pointes, with



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A long-eared owl.

great horned owls feasting on the abundance of available squirrels, racoons, possums, rats and cats. They are a successful generalist in their feeding habits.

My personal experiences include responding to the cawing of a group of crows mobbing a great horned owl at the top of my oak tree. In December 2021, I was serenaded for 25 minutes by a great

horned owl that was four houses down, calling for a mate from the top of the neighbor's tall pine tree. Great horned owls lay their eggs in February, so it wasn't unusual to hear him calling that time of year.

Long-Eared Owl

Long-eared owls are far less common. Although they have been sighted migrating in spring through this area, we have not found any reliable winter roosting sites. My experiences with this owl were the result of another group of corvids, blue jays, calling and hopping about the cedars in my yard. An inspection of the site resulted in seeing this 15-inch-tall owl with long feather tufts roosting for the day. Long-eared owls travel beginning at dusk, on their way to the northern Lower Peninsula and further north where they nest.



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Left, great-horned owl. Right, a snowy owl.

I saw another long-eared owl due north of a friend's home a few years later, sitting on a relatively open branch in the sun. Food supply in Grosse Pointe would be sufficient as they eat small mammals, which supports another good lesson regarding why poisons should be avoided. These owls like dense cover in the form of cedar trees, which have branches that allow them the spaces they need to roost, yet provide cover from the elements. If you are looking to improve owl habitat in your yard, I would highly recommend a row of native cedar trees.

Saw-Whet Owl

Saw-whet owls are rare, although I believe that with regular searching they would be found. They prefer the same habitat as long-eared owls. These eight-inch-tall owls may look cute

because of their size, but they are fierce predators. Food for saw-whet owls consists mainly of mice.

My only report of this owl was from a customer in 2010. In the middle of a busy Black Friday, a customer and her grandson came in to report a small owl in their garage. After looking at the field guide, he identified it as an eastern screech owl. Later, when they returned with a picture, I was shocked to discover the bird was a northern saw-whet owl. I immediately went to their house to see this rare find in Grosse Pointe. To my surprise, instead of hiding in its natural habitat of dense brush, it was perched on a coiled garden hose in the rafters of the garage.

Snowy Owl

The snowy owl is another rare sighting in Grosse Pointe, with sightings reported along the lakeshore at The Ford

House and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. These birds appear in winter and feast on the plentiful ducks we have on the lake. The most reliable place to see one is at the Harley Ensign DNR launch site, where one is seen on the breakwall on a fairly regular basis in the winter, including this year.

If you are interested in seeing owls up close and personal, attend Owl Fest at Lake St. Clair Metro Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 15, where there will be a live bird presentation.

Have fun searching and listening for these owl species in the neighborhood.

Rosann Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20381 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Follow the store on Facebook for updated information about birds, products and more.



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A saw-whet owl.

APPEL:

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University football team. He spent 40 years at Stanford mentoring student-athletes and is a former sports agent.

"While working at Stanford University, I saw firsthand the impact that Jim Stump had with the Stanford University student-athletes in mentoring them on a weekly basis," said Doug Bechler, a Grosse Pointe resident and Young Life volunteer. "The pressure on today's students is immense and many of them are looking for an opportunity to develop trusting, confidential relationships to grow in personal character and faith. Jim Stump has impacted thousands of youths over his 55-year career, first at Stanford and now at Southern Methodist University.

Mark Appel is one example of a life that has been dramatically impacted by a mentorship with Jim Stump. That relationship is stronger today, 12 years after Mark graduated from Stanford University."

Young Life is a faith-based international organization that works with students in middle school, high school and college who are seeking relationships with fellow students and young adults as they navigate this part of their life, building a strong foundation of character and faith.

Grosse Pointe's chapter of Young Life started in 2002, and provides opportunities for all students in the community to meet each week for fellowship, conversation, meals and to partner with mentors. In addition, Grosse Pointe Young Life

provides weekend and summer trip options to all area students.

Young Life was founded in 1944, in Texas, and currently is in all 50 U.S. states and more than 100 countries around the world. More than 2 million students in the U.S. have been impacted by Young Life with an average of 345,000 students participating each week.

This inspirational evening is open to the public and ticket sales benefit Young Life in Grosse Pointe. For ticket information, visit bit.ly/3wBbwru.



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A long-eared owl.

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Me" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Grandparent and Grandkids Fun with Physics Workshop, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 11, with instructor Gary Abud Jr. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tony Pate will speak about United Support for Ukraine. Guests are welcome.

The Family Center

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@familycenterweb.org or calling (313) 447-1374.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. The Rev. David Eardley, appointed seven months ago as senior pastor of

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

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.

LIFE & LEISURE



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Owner Liz Blondy at the Canine to Five Eastside construction site in Riverbend Plaza.

Canine to Five announces eastside Detroit location

Canine to Five, offering dog day-care and boarding services, will open its fourth location at 13208 E. Jefferson in the Riverbend Plaza on Detroit's Eastside, in early April. The new space will encompass 8,000 square feet, including five dog play areas.

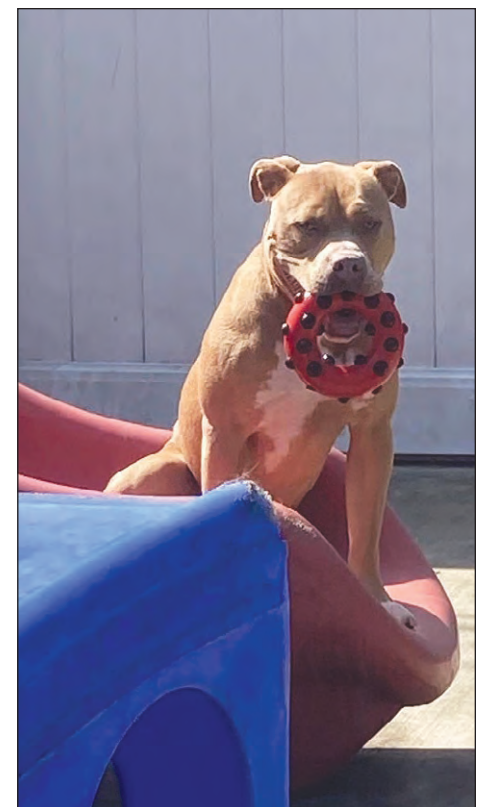
"Detroit is where it all started in 2005," Canine to Five owner Liz Blondy said. "It means a lot to me to open another business in the city. Through Canine to Five, I have built such rewarding relationships with so many clients, employees and, of course, dogs. I cannot wait to see some new and old faces on the Eastside."

Canine to Five Eastside will add 20 employees to the more than 100 current employees on the Canine to Five team. Those interested in a career at

Canine to Five should visit caninetofive.com/jobs/#apply.

Founded in 2005, Canine to Five Detroit is located at 3443 Cass, Midtown Detroit. Canine to Five also has a second facility in Ferndale, 1221 E. Nine Mile. Canine to Five's third facility is in Commerce Township, 4278 Haggerty.

For more information, visit caninetofive.com.



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Five dog play areas such as these will fill the new space.

@Your Library: Annie Spence

By John Ruedger
Guest Writer

I enjoy shopping the Kercheval corridor because it gives one the sense of a small town on the shoulders of a main metropolis. One end offers Shaw's Books, an intimate shop filled to the brim with collectibles and a young man behind the desk who has forgotten more about books and literature than most folks know. The other end has Jerry's Club Party Store, where you can chat with Rose or Jerry while being jostled by children with big smiles and hands filled with goodies. This all aligns with a strong community supported by its residents to buy local.

So let's add reading local! Why not, with so many authors close to home? Read tales from the North woods written by Hemmingway through the eyes of Nick Adams or Steve Hamilton's "Alex McKnight," a retired Detroit police officer living in the Upper Peninsula. Jim Harrison's novel "Brown Dog" offers a reckless tale of a Michigan man down on his luck. Read the fascinating, quirky dialogue Elmore "Dutch" Leonard creates for his very human characters. Tread the mean streets of Detroit and suburbs with Amos Walker, Loren D. Estleman's wisecracking detective. Here is a novel idea: the poker playing euthanasia assistant in Amy Sewell's "Pocket 8's." Local yet far, far away is Lewis G. Gazoul's Prince Baytel's trials and tribulations as a citadel druid in the medieval epic trilogy, "Druids of the Faerie."

"If the hill will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet will go to the hill."
— Francis Bacon

Annie Spence is one of the nicest "Mohamets" with whom I have conversed. Annie is an outreach librarian at the Grosse Pointe Public Library since 2017, and a published author. As an

outreach librarian, her focus is on bringing the library to those unable to easily get there for myriad reasons and she develops events to bring our community together.

Q: Annie, what's in the hopper, exciting events or readings you and your team are developing to give even greater access to our libraries?

A: "I was part in developing a really inspiring series of ongoing events – it's called 1,000 Hours Outside – along with my colleague, Melissa, and outdoor educator, Kelly Konieczki. It is based on the national 1,000 Hours Outside initiative by Michigan mom, Ginny Yurich. A few times a month people of all ages in our community gather outside to explore the outdoors on walks, bird watches, scavenger hunts and more.

"Over the pandemic, we found ourselves really having to get creative about programming and it led to some fun ideas and I think a better connection with the community. We have done craft programs and cooking demonstrations; had experts meet with patrons virtually to talk about everything from closet organization to grief; and continued to host fantastic author events and book discussion groups."

Mary Short, marketing director for the library, pointed out the outreach for new parents Annie developed over the last year.

Q: What type of information or services does the library provide new parents?

A: "My colleague, Kathleen, has been in charge of outreach to our homebound community members for many years. In 2022, the outreach team decided to expand by offering outreach to new parents as well. To help support new parents, we offer to deliver and pick up materials for the first year after bringing a new child home. This is especially helpful



Annie Spence

for big brothers and sisters who might need new things to read or do when mom's attention is on baby. New parents get a special welcome bag with books to keep and a list of other community resources. It has been a really fun and fulfilling service to provide. I remember how hard it is to get out of the house when you have little ones at home."

Q: What about the book bike and how it is used?

A: "It's just like it sounds — a bike that carries books. We take it to different community events like street festivals and parades and you can also schedule us to visit your neighborhood block party."

Q: Browsing the "new books" shelves is like an Easter egg hunt for me and I light up when I see one of my favorite authors, finding a gold egg. Who are your "gold eggs?"

A: "I always look for Grace Paley or Toni Morrison on bookshelves and when I visit a different library, I like to look through their copy of "The Diary of Anne Frank," to see if any passages have been highlighted or underlined. It's interesting to see what writing moved other readers. Even though you're absolutely not supposed to mark up your library books, in this case, I make an exception."

Thank you, Annie Spence, for the nice chat, which may be a good topic for another article about library etiquette!

I did ask the reference desk where I might find books on paranoia. They said, "Right behind you."



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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Obnoxious daughter needs tough love

Dear Gabby: My daughter is killing me. She is defiant, obnoxious and rude. All she does is ask for money and expensive clothing, and the minute she gets it she's mean again. What on earth happened to my sweet child?

Everyone else thinks she's an angel and at home she is the complete opposite.

— Forlorn in the Farms

Dear Forlorn,

Be thankful that your darling daughter knows how to act around everyone else. That tells you that she knows right from wrong and good from bad.

When kids act out to their parents only, it is a sure sign that they feel safe. That said, there's no excuse for consistently terrible behavior.

I suggest a nice lunch or

dinner with your daughter. Try to bond, but more importantly — lay some ground rules.

Tell her how much she is hurting you with her behavior, and set boundaries.

For example, if she wants money, she needs to earn it by doing things around the house and by acting human.

If she wants expen-

sive clothing, perhaps a job is in order. Might as well prepare her for the real world sooner than later.

— Gabby

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Should I commit to a man who makes less money than I do?

Dear Ann Landers: I am 29 years old and divorced my husband a year ago when I discovered he was a world-class con artist. I have been seeing a therapist and am moving in a healthy direction.

I feel I'm getting my confidence back and am enjoying my independence.

For the past few months, I have been dating a wonderful man who seems serious about me.

My problem is, I become both excited and frightened when "Clark" and I talk about a future together. My concern is that he makes a very modest salary that barely covers his living expenses. For five years, I was married to a man who spent money as if it grew on trees, and it was up to me to make ends meet.

I had a very good job, but it was never enough. When we split, I swore I'd never allow myself to get in that position again.

Clark is considerate and caring, and we get along great, but I find myself looking for things about him that aren't perfect. I am not sure

whether my concern is based on common sense or whether I am simply afraid to marry a man who is down a lot lower on the pay scale than I'd like him to be.

I haven't told Clark about my fears because I don't want to hurt his feelings or make him feel inadequate. He believes I am hesitating about a commitment because my past experience soured me on relationships. He thinks I will come around if I have a little more time.

I don't want to end a great relationship, but I don't want to struggle financially like I did before. Please help me sort this out. — Confused in L.A.

Classic Ann Landers

Dear L.A.: What you need is time to clear your head. Don't make any hasty decisions. Keep seeing Clark, but don't pass up any opportunities to date others.

In due time, you will decide whether your feelings for Clark are strong enough to triumph over the financial insecurity. Let me know how this turns out.

Dear Ann Landers: Our son and his wife have separated after two months of marriage and will be divorcing shortly. They want to know what to do about the wedding gifts. Should gifts be returned when the marriage does not last six months?

Many friends have said

their gifts should be kept and that my son and his wife should divide them.

Gifts of money were spent already on the honeymoon and on furnishing the house. — Splitsville in Wyoming

Dear Wyoming: According to Letitia Baldrige, foremost authority on etiquette, the couple should keep the gifts.

There is always the possibility that they will get back together before the divorce is final, and if not, friends will feel so saddened by the news that a returned gift would make them feel worse.

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We Tried It!

A love letter to the Dyson AirWrap

Growing up, my mom worked as a hairdresser. Mom made sure my two sisters and I had great hair for every special occasion. We all became a little spoiled with my mom's hair talents though and every day became a special occasion. My sisters and I were sporting new styles to school on a regular basis. We had cool, intricate braids for soccer practice,

beautiful curls for homecoming and could get a haircut whenever we wanted. I still can't believe she was patient enough to deal with our antics. I'm sure helping three teenage girls with their hair every morning before high school wasn't really her idea of a peaceful morning.

After a few years, my mom set up a salon in our basement so everyone had

a little more room to get ready. We were able to use the salon-quality tools and products she used on her real clients. I have fond memories of getting ready in the salon with my friends before a football game or party, curling my best friend's hair before her boyfriend's prom and spending extra time with my cousins and aunts when they would come over for haircuts.

As an adult, I've purchased my own blow dryers, straighteners and curling irons that never really did the job quite like my mom did. They were never as great as the tools she had in the basement salon and my hair never looked as good. I obviously didn't have my mom's skill level or experience, but why was it so difficult to make my hair look good on a daily basis?

My mom gave me tips and tricks, but nothing really seemed to stick. I essentially gave up on doing my hair and made peace with the semi-curly/wavy/frizzy locks God gave me. #blessed.

Enter the Dyson AirWrap. Thanks to the many hours I spend scrolling online every week (my weekly screen time report scares me sometimes), I've seen many videos and advertisements about the Dyson AirWrap Multi-

Styler. Basically, it claims to be a faster, easier way to style hair by including multiple dryer attachments that curl and wave hair in both directions, brushes to control and shape hair and a smoothing dryer to dry, smooth and hide flyaways.

After seeing many impressive Dyson styling videos and hair tutorials using the Airwrap, I thought about purchasing. Here's the kicker: It's \$600. Due to this absolutely insane price, I thought about it for an entire year before actually adding it to my cart.

I am someone who absolutely loves to do my hair and sees value in getting a salon blow-out for important events. It makes me feel put together when my hair is done. See how easily I convince myself to purchase new products? Sigh.

Anyway, there were a few reasons that ultimately pushed me to purchase the AirWrap. Many online reviews said the Dyson completely eliminated their need to ever get a blowout at the salon. More reviews said their hair drying time was cut in half or more. Further research stated that Dyson hair-care tools use powerful airflow technology rather than extreme heat to style hair, which means far less heat damage overall. They had me right where they wanted me. And I bought the dang Dyson AirWrap

right then and there.

After it arrived, I realized the AirWrap had a 30-day money-back guarantee. Meaning I had 30 days to make sure this thing was the best hairdryer on the planet. Operation "Is the Dyson worth \$600?" was underway. The first time I did my hair with the AirWrap, my hair resembled a colonial man. It looked like I was wearing George Washington's wig. The curls were large and fluffy, it was awful and I was questioning everything. I continued to do my hair every day for the next month until I figured it out.

And, drumroll please ... I LOVE THIS THING! I love it so much I would jump in front of a train to protect my Dyson AirWrap. That's an exaggeration, but this hairdryer gives me a salon-quality blowout from sopping wet hair to beautiful curls in less than 25 minutes. It hasn't damaged my hair at all, it's useful for all different hairstyles and it's super lightweight and easy to store. If you are considering it, I definitely recommend this product to literally everyone and anyone I know.

If I see a stranger on the street, there's a good chance I'll bring up the AirWrap within the first five minutes of our conversation. It's basically become part of my personality now, that's how much I love it.

Due to influencer mar-

keting, I purchase many products that are promoted by bloggers online. I am an easily influenced person, but many of the products I've tried have been pretty awesome. One of my pet peeves is when an online blogger is telling their audience they HAVE to have something, should RUN to the store to buy it and whatever product they are promoting that week is absolutely going to change lives. I'm not buying it. Literally or figuratively.

Now, the Dyson is a hefty investment. For those reasons, I'm not going to try and convince you this hairdryer is something you can't live without. It is a completely frivolous purchase that is definitely not necessary for good hair. But, I recognize that it does exactly what it's supposed to do and does a pretty great job at it.

For those reasons, the Dyson AirWrap gets four alligators from us. I docked one because of the price, but if I could give it five, I would. If you try the Dyson AirWrap, let us know!

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.



Year of the rabbit

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

On January 22, 2023 the Chinese New Year began. It's a 16-day celebration that honors the transition of the zodiac signs.

This year, the signs transitioned from the Tiger to the Rabbit. In honor of this, I'm sharing one of my family's favorite Chinese dishes, my version of Dan Dan Noodles. It's a fast, one-pan wonder that is packed with healthy vegetables and lots of flavor.

I use ramen noodles because they're cheap, easy to find and cook very quickly. This noodle dish is spicy and a bit sweet and tangy from the addition of vinegar.

If you like spicy food, add the full 2 tablespoons of Sambal chili paste which you can find in most grocery stores. It gives the dish so much wonderful chili flavor.

Also, it seems like there are a lot of greens being added but they cook down to the perfect amount.

This really is a wonderful and warming dish, perfect for a cold, snowy weeknight meal.

So celebrate the Year of the Rabbit, skip the takeout and make this quick and delicious meal.

Cheers, Mombeau

Dan Dan Noodles

- 1 lb ground pork
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 2 tbsp minced ginger
- 1 head, bok choy chopped
- 1 lb fresh spinach
- 1 tsp five spice powder
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup rice wine vinegar
- ½ cup hoisin sauce
- 1-2 tbsp Sambal chili paste

2 tbsp toasted sesame oil

4 packs ramen noodles

Chopped scallions for garnish

Start by cooking the noodles according to the directions on the package. Discard the seasoning packets or save for another use. Once cooked, drain and rinse with cold water and set aside.

In a large wok or skillet, sautee the ground pork with canola oil, garlic and ginger until the pork is cooked though about seven minutes. Next add all of the greens and cook for a few minutes or until they just start to wilt.

While this is cooking, in a bowl, mix together the soy sauce, rice wine vinegar, hoisin sauce, chili paste and five spice powder. Pour over the meat and vegetables. Toss to combine, then add the noodles and



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

This recipe of Dan Dan Noodles is not only very flavorful, it is also loaded with healthy vegetables.

oil. Toss back up, about three a generous amount of everything together to five more minutes. freshly chopped scallions, and drizzle with a bit of extra sesame oil.

Grape families

Most people who drink wine on a regular basis have their favorite varieties. Most of us tend to stick with these grapes for years or decades, rarely straying from the familiar.

More adventuresome wine people like trying wines from places they didn't know existed or from grapes they know nothing about. Depending on where you live, there may be a whole range of local wines that are non-mainstream.

Various regions of the country have weather patterns that preclude growing traditional wine grapes. In some areas the only grapes that will grow consistently to make wine are those that are hybrids or crosses between various genetic lines that are bred to deal with Mother Nature's nastiest vineyard problems.

Most of the wines we see regularly come from the species of grapevine we commonly call French grapes and emanate from the moderate-climate, Mediterranean areas of Europe.

"Vitis vinifera" vines give us grape varieties we all know: merlot, pinot noir, chardonnay, etc. But folks who live in places like Missouri, Ohio, South Dakota and Kentucky, where

cold winters can kill the more delicate French grapes, see local wineries that make different wines.

In those states, folks may well find wines called Vignoles, Seyval or St. Vincent.

These are hybrid varieties specifically bred to deal with harsh winter temperatures in which the French varieties struggle. Missouri and Virginia (and a few other places) grow a red wine grape called Norton that is related to a native American vine from a rare family called Vitis aestivalis.

Some areas of the country offer even more rebellious vineyard challenges that call for specialized hybridized grapes. To deal with this, several crosses and hybrid varieties were developed at Cornell University in New York, such as Chardonel, Traminette, Noiret and Corot Noir.

Cornell became interested in this science because the native American grapes that did best in Upstate New York's Finger Lakes were from a group called Vitis labrusca. Most labrusca wines like Concord offered a distinctive aroma (methyl anthranilate) that most Americans do not consider particularly exciting when served with



food.

Winter weather that's even colder than Upstate New York presents challenges to even some of the more interesting hybrids. Such is the case in Minnesota, the Dakotas and Wisconsin. Hybridization in those locations has led to a set of what we now call the Minnesota grape varieties. Many were developed by Wisconsin hybridist Elmer Swenson.

Today among the "Swenson varieties" and other hybrids we find exciting wines made from grapes called Brianna, Frontenac, Marquette and La Crescent.

Decades ago, when such crosses and/or hybrids first started being produced, the results were inconsistent from place to place. But in the last decade, I've tasted dozens of astoundingly fine efforts by wineries from all over the United States that offer not only excellent results were inconsistent from place to place. But in the last decade, I've tasted dozens of astoundingly fine efforts by wineries from all over the United States that offer not only excellent flavor profiles that are stimulating and can be provocative.

Many of the wines are so tasty it's difficult to put them down!

Not only is winemaking improving rapidly, but



grape growers now understand far more than they ever did about these new varieties and are making vineyard decisions that give winemakers infinitely more options.

Hybrids and crosses deserve far more public attention than they have gotten historically. I highly recommend that wine consumers try them with an open mind!

Wine of the Week: Wight-Meyer Dry Vignoles, Ohio River Valley, Estate (\$20): This premium Kentucky winery owned by Jim Wight sits on prized limestone soils.

Vignoles often is made sweet to accent its pineapple-y aroma. Here Wight ferments the wine to complete dryness (!) and the result is a remarkably complex, mineral, crisp dry white with hints of

that same pineapple. To order some, call Jim at (502) 807-8681.

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Fresh blooms in shades of pink in a short square vase make an intimate and colorful centerpiece that adds to the charming atmosphere. A cute pink lip balm favor from Merit Woods at each setting completes the table.

Our favorite part of this party? Zero clean-up! Paper products make afterward an absolute breeze.



Gold-tone hearts pepper these festive party cups, above, from Glitter & Scotch.

BY OLIVIA MONETTE AND DONNA ZETTERLUND

Every party needs presents! From favors to hostess gifts, tokens of love and friendship to little remembrances, gifts brighten the day and speak of our affection for one another. Pro-level gift-givers have a stable of sources where they know they can connect with the right thing for each person. Add these items and stores to your go-to list for perfect presents every time.



Blooming in love

Conner Park Florist is abundant with fresh arrangements and bouquets for party tables and Valentine greetings.

A multicolor freeform arrangement, above, is a breathtakingly beautiful gift for your Valentine. Fresh flowers will always represent the ever-new quality of love.

Conner Park Florist's "Sweetness" arrangement has a dozen pink roses with eucalyptus and white statice in a cubed glass vase. It's a magnificent display of your affection.



All the good smells

Merit Woods Pharmacy is overflowing with the sweet scent of the most romantic holiday of the year. You're sure to find something for all of your sweeties.

Hand creams, candles, soaps and shower steamers, above, are the personal gifts that make her feel oh-so special. Shower steamers: simply unwrap the shower steamer, place it in the corner of the shower, and let the hot water activate it to release the delicious, relaxing scent. It truly elevates your experience.

Don't forget about Valentines for the classroom. Merit Woods Pharmacy has fun emoji and scratch-off Valentines for your child's classmates above, far left. They are super cute!

Stash it

Sometimes the nicest treasures are found in unexpected places. Merit Woods Pharmacy does not disappoint in this department. Next time you aren't in a rush — peruse the aisles and see what interesting treasures you'll find.



This pretty heart-embazoned zipper pouch, above, by Potluck Press, holds it all, from cosmetics to school supplies and more. Your giftee will feel the love every time they use it. Find it at Merit Woods Pharmacy.



Spill some tea, Valentine

Tea and chocolate are two of life's little pleasures. A box of Big Heart Tea with a pink mug and some yummy bon bons are sure to make someone's Valentine's Day sweeter. Pop into Merit Woods Pharmacy for a little token of your love for a teacher, neighbor or friend.



Cozy slippers come in a variety of cheerful prints to keep toes warm and safe all winter long. A "Be Mine" design, big pink hearts, embroidered smiley faces and more mean you'll find the perfect pair at Merit Woods Pharmacy.

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Babydoll

Date night! This precious jacquard short frock is dappled in the sweetest heart print for your Valentine's Day celebration. Sweetheart neckline and short puff sleeves add to the sweet look. By Lilly Pulitzer, at Village Palm.

The Tiny Garden earrings, right, are the perfect accessory for this dress. Dual hearts are embellished with mini flowers and little beads. Find them at Village Palm.



Dress your best for your Valentine's Day date this year! The local shops will have you stepping out in style and winning lots of hearts everywhere you go.

Flirty, feminine and flouncy

This romantic dress with a lavender floral pattern is a great piece to wear for a candlelight dinner for two. Add some sexy black strappy shoes and a little clutch, and you're ready to go! Dress available at Glitter & Scotch.



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Top tops at Iris

This loose-fit tunic, right, has clusters of tiny navy hearts, will soon be a wardrobe fave. Lightweight and easy to wear, it's finished off with Iris' fit and flare jeans for a polished yet comfy look.



Instant glamour!



For effortless Valentine's Day chic, try an enchanting knotted headband! Simply slip over any style or length hair (with bangs or without) and look like a star in 30 seconds flat!

Let's talk

So much fun – these conversation heart dangle earrings will have everyone talking all day. The multicolor design means they'll match a lot of outfits. Buy them at Glitter & Scotch.



Choose from the headband with conversation heart detail or pink gemstone detail to add a bit of glitz to your heart-day ensemble.

Valentine's Day is a favorite holiday because its central theme is love, sweet, love. So whether you are buying a token of affection for a main squeeze, BFF, mom, daughter, sister or aunt, these gifts represent the love you feel all year. These pretty outfits and accessories are a perfect way to share the love – and WEAR the love. Whatever you do to celebrate, relish that amazing feeling that makes the world go round!

Pucker up, buttercup!

Capricious joins in on the Valentines Day fun with this luxury cashmere blend crewneck sweater with a sparkly embellished lip design, below. It is a festive and fun Valentine kiss.



'Heart' to miss

This heart-print crewneck sweater, below, is lightweight, yet warm enough for brisk Michigan weather. Grab this beautiful black belt bag that features an iconic red zipper. Made of pebbled leather, it's deliciously soft. From Capricious.



Poufy and floofy

The puff ball slip-on slippers, left, are the epitome of plush cushiness. In pastel pink, lilac and ivory, their delicate look matches how soft they feel.

It's the valentine gift that lets her know you care about her comfort. Available at Glitter & Scotch.



Her royal pinkness

Now this Valentine's gift is the perfect treat for yourself! It checks all the boxes – pretty, practical and comfy. You'll want to wear every day, whether lounging at home or running around Grosse Pointe with your to-do list.

Feel like a hip princess in this luxurious velour zip-up hoodie, left. It's lush and striking in a deep pink color.

The front pockets warm hands and hold essentials while the hood makes a great cover-up for damp hair after the gym.

From Village Palm, it's a big pink hug of coziness.



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The matching velour pants, right, complete the outfit and extend the coziness, with a drawstring waist and cinched ankles, Great for winter workouts and just as perfect for lazy days off. From Village Palm, of course!

Pump up the jams

This adorable set of shortie jammies is adorned with butterflies, ladybugs, bees and flowers. So it's only natural that you'll love wearing them! The red piping adds a touch of casual elegance. Find them at Glitter & Scotch.



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Heart on your sleeve

This eye-candy Heart on Your Sleeve sweatshirt and drawstring shorts set, below, is apropos for Valentine's Day. The shiny sequin hearts are adorably bling-y. Wear to work out or just for fun. The fit is relaxed and the sequins are individually sewn on for sturdy wear.

Wear together or separately. Wear the top with jeans or black leggings, the shorts with your favorite sports tank. From Village Palm.



Flip your lid for pink caps!



Innocence + sass

The Lilly Pulitzer Louellie sweater, above, draws "awwws" with its heart embroidery, fluffy knit fabric, v-neckline and charming princess puff sleeves. There isn't a sweeter sweater for Valentine's Day. Yours, from Village Palm.

The fashionable hats above, show off unique style while making a statement. The hot pink Detroit Pride beanie and Detroit 313 baby pink cap, above, top off your get-ups with edgy style in Valentine shades. From The Campus Shop.

Little hearts all in a row

The Alyona crewneck pullover sweater, above, with long blouson sleeves and heart jacquard detail at hem is by Lilly Pulitzer. It's the perfect top to wear with jeans or black pants to make a splash on Valentine's Day. Get it at Village Palm.

Shop these fine Grosse Pointe shops for Valentine's Day:

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Why February 14th?

Sweethearts who want to keep their relationships running strong know that Valentine's Day is celebrated each year on Feb. 14. According to the Library of Congress, it's hard to pinpoint exactly why Valentine's Day is celebrated on that particular day, though the date might have ties to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia. That was a spring festival celebrated each year on Feb. 15. The holiday was moved to Feb. 14 after several early Christian martyrs named Valentine each were celebrated with a saint day on Feb. 14. But the unique history of Valentine's Day and its association with Feb. 14 as well as its romantic sentiments does not end there. In the Middle Ages, people believed birds selected their mates on Feb. 14. As a result, it was not uncommon for lovers to recite prose to one another on this date, and that was way before Twitter!

However it began, we are all grateful to have a day to celebrate love (and eat some extra chocolate — like we need an excuse!)

FLOWERS

your amor will adore!



Stunning raspberry-toned roses in a vase, above, from Viviano's.



This sweet pink S.W.A.K. envelope vase arrangement, left, is popular this year from Viviano's. The vase comes in several pretty pastel colors.



Viviano's red roses and baby's breath are a Valentine's Day classic.

You can never go wrong with flowers to romance your sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Lucky for Grosse Pointers, you've got a local friend in the flower business that offers exquisite arrangements, bouquets and more to surprise and delight loved ones. It's Viviano Flower Shop.

Viviano's knows that buying the right Valentine flowers can be confusing. What to buy for which occasion? What do particular types of flowers mean? Am I sending the 'right' message? With so

many options, it helps to have the expert consultants at Viviano Flower Shop come to the rescue.

According to Viviano's, the rose represents many things in the language of flowers, and each color even has its own meaning. For example, the red rose represents beauty and passion, so many a paramour has been delighted to receive them from their crush or partner. Yellow means friendship or affection. Check out viviano.com for the meaning of other types of flowers.

Viviano Flower Shops are located at 32050 Harper Ave., in St. Clair Shores, phone: (586) 293-0227 and 20087 Mack Ave., in Grosse Pointe Woods, phone: (313) 882-2461. Stop in at the location that's most convenient for you.



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Viviano's pink and red roses with assorted other blooms enchant in this heart-themed vase.

Gifting your man

Make Valentine's Day fun for him, too

Let's hear it for the boys! The men we adore come in all types, shapes and sizes. But they have one thing in common — they need to be reminded that we are still ga-ga for them. These great gift ideas from Newport will make your dude smile and remind him that Valentine's Day isn't so bad!

Choose from a fine selection of colorful ties, below, that add pop to his presence!



Newport has so many ideas for ways to tell your guy he's tops in your heart. The Will Leather Goods journal cover, above, with an enclosed notepad helps him jot down ideas and make lists. Designed with full grain, vegetable-tanned leather, and a dual-snap button closure, this supple signature leather piece is a durable and attractive gift he can really use.

The Newport ink pen writes smoothly and feels great in his hand. The pen, above, comes in multiple colors and designs. Fun fact: the owner of Village Palm and Newport's husband makes these pens by hand, so it's a unique and creative gift.

An attractive tie seems to be something he never buys for himself, so it makes for a thoughtful gift. He can wear it to a next date night (hint, hint.)



The Southern Tide trucker hat, below, is the perfect companion for all seasons. It's super comfortable and stylish, so he'll wear it everywhere. It's a great addition to any weekend outfit — from sporty to outdoorsy.



Browse around Newport for clothes to showcase his good looks and personality. They've got a great selection of seasonal shirts and pants as well as all-season sports and casual wear to top off his wardrobe. New stock arrives regularly so finding the perfect gift is easy as can be.



Smathers & Branson belts, above, come in fun patterns to fit his lifestyle.

Just for fun, Newport has Smathers & Branson 100% hand-stitched needlepoint and leather can coolers, below. They're the elegant way to enjoy a cold one on the boat, in the backyard, or even watching the game. Check out the different needlepoint designs to find the perfect one for your guy.

Newport is located at 17133 Kercheval Ave., in Grosse Pointe. Reach them at shopnewportgp.com or Instagram @ [newport_gp](https://www.instagram.com/newport_gp).



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Snowman sightings

Grosse Pointe News asked our readers to send in their snowman creations from last week's snowstorm and here are the results. Good job everybody!



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Left, Naomi Watts as Pam Bales and Billy Howie as John in the 2022 film "Infinite Storm," directed by Malgorzata Szumowska and Michal Englert (co-director).

MOVIE REVIEW
"Infinite Storm"
2022 - Rated R
1 hr 37min

The fine award-winning British actor Naomi Watts is no stranger to challenging roles. Her varied oeuvre includes "The Impossible," where she searches for her family in the aftermath of a

tsunami, "The Desperate Hour" where she races against the clock to save her son during a school lockdown, and now "Infinite Storm" which features the classic theme of man versus nature as she battles the elements in the mountains.

The film is based on a true story about Pam Bales, an experienced

hiker and former member of Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue. It's set in the White Mountains National Park in New Hampshire, although it was filmed in Slovenia. We first encounter Pam (Watts) as she wakes up and leisurely enjoys a morning pot of coffee.

It's deceptively calm, but we sense that all hell is going to break loose in a matter of hours. And it certainly does.



the surface.

Soon after this she encounters the lifeless body of a young man (Billy Howie). He's suffering from hypothermia and she jars him into consciousness. Since he's in a daze and uncommunicative, she decides to call him "John." Bales is determined to help him get back down the mountain to safety and thus begins a journey of epic scale.

For almost two-thirds of the film, it's just the two of them on camera. There's almost no dialogue, and Ms. Watts communicates her thoughts and emotions with her facial expressions and body language. What a remarkable feat. I can think of few actors

we know absolutely nothing about him.

What was he doing improperly dressed for a hike in the mountains? We'll have to wait until later in the film to have these mysteries resolved.

The two face numerous challenges on their way down the mountain. The weather never lets up, and the brilliant camerawork has you feeling like you're right there with them. It's enough to make you throw another log on the fire and put a second sweater on.

In spite of the storm, the scenery is absolutely gorgeous. Almost every scene looks like a painting. With a film that has sparse dialogue, much of the credit is due to Polish director Malgorzata Szumawska for grabbing and holding our attention for an hour and a half. She's understandably one of the leading directors in her home country.

When the two get back down to the parking lot, John quickly runs to his vehicle and drives off. No "thank you" or "good-bye" from him. He sim-

highly recommend "Infinite Storm."

Note to parents: Not sure why the film is rated R except for some mild swearing.

Currently streaming for free with you library card on Kanopy.com. Also on Showtime and to rent on Prime Video.

★★★★☆

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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



Billy Howie as John

Bales prepares for a hike up Mt. Washington, even though we're privy to news reports of a pending snowstorm. The time appears periodically on the screen, which reminds us that all the action takes place over the course of just one day.

Her hike is fairly routine until the snow begins. It's not long before she's in the middle of a raging blizzard. But she perseveres onward until her first tragedy occurs. She unexpectedly falls through the ice and is trapped. Her leg might have been broken from the fall, however she desperately and successfully claws her way back to



Naomi Watts as Pam Bales

who could manage this as deftly as she does.

While all this is occurring, the movie cuts away to flashbacks of Bales with two young girls. It's assumed that they're her daughters, yet we're left to guess the backstory here. Are they with their father? Are they dead? And what's up with John? Since he doesn't speak,

ply drives away to the utter astonishment of Pam. It takes you totally by surprise and it isn't until a bit later when we're filled in on their stories. There are no huge surprises, but it's nice to have closure to a remarkable true story. If you like a solid adventure film with exceptional acting and beautiful scenery, I

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Bring it on, Phil

(If his behavior's based on custom,
Could be safer not to trust 'im!)

Oh, hard to swallow is the pill
Prescribed by Punxsutawney Phil
Whose shadow stretching 'neath the sun
Could forecast six more weeks of fun
(The winter kind that freezes ears,
That's really only good for skiers!)
So very bitter is the pill;
I know because I've had my Phil!
Remember back in '22
When "Let it snow!" came awfully true
And forced all little greenish shoots
To hunker back into their roots?
Rise up, good people, do your thing,
Let not this rodent mess with spring!
Oh, pray he's thought ahead and reckoned
Clouds for February Second!

(For then, and only then, I'll say
Do have a Happy Groundhog Day!)

Joan LeGro Bushnell

Joan LeGro Bushnell is a freelance writer and composer who has been performing since age 5. A vocalist, actress and radio talk show hostess, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has long been active with Detroit theater groups, the Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts Club. Her published credits include several plays and a book about theater, as well as a pair of cookbooks.

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**
 - » **Baby Time with Miss Jane**
Woods Branch, 9:30-10 a.m.
 - » **Blues Jam**
First Place Lounge, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. 16921 Harper Ave.
 - » **Illustrate with Procreate!**
Ewald Branch, 6-7 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Zen Zdravec at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m. 97 Kercheval.
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**
 - » **Zen Zdravec at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m. 97 Kercheval.
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
 - » **1000 Hours Outside Winter Celebration**
Ewald Branch, 10:30-11:30 a.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Reader Dog Drop In**
Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Zen Zdravec at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m. 97 Kercheval.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**
 - » **Broadway Bound by Neil Simon**
Parcells Middle School, 2 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave.
 - » **Jazz Brunch: Dave Bennett, Jazz Clarinet**
The War Memorial, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 32 Lake Shore Drive.
 - » **Women in Music**
Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 4-6 p.m. 17150 Maumee Ave.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**
 - » **Blues Jam**
The Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m. 4300 Cadieux Rd.
 - » **Storytime with Miss Jane**
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m. 20680 Mack Ave.
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**
 - » **1st Tuesday Book Group**
Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Creepy Valentines DIY**
Ewald Branch, 4:30-5:30 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Read, Rhyme & Play**
Ewald Branch, 10:30-11 a.m. 15175 E Jefferson
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**
 - » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Tech Savvy Tuesdays**
Ewald Branch, 4-5 p.m. 15175 E Jefferson
 - » **Baby Time**
Woods Branch, 9:30-10 a.m. 20680 Mack Ave.
 - » **Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale**
Offsite, 7-9 p.m. grossepointelibrary.org
 - » **Jam at Cabbage Patch Saloon**
Cabbage Patch Saloon, 9:30-11 p.m. 15130 Mack Ave.
 - » **Lunar Octet at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval.
 - » **Science Fiction Book Club**
Woods Branch, 7-8 p.m. 20680 Mack Ave.
 - » **Storytime**
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m. 20680 Mack Ave.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Cancer.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023:
You are a diplomat who values peace. You are intuitive, creative and determined. People notice you. This year it's time to concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness. Relationships might require extra kindness and helpfulness. Remember, you can also ask for help.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This is a gentle day and the perfect time to kick back and relax. You might want to choose quiet solitude with your favorite drink and past time. It's your choice. You also will enjoy entertaining at home or spending time with family members, especially females. Tonight: Disruptions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Enjoy interactions with siblings, neighbors and relatives today. Everyone wants to socialize instead of work. However, those of you who write and explore creative avenues will be productive today, because you see beauty in your ideas as well as your everyday surroundings. Tonight: Sudden change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
TBe careful shopping today, because you will be tempted by many beautiful things. So many choices! So little money. (It's tough having champagne tastes on a beer budget.) Nevertheless, you might find a tiny reward for yourself. Beauty doesn't always have a price tag. Tonight: Protect your assets.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with fair Venus, which will promote pleasant feelings between you and everyone around you. That's why this is a good time to be with friends and get out and have a good time! You will love to see them, and they will love to see you. Tonight: Action!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Solitude in beautiful surroundings might suit you today. Nothing lonely. Au contraire! You feel elegant and special. The thing is, you just want to avoid the insane busyness of the world around you — at least, for a little time. Let's be civilized. Tonight: You're restless.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others. You will enjoy the company of friends; you will also enjoy the company of professional groups, clubs and associations. Admittedly, because everyone wants to have a good time, you won't get much work done. (Venus encourages laziness.) Tonight: Someone surprises you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You make an elegant impression on others today because the Moon is high in your chart, which means people notice you more than usual. However, because the Moon is dancing with Venus, others will see you as attractive, charming and diplomatic. Tonight: Something unexpected.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
This is the perfect day to travel for pleasure, if you can possibly swing it. However, you also might indulge yourself by expanding your knowledge through books, movies and film. Grab any opportunity to do something different, which will excite you -- like a tiny zap. Tonight: Travel changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Discussions about how to divide or share something (perhaps an inheritance or jointly owned property) will go well today because everyone is cooperative and friendly. Furthermore, both sides want to see fairness achieved. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Although you must go more than halfway when dealing with others today because the Moon is opposite your sign, relations with everyone are smooth and easygoing. This is an excellent day to discuss how to beautify your home. You will also want to entertain in style! Tonight: Be patient and polite.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Don't be hard on yourself if you don't feel like working today. Do the bare minimum. This is a day for relaxation, socializing and enjoying beautiful surroundings. It's also an excellent day for the arts and expressing your creativity. (Here, you will do more than the bare minimum.) Tonight: Avoid arguments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
This is a wonderful day for creative, artistic people because you're in touch with your muse. Reach out and explore new avenues. You delight in expressing your talents. This is also a strong and positive day for those involved in sports, as well as those who work with children. Romance will flourish! Tonight: Go gently.

BORN TODAY
Singer Shakira (1977), author, TV chef Ina Garten (1948), U.S. President model, actress, entrepreneur Christie Brinkley (1954).

Contract Bridge

ACCIDENTALLY ON PURPOSE

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 6
♥ A J 7 4
♦ 10 9 8 6
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ 7 5 4 3
♥ K 8 6
♦ Q J 5 3 2
♣ 8

EAST
♠ 9
♥ Q 10 9 2
♦ A 7
♣ A K 10 9 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 2
♥ 5 3
♦ K 4
♣ 5 4 3 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♣ 1 ♠ Pass Pass
2 ♣ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

One way to describe a poor bridge player is to say that he plays so badly, he even trumps his partner's aces. Sometimes, though, trumping partner's ace is absolutely necessary to achieve the best result.

Consider this deal where South got to three spades on the sequence shown. North's three spade bid was clearly wrong, as he was in effect punishing his partner for competing

against a partscore. South had previously limited his values by overcalling with one spade, so he could hardly have a hand that would make a game opposite North's mediocre values.

West led his singleton club, and East started the defense on the right path when he took the king and returned a trump. Declarer won with dummy's ten and led the queen of clubs. East played the ace, and it was at this point that West trumped his partner's ace and led a second round of trump!

As a result, South went down one. He could ruff his third club in dummy, but he could not avoid losing his remaining club to East. All told, he lost three clubs, a heart and a diamond.

Had West failed to trump his partner's ace at trick three, South would have made the contract, trumping two clubs in dummy instead of one to finish with nine tricks.

The hand illustrates the importance of keeping an open mind on defense. All too often a declarer is allowed to conduct his business without interference and so achieve what appears to be a normal result. East's trump shift at trick two was not difficult, but West's ruff of his partner's ace showed a high degree of awareness at the critical point in the play.

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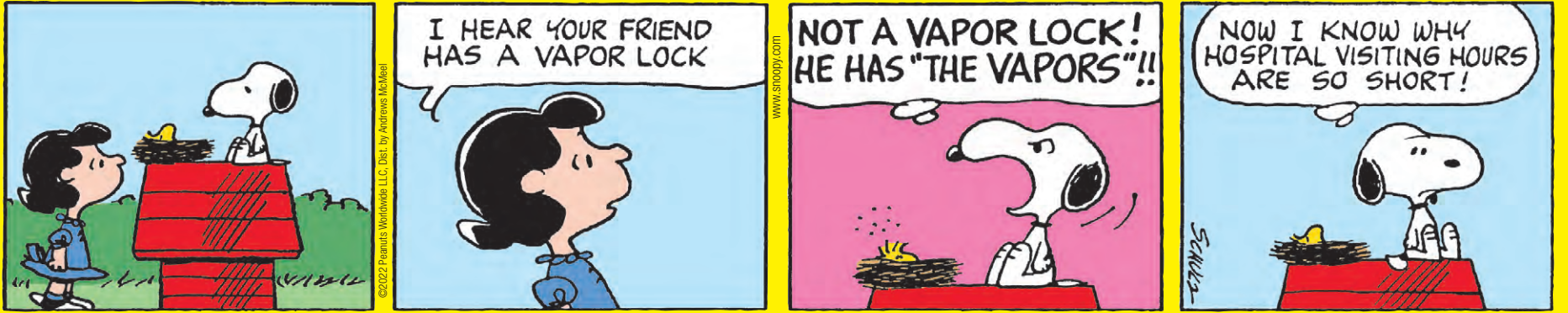
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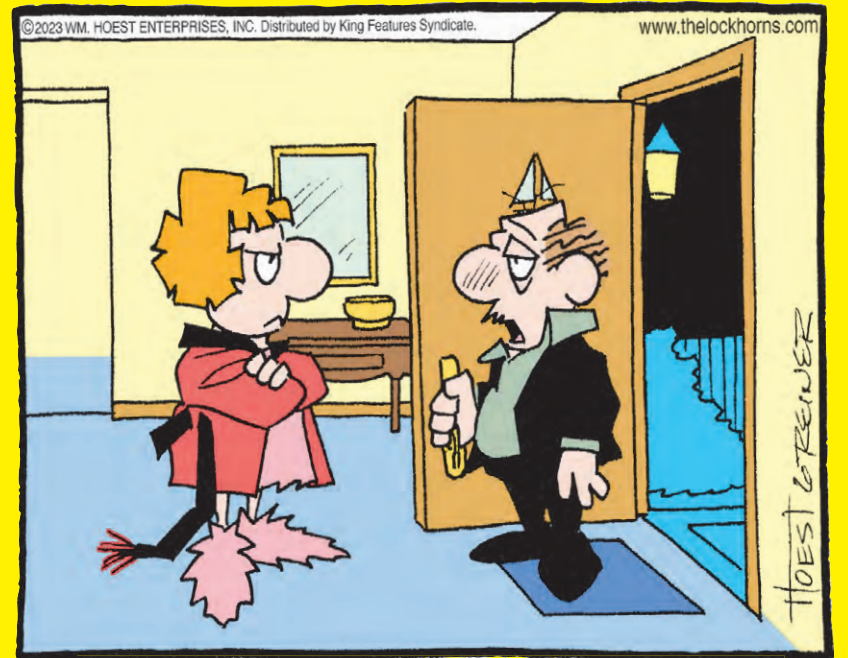


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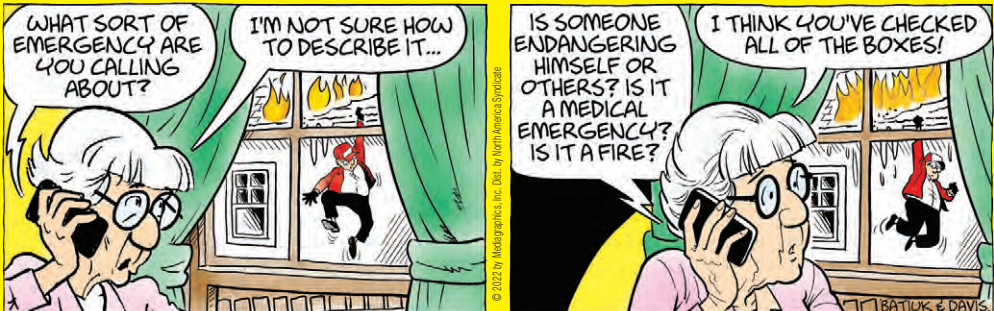
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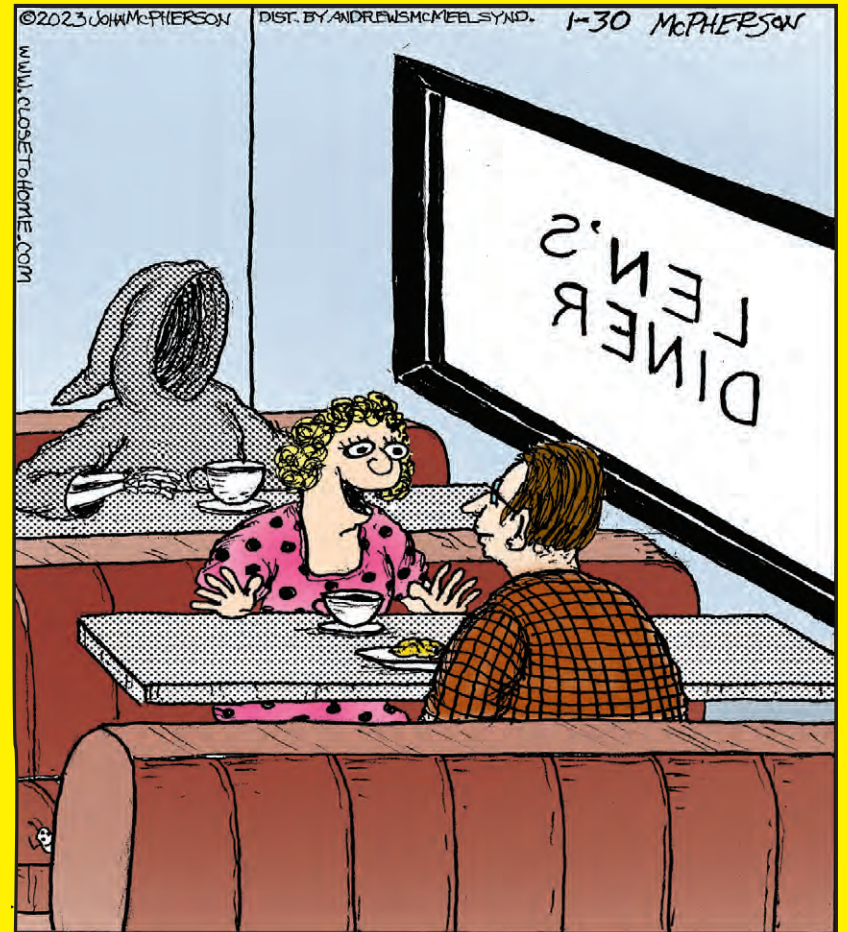
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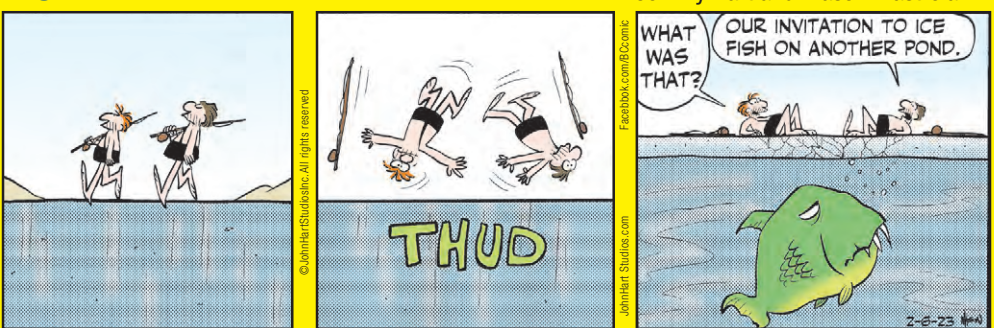
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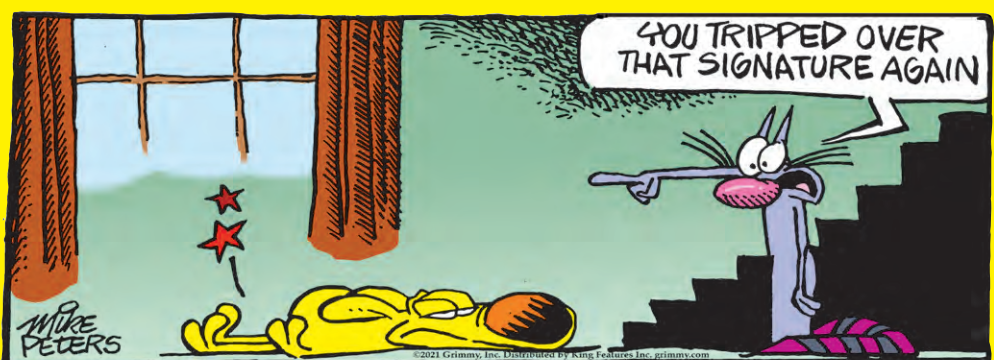
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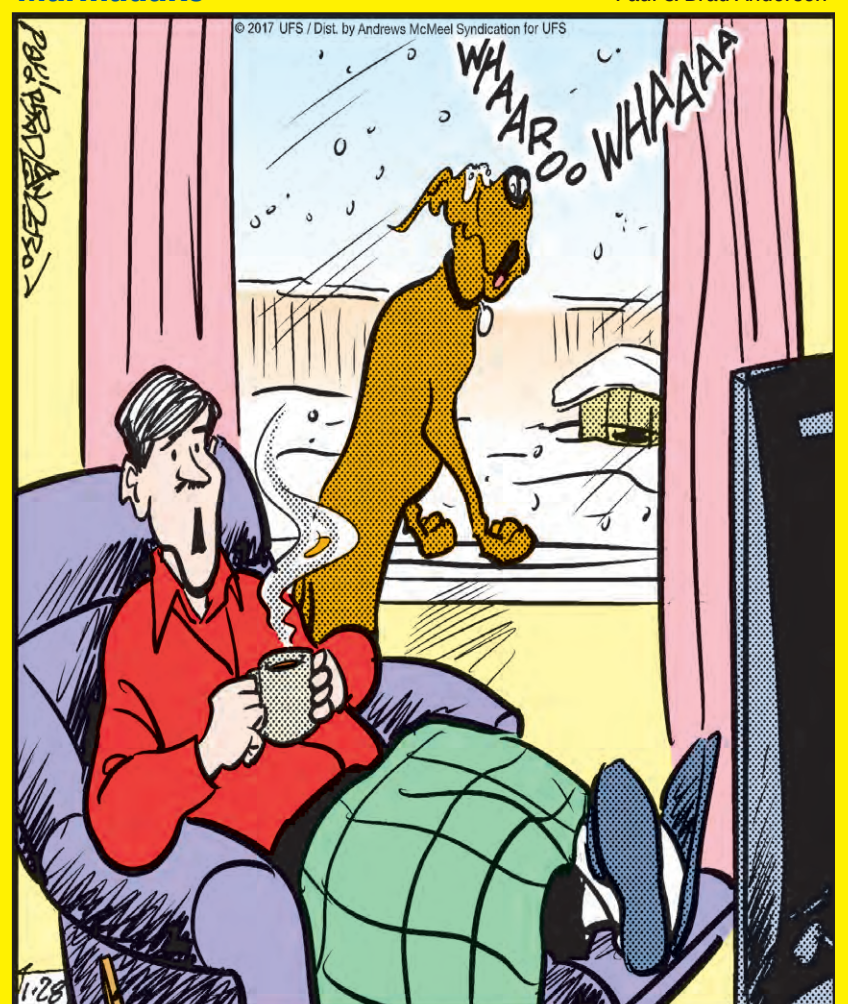
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"Forget it. I am not digging a path to your doghouse."



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Nature Walk Bingo

Go for a nature walk with some friends. Each of you select one of the bingo cards below. When you see one of the things shown on the card, cross out that space. The first person to black out their card wins!



Standards Links: Physical Education: Understand the benefits associated with participation in physical activities.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ARTICLE**

The noun **article** is a piece of writing that appears in a newspaper, magazine, or book.

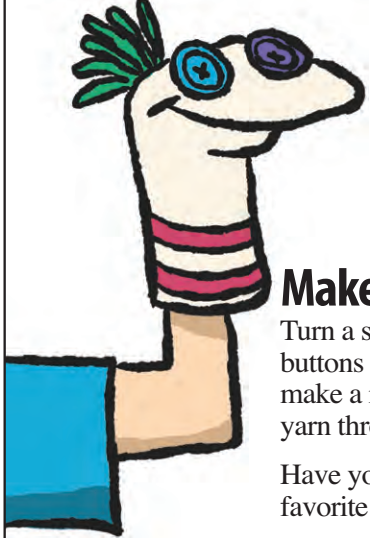
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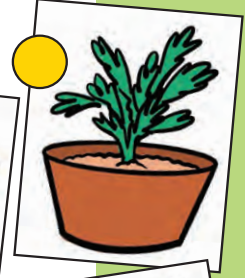
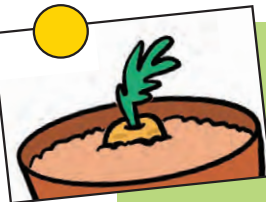
Do you hear people around you worrying about money? You can help by finding ways to have fun without spending any money. There are lots of **FREE** things you can do each and every day! Try some of the fun activities on this page—some might be more fun than playing with expensive toys and games!



Make a Sock Puppet!

Turn a sock into a puppet. Sew on buttons for eyes. Use markers to make a mouth. Thread string or yarn through the sock to make hair.

Have your puppet read one of your favorite books aloud!



Grow a Little Garden

Next time you eat a carrot, cut off the top and use it to start a plant. Use several carrot tops and you can start a garden.

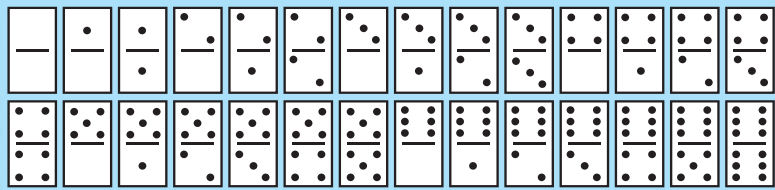
1. Cut the carrot tops off so they are about one inch long. It works best if there is a little bit of growth at the end of the carrot.
2. Eat the rest of the carrots!
3. Plant the carrot tops in a container filled with dirt. Be sure a little of each orange top peeks above the dirt. Keep the soil moist, but not soggy. Be sure your container has a hole for drainage. Place the container by a sunny window.
4. Watch your carrot plants grow! When you plant carrots this way, your plants won't make new carrots. But they will have pretty leaves to decorate your home.

Number the pictures in order.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Make Your Own Dominoes

Start by taking a walk around your neighborhood. Collect 28 flat light gray stones that are about the same size. Use a black marker or paint to draw dots and lines so that the stones look like the set of dominoes at right.



Put on some music and DANCE, DANCE, DANCE! Look carefully: Can you find the two identical dancers?



Go to the Library

Imagine a room with all kinds of **free books** that you can take home! That's a library! Visit your local library and check out fun books to read. Ask the librarian to help you find books that interest you.

Reading Riddle

Gabriella loves nothing more than listening to the rain at night as it patters against the window panes. She has never read this book. And she will never finish it. Use the code to find out why!

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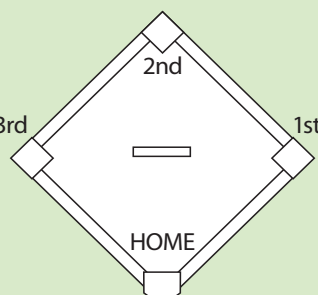
Extra! Extra! Fun Search

Look through your local newspaper for information about festivals, museum exhibits and other free fun. Share what you find with your family and see if you can attend together.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Ben, Bobbie and Brendan can't remember who will play which base today. Use the coach's clue to help them out. Draw a line from each player to the base they will play.



COACH'S CLUE:

The third baseman's number is twice the first baseman's number plus 2.

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use strategies in the problem-solving process.

Double Double Word Search

- BOOKS
- CARROT
- DANCE
- DRAW
- FREE
- FUN
- INCH
- LIBRARY
- MONEY
- PATTERS
- PUPPET
- READ
- SOGGY
- SUNNY
- YARN

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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P S P R Y R D M D T
P Q L I B R A R Y T
E C N A D Y G C V E
T P P B O O K S Z R
V Q M O N E Y S O S
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Percentages

Find 10 numbers in the newspaper that are written as percentages. Clip and glue them on a sheet of paper. Next to each percentage, write its equivalent decimal form AND equivalent fractional form.

Standards Link: Math: Express numbers in percent, decimal, and fraction equivalent forms.

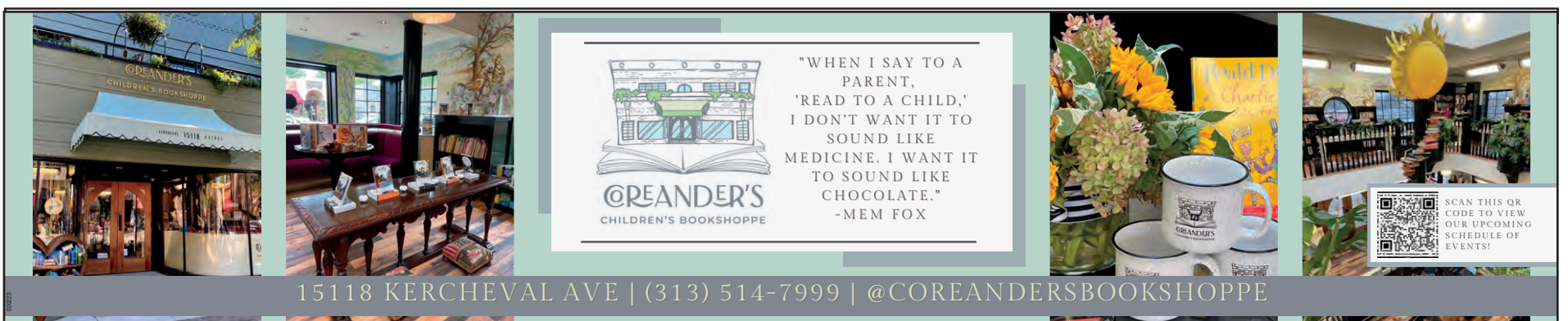
What is red and smells like green paint?

ANSWER: Red paint.

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Ware sinks buzzer-beater, electrifies unified fans

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

Last Friday, one of this winter's biggest events on Grosse Pointe's sports calendar finally arrived. The Coed Unified varsity basketball teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North played in the first of two scheduled crosstown matchups this season, ending with North taking a thrilling 44-43 win at the buzzer.

There was hardly any separation between the two sides for much of the game on Friday. With fellow students, teachers and fans from around town packing the stands, North and South went back and forth early to send the game into halftime, locked in a 16-16 tie.

The excitement con-

tinued throughout the second half into the final minutes of the game. With the teams tied at 41 with less than a minute remaining, South's Donte Ormond drained a pair of free throws to give the Blue Devils a two-point advantage with just seconds to go.

The Norsemen had one last chance, inbound the ball in South territory with only a few seconds left on the clock. North's James Ware caught the inbound pass and launched a shot from three-point range, which bounced off the glass and through the net as the final buzzer sounded, giving the Norsemen the win.

"As a coach, that was the most excited, happy and proud I have ever felt for my players," North Unified basket-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

James Ware, center, celebrates with his North teammates after hitting a buzzer-beater for the win at last Friday's unified basketball game against South.

ball head coach Drew Kisskalt said.

Fans of both teams rushed the court in excitement and support after the incredible effort from both teams. The ending was one that will surely be remembered for a long time, but this unified basket-

ball showdown proved that it is always a great time when both teams are on the court no matter the outcome, according to South Unified's head coach Steve Zaranek.

"The kids from South and North were able to experience something

very special at this game... a wonderful crowd, all the sights and sounds of a great high school event, and the support of everyone there," Zaranek said.

"All of this was in addition to some excellent basketball. The unified teams at North and

South are getting better and better, not just in understanding the game but being wonderful, supporting teammates."

The two sides will meet again at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at North.

See page 5D for more unified basketball photos.

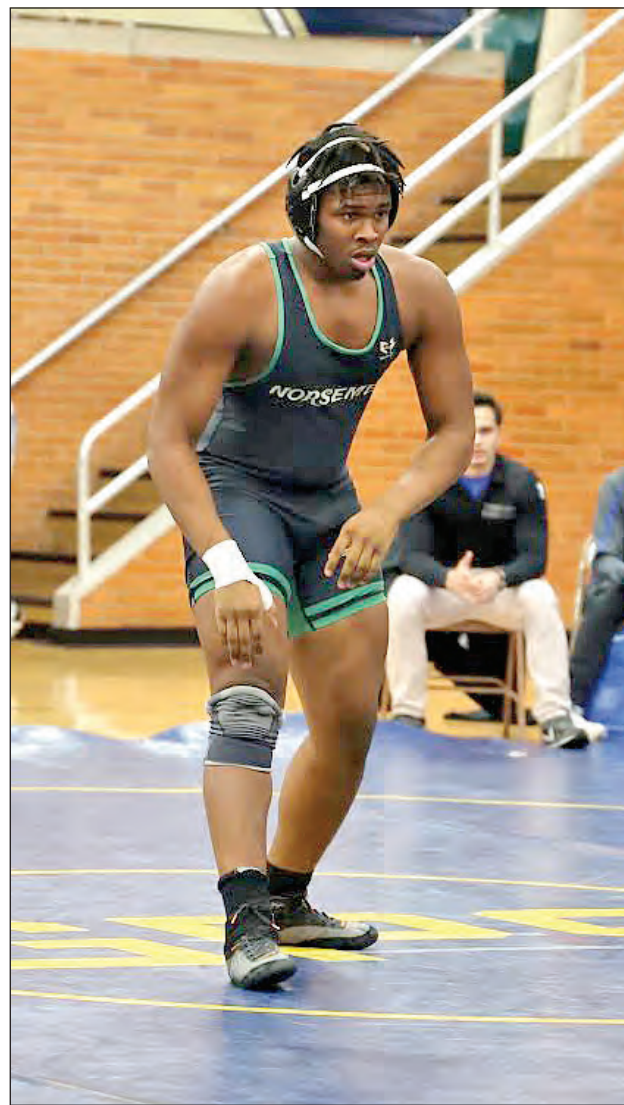


PHOTO COURTESY OF JARON NELSON

Senior Andrew Dupree is chasing 100 career wins during this season at North, with nearly 90 victories already under his belt.

Andrew The Giant

- Senior captain of Grosse Pointe North Wrestling
- Earned first place overall at the Spartan Classic on Jan. 7
- Former district champion and two-time regional qualifier

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
 Sports Reporter

Andrew Dupree is one of the most fearsome foes another athlete could meet, whether it is on the football field or the wrestling mat. At 215 pounds, the senior from Grosse Pointe North has the size, athleticism, intelligence and leadership qualities that make him truly special.

Dupree is currently spending this winter season as senior captain of the Norsemen wrestling varsity team. Last fall, he wrapped up his final high school football season playing on the offensive and defensive lines. With success in both sports, Dupree was first inspired to get on the gridiron, thanks to a few of his personal heroes.

"I got into football (because) of three people, my brother, JJ Watt and Odell Beckham," he said. "I started football because of them in the fifth grade and then picked up wrestling a few years later in eighth grade."

It took a few years, however, for Dupree to really find his home on the mat. The positions

that he played in football often required a similar skillset as wrestling, which helped his learning curve. The two sports pair perfectly with Dupree's athleticism.

"It didn't go hand in

His wrestling abilities have helped Dupree make big plays on the gridiron over the years and have also, of course, led to success on the mat. Dupree is the defending district champion and a two-time


place at the Macomb County Meet in December. One of the biggest milestones is still to come, as he chases 100 career wins. He currently sits at 88 wins. The milestone would be a crowning achievement on an outstanding overall career, and is something that Dupree's coach knows is well deserved.

"(Andrew) is one of the most hard working kids I've had a chance to coach," said Grosse Pointe North wrestling head coach Jaron Nelson. "Whether it's wrestling, football, (or in) the off-season, he's constantly working on bettering himself in and out of sports. He's an all around student athlete with the mindset to get any challenge that may come his way taken care of."

Wins at league meets and tournaments are always great, but Dupree wants to help his team earn even more throughout the remainder of the season and postseason. His effort sets the example for his teammates, and is partly what helped him earn the honor of being captain.

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Andrew Dupree

School: Grosse Pointe North
 Sport: Wrestling

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hand at first, but after my sophomore year that's when it really came along for me," Dupree said. "Wrestling helped me learn how to change levels and stay low and learn how to use a certain amount of power in one area."

regional qualifier. He has also built up a winning streak of more than 20 consecutive matches this season.

Some season highlights in his final season include taking first place at the Spartan Classic in early January and third

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North triumphs over Blue Devils again, Knights win fifth straight

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With the calendar flipping to February, the girls varsity basketball teams from around the Pointes are preparing to enter the final stretch of the regular season. Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South had another battle for bragging rights and for positioning in the MAC Red, while the University Liggett Knights showed off their dominance to continue their hot streak.

North-South

The Norsemen and Blue Devils girls varsity basketball teams met on the court last Friday night for the second time in a matter of weeks, with South looking to pull off the upset and avenge its loss against its archrival from earlier last month. But North's defense proved too much for the Blue Devils, and the MAC Red leaders took the win 43-24.

With South playing host, the matchup brought together two teams who have been having two very different seasons in the MAC Red. North entered the game with a division record of 6-1 while the Blue Devils came in at 1-5 in league play.

The Norsemen used their staunch defense to hold South to just one



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Julia Liagre looks for a pass on the wing in the Norsemen's win over South last Friday.

point the entire first quarter, jumping out to a 15-1 advantage after the opening frame. The Blue Devils continued to struggle offensively as the game approached halftime. South was in danger of heading into the break with just three points on the board when a buzzer-beater shot from three by Madison Benard sent the game into halftime with the Blue Devils trailing 24-6.

South had its best run of the game offensively in the third quarter.

However, coming back from the deficit built in the first half would be a tough task. The Blue Devils scored 14 coming out of halftime yet still trailed by 18 heading into the fourth quarter, where things slowed down yet again as North cruised away with a 19-point win.

Benard and Olivia Bachert had five points each for the Blue Devils in the loss. For North, Natalie Babcock and Jenna Winowiecki both led the way with 15

points apiece, with all 15 of Winowiecki's points coming from beyond the three-point line. Freshman Eva Borowski put on a strong showing with 12 points, proving that the veteran-led Norsemen may have a bright future with a new generation of players.

"They're learning how we play and that's that we play really hard and hustle on defense," North coach Gary Bennett said about his team's underclassmen. "...The ones with less experience are

getting opportunities and the more they get to play, the more comfortable they get and they're really learning how to compete at this level."

The loss took South to 1-6 in MAC Red play and 6-7 overall this season. Despite being just below .500, Blue Devils coach Kevin Richards has been encouraged by his young team's steady improvements throughout the season, even if it does not always reflect on the scoreboard.

"We kind of took away what (North) likes to do against a zone and we had shots, you just can't miss open layups against them," Richards said. "But I can remember when some of North's senior and junior players were younger and they went through similar struggles as our kids have."

South played again on Monday night at Eisenhower in a game that was rescheduled from last week due to weather. Eisenhower would win 73-36. The Blue Devils faced Dakota also on the road Tuesday, Jan. 31 after press time. They return home on Thursday to host Notre Dame Prep in a non-league showdown at 7 p.m.

The Norsemen welcomed Port Huron Tuesday, Jan. 31 after

press time. They will have almost a week off before taking the court again at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6 at L'Anse Creuse.

ULS

The University Liggett Knights welcomed in Cardinal Mooney last Friday night looking to claim a fifth win in a row. The Knights dominated in a 68-18 win over Frankel Jewish Academy Tuesday, Jan. 24 and kept that same energy going into last Friday. The Knights pulled off another 60-plus point night, as the team took down the Cardinals 61-19.

The Knights fell behind 10-9 after the first quarter, but picked up the pace as the game went on. Liggett's offense went off for 23 points in the second quarter to turn a one-point deficit into a 19-point lead at halftime. The Knights continued to pull away in the second half, only allowing the Cardinals to score five points in the third and fourth quarters combined.

Junior Hallie Marcero led Liggett with 18 points in the win, while fellow junior Gabrielle Szajenko had 16, including 12 that came from beyond the arc.

Liggett is back at home for its next game at 7 p.m. this Friday, Feb. 3 hosting Austin Catholic.

Liggett back to winning ways, South and North face different MAC fates

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A couple of teams picked up key wins during last week's basket-

ball action. The University Liggett Knights bounced back from a pair of losses to get back into winning form. Grosse Pointe

South continued its dominance atop the MAC Red, while Grosse Pointe North saw its current losing streak extended to four games.

ULS

While some of the early-season magic that the Liggett Knights experienced in December and early January has worn off a bit, the team did show some promise in its most recent game that it can get back into form. The Knights rebounded from back-

to-back losses and earned a road victory last Friday over Cardinal Mooney 49-37.

The first half saw Liggett potentially heading toward three straight losses as the Knights trailed at halftime. However, a strong second half ended up being the key to putting them back in the win column.

Liggett's offense kicked into high gear in the third quarter while the Cardinals struggled to match their production from earlier in the game. The Knights flipped a four-point halftime deficit into an 11-point lead at the end of the third quarter and never looked back.

"If we get down a couple of buckets there's no quit," Liggett boys bas-

ketball coach Solomon Spann said. "This team is relentless and scrappy and have banded together helping each other on defense and communicating."

Preston Barr led the Knights with 22 points in the victory last Friday night. Both Jarren Purify and Solomon Spann IV had eight points each.

With about a month left to go in the regular season, the Knights hope that last Friday's win is a step back in the right direction. Liggett sits at 8-3 on the season with plenty of chances for more wins to come, and to do that it becomes all about playing a complete game.

"I like our trajectory of where things are going and hopefully they con-

tinue to go that direction," Spann said. "I think the one thing we can really improve on is getting out to a faster start. We haven't been as crisp as we want to be in the first quarter but as the game goes on we get stronger. If we can do that and put together 32 minutes of good basketball then I'm happy with our chances and results."

Liggett hosted Cranbrook on Tuesday, Jan. 31 after press time and is back on the road at 7 p.m. Friday night against Everest Collegiate.

South

There might be only one word to describe the Blue Devils in MAC Red

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Karter Richards forces his way into the paint against Stevenson.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

QUICK HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

GIRLS HOCKEY

The scheduled Grosse Pointe North vs. Grosse Pointe South girls hockey game on Wednesday, Jan. 25 was postponed due to weather.

ULS

The University Liggett girls hockey team defeated the Windsor Wildcats 2-0 last Saturday with both goals scored by Sullivan Estes.

SOUTH

South defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer last Friday 2-1 and Washtenaw 3-0 on Saturday.

NORTH

The Norsemen did not play last week, but host the Metro Jets at 7:30pm this Friday, Feb. 3.

BOYS HOCKEY

After back-to-back wins over Port Huron and Port Huron Northern, the Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team lost to U of D Jesuit 10-2 last Saturday.

For Grosse Pointe South, AJ Zaccagni had two goals in a 6-4 loss last Thursday to Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The Blue Devils fell again last Friday to Romeo 6-3, making it three losses in the team's last four games.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Registration is open for Little League baseball and softball in the Pointes. To register, head to your city's respective Little League website:

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Knights run out of luck against Irish for CHSL title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The last three seasons have all produced the same matchup for the Catholic High School League (CHSL) boys hockey championship for the Cardinal division — University Liggett and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Last Saturday, the Knights looked to defend the 2022 title they won in overtime against the Irish, but this time around Gabriel Richard took the championship with a 5-4 overtime victory of its own. Liggett earned a trip to the championship game by taking down Cabrini 9-1 last Friday night at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The win set the Knights up against Gabriel Richard yet again, a team they lost to in the 2021 championship game 1-0, but beat 5-4 in extra time to take the 2022 crown.

The Irish struck first in Saturday's title showdown to take an early 1-0 lead. Just when it looked like Liggett might be entering the first intermission in a deficit, the Knights struck in quick succession. With around two minutes left in the opening frame, Liggett's Gary Stacy and Blake Shock scored a pair of goals in less than 30 seconds to take a 2-1 lead into the break.

Gabriel Richard scored two unanswered goals of its own in the second period to take back the lead, before Liggett senior Michael Eugenio knotted things again at 3-3. One more tally by the

Irish before the end of the second sent the game into the final period with the Knights trailing 4-3.

With time ticking away in the third period, another senior stepped up in a big spot for the Knights when Stephen Wheatley tied the game at four apiece with eight minutes to go. The 4-4 tie at the end of regulation sent the CHSL title matchup into overtime for the second consecutive year.

The Knights looked to repeat last year's winning result, but the Irish had other plans. Gabriel Richard's Nick Dunphey netted the game winner in the extra period to reclaim the Catholic League crown.

Liggett will look to rebound this coming weekend with a strong showing at the annual MIHL Showcase in Trenton. The Knights take on Salem at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 to open the showcase, then face Alpena at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4.

The Knights will not be the only team from the Pointes in Trenton this weekend for the MIHL Showcase. Grosse Pointe North takes on Capital City at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and Livonia Churchill at 7:10 p.m. Saturday.

The Blue Devils from Grosse Pointe South are scheduled to face off against Grand Rapids Catholic Central at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3 before taking on another foe from the west side of the state in Forest Hills Northeast at 5:50 p.m. on Saturday.

SPORTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY



- 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 dive Wayne Co. Meet (@ Trenton) - 10:30am
- > GPS girls hockey @ Skyline - 5pm
- > ULS boys hockey vs. Alpena (@ Trenton) - TBD
- > ULS boys swim Wayne Co. Meet (@ Trenton) - 10:30am



NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

NORTH GIRLS HOCKEY PHOTOS BY LEON HALIP

- 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



- 10 > GPN Wrestling Team Districts (@ GPN) - 5pm
- > Gymnastics @ Groves - 6:30pm
- > GPN girls hockey vs. Plymouth-Canton - 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



NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

- 12 > GPS girls hockey vs. Downriver - 4pm
- > GPS boys hockey vs. DLS - 6:30pm
- 13 > ULS boys hockey @ Berkley - 4:30pm
- > ULS girls hockey vs. Mercey - 5:30pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Lakeview - 6:30pm
- > GPN boys hockey vs. Cranbrook - 5:30pm, GPN boys swim & dive @ Ford II - 6pm, GPN girls hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - 6:30pm, GPS girls hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - 7pm, ULS @ GPS boys swim & dive - 6pm



- 16 > GPS boys hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > GPS unified hoops @ Seaholm - 4:30pm
- > GPN boys hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > ULS boys swim & dive @ Ferndale - 5:30pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Cristo Rey - 6pm
- > ULS girls hoops @ Riverview GR - 6pm
- 17 > GPN boys hockey vs. Catholic Central - 5:15pm
- > GPN girls hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - 6:30pm
- > GPS girls hockey @ Mercy - 4:30pm,
- > GPS competitive cheer districts @ Stevenson - 5pm
- > GPS girls hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > ULS boys hockey @ Calumet - 6:30pm

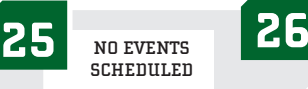


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- 20 > Gymnastics @ Canton - 6pm,
- GPS boys hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > GPS girls hoops @ Lakeview - 7pm
- > GPN boys hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > GPN girls hoops vs. Westfield Prep - 6:30pm
- 21 > GPS girls hockey vs. Metro Jets - 7:30pm
- > ULS boys swim & dive @ Whitmore Lake - 6pm



- 24 > GPS boys swim & dive MAC Red (@GPS) - 6pm
- > GPN boys swim & dive MAC White (@GPN) - 5pm
- > GPS boys hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > GPN boys hoops vs. TBD (MAC Tournament) - TBD
- > ULS girls hoops vs. Greenhills - 6:30pm
- 25 > GPS boys swim & dive MAC Red (@GPS) - 10am
- > GPN boys swim & dive MAC White (@GPN) - 12pm,
- 26 > GPN girls hoops vs. TBD (Districts) - TBD
- 27 > GPN boys hoops @ Fraser - 7pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Lutheran North - 7pm



- 28 > GPN boys hoops @ Fraser - 7pm
- > ULS boys hoops vs. Lutheran North - 7pm

- 15 Wrestling team regionals @ GPN- TBD, Gymnastics league champ. @ Groves- TBD, GPS girls hockey @ Livonia - 8pm
- 19 > GPS girls hoops vs. Edison - 5:30pm
- > GPS boys swim & dive MAC Red (@GPS) - 6pm, Gymnastics Last Chance Meet (@GPN) - 6:30pm
- > GPN boys swim & dive MAC White (@GPN) - 6pm
- > GPN girls hoops @ Utica - 7pm



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4D | SPORTS

Liggett's 'fantastic four' hang tough against Catholic League foes

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Befitting of a plot in a Marvel movie, the “fantastic four” from the University Liggett School boys varsity swim team traveled to Warren Woods Tower High School Tuesday, Jan. 24, and battled to the end in a tri-meet versus Warren DeLaSalle Collegiate (DLS) and Allen Park Cabrini.

Liggett put up a great fight with several strong finishes, but came up short on the scoreboard in both duals, falling to DLS, 88-43 and Cabrini, 104-54, despite being a team of only four swimmers and outnumbered 5-1 in roster size by each opponent.

Freshman Brendan Beland led the Knights, with dominating first-place finishes in the 500

free (5:14.35) and 100 breast (1:09.40). Fellow freshman Charlie Bronk handily won the 200 free in a time of 1:58.70. Bronk also finished second in the 100 fly in 1:01.82, finishing just behind the Pilots' talented senior Michael Saad, who touched the wall first in 57.65.

The Knights continued putting up a fight with freshman Zach Rabbani's second-place finish in the 200 IM, thanks to his speedy time of 2:40.46. DLS's Saad won the event in 2:13.67. Rabbani also took fifth in the 100 free with a time of 1:05.09.

Sophomore Michael Darlington, who is in his rookie year of swimming, dropped time to go 33.95 in the 50 free, good for eighth place. Darlington, who also is a star track and field ath-

lete and basketball player for the Knights, took fifth place in the 100 back in 1:58.55, which also marked his first time competing in this event at the high school level.

Liggett's relay teams dropped time from the season's first meet, finishing second to DLS and ahead of Cabrini in both the 200 medley relay (2:04.81) and the 200 free relay (1:52.25).

Next up for the Knights is the Wayne County Invitational Meet in Trenton Saturday, Feb. 4. Bronk and Beland have qualified for the meet and will swim two individual events each. The Knights also anticipate entering relays in the 200 medley and 200 free, according to head coach Bart Bronk, who also is Liggett's Head of School.



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Top right, Liggett's Brendan Beland takes his mark in lane 4 for the 100 breast. Bottom left, Liggett sophomore Michael Darlington, third from left, sets up for the 100 back. Bottom right, University Liggett's boys varsity swim team, which consists of just four swimmers, warms up before its tri-meet against DeLaSalle and Cabrini. The team logged top finishes, including several first and second places at the meet.

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play so far this season — unstoppable. South has been rolling through the competition in the division and further solidified itself at the top of the standings with a 42-40 win over Stevenson last Thursday night.

Last Thursday's matchup was much more defensive than the Blue Devils have become used to this season as the team averages just over 60 points per game. Stevenson's defense managed to hold South back a bit, and it turned into a game where the Blue Devils were always in front but never quite managed to pull away.

The Blue Devils led by five points at halftime and managed to expand

the lead to eight before the fourth quarter began. Stevenson held South to just six points for much of the final frame and then a three-point shot for the Titans with just under a minute left cut the Blue Devils' lead to just four.

South hit the free throws it needed late in the game. Even though a buzzer beater effort for Stevenson was successful, it was too little and too late as the Blue Devils still escaped with the two-point win.

Sophomore Vince Vachon helped South to victory by hitting four shots from three-point range, making up 12 of his team-leading 13 points. Karter Richards was close behind with a 12-point performance, while Anthony Benard had eight.

The Blue Devils went on the road to face Chippewa Valley on Wednesday, Feb. 1 after press time. They return home at 7 p.m. on Friday to host L'Anse Creuse North in another MAC Red showdown.

North
While South is sitting comfortably atop the MAC Red, the basketball gods have not been quite so kind to Grosse Pointe North in the MAC White in recent weeks. The Norsemen rode a six-game winning streak from late December into early January, but two losses last week to New Haven and Romeo have sent North into what is now a four-game skid.

Injuries to some key players has led North into seeing some less familiar faces step up

and fill bigger roles in recent games. Rocco Cardinale led the Norsemen with 13 points in an 82-51 loss to New Haven last Tuesday, Jan. 24. Rubin McBride-Williams had nine points as well.

Last Tuesday's defeat was followed by a 46-38 loss on Thursday to Romeo. Both Leo Perettie and Zach Cody led the Norsemen with 11 points each in the game that sent North's MAC White record back to 3-4.

North hosted Warren Mott on Wednesday, Feb. 1 after press time looking to break its losing streak against a Marauders team that is yet to win in the MAC White. The Norsemen then head on the road at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 to face Eisenhower.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JARON NELSON

Dupree grabs hold of his opponent from Lakeview during a meet at Grosse Pointe South earlier this season.

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North's wrestling program.

Dupree has shown the ability to be a strong leader, despite it being a role he didn't initially consider. He has learned that working hard and being at his best is perhaps the best way to get others to do the same. Racking up wins and titles is one thing, but Dupree's leadership will likely be the biggest mark he leaves on

“Being a captain was not really the first thing I thought I'd be but I like being able to motivate people to work harder when they're around me,” Dupree said. “I set the example to make everyone want to be the best they can be when I'm around.”

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

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Fun never ends at unified hoops



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South's Donte Ormond brings the ball up the court for the Blue Devils.



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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Top, Ian Krieger from South (center) takes a shot from inside the paint. Bottom, North unified basketball players work on their shots during practice last Tuesday, Jan. 24 leading up to the team's game against South.

Zingas and partner dazzle at U.S. Ice Dancing Championships

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Grosse Pointe Farms native Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik took home the Pewter medal at the United States figure skating championships in San Jose, Calif. last weekend, finishing the competition in fourth place on the podium, besting nine other teams.

"It was an amazing experience," Zingas said. "Being so new to the sport (of ice dancing), we felt we had nothing to lose so we were really aggressive

and eager in our performances," she said of the pair's feat.

Zingas, a 2020 Grosse Pointe South alum, represents the St. Clair Shores figure skating club and trains in Novi. Remarkably, she has only been ice dancing for eight months, making this accomplishment even more notable. Her partner Kolesnik, hails from Ukraine, and has been skating in the U.S. for five years.

As for future plans, the pair is first alternate for the upcoming Four Continents competition in Colorado Springs,

Colo. in mid-February. After that, they will train in their "off season," which consists of approximately 30 on-ice hours a week, as well as ballet and off-ice training.

Zingas is no stranger to hard work, as she has been a dedicated figure skater for most of her life. She plans to focus on "attention to detail, and working on some new elements and skills." She said she is grateful for the success she has experienced so far and looks forward to more great moments in her skating future.



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Zingas and her partner Vadym Kolesnik proudly show off their pewter medals after a fantastic performance.

Sports Mass draws former pro athletes, sports celebs, team mascot to St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco hosts a Sports Mass at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, for student-athletes in its elementary school and religious education program, as well as from other schools or clubs in the community, to celebrate their athletic abilities. What makes this Mass unique is that Fr. Andrew Kowalczyk, CSMA, invites former professional athletes, sports broadcasters and leaders involved in sports to be lecturers during the Mass. "This year's Mass features Oakland University Grizzlies and Detroit FC play-by-play broadcaster Neal Ruhl, former NBA star and current Detroit Pistons Community Ambassador Earl Cureton, as well as greeter Detroit Pistons mascot Hooper," Kowalczyk said. "This is an opportunity to use sports as a unifying tool, bringing the community together to share and give thanks for their God-given talents and efforts."

Kowalczyk said seeing sports personalities participate in St. Clare's religious services sets a positive example to children and parents alike. Following Mass, photos are taken with student-athletes and they, along with their parents, have an opportunity to talk with the sports celebs and get autographs during a social in the parish hall.

"St. Clare has a vibrant parish and elementary school with a great athletic program headed up by Bob Conway, athletic director," Kowalczyk said. "Our Sports Mass is designed for all student-athletes in our parish boundaries and their parents. This is an opportunity for parents to bring their student-athletes so they can go to church together using sports as a means to bring families together in a worship situation."

For more information, call (313) 647-5030 or (313) 647-5000.

Spring baseball camp returns to Liggett

The 2023 Sandlot Training Stations Spring Baseball Camp is just around the corner at University Liggett School. The camp, which is open to boys and girls from second through eighth grade, is scheduled for March 4-5 at the Liggett campus.

Knights players and coaches staff the Sandlot Spring Training Baseball Camp to help

guide young players through the various training stations. Directed by Liggett varsity baseball coach and five-time state champion Dan Cimini, campers will have the opportunity to work with the players and coaches on skills such as throwing, baserunning, speed, fielding and more.

This year's camp is also set to feature hit-

ting instruction stations on both days and a special pitching and catching instruction session on the second day. A camp-wide wiffle ball game will cap off the weekend.

For more information and to register for this year's camp, contact Dan Cimini at dcimini@uls.org.

— Mike Adzima

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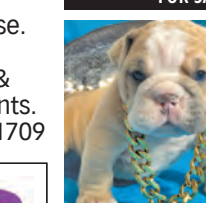
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