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## Nice ice

Merritt Huebner gets some fresh air and open ice shooting practice in Grosse Pointe Farms last week. With sub-zero wind chills, a thick layer of ice formed toward the shoreline on Lake St. Clair, making it a safe spot for some old-school hockey. To take a tour of some great local backyard rinks, head to page 8C.

## Let it rain: State OK's EERV install

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — When sewer and rainwater backed into thousands of basements during nearly mythic thunderstorms during the summer of 2021, it looked like the beginning of the end. Now, with the city receiving state approval to protect property owners by enhancing the sewer system with the installation of an emergency flood relief valve, it's the end of the beginning.

"A lot of work led us to this point," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "Lots of work remains. We're going to be relentless in ensuring that our

basements never flood again."

Receiving state approval Monday, Feb. 6, to install an extreme emergency relief valve, or EERV, caps more than a year of work, yet points to more to come.

"We're going to be doing infrastructure projects for decades," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee. "If you don't think you can't put something in your basement, everything cascades. Property values aren't secure if people don't feel secure in their homes. People need to feel safe in terms of law and order, and they

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## GPPSS looking at options for South IA building

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has plenty of options to consider regarding the future of the industrial arts building at Grosse Pointe South High School. The question is how much money will be spent on the final outcome.

Several options were discussed at the board's first Finance and Facilities Committee meeting at the end of January, ranging from demolishing the building to

making changes to it to a total rehabilitation.

Robert Stempien of Plante Moran Cresa presented the committee a list of seven options, ranging in cost from \$1.6 million to \$8.9 million.

"The IA was built in 1941 and a third floor was added in 1961," he said. "It's heated with steam from the boilers in the main building and the only part that is cooled is the computer graphics room."

The IA building and main building are connected by an elevated walkway, but it is not compliant under the Americans

with Disabilities Act. Stempien added the presence of ACM — asbestos containing materials — is another concern.

Moussa Hamka, South's principal, told the committee it would take a student in a wheelchair about 15 minutes to get to a class in the IA building, which is three times longer than the school's allotted passing time between classes.

"They have to go outside, which is a concern already in this type of weather, then enter the Boll Center and take an

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## More on-street dining expected in The Village

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — It seems as though on-street dining platforms — implemented during peak-COVID in an attempt to help restaurants retain their customer base — are not going to become a thing of the past anytime soon.

In anticipation of additional on-street dining platform applications headed its way, the City of

Grosse Pointe City Council unanimously approved the beginning of a set of outdoor dining platform regulations during its January meeting.

"The council allowed outdoor dining platforms during the pandemic," City Manager Pete Dame said. "We were one of the first communities in the state to vote to do that and then the council voted to allow it permanently."

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## Mirror image

While the winter chill froze parts of Lake St. Clair, not every area iced over. As the sun set behind clouds, areas of the lake without ice beautifully reflected the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

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# Kia suspect nabbed

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK**— Car theft is kid's stuff to a 15-year-old eastside Detroit boy.

"It's small potatoes for him to take a car," said Detective Ryan Willmer of the Park public safety department. "This doesn't have anything to do with drugs. It has to do with an environment of lawlessness. This has to do with living in a violent, violent neighborhood. That's the norm to him, unfortunately."

Police aren't revealing the suspect's name because he's a juvenile.

Being a juvenile age-wise, authorities can't release his alleged criminal history, even if it consisted of motor vehicle theft dating back to his pre-teen years, gang associations nor anything specific about the tug-of-war between a devoted mother and the unrestrained temptations of street life.

"People can make

excuses and say this kid didn't have a good family life, but people make that an excuse," said Park Councilman Martin McMillan, chairman of the public safety committee. "People wake up every morning and decide to do something good or something bad. That's a decision they make. They obviously make the decision that they're going to steal something or do some terrible act."

Police arrested the teen shortly after 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, for stealing a car in the 15000 block of Mack.

"We got a call from a woman working in a building on Mack and Lakepointe that her car had just been stolen from the parking lot," Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. "When our officers arrived, she said she thought the kids that stole it were two kids that came in — they looked to be about 15 years old — and walked through the building trying to sell

candy."

Soon thereafter the woman noticed her key fob missing. She looked outside to the parking lot. No car.

"I think those kids took it," she reportedly told police.

Park officers used the vehicle's FordPass monitoring feature to trace it within minutes to the area of Seven Mile and Hayes on Detroit's east side. The neighborhood is busy with street gangs, including the Kia Boys, or Boyz.

The gang steals Kia vehicles because they're easy marks, according to police and how-to-steal videos gang members post on YouTube.

"It was unoccupied," Pittman said of the recovered vehicle. "We got surveillance video from the area. We see a kid we recognize because we've had cases with him in the past (when), coincidentally, he used the ruse of selling candy to go into businesses and steal

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

While the two restaurants await site plan and liquor license approval, Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen and Cocktails are set to move into the former Marais Market space at 17051 Kercheval.

## Sidecar & Shift to fill former Marais space

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — A creative variety of new life is on its way to The Village with the announcement that two separate businesses — Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen and Cocktails — have signed a lease with Verus Development to move into the former Marais Market space at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.

Sidecar Slider Bar boasts a somewhat family-oriented approach with tiny, gourmet burgers; shareable items such as coconut shrimp and pierogi; pub-friendly fare like hot dogs, pitas and loaded tots; and barrel-aged cocktails and craft beers.

Its partner business, Shift Kitchen and Cocktails, offers a romantic cocktail lounge atmosphere with craft beverages and house-made syrups, as well as more upscale menu items such as goat cheese figs, salmon croquettes and beef carpaccio.

With a model to operate as two separate businesses that share a kitchen at 17051 Kercheval, further details await

site plan and liquor license approval, for which the restaurants will need to go before city council.

"Their management team is working on getting plans and applications to the City and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission soon," Main Street Grosse Pointe Director Cindy Willcock announced in a statement last week.

Owned by the same company, each restaurant has existing locations, including in Birmingham and one soon to open in Plymouth, which have similar business models of sharing building space.

As for the old Which Wich space at 17045 Kercheval — which also is owned by Verus Development — there are no immediate new tenants on the horizon.

"We've had a number of users reach out to us and we're looking for the right complement for The Village and we just haven't gotten that yet," said a representative for the development company.

— Laurel Kraus

# Tailoring Park zoning to each business district

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — One of the biggest changes likely to result from updating the municipal zoning ordinance is to codify the distinct natures of the city's various business districts.

Unlike the city's master plan, which catalogues one business district category to include areas of Jefferson, Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack Avenue, members of the Park planning commission and their consultants from McKenna Associates intend to establish separate commercial zoning districts with rules and design standards tailored to

their respective types.

"When we looked at this, we thought the character between those four commercial districts are relatively different," said John Jackson, McKenna president.

Differences initially are revealed by the amount of motor vehicle traffic per day.

"Mack and Jefferson have extremely high volumes of traffic — 15,000 trips per day on Jefferson and 10,000 trips per day on Mack," Jackson told members of the commission last month.

High volume indicates motorists are using those roads during drive-through commutes.

"Then you have Kercheval and

Charlevoix, which is, by contrast, more like 1,000 trips per day," Jackson said. "Those districts are much more of a destination type of environment. People are going out of their way to come here from outside Grosse Pointe or from (within) Grosse Pointe. That suggests we might want to look at different land uses on Jefferson and Mack."

"Not applying one-size-fits-all is the right way to go about this," Commissioner Jimmy Saros said. "Each (district) has some feel and purpose."

Jackson recommended separating the areas into three different zoning districts, including a cor-

ridor district on Mack and Jefferson to allow for such things as gasoline stations.

"That's one use we think would be more appropriate in a corridor area on Mack and Jefferson rather than on Charlevoix and Kercheval," Jackson said.

Charlevoix, by contrast, is considered more of a neighborhood business district.

"You don't want a ton of intensity there," Jackson said. "By intensity I mean anything over two stories. Three stories would probably be most appropriate on Kercheval, which is classified more or less as your central business district."

All of the business districts would be zoned for

a mixture of commercial and residential uses.

"They would allow residential over commercial, a wide range of commercial uses," Jackson said. "That is one thing they'd all have in common. They wouldn't be single-use districts."

"I believe there's going to be more development," Saros said. "So, having the right framework in place will let the market, hopefully, do its thing."

Commercial rezoning isn't being considered in a vacuum, especially along corridors shared by other jurisdictions.

"We will look closely at zoning the City of Grosse Pointe has established on Mack to see if that would be appropriate for Grosse Pointe Park's section of

Mack, so there's some continuity in terms of land use," Jackson said.

"That's an important point," said Warren Rothe, Park assistant city manager and planning board secretary. "Grosse Pointe Farms, the City, Park and Detroit are all trying to figure out what to do on Mack. We'd like development on Mack to be uniform. The City (of Grosse Pointe) has been on the forefront of getting it in the zoning ordinance."

Park Mayor Michele Hodges advocates cross-border collaboration.

"Along Mack we have potential partners, so how do we make sure we set the stage for that to take shape in a fertile way," she said.

## EERV:

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need to feel safe in terms of infrastructure."

Next comes soliciting

competitive bids from contractors to install the valve and related piping near a pumping station and underground holding tank at Patterson Park.

Costs were estimated

last April to range from \$1.8 to \$2 million.

City officials hope the valve is never needed, but if it is, it will divert otherwise unmanageable volumes of stormwater overflow directly into Lake St. Clair.

Hence, the extreme nature of the emergency relief valve.

"Our consulting engineers at OHM Advisors have been surveying the site," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "I don't think there will be any digging until a contractor can get started. I'm optimistic we'll soon have shovels in the ground."

It is rare for regulators at the Michigan Department of

Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, or EGLE, to approve new applications for stormwater overflows.

"Other communities and engineers are going to be looking to us for how we obtained a permit from EGLE for a sewer valve because it just isn't done anymore," Sizeland said.

"First, we had to show how serious we were about the project, which we absolutely did," Wiener said. "With EGLE, our philosophy was when they asked for A, B and C, we had E, D and F ready for them. Our engineering team jumped through every hoop you can imagine — being proac-

tive, addressing everything, trying to anticipate every question beforehand."

In addition, city officials had to prove how serious they were about improving the sewer system even without an EERV, such as drying the stormwater system by removing debris from pipes, mandating downspout disconnections, separating storm and sanitary sewers in alleys, plus preparing to separate sewers on lower Jefferson.

The philanthropic community and residents at large are credited with tipping the balance.

In August 2022, the Grosse Pointe Park

Foundation donated \$130,000 to the city for the purchase of components to improve the system whether an EERV was approved or not.

A 67 percent majority of voters followed up in November by approving a 10-year, 2.5 millage rate increase to raise \$1.7 million per year exclusively for water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

"When residents voted for the millage, it showed EGLE we are extremely serious," Wiener said. "I'm grateful to all the many people involved."

"This didn't happen by accident," Hodges said. "There was a lot of truth-building. And the community supported it every step of the way. It was manifested in the support of the foundation and the millage. Every bit mattered. It's a thrilling moment for our community."

Wiener had a feeling it was coming.

"I wanted to under-promise and over-deliver," he said. "I did not want to start spouting off before it was confirmed."

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# Like father, like daughter

## Daughter of GP Sgt. sworn in to Farms PS

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Following in the footsteps of her father — City of Grosse Pointe Sgt. Joseph Srebernak — Hannah Srebernak was sworn in as the Farms department's newest public safety officer in early January.

Born and raised in the Pointes as one of seven siblings, the Grosse Pointe South graduate fills the open role — and completes a personnel cycle — after previous PSO Amber Hazelton transitioned to the position of fire engineer following the retirement of Sundee Harland at the end of 2022.

"My entire life I've seen the impact that my dad has had on people that he's helped and that he's been in contact with," Srebernak said of her goals for her time with the department, "and I want to make



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**PSO Hannah Srebernak is sworn into Farms public safety Tuesday, Jan. 3. From left, brother Joe Srebernak, sister Chloe Pensari, father Sgt. Joseph Srebernak, Hannah Srebernak, mother Helen Srebernak, and sisters Savannah and Sydney Srebernak.**

that kind of impact and be there for people when they need it and know that they can have someone that cares."

Prior to attending the police academy, Srebernak served in the United States Marine

Corps for seven years as a supply administration specialist in charge of buying, inventory and keeping track of gear. With a grandfather, uncle and cousin who served in the U.S. Marines, it was a natu-

ral career path.

While most of her time in service saw Srebernak stationed in Albany, Ga., she spent her first two years in Okinawa, Japan.

"It was my first big taste of (being) over-

seas," she recalled. "It definitely took some getting used to with the time differences."

The most memorable experience of her time in Japan, Srebernak said, was visiting the Mount Suribachi memorials on the anniversary of Iwo Jima, which is considered one of the bloodiest battles, not only in World War II, but in U.S. Marine Corps history. Nearly 7,000 U.S. Marines were killed, along with around 20,000 Japanese soldiers, who refused to surrender.

It was this battle from which the renowned Marine flag-raising photo emerged, which was used as a model for the Marine Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

"When you go up to the top of the mountain, there's two different memorials for the Japanese and for the Americans," Srebernak explained.

"The Americans had the name plates of service members that had been up there and then the Japanese side just had water bottles, because what ultimately led to their loss was they

needed water."

Upon returning to civilian life, Srebernak took brief stints working for a logistics transportation company in Royal Oak, and then Quicken Loans, before realizing law enforcement was what she wanted to do.

"I think she'll make a really good officer," said Sgt. Srebernak, who has been with the City going on seven years, after a 26-year career in the Park. "She's really focused. She pays attention to detail. She cares about people."

He also noted his daughter has built a reputation for always going above and beyond what is expected of her in a position.

"When she brings that to her job as a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Farms, she's going to be excellent," he said, "because people really appreciate that when they're looking for help and somebody goes the extra mile. She'll be that person."

Srebernak will complete her public safety training by attending the fire academy later this month.

## DINING:

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With City Kitchen in The Village being the only restaurant to take advantage of the opportunity thus far — it has a dining platform in parking spaces along the Kercheval Place alley — city administration is expecting at least one, if not two, new applications to come to fruition in the near future.

"There are no rules other than what's contained in the license developed by the city attorney currently," Dame added. "So there was one pilot project, I guess you could say, and now that we have some experience, we're coming forward with some guidelines for future installations."

The regulations include:

- ◆ Dining platforms cannot take up more than two parallel parking spaces or more than four angled parking spaces,

- ◆ must only contain readily removable furniture manufactured of metal material and high-quality design,

- ◆ must maintain a minimum five-foot sidewalk clearance for pedestrians,

- ◆ must be enclosed by a railing and only accessible via the sidewalk,

- ◆ cannot be more than four inches above sidewalk level with the platform made of quality materials,

- ◆ and cannot contain advertising or additional signage.

Despite appreciating the need for regulations, council members noted they were looking for more than what city administration presented.

While city officials agree that continued use of outdoor dining platforms in the winter months is a welcome arrangement, Councilman Chris Walsh, in particular, took issue with platforms remaining constructed during the season if they're not in use, calling them unsightly and saying he's heard the same from other residents.

"My input on this would be you should have some guidance to the facilities to say this is for in-use,"



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**While City Kitchen currently has the only on-street dining platform in The Village — resting over parking spaces on Kercheval Place — city administration expects additional applications in the near future.**

he said. "You have to be using it in order to have it. This is an accommodation by the city. Why would we accommodate if it's not being used and we've had a substantial example of non-use for some time."

The platform in question, which remains as of press time, was set to be deconstructed and removed — at least for the remainder of the winter — at the end of last month, but was pushed back due to winter weather and freezing temperatures.

Further than adding a stipulation preventing dormant platforms, Dame broached the topic of beginning to charge restaurants for the platforms.

Restaurants using on-street dining platforms in Grosse Pointe Farms, for instance, are charged for the revenue that would have come from the parking meters on those

spaces. "This regulation does allow us to establish a fee, so once we start establishing a fee, if they're not using it, they're not going to pay a fee," Dame noted. "So that's another way of tackling that same issue. ... We haven't charged to date, but I think we should start."

Some council members also sought more extensive safety regulations regarding a buffer between the seating area and street traffic, as well as clarification on what would be allowed under a restriction requiring the platform be "open to the air," seeing as restaurants aren't likely to heat an outdoor dining area in the winter without a way to keep the heat in.

"We're trying to avoid them building a structure," Councilman Terrance Thomas said of the open-air regulation intent.

What now needs to be determined is whether the city will welcome igloo-like structures, aesthetic tents with windows, canvas tents with one side open, etc.

"We could approve this for non-winter usage and come back with some definitions for winter usage," Dame suggested, noting it may be as soon as the February council meeting that another application is presented. "The point is, without the rules in place, we can't tell someone who's pending what the rules are. They would be allowed to use it under our current system, which is no rules."

After significant discussion, council ultimately agreed to approve the motion for outdoor dining regulations in public parking spaces, subject to modifications concerning winter use, safety standards and an open-use definition.

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, FEB. 13

- ◆ GPPSS Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Michigan Public Service Commission hearing for gas customers of DTE, 9:30 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Mack Avenue Corridor Streetscape Planning public engagement session, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Harbor Commission meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.



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## 4A | POINTER OF INTEREST

## Woods native wins Girl Scouts' highest honor

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Of the millions of active Girl Scouts in the country, just 5.4 percent of them successfully earn the Gold Award, the organization's highest honor.

To earn the honor, eligible Girl Scouts plan and implement a "Take Action" service project that provides a sustainable, lasting benefit to the larger community.

Grosse Pointe Woods native Stephanie Westrick not only planned and completed her Take Action project, "Bike Safety for School and Beyond," but created a coordinating website to extend her reach further than her community.

Westrick, who joined Girl Scouts when she was in first grade at Monteith Elementary School, got the idea for her bike safety project while driving.

"I noticed that a lot of kids are not following the rules of the road," she said, "so I wanted to

cover the issue of bike safety and share my knowledge. ... I also saw a lot of news about kids getting into bike accidents. At a young age, they should learn proper techniques to prevent accidents from happening in the future. This was an important project benefitting a younger population."

To earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, an individual must devote a minimum of 80 hours of work to a project, from planning to completion. Plans are developed with help from an advisor and a project proposal must be approved by the local council.

For her project, Westrick created videos, an interactive slideshow and a game to teach bike safety, including the rules of the road, proper fit for bikes and bike helmets, as well as bike maintenance.

"It took a really long time to put together," she said. "The planning phase ... plans changed drastically when COVID



COURTESY PHOTO

Stephanie Westrick recently earned the Girl Scouts' Gold Award.

became a thing. Things were limited — no large groups of people."

Though she initially hoped to share her project in her hometown school district, the 2022 Grosse Pointe North

High School graduate ended up presenting an educational workshop about bike safety to fifth-grade summer school students in the Clintondale Community Schools district.

Additionally, she designed a website — [sites.google.com/view/bikesafetyguide](https://sites.google.com/view/bikesafetyguide) — that also includes safety tips and helpful links. She hopes others will benefit from the use of her website, perhaps in classrooms, at scout meetings or by other youth organizations.

"The biggest thing with the Gold Award is making sure the project has a lasting impact, even after you step away," Westrick said. "That's why I developed the website, so all the information can be found in one place."

This wasn't the first time Westrick, the daughter of Greg and Karen Westrick, has earned a scouting award. In 2018, she and fellow Girl Scout Danielle Lubienski earned Silver Awards for their project, "Comfort through Books." For the project, which took more than 60 hours, they built a bookshelf, stocked it with books, games and puzzles, then organized and catalogued it by title and

age range before donating it to Turning Point, a domestic violence shelter in Mount Clemens, for use in its children's therapy room.

"Girl Scouts as a whole is a super amazing organization that teaches young girls life skills that are important through badges you can earn and through empowerment," Westrick said. "It's a nice community of girls to be part of."

Westrick earned her Gold Award this fall and will be honored by Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan at its High Award ceremony this spring.

For now, the University of Michigan freshman is hard at work studying to be a sitcom screenwriter. The film major, who has an IMDb page, has appeared in a few local theater productions and was an extra in a Belle Tire commercial, as well as the film, "Boo!" She also could be heard in a 2018 radio commercial for Quick Lane Tire & Auto.

## That's a lot of beautifying in the Park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Kevin McCracken credited his wife, Gillian McCracken, from South Africa by way of the U.S. West Coast.

"She's the one who does the landscaping and the work," he said.

"We moved in at the end of February and I wanted more color in front of the house," said Gillian McCracken, from South Africa by way of the U.S. West Coast.

The couple was among 26 recipients in five categories of awards presented Thursday evening, Nov. 17, at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

"It is so representative of all the things Grosse Pointe is about, like pride in your home and your neighborhood," Kevin McCracken said of the award. "It's exciting to see everybody here. Their beautiful homes bring the community together."

Criteria for residential awards is: "Residents who enhance the appearance of our residential community through landscaping, floral displays, renovation and restoration, preservation and maintenance, and new additions which, in turn, enhance the total appearance of the greater community," according to the commission's program for the evening.

Kimberly Claxton, chairwoman of the beautification commission, said attendance was greater than in recent memory.

"We're so excited to have you all here to celebrate your amazing properties," she told the group, seated at large, round tables filling the center nearly front to back. "Thank you for all the work you put into your homes to make this city beautiful."

"Gardens and land-



The largest number of people in years attend the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission awards presentation Nov. 17, at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

scapes unite us," added Mayor Michele Hodges. "It's a shared experience."

Mary Jo Rabbene, an interior designer formerly of Long Island and with the accent to prove it ("Lowngyland") was thrilled to be recognized for her house in the 900 block of Trombley.

"I'm so excited, I can't tell you," she said.

John Korachis won an award for his pre-World War II property in the 800 block of Pemberton. Recognition doubled as a

nearly century-old thumb in the eye to critics of the Midwestern modern-style structure when built.

"The community in 1935 filed a lawsuit to demolish the house," Korachis said. "It did not fit the architectural integrity of the community. There's a wonderful legal opinion that is still used in court as precedence. I'm lucky to be living there."

Aaron Whittaker, a retired Australian state police officer, won for his overhaul of the commercial building at 15003 Charlevoix from which he operates his business, GPH Services renovations and remodeling.

"When it was built in 1923, it had a press metal, tin ceiling," Whittaker said.

Through the decades, the building housed a legitimate theater, a movie theater for which Whittaker found at least one old film poster, and an indoor ice-skating rink. He and his crew uncovered historical features during a recently completed renovation.

"Inside, it's spectacular," he said.

Prior to, during and after the issuing of awards, attendees made trips to a buffet line featuring, but in no way limited to, pulled pork sliders, short rib Wellington, red velvet cookies, chocolate chip cookies and pumpkin bread — all cooked by Sarah Hansen, chef at Standby Detroit in down-

town Detroit and daughter of Commissioner Shellie Hansen.

The complete list of winners and excerpts of judge's comments follow. Commission representatives asked that residential winners' addresses not be published.

## Residential awards

◆ Tenly Mogk, 1100 block of Maryland, with building resident and the property's landscaper Nancy Jensen accepting the award: "A cheerful variety of blooms in reds and pinks sets off the front landscape, including impatiens, spikes of cleome and potted geraniums in a bright fuchsia."

◆ John W. and Antonia Gibson, 1000 block of Lakepointe: "Brightly blooming pots line the steps and hang cheerfully at the windows completing the cottage-feel of this lovely home."

◆ Lizabeth Parker, 1000 block of Lakepointe, with tenants Roger Pangborn and Nichole Parmentier credited with the landscaping: "Contrasting raspberry and white doors are set off perfectly by the multitude of flowers in bloom. A delightful home indeed."

◆ Alexander and Bethany Shanku, 1000 block of Nottingham: "Flourishing potted ferns and impatiens peek over the fence, offering height and contrast to the plant-

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## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Lost

A 28-year-old Detroit man was pulled over for speeding after his vehicle was clocked going 60 mph on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore Drive around 1 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5.

The man told officers he was aware he was speeding and said he was lost. He was ticketed for speeding and driving while license suspended.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Liz left

A man filed a report Monday, Jan. 30, saying a woman stole his rental vehicle five days earlier from Kroger on Mack.

The complainant told officers he was giving the woman, named Liz, a ride to a friend's house, but had to stop first at the grocery store to pick up a few items. He left the woman in the vehicle running in the parking lot and when he returned, the woman and the 2021 white Toyota 4Runner were gone.

The suspect is described as a white woman, 35 years old, with brown hair. She was wearing gray pants and a white jacket at the time.

## Lights out

A 33-year-old Clinton Township man was pulled over around 11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, on Vernier near Sunningdale after an officer noticed the rear lights on his vehicle were out.

A LEIN check showed he had 16 prior license suspensions and warrants from four cities. He was ticketed for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was impounded.

## Tool time

A resident in the 2000 block of Beaufait reported around 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 6, that \$500 worth of tools were stolen from his vehicle sometime between 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, and 8 a.m. Monday.

The rear window of the vehicle was smashed.

—Ted O'Neil

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Giving it away

Park police recovered a stolen 2022 Ford Expedition they believe is linked to suspicious activity a resident reported at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the 600 block of Barrington.

"Public safety officers responded to the area on a report that a resident witnessed unknown subjects on a home surveillance camera prowling near her vehicle," a detective said. "Once in the area, a different vehicle was witnessed fleeing at a high rate of speed."

The getaway worked, but officers recovered the Expedition in Detroit.

"(It) had been stolen one block away from the original caller," the detective said. "(The) key fob had been left inside the vehicle by the owner."

## Home depot

Crooks figure the 1000 block of Wayburn to be a supply store for patio furniture.

For the second time this year, a set of patio furniture was reported stolen on the block.

The latest incident happened between 2 and 5:35 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. The thief or thieves also got away with an electric light pole.

The first theft occurred in a backyard between the hours of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, and 4 p.m. the next day.

## Fake seller

A Park resident is out \$1,200 cash due to a fraudulent transaction Saturday, Feb. 4, via an online payment service for an item advertised on Facebook.

"(The) victim sent (the suspect) \$1,200 via Venmo for a Facebook Marketplace purchase," police said. "(The suspect) never sent the purchased item and discontinued contact with (the victim)."

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Trifecta

After driving through a solid red light at Mack and Kerby at 2:11 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, in a vehicle without a registration plate, a 20-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over and told officers she didn't have her license on her.

A LEIN search determined she had never acquired a driver's license.

The vehicle was impounded, as the woman was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle, not having proof of insurance and disobeying a traffic signal.

## Trespassing toll

A 64-year-old Detroit man was stopped as he walked up to the door of a business in the 19000 block of Mack at 10:55 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, because he had previously been advised on trespassing at the location.

The man received a citation for trespassing on the property and was given a courtesy transport to a local hospital at his request.

## Drug arrests

The driver and passenger of a vehicle traveling westbound on Mack at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, were arrested for drug possession and multiple warrants after being pulled over because the

vehicle had blue headlights.

Among a plethora of paraphernalia found within the vehicle, two suspected crack rocks were found in the driver's shoe. The 43-year-old Chesterfield man was arrested for cocaine possession, driving while license suspended and a warrant for child support neglect.

The passenger, a 30-year-old Detroit man, was found to have suspected heroin on his person, aside from various warrants out of Detroit, Roseville, Eastpointe, Harper Woods, Warren and Wayne County.

## Interesting ID

After being pulled over at Mack and East Warren because there was not a license plate on the vehicle he was driving at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, an 18-year-old Detroit man offered the officer a citation he previously had been issued as means of identification.

With a total of 13 Detroit traffic warrants already on record, the man was cited for driving while license suspended, as well as not having insurance or a plate on the vehicle.

—Laurel Kraus

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Suspended

Pulled over for speeding 54 mph on Mack at 10:40 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, a 33-year-old Detroit woman then was cited for driving while license

suspended.

## Uno reverse

Staff were able to locate a pair of UGG boots accidentally left at a business in the 17000 block of Waterloo Monday, Jan. 30; however, the boots — worth \$160 — then went missing after being in the possession of staff.

## Finally caught

Exactly 10 days after a 54-year-old Detroit woman stole \$193 worth of groceries from a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval, detectives successfully identified the woman and cited her for retail fraud Tuesday, Jan. 31.

## Hospital hopping

While being arrested for causing a disturbance inside a local hospital at

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, a 61-year-old Eastpointe man made several statements that caused officers to have concern for his mental health. He then was transferred to a different local hospital to receive treatment.

## Not for rent

An unsuspecting person looking for a rental home signed a fraudulent lease and sent \$1,000 via Cash App to a suspect claiming to be the property manager Friday, Feb. 3.

The actual owner of the home in the 800 block of Neff is out of town and has been intending to sell the home.

An investigation is ongoing.

—Laurel Kraus

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

## CATCH:

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things. Sure enough, his last-known address is right where we recovered the (stolen) car."

"His mom is very cooperative," Willmer said.

"She agreed to bring him in," Pittman said. "Detective Willmer interviewed him. (The suspect) gave a full confession."

"He's a smart kid and admitted to what he did, but wouldn't talk about what anyone else did because he doesn't want to be a snitch," Willmer said. "If you treat people with respect, most people will treat you with

respect. If you're real with somebody, they will relate to you."

"He was charged with unlawful driving away of an automobile and larceny in a building," Pittman said. "Both (are) felonies."

The backstory is the police and prosecutors know where he lives. They get along with his mother and are encouraged by her intention to do something about her son.

"— and the fact he has a good, responsible mother who is willing to take care of him throughout the process," Pittman said. "He has a home, somewhat of a stable home environment. That does make a difference."



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OUR VIEW

Are you (cough, cough) 'sick' from the Super Bowl?

While Detroiters don't have a big stake in this Sunday's Super Bowl LVII between the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs (2024 is our year, Lions fans!), the biggest game of the year still gets us excited for the fanfare and good football this annual event entails.

But there's a price to pay for our last Sunday Funday of the season, as the next morning promises to bring forth record absenteeism in the workplace, according to an article last month in businessnews-daily.com. Fans who whoop it up a little too hard this weekend will send many businesses and organizations throughout the country scrambling to get enough employees back to work the next day.

Epic staff shortages the Monday after the Super Bowl — coined by some as "SMonday" — pack a punch on workplace productivity. It also reignites the annual argument for the day after our country's high holy day of sports to become a national holiday.

The Grosse Pointe News put the question out to the community last week and 79 percent of you enthusiastically answered yes, the day after the Super Bowl should be a national holiday (see poll at right). On what we assume is a related note, the same 79 percent also endorsed having another beer along with it.

Twenty-one percent of you voted "no way — get back to work." What those results tell us is 1.) These voters have a great work ethic and 2.) NFL actually stands for No Fun League in reference to this same group.

But the statistics on workplace absenteeism suggest many already treat Super Bowl Monday as a holiday. Consider this:

- About 16.1 million Americans are expected to skip work the day after the Super Bowl this year.
An additional 8 million people are expected to request the day off in advance.

That's a whopping 24.1 million employees who miss work because of a football game, one that technically affects only two teams from two cities in America that are playing for a title and bragging rights.

Oh, but it's so darn fun to watch and let loose for a day, right?

It's so fun that at least statistically, according to a study from The Workforce Institute at UTK, expect one out of every 10 people at your big Super Bowl bash not to report to work the next day. The younger set is twice as likely to take the day off, with an estimated 20 percent of employees ages 18 to 34 who will miss work after the NFL's title game.

Even our bosses aren't immune to the football flu. According to the study, an estimated 35 percent of people who "identify as a manager or boss with the authority to approve time off" reported they have missed work on a past SMonday.

Among the top three excuses for bailing out on work? Approximately 40 percent say fatigue from staying up too late watching the game prompts them to call in sick. Nausea and hangovers fill out

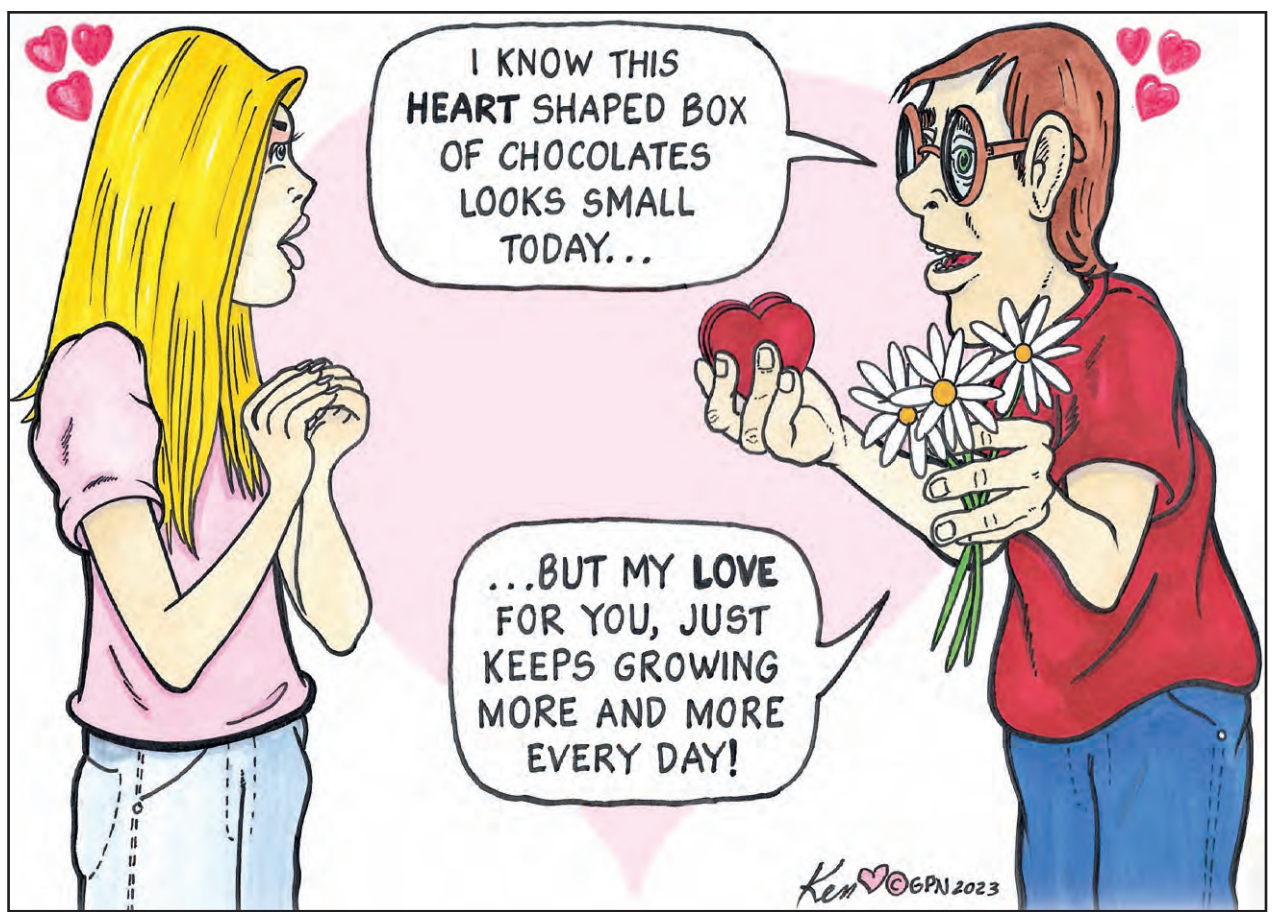


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the remaining spots, with 34 percent of those ages 21 and older stating their absenteeism was the result of being overserved while watching the Super Bowl.

This adult skip day hurts our country's bottom line, as well. Employers this year are set to lose an estimated \$4 billion due to decreased productivity. That might be one of the biggest arguments in favor of SMonday becoming a national holiday. But thus far, lawmakers and talking heads on TV and radio who have made a push for a federal holiday have failed to gain any major momentum or traction on it.

So be it. With so few things uniting Americans these days, a football game sure has a way of bringing us together. And there's no bigger stage than this weekend's Super Bowl. So live it up and enjoy. Just be sure to have a designated driver and give your boss plenty of notice should you anticipate you will need some (cough, cough) recovery time Monday morning.

Should the Monday after the Super Bowl be a national holiday?
Grosse Pointe News POINTER POLL
Heck yeah, have another beer! 79%
No way, get back to work! 21%
Poll taken via GPN Facebook and Instagram. Follow us to see upcoming polls. We want to hear from you!

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All for independent counsel

To the Editor: I am writing in support of the BoE hiring legal counsel to advise them when necessary on issues pertaining to school governance.

It is my impression that the district's legal counsel has almost exclusively been directed to support the administration's point of view, even though it may not be the best position for the district. What comes immediately to mind are the many hours school attorneys spent billing for the Rocket Fiber contract, resulting in the district paying for over 40 miles of a fiber ring which the district is

unable to monetize.

The function of a board is independent oversight of administration. If our school board is simply an arm of our district's administration, then it cannot effectively perform its duty. In the corporate world, boards are trending toward securing independent counsel. It is considered current best practice since it reduces conflict of interest should the board's position be at odds with that of the administration.

The school board needs to be mission focused and its mission is education — not healthcare or fiber networks. The school board can operate most effectively when it is advised directly and independently when our trustees

are in need of counsel. KELLY BOLL Grosse Pointe Park

In favor

To the Editor: I am in favor of diversifying legal counsel of the Grosse Pointe School System Board of Education. A check and balance system is always good.

BARBARA COTTINGHAM City of Grosse Pointe

Making a difference

To the Editor: I am writing to thank Grosse Pointe-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Through shoeboxes — packed with toys, school supplies and hygiene items — Grosse Pointe-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love and is often the first gift these children have ever received. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Although local drop-off locations are closed until Nov. 13-20, anyone can be a part of this project by packing a shoebox gift online in a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Information about ways to get involved year-round can be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling (937) 374-0761.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

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1948 75 years ago this week

WAR MEMORIAL PLANS ARE SHIFTED: Concrete plans for a Grosse Pointe War Memorial Library, to be located at Kercheval

Avenue and Fisher Road, have been presented following a joint meeting of the War Memorial Study Group and the Grosse Pointe Honor Roll Association. It is proposed that somewhere between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 be spent on the memorial, depending on the generosity of residents.

FUEL SHORTAGE TO CLOSE LIBRARY: The Grosse Pointe Public Library will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday evenings, beginning Feb. 7. This change in library hours is necessitated by the present shortage on fuel oil. The library is a wing of the Pierce Junior High School. Since the building is not in use for any other purpose Saturday evening, closing the library at 6 p.m. will

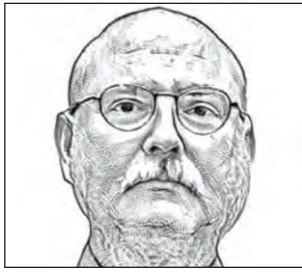
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1973 50 years ago this week

ASK FUNDS FOR LIBRARIES: A request from the Grosse Pointe Study and Action See HEADLINES, page 7A

I SAY By Ted O'Neil

# Another word on national parks



Hopefully you enjoyed my colleague Renee Landuyt's piece in this space a few months ago recounting her time working in various national parks and telling us about some of the whacky questions she heard visitors ask.

It got me thinking about the national parks I've visited and the wonderful memories of each. If you haven't been to some of these, perhaps consider them when planning your upcoming vacations.

The most spectacular, of course, was the Grand Canyon. My first visit was in September 1997 on a family trip to the North Rim. We stayed in St. George, Utah, a scenic area in its own right, and started with a day trip to Bryce Canyon.

We only spent two days and one night at the North Rim, but it was unforgettable. A storm was rolling in just as we arrived and dozens of people, us among them, spent at least an hour sitting in the lobby of the main lodge in near silence, watching the clouds and lightning

strikes through an enormous glass window wall.

We were lucky enough to secure a few small cabins inside the park, which made the visit all the more enjoyable. Because of its elevation, however, the only road leading to the North Rim closes down from late fall through May, so plan accordingly.

A visit to the South Rim came in the summer of 2008. While the area is far more commercialized, with several hotels on site and many more in the surrounding area, it was just as spectacular.

A large family trip to Maui in 2001 afforded me the opportunity to see Pearl Harbor, which I wasn't aware was operated by the National Park Service until the day of the visit.

Only two of us wanted to see it, figuring this might be the only time visiting Hawaii, so for \$75 each we took a puddle-jumper over to Honolulu for the day. Being the son of a World War II veteran, Pearl Harbor had always been on my bucket list and standing on the USS Arizona Memorial was haunting. Even now, eight decades after the attack, oil continues to leak from the ship.

A quick shuttle trip from Pearl Harbor takes you to a tour of the USS Missouri. A plaque on the ship's deck marks the spot where Japan signed its surrender documents on Sept. 2, 1945.

Just as somber is Arlington National Cemetery, where hundreds gather in silence to watch the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

As a history buff, I've enjoyed a handful of trips to Gettysburg, but was disappointed on my last visit to see the new visitors' center did not include the old theater-style seating around a large floor map that lit up to show troop movements during the three-day battle accompanied by a narrator.

Ever make a snowball in June? I did, at the peak of Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park. The snow is a nice relief on the hands, too, because driving up the narrow, twisting road is definitely a white-knuckle experience.

Yellowstone was an add-on to that trip, but to be honest I thought Old Faithful was a bit anticlimactic.

A visit to the Smokies was cool because at one observation spot you can stand with one foot in North Carolina and the other in Tennessee.

Closer to home I've been to Sleeping Bear Dunes, but will admit I didn't make it all the way up.

Next on the list is a visit to River Raisin National Battlefield Park, the only national battlefield marking a site from the War of 1812.

Happy traveling.

## HEADLINES:

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Committee for Education regarding the allocation of federal revenue sharing funds for the library system was unanimously referred to the Committee of the Whole for further study by the Woods Council in action taken Monday night. In a letter to the administration, committee chairmen John Cobau and Mrs. R. M. Mills suggested the council allocate part of the city's funds to permit Saturday openings of all three branches.

**POINTE METRO CLUB GIVES NURSING HOME COLOR TV:** There was a surprise in store for the residents of the Grosse Pointe Nursing Home, 315 Fisher, on Monday. It was a gift of a color television, given by Spirit No. 20 of the Metropolitan Club of America, made up a fire, police and mailmen in the five Pointes. George VanDeVelde, a mailman who has been delivering mail in the Fisher Road area for three years, noticed that the television in the home was malfunctioning, making it difficult for the senior citizens to watch. He learned it had been on the blink for years.

# 1998

25 years ago this week

**BARNES IS COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER — FOR NOW:** The school bell won't be ringing this fall at Barnes Elementary. After an analysis of enrollment figures for this year and the next school year, administrators in the Grosse Pointe Public School System have determined there is no rush to

reopen the Grosse Pointe Woods school that was closed in the mid-1980s due to declining enrollment. A surge in the student population at the middle school level continues this year, but that doesn't directly impact a decision on reopening an elementary.

**RETAIL SALES BOOSTED BY STRONG ECONOMY:** Local retailers rode the wave of a healthy national economy bolstered in Michigan by record auto profits to ring up strong holiday sales in 1997. Statewide, six straight months of above-average sales preceded the holidays. Retailers reported yearly sales up 7 percent over 1996, with sales for the holiday period up 8.1 percent, according to the Michigan Retail Index.

# 2013

10 years ago this week

**CLUB WILL HOOK ON TO FARMS WATER SUPPLY:** The Country Club of Detroit is seeking a mulligan on water service. The club, which bought irrigation water from Highland Park, wants Grosse Pointe Farms to take over. "This is a win-win for us (and) will add \$125,000 income to the water and sewer fund," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

**PROPOSAL FACES SCRUTINY:** Some residents living close to Lake St. Clair got a jolt upon learning a federal law enforcement agency wants to install surveillance radar within a few hundred feet from their houses. The radar system would cap an existing 60-foot pole leased from the Grosse Pointe Club and have a 20-mile range. It already supports a government security camera operating for more than one year.

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8A | **SCHOOLS**

# North hosting skilled trades night

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System who are interested in learning about skilled trades and other career options will get the opportunity later this month.

An informational session is scheduled 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Grosse Pointe North High School gym. The event is open to any student in the district, but primarily targeted at high schoolers and middle schoolers.

“We held two of these before COVID hit and the first one was very well attended,” said Jennifer Sherman, chair of the counseling department at North. “It’s something parents and students are talking more about, especially with college being so expensive and people realize the trades can offer a very lucrative

career.”

Sherman said several trade union representatives will be on hand to discuss training options and how students can apply for an apprenticeship after graduation.

The district’s own Career and Technical Education offerings also will be highlighted.

“We set it up the way we do our college nights,” Sherman said. “We want to offer both ends of the spectrum.”

The district currently offers seven CTE programs in-house and has access to others through a variety of consortiums. Those on-site include business operations, information systems security, culinary arts, multimedia design, financial services, entrepreneurship and radio and television broadcasting. Sherman said the district is working on adding early childhood education to the mix.

Students also can

explore welding through Macomb Community College, aviation technology through Detroit Public Schools and careers in automotive technology, building trades, cosmetology and dental hygiene through partnerships with a variety of other school districts.

“We like to offer what we can in-house because a lot of students don’t want to leave for part of the day,” said Brian Stackpoole, TV production teacher at North and CTE coordinator for the district. “But some programs can be very expensive to run. For things like welding or building trades, it’s better for a number of districts to send students to one place.”

Stackpoole said 701 GPPSS students were enrolled in the CTE program during the last school year.

“It’s basically what was known as vocational edu-

cation but now CTE has stricter requirements,” he added. “The teachers have to have an additional certification in a specific field.”

That coupled with students completing a sequence of courses in a given subject — including some that require an industry credential when finished — means districts can receive additional state funding.

GPPSS brought in just over \$438,000 in CTE funding last year and has received nearly \$2.2 million since it joined the program in the 2014-15 school year.

“It requires that you spend 90 percent of the money on improving the program,” Stackpoole said, “including things like equipment, supplies and professional development.”

Stackpoole recommended students talk with their assigned counselor to learn more about the program.



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# GP South choir takes top honors

**The Pointe Singers won several awards Saturday at the Walsh Jesuit Great Lakes Invitational, including first place in their division, best vocals and best choreography.**

**Spencer Yonkus and Alex Carter were named best performer for Pointe Singers and Serendipity, respectively, while Lily Hunwick earned first place in the solo competition.**

**Both groups return to Ohio for the Solon Show Choir Invitational March 4, and the Pointe Singers will be at the Heart of America Nashville Competition March 11.**

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Several Albion College students were accepted into programs of distinction during the fall 2022 semester. Grosse Pointe Farms student **Katie Woerner** and City of Grosse Pointe student **Nicholas Miller** were recognized as members of Albion College’s Center for Sustainability and the Environment; and Grosse Pointe Park student **Cameron Thompson** and Grosse Pointe Woods student **Christopher Marshall** were recognized as members of Albion College’s Lisa and James Wilson Institute for Medicine.

◆◆◆ **John Poplawski** of Grosse Pointe was named to the fall 2022 Dean’s List at College of the Holy Cross.

◆◆◆ **Tanner Belanger** and



Nicholas Miller



John Poplawski



Michael Mrsan



Katherine Gebeck



Devon Grace Krasner

◆◆◆ **Riley Francis** of Grosse Pointe Farms, and **Rachel Kostrzewa** of Grosse Pointe Park were named to the fall 2022 Dean’s List for the fall 2022 term at Alma College.

◆◆◆ **Michael Mrsan** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Katherine Gebeck** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the President’s List for the fall 2022 semester at Miami University.

◆◆◆ **Giovanni Procopio** of Grosse Pointe Shores was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2022 semester at Aurora University.

◆◆◆ **Markeita Hale** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the fall 2022 Dean’s List at Georgia State University.

◆◆◆ **Devon Grace Krasner** of Grosse Pointe Farms, a 2019 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was named to the University Honors & Engineering College Dean’s List for the fall 2022 semester at University of Michigan. Krasner is a biomedical engineering major with



Jack Restum

a minor in German.

◆◆◆ **Jack Restum** of Grosse Pointe Farms, a freshman in the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan, earned University Honors and was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2022 semester.



Sarah Stovall

The following Albion College students were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2022 semester:

**Christopher Marshall, Louis Cardinale, Peter Loch and Rory Angott** of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Katie Woerner** and **Ryker Mazey** of Grosse Pointe Farms; and **Sarah**



Audrey Smihal

**Stovall** of the City of Grosse Pointe.

◆◆◆ **Audrey Smihal** of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean’s List for the 2022 fall semester at Northern Michigan University.

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## OPTIONS:

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elevator up that opens into a photography classroom,” he said. “So basically students in wheelchairs avoid taking industrial arts classes.”

The option the administration and Stempien have focused on is moving the remaining IA classes to an auxiliary gym in the school and tearing down the building and walkway.

That price tag comes in at \$5.3 million, including around \$1.8 million for the tear down. **Amanda Matheson**, deputy superintendent for business services, said bond money would pay for moving the classes, while sinking fund dollars would be used for demolition.

A total renovation of the building, including a new elevator and other

upgrades to make it ADA compliant, would cost \$8.9 million.

Another issue facing the district is that new, energy efficient-boilers are slated to be installed in the basement at South. At \$1.6 million, Stempien said the IA building’s heating system could be upgraded to match the new boilers and another \$150,000 would need to be spent in the next three to five years to upgrade the building’s aging roof. That option, however, does not address the ADA issues.

Superintendent **Jon Dean** told the committee the district already has spent \$470,000 on architectural and engineering work in coming up with the various proposals. Committee members plan to tour the building and the full

board could vote on a final plan in March.

In establishing the committee and three others — Curriculum, Community Engagement and Policies and Contracts — board President **Ahmed Ismail** sought applications from members of the public to serve in addition to three board members on each one.

In addition to Ismail, Treasurer **Sean Cotton** and Trustee **Colleen Worden** are on the Finance and Facilities Committee. Appointed members are **Ryan Case**, **Terry Collins** (former school board candidate), **Christian Fenton**, **Joseph Parke**, **Brendan Walsh** (former board president) and **Matthew Agnone** (CFO at Caidan LLC, which is owned by the Cotton family).

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# Temple trip helps students learn Indian culture, philosophy

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Last month, a group of seventh graders from The Grosse Pointe Academy took a field trip to ISKCON Hindu Temple in Detroit, to complement their study of ancient Indian history, culture and religion.

Students in Trevor Clor's and Joanna Kutchey's social studies classes spent a part of the day Jan. 12, touring cultural and religious topics delivered by a temple guide, who also explained the history of the Fisher Mansion, which currently houses the temple.

Additionally, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Dr. Lakshmi Saleem, who hails from India, taught students about the Hindu festival of Pongal, a harvest festival that took place Jan. 13 to 16.

"It is a festival where they celebrate respecting nature and giving time to nature," Saleem said.

The traditional celebration of Pongal takes place over three days.

"The first day, you remove all the junk from the home and put it in a



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GPA students make their way up the temple staircase.

bonfire, so all the negativity is gone," Saleem explained. "You then pray to the rain god. The second day, you pray to the sun god and you make the pongal dish to distribute among friends and family. The third day, you fly kites. There is no disparity; everybody comes and flies kites and has fun together. And the leftover food is offered to nature — to the birds and

insects.

"Each festival is celebrated with family and friends meeting together," she added. "Sometimes there is competition with cockfights. They worship bull and cow because they help with agriculture. They decorate the animals with garland; that is the only time they are respected and worshipped. The other days they are working in the fields."

Though fires, cockfights and garland-strewn bulls were not part of the students' experience, Saleem shared other parts of her culture, including the art of kolam, art that is drawn using rice flour.

"The design you make each day is different," Saleem noted.

She had kites shipped from India that students tried to give flight, though the wind was not cooperative during their visit. Lastly, her lesson included food.

"Dr. Saleem cooked us a traditional festive meal

from scratch," Clor wrote in an email. "It was amazing and, going along with Hindu custom, completely vegetarian."

Sharing her history and culture with students is not new to Saleem, who last year visited University Liggett School. Students there listened to her TED Talk, then Saleem led them in meditation.

Next up, she'll return to The Academy to speak to its preschool students about life in India.

"The Early School is asking me to come for Holi," she said, noting Holi is a Hindu festival, also known as the festival of colors, in March. She has a paint project in mind for them, as well as showing them the differences and similarities between the flags and national flowers of India and the U.S.

"That's how I want to bring consciousness to them of the culture," she said. "Each country has different things, but we all come together in the universe. This is a differ-

ent culture, but at the same time we can extract something nice from that."

Saleem said students had fun during their temple visit and noted several of her friends, who volunteered to help, said they'd like to see her share her message at other schools.

"When learning history or geography in a classroom, the teacher wants someone with that exper-

tise so the kids have more understanding," Saleem said. "For this, the teacher wants somebody from the same culture. This teacher, even before he met me, took the children to temple, gave them a glimpse of the culture. They will understand diversity and at the same time be tolerant and make friends. We all love peace and happiness for everybody. I think this is a good start."



Dr. Lakshmi Saleem shares with students the significance of a table decorated as an example of kolam art, using flower pedals, candles, sandalwood and the flag of India.



Students from The Grosse Pointe Academy listen to their guide discuss a painting at the temple.

## PRIDES:

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**Elizabeth Ottaway** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at the University of Kentucky, College of Health Sciences.



Elizabeth Ottaway

**Hanna Ottaway** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at the University of Kentucky, Gatton College of Business and Economics.



Hannah Ottaway

**Bennett Smihal** of the City of Grosse Pointe has earned lifetime membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars, the nation's leading certified honor society for high-achieving first- and second-year college students with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Smihal is a student at Michigan State University.



Bennett Smihal

**Dylan Cardinale** of Grosse Pointe Woods and **Nicholas Miller** of the City of Grosse Pointe were recognized as new Albion College Fellows. Cardinale is majoring in biology and is a graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. Miller is majoring in

mathematics with a minor in biochemistry and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.

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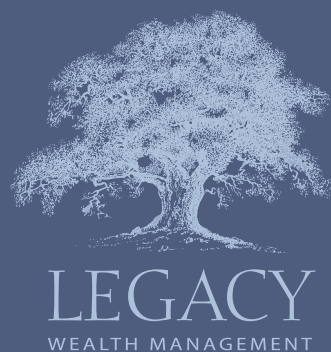
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At an estimated 218.9 pounds of food waste per person, Food Rescue U.S. is doing its part to “rescue” food from landfills and put it in the hands of those who need it.

## Food Rescue U.S. fights food insecurity, waste

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Since 2019, the Detroit chapter of Food Rescue U.S. has provided more than 6,585,000 meals, keeping nearly 8 million pounds of food out of landfills.

It has reached these staggering numbers with the help of 500 volunteers, who collect food that otherwise would go to waste from 100 food donor partners, then delivering it to any of 115 social service agency partners in need of food for the people they serve.

“We’re just scratching the surface,” said Darraugh Collins, site director of the Detroit chapter of Food Rescue U.S. “There is so much for us to do, because there is so much food that is wasted. This is an opportunity to get food out there. The need is so high.”

Collins was living in St. Louis when she first heard about Food Rescue U.S. She attended an event at the hotel run by her fiancé and wondered at evening’s end where all the uneaten food would end up. She asked and he told her they’d have to throw it away.

“That was my first realization about all the places where food is being wasted,” she said. “The irony was, on the drive home we passed someone on the side of the road who needed support, who needed food.”

“... We ended up moving here to Detroit for his job,” she continued. “On the plane prior to getting settled in, I was looking at apps for ways to volunteer. I discovered Food Rescue U.S., which I thought was a great solution. ... This is just the perfect solution to bring

these agencies together, but also bring the burden off of them.”

Collins signed up to help after settling in to her Grosse Pointe Farms home, but was notified Food Rescue U.S. didn’t operate in Michigan. However, she was asked in a follow-up email if she’d be interested in starting a chapter.

“I hadn’t started working yet,” said Collins, who has an executive MBA in international business from Crummer Graduate School of Business and a degree in pastry arts from the French Culinary Institute in New York City, as well as more than 18 years of experience in visual merchandising, styling and interiors for international retailers. “I was at a point in my career where I wanted to do something more community centered, where I would feel the work I was doing would make an impact. I thought this was a great place for me to start.”

Collins’s chapter is still the only Michigan chapter of Food Rescue U.S. When it began in 2019, it was a grassroots effort she built organically, she said.

“I was new to the area, so I had no group of friends, no network,” she recalled, “but I was meeting people through my fiancé’s job. It became like, I can’t not do this.”

### How it works

With her “in” in the food industry — she refers to her fiancé as “Volunteer No. 1” — Collins began to make strides, contacting potential donors and social ser-



Darraugh Collins started Michigan’s only Food Rescue U.S. chapter in 2019.

vice agencies in need of food. She organized volunteers to help the process, too.

There are three components that allow Food Rescue U.S. to function.

◆ Volunteers are needed to rescue food, meaning transport it from donor to recipient. Those interested are invited to sign up online at [foodrescue.us/site/food-rescue-us-detroit/](http://foodrescue.us/site/food-rescue-us-detroit/) or download the app on a smartphone.

Once logged in, rescuers can scroll through and see what rescues are available. Information provided includes where and when the event takes place, as well as details such as what entrance to use, who to ask for and where to take the delivery. Once the delivery is made, the rescuer closes the event on the app and provides a report of the food that was exchanged.

◆ Donors who have excess food to contribute also sign up on the website.

“If they find us, they go to the website, to the food donor portal, and request a pick up,” Collins said.

“If we search them out, we have a conversation about if it’s a one-time donation or a regular donation. It can work two ways. They can reach out when they have food; they notify me and I pair them with an agency. Or they can sign up with a regularly scheduled pick up.”

Among the local food donors contributing through the Detroit chapter are Fresh Farms Market, Red Crown, Hillside Hearth, Better Health Market, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House and multiple Starbucks locations.

◆ Social service agencies in need of food often reach out to Food Rescue U.S., Collins said.

“They would like to have food for the people they serve, whether they’re making meals onsite or distributing food to people,” she added. “If a food donor doesn’t have an agency, I might find an agency in our area for the donation.”

### Who can help

Food donors aren’t just restaurants or hotels. They can — and do — include farmers, whose crops would have ended up wasted throughout the pandemic had it not been for Collins and her volunteers.

“The pandemic was a turning point,” she said. “While initially our (restaurant) donors were closing down, we wondered how we would continue to feed people. There was a lot more food need, but our donors were temporarily closed. ... We also found there were so many farmers

and producers who didn’t have a place to sell their food. The work we did then was a food distribution at the convention center downtown. We had semi trucks coming to the convention center. We were having 12 to 15 volunteers every Friday there for a year to help load boxes into vehicles. We were getting it out so it wasn’t going to waste and this was giving them a place for it.

“That changed everything for us,” she continued. “It brought people into my orbit I didn’t know — new people. People who are still with us today. It was a beautiful experience coming together and making an impact while everyone was still so isolated. For those who were feeling helpless, it gave them something to keep them busy.”

Though the weekly distribution ended a year ago, Collins continues to build a network of rescuers. It’s work, she said,

that renders immediate results.

“We always need more volunteers,” she said. “The reason it’s so important to have a volunteer base is so they see firsthand their impact in the community.”

Rescuers picking up food get to know the businesses and their employees, “and know they’re doing wonderful things in the community. Those rescuers are going to support those businesses.”

“Then they deliver — immediately — fresh, healthy, high-quality food,” she continued. “They interact with the agency and the people the agency serves. They see the hard work being done every day and feel that connection. They learn about the agencies that don’t often get recognition. The impact of that — of those connections — can benefit them immediately.”

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Volunteers, called rescuers, pick up food from restaurants and other businesses, then deliver it to agencies who can use it.

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# Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra performs Feb. 26

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra continues its 70th season with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The orchestra, led by conductor and music director Joe Striplin, will open the concert with the Joshua Suite for Strings by Dr. Augustus Hill. A Michigan-based composer, arranger and conductor, Hill was artistic director of the Brazeal Dennard Chorale and has taught music theory and conducted the University Chorale at Wayne State University. His compositions and arrangements



Joe Striplin



Dr. Augustus Hill



Dr. Marina Stojanovska

have been performed by major orchestras, bands, choirs and soloists across America.

The concert continues with Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major, featuring piano soloist and Grosse Pointer Dr. Marina

Stojanovska. A native of Macedonia who started playing piano age 3, Stojanovska has won numerous international piano competitions and performed solo concerts throughout the world.

The program concludes with the orchestra per-

forming "A London Symphony," English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams's celebration of his much-loved adopted city, complete with "Big Ben" chimes.

The audience is invited to attend a free pre-concert lecture at 2 p.m., dur-

ing which WRCJ radio host Davis Gloff will introduce and discuss the concert music.

Tickets are available at the door or online at [gpsymphony.com](http://gpsymphony.com). Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for college students and free to students K-12.

The orchestra's performance of the Joshua Suite for Stings was made possible in part by the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Funds grant to the orchestra, to support diverse concert programs featuring compositions by underrepresented composers.

The GPSO season continues Sunday, April 23, with a concert that

includes Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Jaimin Wang performing Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major. The concert also features John Williams's "Superman March" and concludes with Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "Scheherazade." The orchestra will conclude its 70th season in August with its annual summer outdoor concert.

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to providing local professional and accomplished amateur musicians the opportunity to perform the classical symphonic repertory for the community at large.



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## Show of support

Grosse Pointe Park residents once again supplied meals to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Beth Kurta, a Grosse Pointe Park resident who started the meal donations, said she was inspired by Tim Brandon, who cooks Thanksgiving dinner for the Grosse Pointe Farms police each year. "We live in such a supportive community that I knew we could pull it together to show our public safety officers how much we appreciate them and their sacrifices," Kurta said.

This is the seventh year the Park community has fed the officers as a show of support. She was inspired to start the effort in November 2016, while driving on I-94 the morning of Officer Colin Rose's funeral. "There were so many officers from all over the state driving to St. Joan of Arc to attend his funeral Mass," she said. "I was moved to tears and thought that we should show our thanks to our public safety officers."

## New business, new bell

Grosse Pointe Rotary President Mark Cory introduced Alicia Carlisle, of Grosse Pointe Farms, as the keynote speaker at the club's Jan. 4 meeting. Carlisle introduced plans for Michael B's, a nonprofit cafe to be run by young adults, age 26 and older, who have outgrown opportunities offered by the Full Circle Foundation and Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Michael's B's is named for Carlisle's son, who finds himself and many of his friends in need of opportunities to work and be productive members of the community. The cafe will be located on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Park, across the parking lot from the Cabbage Patch Saloon, which Carlisle owns. To be newly constructed, Michael B's is slated to open in fall 2024.

Also debuting at the meeting was the new "Stanley Cup" version of the Rotary meeting bell. The bell itself features the etched names of past club presidents from the club's founding in 1937, until space ran out in the 1960s. The new octagonal base, thanks to the efforts of longtime Rotarian Dean Valente, debuted at the Jan. 4 meeting and continues the names of past presidents to the present, with room for names well into the future. Next to the bell is the club's beloved "Oil Can," first awarded to Rotarians for faux pas and today for meritorious service. Past President and Past District Gov. Kim Towar was awarded the oil can from the previous holder, Neil Sroka, for Towar's good job organizing the club's holiday party at Watermark Bar & Grille in St. Clair Shores. Grosse Pointe Rotary meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe. The public is welcome. For more information, visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org).



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May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is reduced.

- ◆ Storytime: "Crocodiles Need Kisses Too," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Feb. 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.

- ◆ The Fashion of Ford House, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for adult members.

- ◆ Black History Month performance, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, featuring local poets, actors

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# Chamber presents scholarships to three young entrepreneurs

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Brian Rumohr, treasurer of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, asked attendees of the chamber's annual membership dinner to think back on their early days in business, asking them collectively what made them take that first step.

"Passion," he said, answering for them. "All of you would say that one word. Business owners are the most passionate about what they do every day."

In celebration of the passion that inspires new businesses, the chamber presented its first Youth Entrepreneur Scholarships, honoring three high school students for their business models and aspirations. Grosse Pointe South High School senior Andrew Kolojeski and juniors Jack Ryan and Madison Turnbull each received \$2,500 scholarships during the chamber's annual dinner Feb. 2, at The War Memorial.

Students were asked to apply for the scholarships, which were reviewed by chamber staff and board members.

"Don't lose that passion," Rumohr told the recipients. "It's one of the most valuable things you'll ever own and something no one can take away from you."

Kolojeski built his business, Michigan Used Bricks, one plastic brick at a time. The idea for it was sparked during a yard sale visit with his grandmother in 2019, where he purchased a LEGO Statue of Liberty kit for \$10.

"Being a LEGO fanatic, I knew the value of the set," he said, explaining he then posted it on eBay, "and sold it for \$1,300 within five minutes."

He started local, asking the community for donations of unwanted LEGOs, then moved to online auctions to grow his collection. Today, Kolojeski's business — stationed in his parents' basement — offers hundreds of thousands of LEGO parts from which to choose, along with thousands of LEGO Minifigures and sets. His gross revenue is \$150,000 and profit is \$70,000, he said.

"I know the market," he told chamber members. "Risk is only risk if you don't know what you're doing."

Kolojeski said he works 10 to 12 hours a week and has learned business skills such as time management and communication. He would like to pursue entrepreneurship and plans to attend either Indiana University or the University of Kentucky.

"I'm glad my hard work has paid off," he said. "... I don't plan on running my business after high school, so let me know if anyone is interested in buying a half-million-dollar business."

Turnbull was awarded for her business, Mad Organized, the timeline for which she admitted is a little disorganized.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Madison Turnbull, Mad Organized; Jack Ryan, SkyView Creations; and Andrew Kolojeski, Michigan Used Bricks.

"Since a young age, I was always known as an organized person," she said, recalling organizing friends' desks in elementary school, then later organizing her mother's store and father's home office. "It's something I'm passionate about."

While taking a business class last year at South, she was encouraged to try entrepreneurship.

"All you need is passion," she said. "I might be a little young, but whatever. ... As a 17-year-old, having something like this is crazy. But it's something I'm fortunate to experience."

Through Mad Organized, Turnbull works closely with clients to create functional home and office spaces.

Having Mad Organized out there is the main event, but staying with it, having the passion and drive for it, is also important," she said. "Mad Organized is out there and I'm 'mad' about it."

To start SkyView Creations, Ryan took his two favorite hobbies — flying drones and videography — to a higher level. He captured his first fuzzy images above Defer Elementary School with a toy drone, but got a taste for the potential of drone videography when he received a professional drone for Christmas and began capturing high-quality images. He was 11, and immediately began logging flight time. His grandfather suggested he start a business.

Since then, Ryan has done work for 25 clients, including car dealerships, businesses, corporations and nonprofits — among them the Grosse Pointe News. He starts each day taking inspiration from reading his favorite quote, from MLB great Derek Jeter: "There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do."

"I've been blessed with so many great opportunities," Ryan said. "I'm fortunate to love what I do. "We all have challenges in everyday life, but we grow smarter because of them," he added.

Believing that "an important part in any business is the ability to give back to the community," Ryan provides his services free to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as well as donates to several charities.

In addition to the Youth Entrepreneur Scholarship awards, the chamber dinner included a welcome from President and Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher and members of her staff, as well as remarks from past Chairman Rob Lubera and current Chairman Mark Heppner.

In 2022, chamber membership grew to 667 members, including 62 new members, and the chamber hosted 16 ribbon-cutting events.

"There is so much going on that's amazing about this community, including the people,"

Heppner said. "This stuff does not happen without the people who make it happen. ... I'm excited to see what happens in 2023."

Heppner shared a few details of what to expect this year, including revisiting the chamber's strategic plan to make sure it's still viable and members are getting what they expect out of membership. He encouraged chamber members to communicate their expectations with the board and staff.

"I can also tell you it's going to be a fun year," he added. "You work hard. You should play hard. I encourage you to participate, show up for our events. There are so many wonderful events."

Among them, he noted, is the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, which annually takes place the day after Thanksgiving. Guests to the parade this year will be overjoyed — judging by the applause Heppner's announcement received — to see Santa being led down Kercheval in a new sleigh, which will be designed and built by Grosse Pointe Park artist Alex Fedirko.

"It's going to be an exciting year," Heppner added. "I hope to see you at all of our events."



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## Officially retired

Lt. Brent Merlington retired Christmas Day, after 27 years as a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Park.

"I'm not sure what I will do once I retire, maybe take a month or two break," Merlington said. "I do want to work again, but this time no nights and very little commute."

Merlington's last day was a good one, but a tough one too. This was his last Christmas shift with the guys and he said it was hard because he felt like he was leaving family.

"A lot of guys here are lifelong friends," Merlington said. "There is a group of retired officers who meet for lunch monthly, so I'll be meeting with them now."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Surprise bloom

No one in the know knows for sure why a potted orchid at Grosse Pointe Park city hall is blooming for the first time in five years. "I've watered it every week," said Lisa Kyle, vice chair of the Beautification Commission. She relocated the plant this year from a window ledge facing southeast to Jefferson in the second-floor administrative offices to a window on the west side of the inner waiting area where the sun shines in longer than the former location. "It makes a big difference," said Pat Deck, a commission member. Commission Secretary Shelley Hansen said her orchids at home boom every year.

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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 Allen Everett

Robert Allen Everett, 70, entered the church triumphant on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bob was born March 13, 1952, to Dr. Robert C. and Myrtle Everett. He grew up in Grosse Pointe and graduated with the charter class of Grosse Pointe North High School in 1970. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1974, and was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member and proud participant of the annual Mud Bowl.

While attending U-M, Bob met his future wife, Barbara Eldredge. Together, they raised their children, Megan and Rob, in Grosse Pointe and West Bloomfield. Bob had a distinguished career in the insurance financial services industry. He developed long-standing relationships and friendships with many customers along the way.

Bob especially enjoyed playing the great game of golf; he was a founding board member of the Ever-Clear Challenge Cup and a charter member of the Dead Birdie Society. Bob also loved swimming, tennis and skiing. He was a dedicated member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills. During his more than 30-year membership, he began the Men's Friday Breakfast Lecture, served as president of Men of the Kirk and usher co-captain, and completed two terms as a trustee.

Bob and Barbara found their "little slice of heaven" in Pinehurst, N.C., in 2005. They moved there permanently in 2021. His grandchildren will miss going to the rock pile with "Pop Pop" to work on their swing.

Bob was predeceased

by his parents and brother-in-law, Wilbur Argersinger. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara; sister, Christine Argersinger; brother, Jim Everett (Lori); children, Megan Hoffman (Michael) and Rob Everett (Lisa); grandchildren, Robert "Bo" C. Everett, Grace Everett Hoffman, Joseph Stark Everett and Edward "Teddy" T. Hoffman; and many nieces and nephews.

His family wishes to give a special "thank you" to the wonderful caregivers at Duke University Hospital, First Health Concierge Medicine and First Health Hospice House in Pinehurst in his final weeks.

A private memorial service was held at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, N.C. A future service will be held at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Township, at a to-be-determined date this summer.

Memorial contributions in Bob's loving memory may be made to the FirstHealth Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374, or [firsthealth.org/foundation-of-firsthealth/make-a-donation](http://firsthealth.org/foundation-of-firsthealth/make-a-donation).

Online condolences may be left at [bolesfuneralhome.com](http://bolesfuneralhome.com). Services are entrusted to Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst.

## Patricia "Patty" Stumb Kotcher

Patricia "Patty" Stumb Kotcher, 78, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. Patty was a former Grosse Pointe resident residing in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Patty was born June 14, 1944, in Detroit, to Gordon and Virginia Spoor. She graduated from Marygrove College, with a teaching degree and as president

of her class in 1966. Soon after, she began her life's passion of touching lives through education. Patty dedicated her personal and professional life to giving herself to others. She was a well-known and loved figure at Our Lady Star of the Sea School, teaching generations of families. She spent the majority of her more than 40-year career in the classroom at Star of the Sea. Then, in 1998, Patty received a master's degree in educational leadership from Wayne State University, which led to her role as principal.

Patty enthusiastically engaged in an active and social life. She was past president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital, chairperson of the forensics coaches for the north-east area schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit and board member at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She served on multiple committees for the Archdiocese, as well as in her Grosse Pointe community. Patty was a lifelong member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Detroit Athletic Club.

Patty was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Charles E. Stumb Jr.; and her parents, W. Gordon Spoor and Virginia Spoor. She reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Chuck, and they were married last summer. She is survived by her husband, Charles A.J. Kotcher Jr.; children, Buffy Hall and Charles E. Stumb III (Clea); siblings, Peggy Spoor (Mike), Dody Duve (Bill) and F. Gordon Spoor (Chris); and her loved and adored grandchildren, Anna Stumb, Lilly Hall, Jack Hall, Emma Hall and Julia Stumb.

A memorial Mass honoring Patty will take place Saturday, March 11, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford,



Robert Allen Everett



Patricia Stumb Kotcher



Stanley Charles Kazul

Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. with a Mass of the Resurrection at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Patty's memory to The Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, or [solanuscenter.org/donate](http://solanuscenter.org/donate); or the charity of the donor's choice.

## Stanley Charles Kazul

Stanley "Stan" Charles Kazul, 88, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 13, 2023. Stan was a loving father, grandfather, husband and loyal friend.

Born Oct. 21, 1934, Stan was the third oldest of the four children of Charles and Frances Kazul of Grosse Pointe Park. He was raised in Detroit and attended St. Rose Elementary School, St. Joseph High School and Southeastern High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952-56. Shortly afterward, he completed his GED and, with the support of the G.I. Bill, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1961. He later went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit in 1965.

In 1968, he married Susan Catherine McLaughlin. They settled in Grosse Pointe and soon started a family. Stan practiced law more than 30 years in the Detroit area and proudly served his community as the municipal judge of Grosse Pointe, 1975-98. He and his wife retired to Palo Alto, Calif., in 1999, and their children and their respective families later joined them in Northern California. Upon his wife's passing, he spent his remaining years in Mill Valley, Calif.

Stan was a natural showman and loved by many for his larger-than-life personality. Forever authentic and young at heart, he had an extraordinary way of connecting with people of all ages and walks of

life. He possessed a sharp intellect and never failed to inject endless laughter and lively debate wherever he traveled. He was a master storyteller, a trait which served him well in a courtroom, and was equally cherished by family and friends who delighted in the many memorable tales he so effortlessly wove. Stan also was an avid reader, history buff and music lover throughout his life. He often shared that his greatest accomplishment was his family. Family always came first and brought him the most joy in life.

Stan is survived by his children, Charlotte Van Wagner of Sacramento, Calif., Jennifer Saavedra (Raul) of Tiburon, Calif., and Timothy Kazul (Julia) of Mill Valley, Calif.; and grandchildren, Andrew Van Wagner, Alex and Sadie Saavedra, and Maxine, Doyle and Vivian Kazul. He also has two surviving sisters, Elizabeth Kress (Walter) of Simsbury, Conn., and Frances Boothman of Springhill, Fla. He was predeceased by his wife, Susan Kazul; and sister, Sister M. Nunciata, known by her family as Marion.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stan's name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, [support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate).

## Ann Gridley Cook

Ann Gridley Cook, 61, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, in Grosse Pointe.

Ann was a 1979 graduate of Oakwood High School in Dayton, Ohio, where she met the love of her life, Drew Cook. She was a champion-level swimmer and competed in the Nationals in Florida. Her relay team held a local record for many years.



Ann Gridley Cook

After Ann graduated from Ohio State University, she and Drew married. Drew's career took them to several cities before they settled in Grosse Pointe, where she was a substitute teacher for many years with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Ann adored her granddaughter, Ellie, and enjoyed playing tennis and paddle tennis. She was a longtime member of the Indian Village Tennis Club in Detroit, where she competed and excelled. Ann and Drew even won the mixed doubles tournament a few years ago. She loved fishing at The Slagle Trout Club in northern Michigan and surf fishing with her family at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. "Fish on, fish on" was a favorite holler.

Ann is survived by her husband of 37 years, Andrew Cook; children, Daniel, Robin and William (Shannon); grandchildren, Elliana and Roy; mother, Charis Gridley; sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Carlo McGinnis; and mother-in-law, Judy Cook.

Ann was predeceased by her father, Craig Gridley; nephew, E. Craig McGinnis; sister, Jane Gridley Cote; and father-in-law, Orval Cook.

A memorial service will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park, [firstchristianreformed.org](http://firstchristianreformed.org). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Detroit Zoological Society, c/o Tributes, 8450 W. 10 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067, or [detroitzoo.org/donate](http://detroitzoo.org/donate).



## Sandra Jane Parvel

High. She earned a bachelor of arts from Michigan State University in 1960, majoring in elementary education. She enjoyed a long career of teaching children in Colorado, California, and Michigan, with majority of her time—more than 30 years—spent as a kindergarten teacher in the Roseville Community Schools until she retired in 1995.

To know Sandy was to love her. She often quipped, "if you smile, the world smiles back" and she embodied this with each person she met. She could talk to anyone, anytime. Her insatiable curiosity led to a life of many interests and dabbling in, "a little bit of this and a little bit of that." Sandy was often found tending her garden, working on her seemingly endless knitting projects, or enhancing recipes for friends and family to enjoy. Sandy also loved music and the arts, she frequently attended jazz concerts around Metro Detroit. A lover of fine objects she spent much of her life curating a vast and varied collection of antiques and "pretty things," often referring to

her home as the "magpie's nest."

Her most important collection was her eight grandchildren: Claire Stevenson, Hannah Stevenson, Victoria Potter, Jack Potter, Henry Parvel, George Parvel, and James Parvel. She was predeceased by her granddaughter, Lucy Parvel. The guidance, patience and love she shared with each of them helped create unforgettable memories. Sandy was infinitely proud of all of her grandchildren and their varied accomplishments, never missing an art show, sporting event, concert, or play. It would only be appropriate to sign off a remembrance of Sandy with her signature phone salutation: kiss kiss, big hug.

A private celebration of Sandy's life will be held at a later date. To remember Sandy, her family would love for you to engage in an act of kindness or creativity for someone special. If you would like to make a memorial contribution in her memory, please consider Hospice of Michigan at [hom.org](http://hom.org) or Kids on the Go at [kidsonthegocamp.com](http://kidsonthegocamp.com).

# CHURCH EVENTS

## St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its next Lunch, Laugh and Learn program at noon Thursday, Feb. 16, in celebration of Mardi Gras. The afternoon features a New Orleans-inspired lunch — including King Cake — crafts to make and take home and games. Call the church at (313) 884-4820 to reserve a spot and sign up guests.

Deadline for signing up churchgp.org is Tuesday, Feb. 14.

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Shrove Tuesday Supper: Pancakes and Palms, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. The church also will mark the transition to Lent with a palm-burning service to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. For more information, call (313) 885-4841 or visit christ-

## Lake Shore

Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, north of 11 Mile in St. Clair Shores, hosts a Lucky Hearts Dance from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$10 at the door and includes light refreshments and big band music by The Swing Shift Orchestra. All ages are welcome to this handicap-accessible event. For more information, call (586) 777-8533.



COURTESY PHOTOS



## St. Clare hosts sports Mass

Student-athletes at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church pose with Detroit Pistons mascot HOOPER after the parish's annual sports Mass Sunday, Feb. 5. The Mass is held each year before the Super Bowl. Guest lecturers were former Piston Earl Cureton and Oakland University basketball play-by-play announcer Neal Ruhl. "St. Clare has a vibrant parish and elementary school with a great athletic program headed up by Bob Conway, athletic director," the Rev. Andrew 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."



Sean Farnsworth, owner and sensei of Zanshin Karate Dojo, sits with a group of karate students and their siblings who donated toys to break boards. On the table are all the toys that were donated.



Two-year-old Chandler often watches his sister, Victoria Palmer, at karate classes, so when it came time to break a board, he was all in. Owner and sensei Sean Farnsworth was happy to oblige.

## Team Jake hosts toy drive

Team Jake was at Zanshin Karate Dojo in Grosse Pointe Park on Sunday, Feb. 5, to collect toys for its annual toy drive. Sean Farnsworth, owner of Zanshin Karate Dojo, helped with the drive by inviting anyone who donated a toy to break a board. A total of 119 toys were collected at the event. Since Dec. 31, Team Jake has collected 2,500 toys — short of its goal of 4,000 toys — all of which go directly to the Hematology and Oncology Clinic at

Children's Hospital of Michigan. Jake Pennar, who spent time at Children's Hospital of Michigan, began the toy drive in 2021. After he passed away at age 9 in 2021, his parents and sister continued it in his name.



Faith Wells karate chops a board with enthusiasm while Sean Farnsworth, owner and sensei, holds it and Claire Johnsonbaugh watches in the background.



Farnsworth holds a board while Stacey Pennar breaks it with her knee.

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## RESCUE:

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Collins also continues efforts recruiting regular food donors, big and small.

“We started picking up Sam’s Club two days a week,” she said. “From the end of June to the end of December, we picked up over 55,000 pounds from that one location. If that doesn’t give you an idea of the potential ...”

Collins is reaching out to similar food retailers for other commitments, which has been a challenge as Food Rescue U.S. is not a part of Feeding America, whose member food banks are Forgotten Harvest and Gleaners Community Food Bank.

“We are seven days a week,” she explained. “We’d like to fill in so those stores don’t waste any food. It’s a challenge because yes, there are days when, for example, Forgotten Harvest, isn’t there and we can’t (step in) because we’re not part of Feeding America.”

But Collins has a plan for change.

“I’m trying to reach out to different congressional people and senators,” she said, “to say, ‘Let’s have a conversation with retailers about Feeding America. Can we address this and be part of the solution?’ I’m hoping to break down barriers in positive, respectful ways.”

### The bigger picture

“Food insecurity in Detroit is higher than many other places in the country,” Collins said. “Throwing away perfectly good food when others need it is shame-



A rescuer collects a box of food for delivery to a social service agency.

ful.”

Not only does the donation of unused food help feed the hungry — in 2021, 42 million people were estimated to be food insecure — it also ultimately affects the globe. With an estimated 218.9 pounds of food waste per person, the USDA’s Economic Research Service estimated approximately 133 billion pounds and \$161 billion worth of food was wasted in 2010. The disposal of food leads to more waste, including the unnecessary use of water, labor and energy to produce, process, transport, prepare, store and dispose of food.

Additionally, food waste contributes 6 percent of total global greenhouse gas emissions, largely because food that ends up decomposing in landfills releases carbon dioxide and methane, a greenhouse gas that is at least 28 times more potent than CO2.

“The problem is not only in the community of not having food, but also the earth,” Collins said.

A 15 percent reduction in food waste not only would reduce climate change, but also provide enough food for more

than 25 million Americans a year.

“Anything we can do to make the environment safer and better is a priority,” she added. “Doing whatever we can do to keep food out of a landfill is a no-brainer.”

Food Rescue U.S. survives through grants and fundraising. Collins said she’d love to hire another person to support her as the site coordinator and help her manage the volume of work.

“It takes a village,” she said. “There are some days when you feel no good deed goes unpunished. But there are relationships built and the people you work with are seeing an impact.”

“... This is a simple solution to making an impact,” she added. “What we’re doing will not end food insecurity. It will not solve hunger. But we’re providing resources and serving needed, wholesome nutrition when people are struggling to get it. If what we can do is making things better for people and the planet, it’s important work we need to keep doing.”

For more information, visit [foodrescue.us/site/food-rescue-us-detroit/](http://foodrescue.us/site/food-rescue-us-detroit/)

## EVENTS:

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and singers. Guests should purchase 1 p.m. house and grounds tickets to be admitted to the performances.

- ◆ Family Workshop — Dragons, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, for ages 6 to 12. Admission for members is \$6 for children and \$12 for adults; nonmember children pay \$7 and adults pay \$15.

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

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

- ◆ Illustrate with Procreate, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at 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, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The group will discuss Patterson’s “Steal.”

- ◆ Bird Feeder-to-Go Craft, all day Monday, Feb. 13, at all three branches, while supplies last.

- ◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Let’s Migrate Too Story Time, with painter and storyteller Jacob Lawrence, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Tech Savvy Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

- ◆ 1,000 Hours Outside February Walk, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ The Life and Work of Grosse Pointe Architect Leonard B. Willeke, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, via Zoom.

- ◆ ArtLab: Mardi Gras Masks Take-home Kit, 4

to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Illustrate with Procreate, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, via Zoom.

### 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](http://warmemorial.org).

- ◆ 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:

- ◆ The movie “Marry Me” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

- ◆ Valentine’s Day Festivities, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, featuring lunch and dancing with Andreas Browne. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

- ◆ Special movie presentation: “An Affair to Remember” is shown free of charge at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14.

- ◆ Walk with Ease, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, through March 9, with instructor Carolyn Bradt.

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

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

- ◆ Grief Work support

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

### Live music

Laura Rain and the Caesars will perform live Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 25, at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 17315 Mack, Detroit. Call (313) 821-4998 or visit [cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com](http://cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com).

### Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Alicia Carlisle, proprietor of the future Michael B’s Cafe, speaks. Guests are welcome.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. Jennifer Boettcher, president and executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, speaks. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Ardmore Elementary School, 27001 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Sign up at [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.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 [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

- ◆ “Imitating the Masters” oil-painting workshops with Donald Cronkrite. 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.

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## 'Fresh Takes' Meet the judges

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Entries to the third annual *Finer Pointes* art contest, following the theme "Fresh Takes," are due Friday, April 7. All submissions must be original and must have been created within the past year.

Once submitted, the artwork — photography, digital art or sneaker art — will be viewed by two judges who will determine the contest finalists.

### Shoot your shot

Photographer Joe Gall, aka Camera Jesus, will judge the photography and digital art category. Gall, a native of Romeo, is a freelance commercial photographer whose resume includes projects for *Rolling Stone* and *Spin* magazines, as well as Red Bull, Adidas, AEG Live, General Motors, Ford and The Tony Hawk Foundation. His career took off through his Instagram page, @camera\_jesus, which currently has 109,000 followers.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what everyone submits," Gall said of the *Finer Pointes* contest, adding he wishes good luck to entrants. "I think a huge variety will be submitted. When I've curated something like



Photographer Joe Gall, aka Camera Jesus.

this before, I've seen a little bit of everything."

While Gall captures images coast to coast and around the world, he still calls the Detroit area home. He said he's inspired by history and action, among other things.

"I really love to document things in motion, change," he said. "The architecture of a city, things that won't last forever. I document them before they're taken down. Everything you document is history."

Gall's advice for photographers and digital artists thinking about entering "Fresh Takes" is to just do it.

"Art is someone's perspective," he added. "When you're judging, it's difficult to do. Everyone has a different

perspective. So just do it."

### Sneak one in

Eric "El Cappy" Lowry, a Detroit-based, self-taught artist, will judge the sneaker art portion of the contest. Known for his intricate designs, he has worked with companies such as Shinola, Stella McCartney and Stock X. He has a following of nearly 70,000 on his Instagram page, @elcappy.

Lowry uses leather paint atop high-end sneakers and has produced works for Detroit's biggest names, including Dan Gilbert. His time spent living in Austin and Dallas led to his growing popularity among athletes. His clients include members of the Dallas Cowboys, Buffalo Bills, New Orleans Saints, San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions.

Lowry encouraged contest entrants to be creative with their sneaker art entries.

"Be yourself," he said. "There are no limits. Paint whatever you want on the shoes. Be as creative as possible."

Lowry said he finds inspiration for his own work everywhere — from



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Eric "El Cappy" Lowry is a Detroit-based, self-taught artist creating sneaker art.

places he's traveled to "things I do on the daily. It could be something small, a sunset, something I watch on TV, something I eat. Anything can trigger inspiration."

The artist said what he'll look for among entries is how clean they are, as well as the concept each artist chooses.

"I'll judge it on the art side — how well it's put together," he said. "But there's no wrong way to paint a shoe."

"... I just want them to have fun," he added.

"Painting shoes shouldn't be put in a box. It can be anything they want it to be."

### More details

The *Grosse Pointe News* again is collaborating with Mary Wysocki of Paragon Art Collective to administer the 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 should email media@

grossepointenews.com with their name and address to receive an entry code.

Finalists will be announced Friday, April 14, and contest winners will be announced during a mid-May reception in Grosse Pointe.

One winner in each category will receive \$1,000, while runners-up and Readers' Choice winners in each category will each receive \$500.

Additionally 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](http://grossepointenews.com/art)

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Petersen

## Set goals to get back on track

**Q: I resolved to make some changes in my life so it's not so chaotic and I can focus on what's really important to me, but now it's February and I'm losing steam. How can I get back on track?**

**A:** With the new year in full swing you may have resolved to do more of something, less of something or otherwise shift your life for the better. People often begin with enthusiasm only to lose momentum and feel stuck. Consider some internal planning tips for the best chances of success with self-improvement.

Begin with reflection. Take a quick inventory of yourself today. What was good about the past year and what would you want to be different? Make a list of all aspects of your current status — physical, mental, emotional, social, financial, spatial, etc. Just as you would deep clean a room, look for dust bunnies in places you normally wouldn't with a sharp eye, but without judgment. Explore what you want to change based on your values and what is most important to you — not others. Take into consideration your interests and talents. Make a plan that is realistic and feasible, and prioritize based on urgency and significance.

For example, if you want to relocate, moving might seem overwhelming. Break the task into smaller steps.

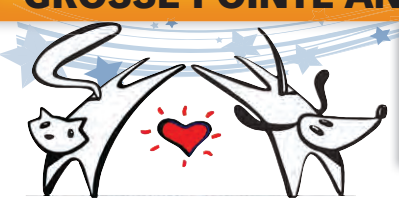
Decide what you can do yourself and what must be hired out. Explore the obstacles within you. Do you procrastinate because of dread or nostalgia? Maybe you can ask for help from supportive friends who are positive and encouraging. Get organized so tasks are manageable, then it's easier to get unstuck and sustain motivation.

Another goal might be working toward being more true to yourself. During the pandemic many people realized life is too short to engage in things that don't bring them joy. Explore graceful ways of releasing negativity in your life, letting go of toxic relationships or bowing out of family traditions that are no longer a good fit. Be firm and respectful in setting boundaries. Putting energy into things that align with your values and your sense of well-being is the swiftest way to set yourself free.

Mary Petersen is a clinical social worker in private practice. She is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals. For more information, visit [marypetersen.com](http://marypetersen.com)

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Volunteering after retirement

**Dear Gabby:** I recently retired and am getting bored puttering around the house. Do you have any suggestions on where I might be able to volunteer?

— Retired and restless

**Dear retired and restless,**

According to the Mayo Clinic Health System, volunteering offers many health benefits, especially for older adults, including improving physical and mental health, providing a sense of purpose and increasing social interaction. The key is to find a volunteer position you enjoy.

To start, the first step is to determine your volunteer goals. What are your interests and skills? How does that relate to the cause/population you have an interest

in? Does your time commitment align with the goals of the agency?

Next is to locate the agency of your interest. We are so fortunate in Grosse Pointe we don't have to travel far to volunteer. Between the hospitals, schools, libraries, The Helm, Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and Ford House, there is sure to be a volunteer job to suit your fancy.

To get you started, listed below are just a few local organizations that welcome volunteers.

- The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 882-9600, helmlife.org

If you have a passion working with older adults, The Helm is always looking for volunteer drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels or take people to medical appointments, help with

basic technology assistance or at special events, or perform minor household repairs and leaf cleanup in the fall and spring. And, if you are a subject matter expert or have an interesting hobby to share, offer your services to teach a class.

- Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20542 Harper, Harper Woods, (313) 884-1551, gpaas.org

GPAAS seeks volunteers to foster animals, as well as provide enrichment time with dogs and cats at the facility. Volunteers also are needed to provide laundry services for towels and fleece bedding, but GPAAS is especially in need of people who are physically capable of walking large dogs.

- Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, (313) 884-4222,

fordhouse.org

Ford House volunteers bring a variety of skills and knowledge to help ensure visitors have an enjoyable experience that inspires, educates and engages them while exploring the estate. Volunteers help in many activities, from educational programs, holiday events and concerts to gardening, sustainability, preservation and conservation efforts.

- Corewell Grosse Pointe Hospital, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 473-1000, beaumont.org.

Corewell, formerly known as Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, offers volunteer opportunities that range from working directly with patients to assisting with behind-the-scenes hospital operations. No matter the skill set, there is a matching



opportunity for a variety of volunteers.

- Friends of the GPPL, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 343-2074, Ext. 1204, gpfriends.org.

Volunteer opportunities with the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library include working at its used book store, helping out during large book sales, supporting staff at library events and organizing activities throughout the year.

- Kids on the Go, 23500 Pare, Ste. 10, St. Clair Shores, (313) 332-1026, kidsonthegocamp.com

Kids on the Go provides children ages 3 to 17 who have special needs with physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies during the summer months and the school year. Volunteers opportunities are available as the spring season nears.

— Gabby

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## Classic Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am in my late 70s, and my wife is a few years younger than I am. She is neat about herself, keeps the house clean,

keeps my shirts washed and ironed, and is a great cook. So what's the problem? Why at my age am I writing to Ann Landers?

Here is my dilemma:

Whenever I try to tell a story, my wife interrupts me and proceeds to give her version, leaving me dangling in mid-sentence. When I try to continue, I do so at the risk of starting an argument, which embarrasses everybody. This happens whether we are dining with friends or at home, just the two of us.

Our children rarely visit

anymore and have told me privately it is because they cannot bear to hear their mother belittle me. I'm sure it doesn't help that she also tells them what they should eat and how much.

We have been married for longer than 50 years. My wife normally has a few martinis before dinner and then wine with her meal. I have no illusions about her changing her ways, but I

hope you might have a suggestion or two to help me cope with the situation. No name or city, please, just — Diminished in California

**Dear California:** You have been married to this woman for more than 50 years, so by now, you should know she is strong-willed and domineering, and as you said, she is not going to change.

You can, however, refuse to let her horn in when you are talking. Simply say, "Please let me tell it my way, and if you want to give your version later, fine," and keep on talking. Do not, I repeat, DO NOT relinquish the floor. Keep on talking.

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## We Tried It!

by Hannah Lizer

## Migraine mask promises the world, but does it work?

My cousin, Anna Lizer, and I share the unfortunate trait of suffering from headaches and migraines. We often exchange tips and tricks for how to get rid of these inconvenient, painful buggers, which I have decided are nature's revenge for every mean thing I have ever done in my life.

All I know is I will try anything to get rid of mine. I have prescription medicine for it (thank you, Imitrex), but I often try to get rid of my migraines before having to take a pill. Applying Tiger Balm to my temples (its herbal scent is the only thing I can tolerate while my head is pounding) is my go-to, whether I take the meds or not. Sometimes I double down and apply bags of ice or heated lavender bean bags on my forehead and neck while I lie down in a

pitch-black room. These are just some examples of my levels of desperation.

Silly me, why do I bother with all of these rookie tricks? But honestly, I try more holistic things sometimes because I can get rebound headaches from the medicine, then I am right back where I started.

Which leads me to why I just had to have something called the RENPHO eye massager. Before I ordered it a few weeks ago, I did some extensive research in various medical journals about its effectiveness. And by medical journals, I mean Instagram. I follow an account called @bluffcitybuys out of Memphis, Tenn., which posts leads on "deals, dupes and must haves" in the retail world. Last week, it recommended the eye massager and provided the link to buy it on Amazon.

It took the bait. Was I just one click away from curing my migraines? The title sounded promising, which read: "RENPHO Eye Massager with Heat, Bluetooth Music Heated Eyeris 1 Massager for Migraines, Relax and Reduce Eye Strain Dark Circles Eye Bags Dry Eye Improve Sleep, Valentines Day Gifts." Seriously, that's what it said. Headaches don't have time for punctuation or grammar.

I bought it that morning for \$51.79 and, believe it or not, it was on my porch that evening. I have been having frequent headaches this month, including the day I received the mask, so I tore open the package and immediately tested out the latest tool in my headache arsenal.

The mask has a soothing voice that invites you to put it on and begins play-

ing spa-like music. There are buttons on the side to control what instrumental track you hear, which is a nice feature. It feels a little weighted so it definitely blocks out the light, which any migraine sufferer would welcome. It begins heating up almost simultaneously and the instructions says it heats up to a "comfortable temperature between 104 and 107 degrees Fahrenheit."

While I usually prefer ice for my headaches, the heat did feel soothing. The best part for me is the mask uses oscillating pressure and rhythmic percussion

to build pressure in rotating spots that essentially massage little areas around your eyes and above your eyebrows. The literature claims this can make the skin around the eyes "more shiny and elastic." Um, pretty sure something got lost in the translation, there because there was absolutely no difference around my eyes after. But I digress. I'm here for the headaches, baby.

The whole session lasts about 15 minutes. Ms. Soothing Voice comes on at the end and recommends you keep the mask on for one minute before removing it. I will say I definitely felt more relaxed when I was done and my headache felt a little less sharp afterward. The mask is not sexy — it actually looks kind of weird, like you are wearing a space-age form of Amber Vision sunglasses. My family made fun of me when I first put it on and made "old lady" comments. But I just let the spa-like music tune them out (you can increase the volume) and let the mask do its work. Haters gonna hate.

This doesn't cure migraines, that's for sure.

But the RENPHO eye massager provides a little slice of the kind of self-care we are all looking for. I got it in white and it's also available in gray. The mask folds in the middle to make it compact enough for travel, provided you wouldn't be mortified if security were to take it out at the airport.

It charges like an iPhone and comes with a charging cord, and has Bluetooth technology, so you can use your own playlist if you prefer. I have since found fancier versions of this mask that have remote controls (honestly, are we that lazy?), but this one was like Goldilocks for me in that the features and price were just right.

I will give this 3.5 alligators. It could be considered pricey for what it accomplishes (expect zero help with dark circles or dry eyes), so I can't quite give it a four. But whether your eyes are just tired or the warmth and massage just feels good to you, this is worth it.

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# Super duo

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This Super Bowl, I'm combining two of my favorite party appetizers, buffalo chicken dip and jalapeno poppers. These are absolutely fantastic, super addicting and very easy to throw together.

I used a rotisserie chicken for convenience and then wrapped everything up in bacon. This recipe yields 20 poppers but I have every intention to double because they go so fast. Happy eating!

Cheers, Mombeau

## Buffalo Chicken Stuffed Jalapenos

10 jalapeno peppers

2 cups, finely shredded chicken (use rotisserie for convenience)

4 oz pkg cream cheese, room temperature

½ cup crumbled blue cheese

½ cup buffalo hot sauce

10 slices of bacon

Ranch dressing for dipping

Preheat your oven to 425. Slice the jalapenos in half and remove the seeds. Place them cut side up on a parchment lined baking sheet.

In a medium bowl, combine the chicken, cream cheese, blue cheese and hot sauce. Mix together well and stuff the mixture into each pepper.

Next, cut each bacon slice in half and wrap each jalapeno. You should have 20 stuffed peppers.

Cook in the oven for 20-25 minutes or until the bacon is browned and the cheese mixture is bubbling. Serve with a side of your favorite ranch dressing.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

# Fresh wine

"Like fine old wine..."

Television news anchors, characters in movies and just ordinary folks often use this phrase or variations of it to imply that wine gets better with age.

Some of it does. But the vast majority of older wine is not better for additional time. In fact, most of it is not better.

It is true that the best red wines, whether in France, Italy or California, can improve with time in the bottle. But that really represents just a tiny fraction of all the wine produced worldwide.

If I were to guess how much wine is made to be consumed almost as soon as it is in the bottle and the cork or screw top is fixed into place, I'd estimate that it's roughly 99 percent. Older wines that are better for their age are so rare as to be essentially nonexistent.

There are two essential reasons why. The first comes down to the fact that wine's most appealing characteristic is how fruity it is, allowing it to display the aromas of the grapes from which it came.

Wines that aren't specifically designed to be aged are designed to be consumed young. That means keeping them away from oxygen at all costs; oxygen is the enemy of fruit.

Another reason that most wine doesn't age is that most people do not have the proper storage conditions that allow it to improve over time. Even the best wines that are made to be aged require cool temperatures and consistent conditions without light or vibration.

These facts are well known to people who consider themselves to be wine lovers, those people who regularly consume wines and know the dangers of trying to age them when they should not be aged.

I ran into an old friend

the other day who adores New Zealand sauvignon blanc. She told me that it is her regular choice for a house white wine. She lives in New York, in a district that allows her the freedom to walk to work, and therefore she doesn't own a car.

So, she buys all of her wines at a nearby wine store. She asked me for a couple of suggestions about which brands were best. I said I didn't know anything about the inventory at her local wine shop, so I went online and logged onto the wine shop she frequents most. And I learned something most interesting.

Almost all of the New Zealand sauvignon

blancs this store was carrying were from 2019, making them much older than they should be for maximum enjoyment. Remember that New Zealand harvests its wine grapes six months ahead of the northern hemisphere, so the 2019 wine is really a mid-2018, making it four years old.

And frankly, that's not particularly appealing to people who prefer the fresh fruit that makes New Zealand SB such a hit in this country.

I told my friend, who said she was unaware that it was important to look for the vintage date on the wines she liked. Once she had tried a 2021 SB from New Zealand, she said, she



understood completely why fresher is better!

A week ago, I began to see the first 2022 New Zealand sauvignon blancs on store shelves and tried one. It was delightfully

fruity, almost vibrant and how its acidity worked with appetizers. And I could also see it as an accompaniment to light seafood dishes.

Basic rule: Buy young wines and enjoy them for

their fruity qualities.

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If you find yourself in the position of host for your team this year, here are some ideas for how to end run a fantastic party to remember.

Grosse Pointe has so many great businesses to help provide all the elements that will make your job easier, so you can concentrate on mingling with your guests and watching the gametime action.

There are plenty of opportunities for catering services, so cooking for a group doesn't keep you away from the big screen for too long. Don't feel you have to make everything from scratch, you can order it all, or supplement some of your own specialty dishes.

A few exciting presentations, like our stadium of snacks, top of right page, themed decor and festive sweet treats will be highlights guests will reflect on.

The party should be fun for you, too, so take advantage of these great ideas to make hosting easier.



Set the perfect game day table with a little assistance from Party Adventure. Cute football paper plates and napkins make party cleanup easy, so you don't miss any of the scores. A colorful buffalo-checked tablecloth, paper straws and football confetti make the table festive and fun. Yay, team!

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The Chocolate Bar Cafe really outdid themselves with this beautiful Super Bowl LVII sheet cake. You'll want to eat as many yardlines as you can of this fluffy goodness. Count on The Chocolate Bar Cafe to be voted MVP for all of your big events. See what wonderful baked goods they have to offer — or challenge them to create an idea for your next theme party. They are a sweet local treasure!



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Plateau Cookie, of Grosse Pointe, scores with the most creative cookies for any occasion. For the game party, they whipped up these clever confections: football cookie, far left top of opposite page, as well as the yardline-cookie, left, and frosty beer mug cookie, above. Great party favors!



## SSSHHHHHH!

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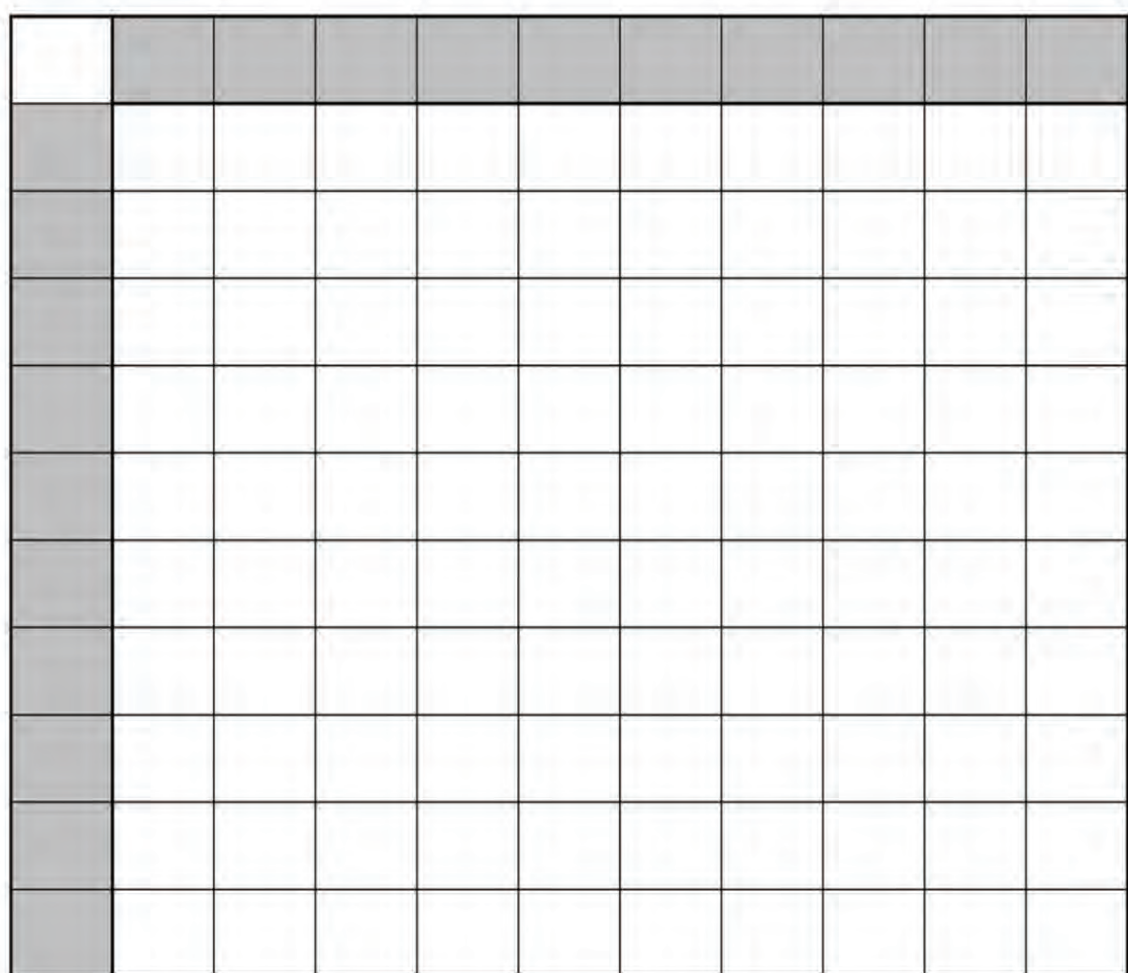
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## RECIPE: Super Sunday Pasta Sauce

By Brian Owen  
Guest Writer

I grew up watching my mom's Italian family cook a lot of sauce and pasta on cold winter Sundays, usually with the Lions game or whatever big game was on in the background. We kids were typically corralled in the basement and when no one was looking one of my cousins would sneak a coffee mug full of sauce and a few slices of bread. The sauce would be piping hot and burn the roof of your mouth but it was totally worth it!

This recipe is my interpretation of the sauce I grew up with and an easy way to feed a lot of people.



### Italian super Sunday pasta sauce

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground meatloaf mix (beef, veal, pork)
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Kosher salt
- 1 cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped carrots
- ½ cup celery
- 1-2 garlic crushed garlic cloves
- 2 large cans crushed tomatoes
- Chopped parsley (garnish)
- Grated Parmigiano Reggiano or Pecorino Romano
- 1 lb rigatoni or penne

#### Directions:

First, in a large pan, brown the meatloaf mix and drain off the excess fat and set aside. Coat the bottom of your sauce pan with extra virgin olive oil and simmer low heat. Crush your garlic into the warm oil and remove from heat. Add finely chopped onions, celery, carrots and a pinch of kosher salt and continue to simmer for 10 minutes. Add your browned meatloaf mix and a pinch of kosher salt and stir everything together. Now add your tomatoes and fold it all in together with another generous pinch of kosher salt. Cover and slowly cook for at least 90 minutes. Enjoy over your favorite pasta with plenty of cheese and sprinkle of parsley or basil!

Since learning to make pasta in Florence in 2015, Brian has practiced the production of hand rolled and cut fresh pasta. In 2018 he started Detroit Pasta Co on Instagram to teach others to make fresh pasta and the delicious sauces that go with them.

## Trivia time

The storied history of the NFL is sometimes unbelievable, sometimes controversial but always interesting. Check out these amazing tidbits of football legend, as collected by thefactsite.com.

- The Buffalo Bills weren't the only NFL team to go to four Super Bowls, only to lose. The Minnesota Vikings went four times too, but within the span of eight years. The Bills' Super Bowl losses were consecutive — four times in a row during the 1990s.
- If you want season tickets for Green Bay Packers games, you'll have a really long wait. Someone signing up for the waiting list today will have to cool their heels for nearly 1,000 years to get the prized passes!
- Canton, Ohio, is home to the Pro Football Hall of Fame for good reason. It honors the Canton Bulldogs, who didn't lose a single matchup for 25 straight games between 1921 and 1923. Jim Thorpe was on the team during that time. No wonder!
- The Dolphins and Patriots aren't the only ones who went undefeated during regular seasons. The Chicago Bears won every game in both 1934 and 1942. The Dolphins even carried it through the postseason.
- Neither the Dallas Cowboys nor the Oakland Raiders believe in retiring jersey numbers. But the Chicago Bears have retired 13 numbers — the most in the NFL.
- There have only been eight back-to-back championship wins in NFL history. The Pittsburgh Steelers are the only team to do it twice.
- Gale Sayers was the youngest-ever Hall of Fame inductee, installed at age 34. The oldest is Ed Sabol, inducted at age 94.



## Fire up some Kansas City barbecue for Super Bowl Sunday

By Sports Editor Meg Leonard



After eating your one-millionth piece of cheese or scoop of salsa at your Super Bowl party, many of us often find ourselves hankering for something more substantial. And since the Kansas City Chiefs are taking center stage this Sunday, what would be more on-theme than some Kansas City barbecue? These barbecued pulled pork sandwiches not only hit the spot, but are a nice accoutrement for your beer or wine of choice.

This is not a quick recipe, so take advantage of making this a day in advance. Or ask the grill-master in your family to take over the day-before duties. Come Sunday afternoon, all you need to do is assemble these crowd pleasers:

### Game-Winning Pulled Pork Sandwiches

#### Ingredients:

Pork shoulder (base this on how many sandwiches you hope to make.)

Your favorite spice rub

Your favorite barbecue sauce (KC Masterpiece would work well. I love Sweet Baby Rays, personally, Even though it's based in Illinois, that's close enough to KC for me!)

24 Slider buns (this will help stretch your recipe to make more "mini" sandwiches)

#### Directions:

- 1.) Preheat your charcoal grill to 250 degrees and set it up for indirect grilling (move the coals into a circle so the middle is empty).
- 2.) While your barbecue is heating up, cover a pork shoulder in your favorite rub or seasoning mix. Be generous – this is where the flavor gets its start!
- 3.) Set it in the center of the grill grate over a drip pan. Be sure to keep the fat side facing up. The drippings help baste the pork as it cooks and prevent it from drying out.
- 4.) Set some smoked wood chips onto the coals, lower the grill cover, and smoke the pork for 7-9 hours. The meat is done when it falls off the bone and the internal temperature reads 195 degrees.
- 5.) Take the meat off the grill and shred it with a fork in a deep pan or dish.
- 6.) Drench it in your favorite barbecue sauce.

### Grilled Chicken Nachos

If the pulled pork sandwiches feel like too much work, and quick and easy appetizers are the name of your game, these grilled chicken nachos hit all the right notes! The original recipe for this uses precooked chicken, but I like grilling it up from scratch. Besides, making the chicken on the barbecue will earn you bonus points from your guest for going the extra mile. Plus, it keeps with the Kansas City barbecue theme we are going for on Sunday.

#### Ingredients:

4 chicken breasts

Your favorite barbecue sauce (I recommend KC Masterpiece or Sweet Baby Rays)

Your favorite nacho toppings — think tomatoes, jalapenos, green onions and olives — whatever you prefer

8 oz. sour cream (regular or light)

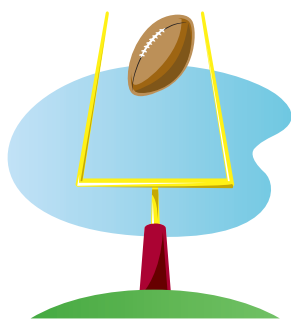
1-2 bags of your favorite tortilla chips

1-2 bags of shredded cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

- 1.) Grill chicken marinated in barbecue sauce.
- 2.) Let the chicken breasts cool and slice them into cubes, or shred them all up.
- 3.) Take aluminum foil and fold up the sides slightly in order to make a boat.
- 4.) Layer tortilla chips on bottom.
- 5.) Sprinkle on some cheese, add some chicken and alternate until you run out of ingredients.
- 6.) Set your aluminum boat on the BBQ and grill from 5-10 minutes until the cheese is melted and the tortillas have browned.
- 7.) While your nachos are on the grill, combine sour cream and BBQ sauce to create a delicious cream sauce.
- 8.) Drizzle cream sauce over your grilled nachos. Add your favorite toppings and enjoy!

## FUTURE DRAFT PICKS?



Football reigns supreme in the landscape of American professional sports, and that popularity also is prevalent in boys' scholastic athletics. Data from the National Federation of State High School Associations indicates that football is the most popular boys high school sport in the United States, with more than 1 million participants during the 2018-19 school year, the last full season in which participation was not affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Heat things up with Super Bowl Philly cheesesteaks

By Sports Writer Mike Adzima



I first discovered this recipe in the book "Not Your Mother's Cookbook" a few years ago. It's a simple and delicious cheesesteak recipe that might not be as good as the North Philadelphia staple Dalessandro's Steaks, but is sure to satisfy a craving for the City of Brotherly Love's favorite dish on game day.

### Field Goal Philly Cheesesteak Hoagies

#### Ingredients

(Recipe serves one, so multiply ingredients by however many sandwiches you need)

8 oz. steak, thinly sliced (any cut is fine, but ribeye is preferred)

1 tbsp olive oil

1 yellow onion, sliced

1 red chili pepper, sliced

1 clove garlic, minced

Sliced provolone cheese

1 large hoagie roll

#### Directions:

- 1.) Place steak in freezer about an hour before cooking. This will make the steak firm and easier to slice very thin.
- 2.) Thinly slice steak.
- 3.) Slice onion, pepper and garlic.
- 4.) Place pan on medium-high heat and add olive oil.
- 5.) Once pan is hot, add sliced onions and peppers and begin to saute. Don't add garlic yet to avoid burning it.
- 6.) After 3-4 minutes or when onions are translucent and brown, add in steak and garlic.
- 7.) Cook for additional 3 minutes or until steak changes color and is cooked through.
- 8.) Top the steak and pepper mixture with provolone cheese. Cover and steam until the cheese is melted.
- 9.) Pile everything on a warm hoagie roll and enjoy!

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# Winter ice rinks

We asked and you delivered. Thanks to our readers who sent in photos of their backyard ice rinks, courtesy of the drastic drop in temperature last week.



Brayden Rajt, 9, is loving it on this outdoor rink on McKinley.

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A friendly neighborhood hockey battle ensues on a canal in St. Clair Shores behind the Calderones' house.



The Reizen family of Grosse Pointe, including Scott, Jen and their 2013 Eastside Muskie player Jake, have enjoyed a few good skates this year on their backyard rink.



Phil and Kari Mannino in Grosse Pointe Woods captured this photo — a little warmth on a chilly hockey-friendly night.



Michelle Williams as Wendy and Lucy the dog as Lucy in the 2008 film "Wendy and Lucy," directed by Kelly Reichardt.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"Wendy and Lucy"  
2008 - Rated R  
1 hr 20min

I wasn't surprised to hear Michelle Williams was nominated for best actor for her wonderful performance in Steven Spielberg's semi-autobiographical "The Fabelmans." Over the years, she's displayed her brilliance in numerous mainstream Hollywood films like "Brokeback Mountain," "My Week With Marilyn," "Manchester by the Sea," and "The Greatest Showman." But she's also no stranger to the world of indie films.

One of the first movies I saw her in was "Wendy and Lucy." It made a huge impression on me years ago. Her recent nomination spurred me to rewatch this beautiful, touching movie. If you've never heard of it, I encourage you to put it in your queue.

Ms. Williams plays Wendy, a down on her luck drifter who's left her hometown of Muncie, Ind., to start a new life. We're given scant information about her reason for leaving — it just is.

She lives out of her 20-year old Honda with her beloved companion Lucy, a sweet, Golden Retriever. She's just barely getting by and we're reminded of this several times when she records her savings and expenses in her notebook.

Wendy and Lucy opens with her playing fetch with Lucy in a park. The soundtrack is simply her humming a mournful

tune. It sets the tone for this heartfelt movie. Another reoccurring sound throughout the film is the whistle of freight trains. This could represent either the road beckoning her or the fact that the world keeps on rolling along in spite of our circumstances. At a gathering of other drifters around a campfire, Lucy is told that there's plenty of lucrative work in the salmon canneries up in Alaska.



Left, Michelle Williams as Wendy and Wally Dalton as the Security Guard.

has to move her vehicle. When she can't get it through a seemingly endless series of set-



A bit later we see a close-up of a roadmap and learn she's travelled across the country and is in a small, economically depressed town in Oregon.

One morning, she's awakened by the knock on her car window by a security guard played by Wally Dalton. She's parked in the lot of a drug store and is told she

push it out to the street. This is merely the beginning of the troubles Wendy faces. She visits the local grocery store, and for some reason decides to steal a couple cans of dog food. When she's nabbed, a self-righteous young employee insists the incident be reported to the police.

After she's released from the local jail, she

## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



returns to the spot where she tied up Lucy and discovers her best friend is missing. The drug store security guard offers her advice and lets her use his cell phone. At this point, the cynic in me practically screamed, "Please don't turn into a dirty old man and try to hit on her!" Not to worry.

He turns out to be a kind-hearted gentleman that represents all that is good in people. He goes out of his way to help her out.

Williams is on the screen for almost the entire film and it's a pleasure to see her work. Even when the circumstances look bleak, she maintains her composure and remains unrattled (if that's a word). She forges ahead

through a seemingly endless series of set-

backs. While Hollywood cranks out one rags-to-riches film after another, indie filmmakers seem to relish making rags-to... well, rags movies. And that's not necessarily a bad thing. It's a slap in the face of reality that's quite a bit more believable. And closer to the lives so many people face these days.

Much of the credit to the film's success goes to Kelly Reichardt who directed and co-wrote "Wendy and Lucy." She's produced a string of memorable films. Looking up her filmography I noticed her more recent movie called "First Cow." After viewing the preview and seeing the high rating on IMDB, I immediately put in in my watch list. If it's as good as it appears in the trailer, I may review it in the future!

Note to parents: Not sure why the film is rated R except for some swearing and a quick scene of someone smoking a joint.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on AMC+, Peacock, Pluto TV, Sundance Now, and 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. 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.





# Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert:** After 4 a.m. EST today (1 a.m. PST), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Libra.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023:

You are generous, independent and individualistic. You are resilient and willing to fight for what you want. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to take inventory. Let go of people, places and things from the past that have held you back.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
This is a lovely, feel-good day for you! However, today you value your independence. If others try to demand your time, they will ruffle your feathers! You are willing to be helpful and benevolent to others, but only on your terms. Tonight: Cooperate.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Relations with co-workers will be positive and mutually beneficial today. Work-related travel is likely. Group activities will give you better results than working on your own. Fortunately, you're happy to cooperate as long as you're not coerced. Tonight: Work.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
It's Thursday, and you are already in party mode. Enjoy a long lunch. Leave work early. Meet friends for happy hour. Plan an exciting dinner. Invite people over. Enjoy sports events, playful activities with kids, movies, the arts and the theater. You want to have fun! Tonight: Socialize!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
This is a curious day. You feel happy and content inside your own skin. You will enjoy today. Indeed, if you can help others, you will, and you will feel good about it. Nevertheless, you will prefer to cocoon at home amid familiar surroundings. Tonight: Putter.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
This is the perfect day for a short trip or a chance to get out and buzz around making contact with neighbors, siblings and relatives. Catch up on the gossip. Take care of errands. Keep your finger on the pulse of what's going on. You're keen to communicate and learn the latest. Tonight: Conversations!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
This is an excellent day for business and commerce, because you're confident with financial matters and not afraid to think big. Plus, you're willing to take a chance! However, you want to act on your ideas. You don't want to be pushed. (Guard against being excessive.) Tonight: Count your money.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. This makes you feel happy and generous to others. However, it will also heighten your sense of personal freedom, which means you want to follow your own lead and deal with your priorities. Tonight: You win!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Today you are happy to keep a low profile. In your own way, you want to "hide." This is because you want peace and quiet and an escape from the busy insanity around you. (We all need a mental health day now and then.) However, you will

be generous and helpful to others if called upon. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Today you are popular! Everyone wants to see your face. Enjoy interactions with friends as well as clubs, groups and organizations. You might jump in to lend a hand, especially to someone who needs your help. This is because you feel generous and charitable today. Tonight: Be friendly.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
It's fortunate for you that you are high-viz today. People notice you more than usual. However, today they admire you! They will see you as competent, capable and affluent (even if you aren't). There is nothing as sexy as the appearance of success. Tonight: Show humility.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
You would like to be at the airport today — preferably leaving it with your luggage intact for your new destination. Yes, you want to travel. But basically, you want to do something to shake up your everyday routine. "To infinity and beyond!" Tonight: Explore!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Discussions about inheritances, insurance decisions or anything to do with how to divide or share something will be resolved in your favor today. (You'll be laughing all the way to the bank.) However, you will also feel generous to someone who needs help. Tonight: Check your finances.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Rose Leslie (1987), actor Michael B. Jordan (1987), actor Tom Hiddleston (1981).

## Be mine

Sometimes I've thought I had a mind  
To let myself get Valentined  
And, yet, most years there seemed to be  
No one just right for poor ol' me.

It isn't that I haven't tried —  
(The urge to merge was hard to hide!)  
"So, what?" said I. "I'll wait and see.  
For sure, the best is yet to be!"  
I crossed my eyes and closed by heart  
And (whoops! I didn't mean that part!)  
I crossed my heart and closed my eyes  
And waited for the treasured prize.

"So, what?" I said again. "I'll wait  
To find the perfect heart-day mate."  
Alas! There didn't seem to be  
Someone just right for poor ol' me!

No holding hands on lengthy walks,  
No truffles in a heart-shaped box,  
No flowers tied up in a bow,  
No candlelight's romantic glow,  
No moonbeams, stardust, Cupid's dart  
To loose the longing in my heart!  
No lips that say, "Will you be mine?"  
No bubbles dancing in the wine ...

In fact, no wine at all, I see  
To fill a glass that's just for me!  
And, yet again, "So, what?" I say,  
"I'll live to love another day!"

But also say, "I have my pride —  
That urge is lurking deep inside!"  
Then, suddenly, my dream comes true;  
I've found my perfect fit — it's YOU!  
This year I'll be your Valentine  
Dear Readers, promise to be mine!  
With all my heart I hope you'll see  
A happy, healthy '23!

Happy Valentine's 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.

## Contract Bridge

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE TEAM**

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ K Q  
♥ 10 9 8  
♦ 9 4  
♣ A J 9 6 4 2

**WEST**

♠ 8 2  
♥ K J 6  
♦ K Q J 10 6 3  
♣ 8 5

**EAST**

♠ 6 5 3  
♥ Q 7 4 2  
♦ A 8 7 2  
♣ K 7

**SOUTH**

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♦	3♣	3♦
3♠	Pass	4♠	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

In the vast majority of deals, the defenders achieve their optimum result by working closely together as a team and guiding each other carefully toward their common goal — defeat of the contract. Consider this deal where thoughtless defense allows declarer to make four spades while thoughtful defense defeats it.

Let's say West leads the king of diamonds and East signals with the eight. When West obeys his partner

by leading another diamond, the contest is over. South ruffs, draws trump and finesses the queen of clubs. East wins, but South takes the rest of the tricks, depositing his two heart losers on dummy's clubs.

Now let's suppose that East takes a bit more time to assess the situation before he plays to the first trick. For starters, he can easily deduce from dummy's high cards and his own that West almost surely has six diamonds for his overcall, so continuing diamonds would serve no constructive purpose. This would leave hearts as the only real hope for the defense.

Accordingly, he overtakes the king of diamonds with the ace at trick one and shifts to the deuce of hearts. If South follows low, West wins with the jack and continues a heart, and declarer eventually goes down one, losing two hearts, a diamond and a club.

Once East appreciates the futility of a diamond continuation at trick two, he is forced to pin his hopes on the possibility of his side scoring two heart tricks. But since he is in a much better position to make this assessment, he should take command of the situation.

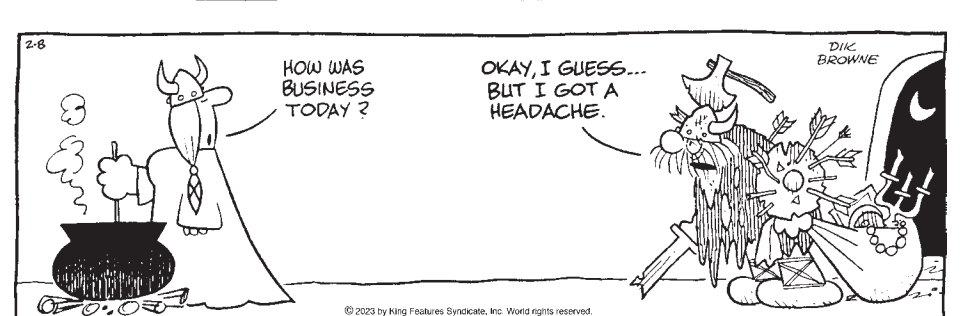
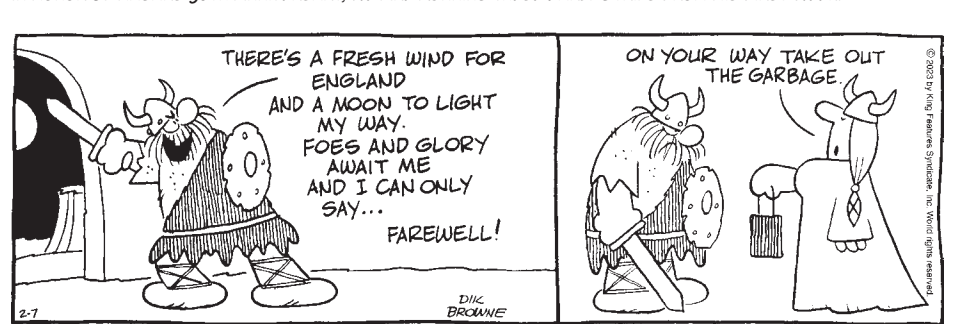
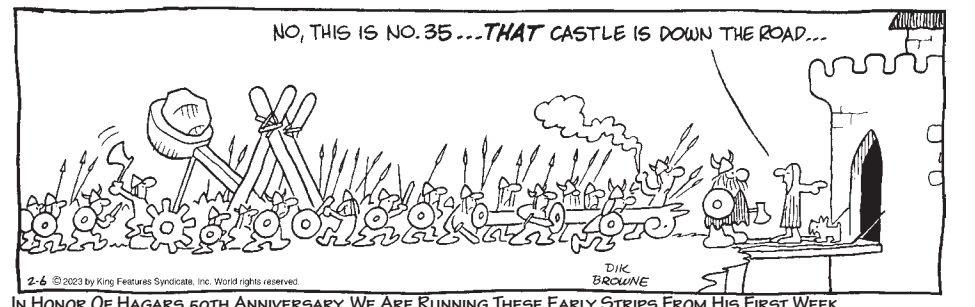
Overtaking the king of diamonds with the ace may appear overly dramatic, but under the circumstances, it is absolutely necessary.

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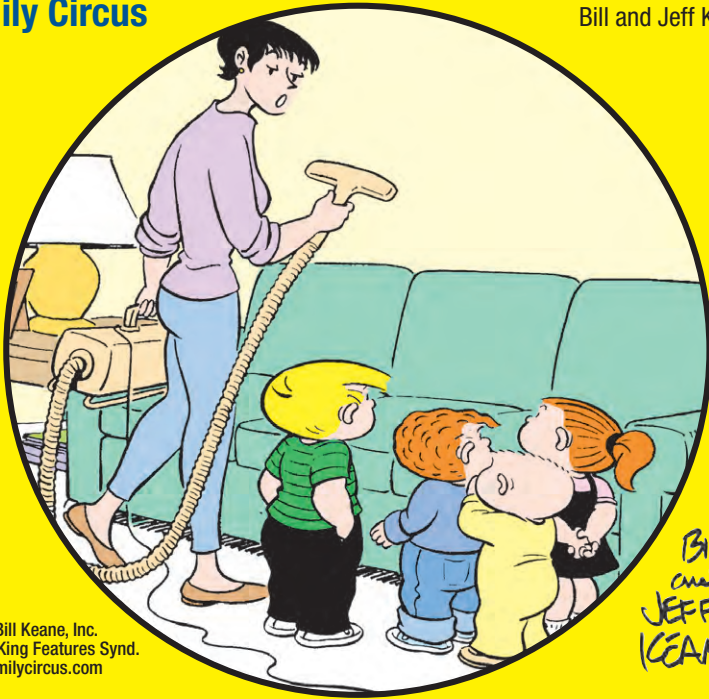
Hagar the Horrible turned 50 on Saturday, February 4, 2023, by creator Dik Browne. Following Browne's retirement in 1988, his sons Chris and Chance have taken the reins of the series, with Gary Hallgren helping with the art. Hagar the Horrible is currently distributed to 1,900 newspapers across 56 countries worldwide, as well as on the most excellent of Comics Kingdom website.



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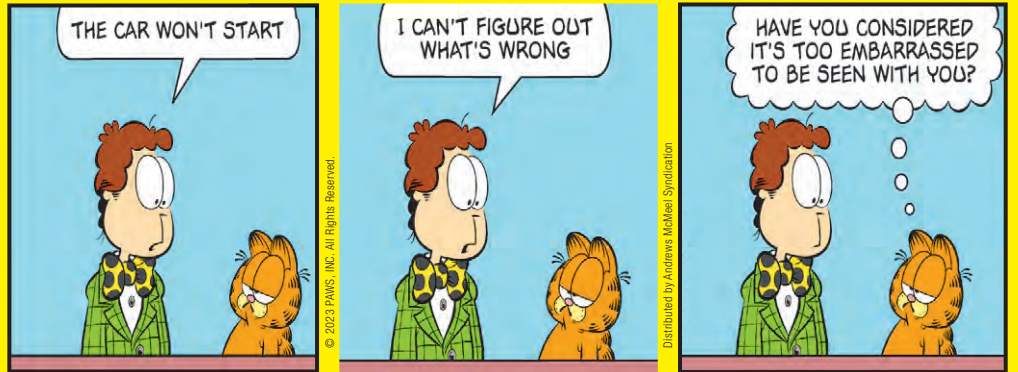
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"Hereafter, anything with powdered sugar on it will be eaten in the kitchen."

## Garfield

Jim Davis



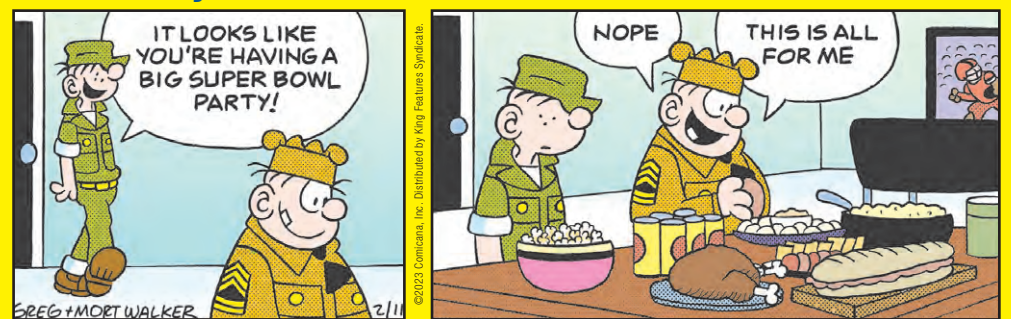
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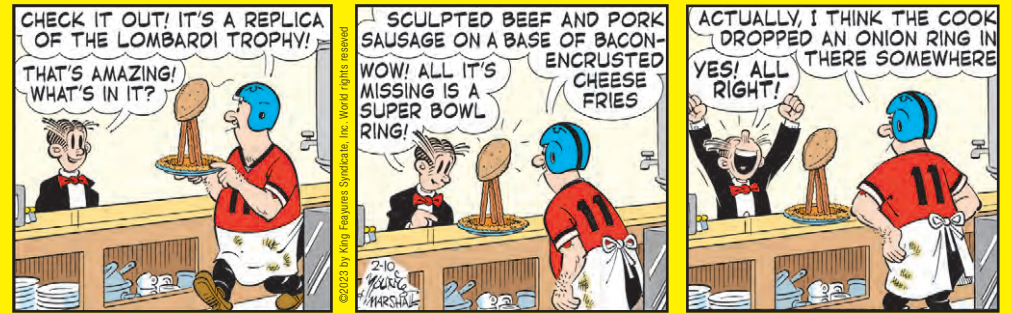
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## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

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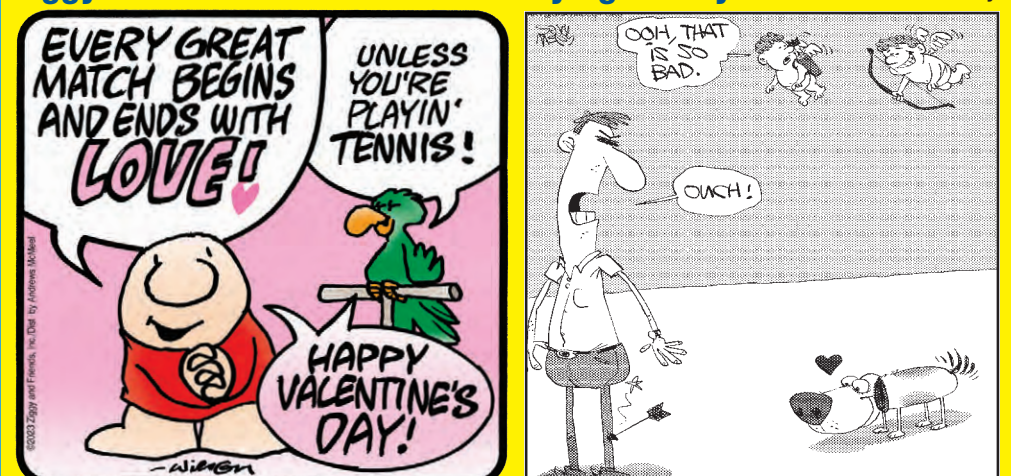


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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2/9 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 9, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Type of oil in weed gummies
- 4 Intensifies, with "up"
- 8 Regular routine
- 13 Dry as a desert
- 15 Compete on "Chopped"
- 16 Almost the same
- 17 Mysterious symbol
- 18 Lake north of Cleveland
- 19 Large, striped cat
- 20 Partner for life
- 23 Grifter's scheme
- 24 "Green Light" singer, 2017
- 25 Ninja's asset
- 27 What's picked up in a hurry?
- 29 Most common word in English
- 30 It may be scrambled
- 33 Slow, tree-dwelling mammal
- 35 Start of a refrain in "Do-Re-Mi"
- 37 When doubled, a tot's train
- 38 Menzel of "Frozen"
- 40 Nordic city once called Christiania
- 41 Journalist on "CNN This Morning"
- 43 Freelancers' quotes

- 45 Gear sprocket
- 46 Tree whose name sounds like a vowel
- 47 Fix "typos," say
- 48 Never-ending
- 51 Wanderer
- 55 Bats' home
- 57 Nearly finished, or a description of the first words of 20-, 35- and 41-Across
- 59 Helvetia's cousin
- 61 Posthumous bio
- 62 Thor's father
- 63 Back in style
- 64 "Wait, there's more ..."
- 65 Student's obstacle
- 66 Ultimate approval
- 67 Like the Mariana Trench
- 68 Guitar maker Paul

- 10 Top dog
- 11 MALM desk seller
- 12 4 years, for Argentina's president
- 14 Wade Wilson's alter ego, in Marvel comics
- 21 Well-organized
- 22 "Know what I'm sayin'?"
- 26 "Back to the Future" actress
- 28 Fire-breathing Greek monster
- 31 Hair goops
- 32 Miracle-
- 33 "Go away!"
- 34 Staying power
- 35 Loud racket
- 36 Puzzle in which kids make connections
- 37 Atlanta health org.
- 39 Get off the internet?
- 42 In the blink of an
- 44 "Misbehavin'" (jazz standard)
- 47 Title girl in Kay Thompson books
- 49 Rips
- 50 Mosey along
- 52 Wear on a runway
- 53 Star (Asian spice)
- 54 Fender bender results
- 55 Lamborghinis, e.g.
- 56 364,900 square miles, for Tanzania
- 58 "Enough!"
- 60 Brit's potty

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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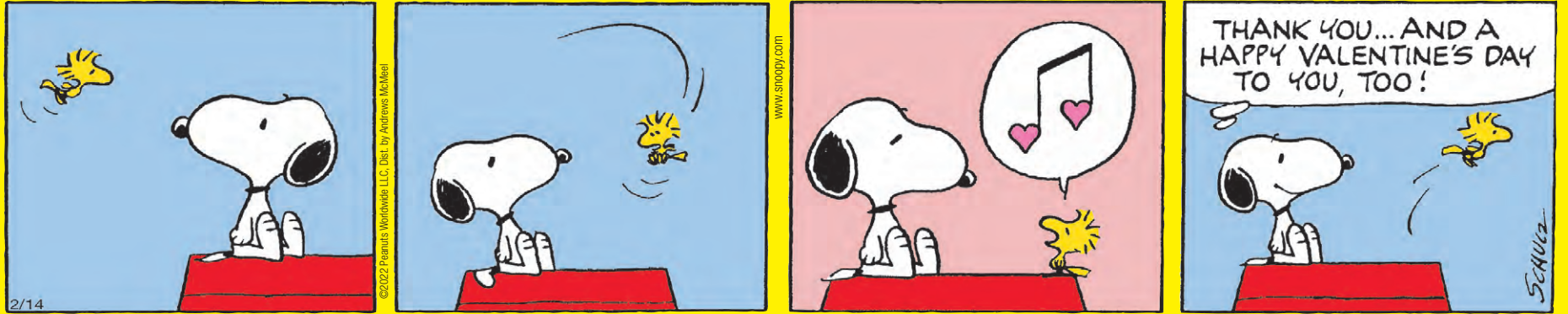
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

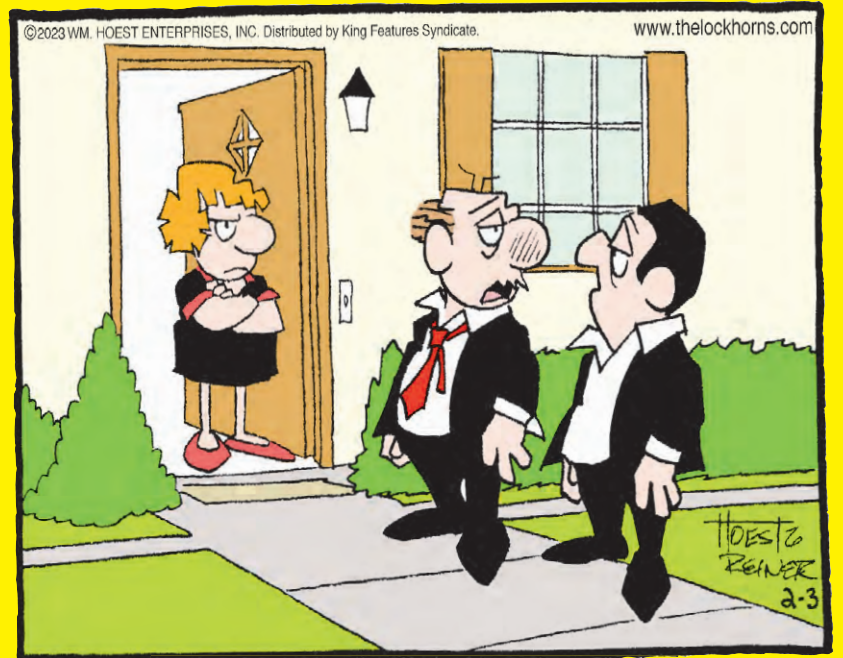


## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne

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## Crankshaft

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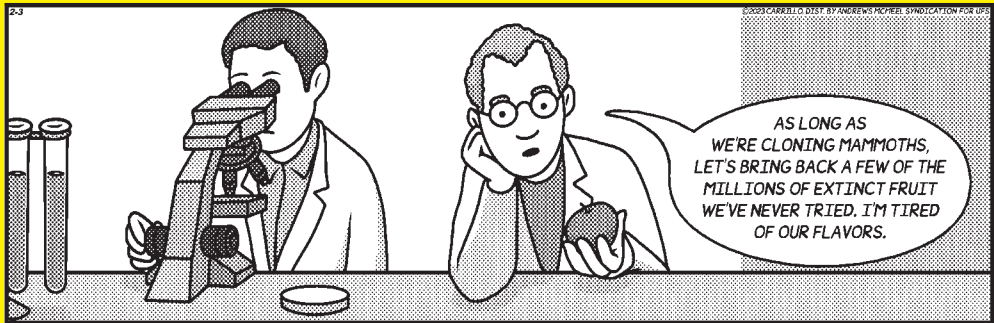
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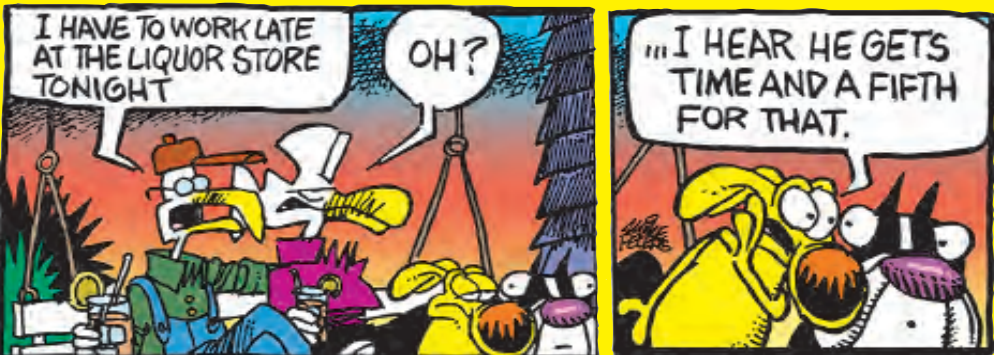
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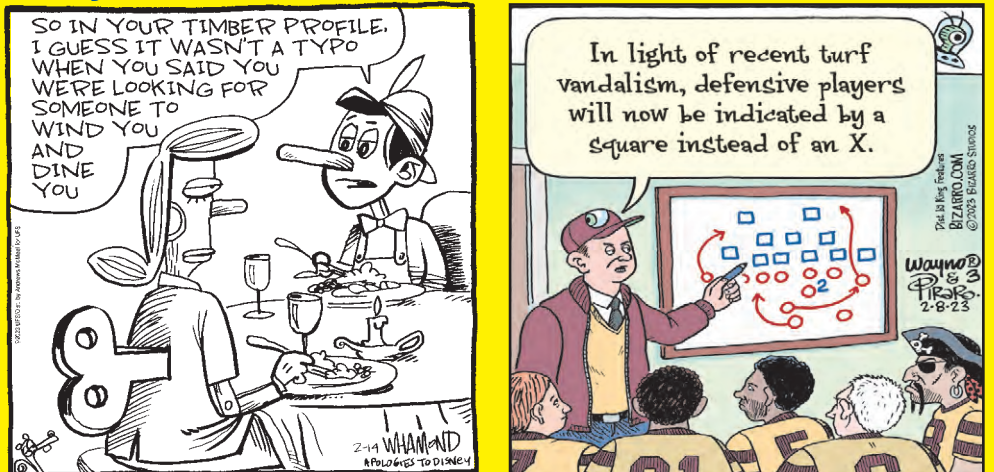


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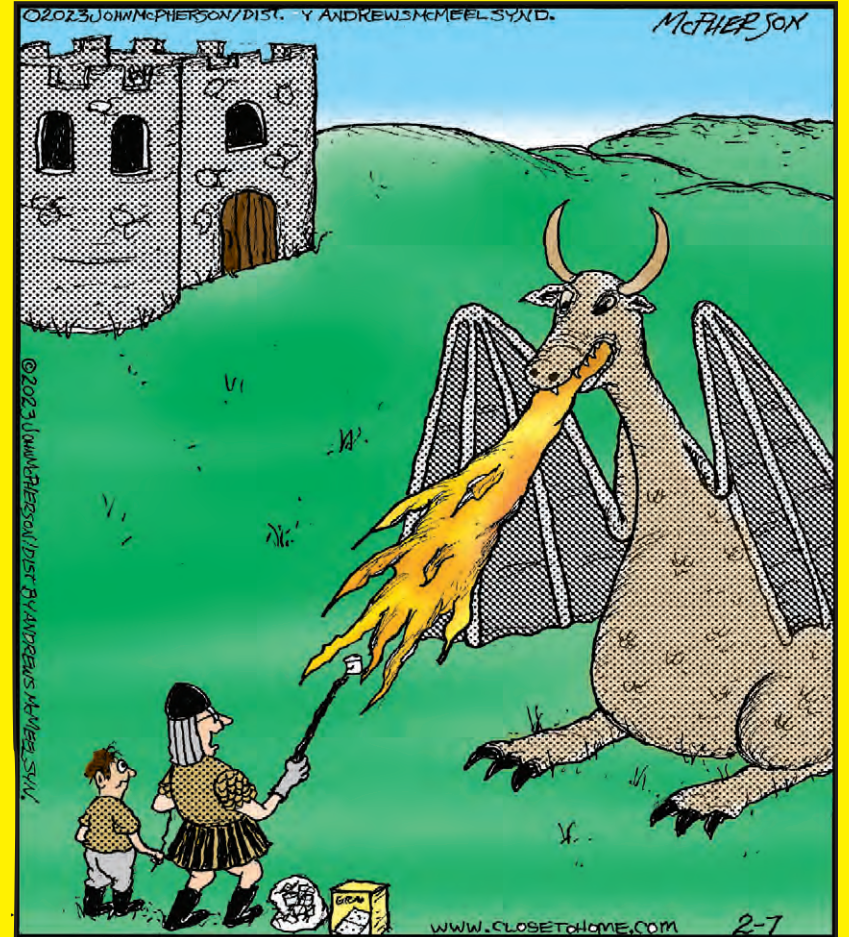
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



## Close To Home

John McPherson



## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"He barked the birds out of his bowl and the snow off of the roof."

Try these exercises to have fun and exercise the owl way!

# The Snowy Owl

Like a ghost, the snowy owl glides through the air in soundless flight. This owl is different from most owls because it hunts during the day and at night. Most owls hunt at night. In the arctic region, the summer days and nights are always light. An owl waiting for darkness to hunt would starve before the dark days of winter arrive.



Connect the dots to draw a snowy owl in flight.

### Why White?

Many animals can blend into their environment. This is called camouflage. There are few trees on the tundra, so the snowy owl's white plumage blends with the snowy world of the northern arctic.

In the spring, when the snowy owl makes a nest, the snow has started to melt and the brown earth shows through patches of white snow. The female snowy owl's soft white feathers are streaked with brown so she cannot be seen as she nests on the ground.

Here are three other animals that blend into their habitats, or homes. Can you unscramble their names?

**POLEDAR  
REDE  
EGIRT**

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals have external features that help them thrive in the different environments they inhabit.



Fly like an owl.

Stretch your arms wide apart and swoop around outdoors.



Perch like an owl.

Squat down like you are sitting on a tree branch watching for mice on the ground. Fold your arms into wings with your thumbs in your armpits. How long can you stay in this position?

### How big is a snowy owl?

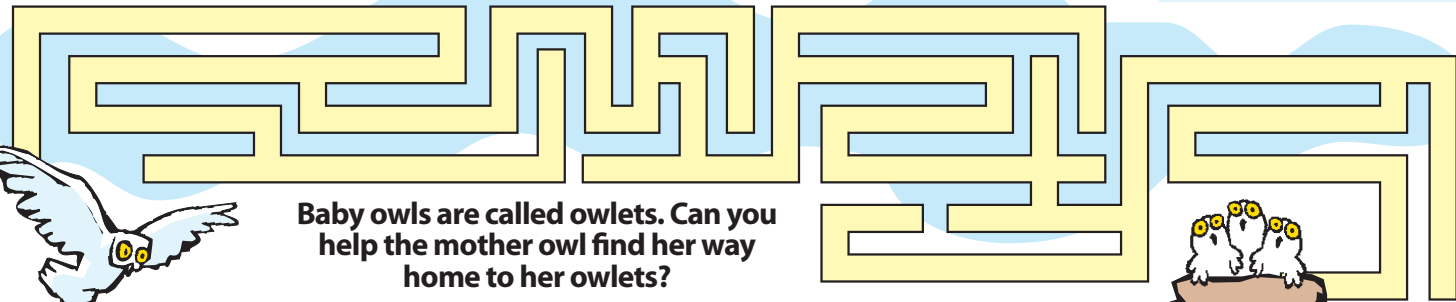
The snowy owl is one of the largest owls, with a height of about 27 inches (69 cm) and a wingspan of up to 60 inches (152 cm). Wingspan is the measurement from wing tip to wing tip, when the wings are fully stretched.

Microwave oven	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Teacher's desk	40 inches (102 cm)
House cat	25 inches (63.5 cm)
Baseball bat	33 inches (84 cm)
Tennis Racket	27 inches (69 cm)
Small car (width)	67 inches (170 cm)

How many of the things in this chart could fit into a snowy owl's wingspan?

Measure 60 inches (152 cm) on the floor. Now lie down with your arms outstretched along the line. Measure your outstretched arms. How do you compare?

**Standards Link:** Measurement: Students compare the length of objects by using direct comparison of standard units.



Baby owls are called owlets. Can you help the mother owl find her way home to her owlets?

### Owl Eyes

All owls have excellent sight so that they can spot creatures like mice that run fast along the ground. Owls' eyes are not the same as human eyes. We move our eyes in their sockets to see from side to side. The owl must turn his head to see in different directions. Owls also have a third eyelid, which protects the eye.

It is a milky white eyelid that comes up from the bottom of the eye. Its purpose is to clean and refresh the owl's eyes. This third eyelid is called a *nictitating membrane*.

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Adaptations in physical structures improve an animal's chance for survival.



### The Eyes Have It

The snowy owl has round, yellow eyes. Can you find the pair of eyes that match?

**Standard Links:** Visual Discrimination: Students compare and sort common objects.

### Count the Eyes

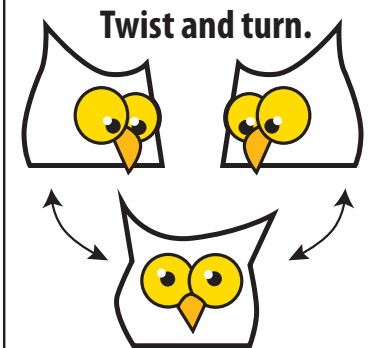
Look through the newspaper and count the number of eyes that you find. How many are human eyes? How many are the eyes of other animals?

**Standards Link:** Number Sense: Count and name a number of objects.



Hop like an owl.

Start in the perch position. Then hop to the right, hop to the left, hop forward, hop backward.



Twist and turn.

While sitting in the perched position, turn your head as far to the right as you can. Then turn your head as far left as possible.

**Standards Link:** Physical Education: Understand the health benefits of physical activity and exercise.

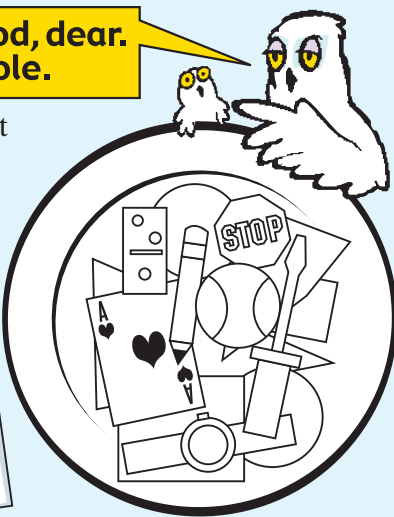
### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't chew your food, dear. Swallow it whole.

The snowy owls need to eat a huge amount each day — enough to equal their own body weight. They don't chew their food — they just swallow their prey whole, including fur, claws, teeth and bones. Then they spit out a pellet of all the parts they can't digest.

What silly things can you find on this owl's dinner plate?

**Standards Link:** Life Science: Animals need food for survival and have physical structures to help them survive.



### Double Double Word Search

- SNOWY
- OWL
- WINGSPAN
- MEMBRANE
- DIGEST
- BONES
- COUNT
- TUNDRA
- SPOT
- SIGHT
- CHEW
- PREY
- BLEND
- GHOST
- PLUMAGE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

Y L O W G P S A B P  
M E M T O W R O D M  
E T H G I S N E L E  
G T O B L E N D Y M  
A N A P S G N I W B  
M U P O S B L G O R  
U O C H E W R E N A  
L C T S O H G S S N  
P C A R D N U T W E

**Standards Link:** Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **TUNDRA**

The noun **tundra** means a treeless plain of arctic regions.

You can't grow food on the frozen **tundra** regions of the world.

Try to use the word **tundra** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Create Camouflage

Choose a picture in the newspaper. Cut out a circle of white paper that fits over one-third of the picture. Color the white circle to match the picture underneath. This is camouflage.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple multiple-step directions.



ANSWER: The owl. It keeps saying "Who? Who?"

### Write On!

#### Animal Report

Write a paragraph reporting on your favorite animal. Include at least three facts about this animal.

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## South's Hepner, Rahman break records, Pointe swimmers kick midseason into high gear

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South diver Logan Hepner continued slicing through the competition in his final high school season, in a whirlwind week where he set a new school diving record, shattered two pool records and officially committed to dive for the University of Michigan next fall.

Hepner, who is the 2022 Division 2 state diving champion, has won every diving competition this season and shown no plans to relinquish the crown. His record-breaking performances last week were perhaps his biggest statement to date.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, against L'Anse Creuse North, Hepner broke South's long-standing school and pool records in dual, tri- and quad-meets, breaking the 2012 record by Jordan Long, who also was a state champion diver for the Blue Devils. Hepner scored 389.25 points, breaking Long's record of 370.45 for a six-dive set.

Hepner followed that performance Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Wayne County swim and dive championship at Trenton High School, winning the diving event with 551.60 points, which required 11

dives. He bested second-place finisher John Martin of Woodhaven, who had 437.10 points. Hepner's first-place performance not only broke his own record of 545.40 from last year's county championship, but he also set a new Trenton pool record. He also earned South 20 points with his top finish.

Hepner's Blue Devils teammates on the swimming side also kicked their midseason into high gear with a successful week of their own.

The team beat L'Anse Creuse North 150-30 last Tuesday, the fifth time South boys varsity swim and dive has beaten an opponent by 100 points or more this season. The team won all 12 events, including the 100 back, in which junior Ben Bryan took first and earned his state cut with a time of 54.57. He out-touched teammate Flynn Mackrell, who took second, in 1:01.54.

At the Wayne County championships, the team finished in second place among 20 teams overall, just three points behind first-place, Division 1 program Northville, 392-389. It's the closest South has ever been to taking the Wayne County title.

Senior Keiran Rahman broke a pool record on his way to first place in the 100 fly with a

time of 50.16, breaking his own 2022 meet record of 50.77 in the event. He also earned South 37 points on the day. Drew Rulison, who scored 28 points for the team, earned his state cut in the 100 fly (54.41) and Chandler Bower earned 29 team points on his way to making his state cut in the 500 free (4:57.83). Bryan also contributed to the team total with 32 points, rounding out South's top point-getters.

South's 400 free relay won the top spot in 3:13.61 and, as of press time, held the fastest time in the state among all D2 teams.

South head coach John Fodell said his Blue Devils have hit the point in the season where the focus becomes getting as many swimmers to qualify for states as possible.

"This is definitely what we consider to be our 'go time,'" Fodell said. "We are looking for more state cuts and hoping for some big things this Saturday (against reigning state champion Birmingham Groves.)

"We are going to put a lot of eggs in this basket and see where we stand," he added.

South hosted Chippewa Valley Tuesday after press time. The team stays home against Groves at noon Saturday,

Feb. 11. It then competes in a tri-meet against University Liggett and Fraser at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, the team's last home meet of the season, where it will celebrate Senior Night.

### ULS

Liggett's boys varsity swim team also made its mark at the Wayne County swim and dive championship at Trenton High School Saturday, Feb. 4.

Freshmen Brendan Beland and Charlie Bronk represented the Knights in four individual events at the meet. Beland placed 10th in the 200 IM in 2:06.42 and 12th in the 100 fly in 56.58. Both times qualify him for the Division 3 state meet in March.

Bronk placed ninth in the 500 free in 5:07.46, also qualifying for the state meet. He placed 15th in the 100 back in 1:00.44, just shy of the state cut of 59.19. Bronk and Beland scored 23 team points to help Liggett finish in 15th place out of 20 teams at the meet.

Next up for the Knights is a quad-meet vs. Brother Rice, Catholic Central and Divine Child at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Waterford Kettering. They head down the road to Grosse Pointe South at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, in a tri-meet against the



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAD HEPNER

**South senior diving sensation Logan Hepner stands in front of the diving platforms at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium, his future college home. For more college signings, head to 6-7D.**

Blue Devils and Fraser.

### North

Grosse Pointe North boys varsity swim and dive continues to hold strong against tough competition in the MAC White. The Norsemen stand at 2-1 in the league, with two dual meets remaining in the regular season.

"Throughout the past couple of weeks, the boys have shown remarkable improvement throughout various events," head coach Kyle Kinyon said via email.

Junior Tommy Moreland, a team co-captain, has led the way with

a state-qualifying time in the 100 fly," he added. "Additionally, James Gusmano, Alejandro Delgado, James Jewel, Connor McMahon and Keegan Wettstein have all made personal best swims in more than one (individual) event."

North faced Sterling Heights Stevenson Tuesday after press time. The team heads to Henry Ford II for a 6 p.m. meet Tuesday, Feb. 14. The team then gears up to host the MAC White division meet, with prelims set for 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, and finals at noon Saturday, Feb. 25.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

**Josie Cueter is leading all scorers in the state while playing her first year of varsity high school girls hockey.**

### Best in the Mitten

- Leads all scorers in the state with 53 goals and 32 assists
- Has scored 3+ goals in 11 games this season
- Playing first season at the varsity level with North

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Taking a look at Josie Cueter's stats so far this season, one probably would not guess that she is only a sophomore playing her first year of varsity high school hockey. The forward from Grosse Pointe North has been consistently at the top of the stat sheet this season not only for the Norsemen, but for the entire state.

Cueter made the transition to North this winter after playing AAA travel hockey with Belle Tire. Now, her 53 goals and 32 assists so far this season are both the most in the state by a large margin, making it clear the move from Triple-A to high school has not slowed Cueter down at all.

"It's definitely a lot different," Cueter said. "Going into it, I knew the skill level was very different and the compe-

tion level too...I knew my skill level was a lot different than other high

ice mixed with plenty of speed is a solid combination to create great

player, but with her speed also comes power and aggressiveness on the ice. Her coaches see Cueter as a natural talent with so many different skills and elements to her game, giving those running the Norsemen program plenty of optimism for what the next few years will bring.

"(Josie) is a force to be reckoned with on the ice and has a natural talent at splitting the D and finding the back of the net with the puck," said North girls hockey assistant coach Taylor Shaheen. "All of the North coaches are proud of her development and her creativity on the ice and we're very excited to see how far she will go."

Before becoming a dominant player at the high school level and in AAA, Cueter first got on the ice at the age of 8. She was inspired by

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Grosse Pointe News

**Josie Cueter**

School: Grosse Pointe North  
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school players but I'm not taking it too seriously, I'm really having fun."

The biggest factor that makes Cueter at a different skill level has a lot to do with speed. The type of vision she has on the

goal-scoring ability.

"I've usually been one of the fastest players on the team," said Cueter. "In high school hockey it's easier to use that speed and be able to skate around."

Cueter may be a fast

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## 2D | SPORTS

# South boys get much-needed wins; North, ULS falter at MIHL Showcase

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The MIHL Showcase has become one of the hallmark events of the high school boys hockey calendar, thanks to how much talent gathers in one place for one weekend. Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett were all there to take part in the action in Trenton this past weekend, facing competition from all around the state. The struggling Blue Devils ended up getting an important boost with a pair of wins in the showcase, while both the Norsemen and Knights faltered.

**South**  
South's boys hockey team entered the weekend's showcase having lost three of its last four games. Desperate to prove they could get back to their winning ways with only a few weeks of the regular season left, the Blue Devils ended up making a big splash in the most important weekend of the winter.

"For most of these kids, it's back to back MIHL Showcases against very tough teams," South boys hockey coach Brandon Contratto said. "...It was huge for us to



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Liggett senior Stephen Wheatley circles around the net and goes after the puck in the Knights' game against Salem last Thursday.

hit our stride and we've adopted the mentality that the train is rolling forward."

South's first game of the weekend on Friday had the team taking on Grand Rapids Catholic Central. The Blue Devils were victorious over the same opponent in last year's MIHL Showcase and ended up on top yet again with a 3-1 win.

Anderson Tigges opened the scoring in the second period to give South a 1-0 lead after the teams were in a pro-

longed stalemate to begin the game. AJ Zaccagni scored early in the third period to extend South's lead to two.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central struck back, but another South goal by Brenden Polek helped the Blue Devils secure the win.

South followed the win on Friday with another Saturday. The Blue Devils took on another foe from the west side of the Mitten and earned a 6-2 victory over Forest Hills Northern-Eastern.

Zaccagni scored twice in the win for South, giving him three goals on the weekend. Tigges added another tally to his weekend total as well, with Sam Adams, Hayden Crane and William Rauh also finding the back of the net.

"Systems-wise we changed very little but the biggest change is our leaders have really stepped up," Contratto said.

The Blue Devils kept things rolling after the Showcase with a 4-2 win over U of D Jesuit on Monday, Feb. 6. The team's goals came from Crane, Zaccagni, Rauh and Vincent Sceglia. South returns to East Side Hockey Arena at 6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 9 to host Riverview Gabriel Richard. They play at the same time and place on Monday, Feb. 13 against De La Salle.

## ULS

The Knights closed out the first day of the showcase with a Thursday night matchup against Salem. Liggett looked to rally in its first game since losing to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in overtime in the CHSL championship in late January. The Knights faced a tough task against a Salem team currently

ranked among the Top 10 in Division 1, and ultimately the Knights fell short in a 5-1 loss.

The Rocks jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Liggett's Sean Sullivan put the Knights on the board. It would prove to be Liggett's only tally of the night, with Salem making it a 4-1 deficit after just the first 17 minutes. One more goal in favor of the Rocks put the score at 5-1 in the second before a scoreless third period sent Liggett home with a loss after the first night in Trenton.

The Knights returned to the Kennedy Ice Arena last Saturday for their second game of the showcase against Alpena. Again ULS was unable to match its opponent's pace on offense and the Knights fell 7-2.

The first period ended with Liggett trailing 1-0, but the deficit increased to four by the end of the second period. With about five minutes left in the final frame, senior captain Ian Gudenu finally found the back of the net for the Knights.

Liggett then found itself behind 7-1 in the closing minutes. Kevin Vreeken scored one more for the Knights to close the gap to five goals, but it was too little and too late.

Following the showcase, Liggett hosted Country Day at McCann Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 7 after press time. The Knights take the ice again at home at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 against Allen Park.

## North

Kicking off the MIHL Showcase last Thursday was an honor given to North as its game against Capital City was the very first of the long weekend of hockey. Though the Norsemen got to take the first faceoff of the event, the Capitals ended up on top 6-2 to start the weekend.

Matthew Lorelli scored North's first goal of the day in the opening period with assists from Zach Potter and Jacob Simcox. Potter added another for the Norsemen, this time assisted by Lorelli, in the second, but it was not enough for North to overcome Capital City's fiery offense.

The Norsemen took the ice again Saturday in its final showcase showdown, this time losing to Livonia Churchill 7-2. North hosted U of D Jesuit on Tuesday, Feb. 7 after press time and is at home at Big Boy Arena at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 to face off against St. Clair Shores.

# North girls win big on senior night, Knights battle crosstown foes

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The girls hockey schedule in the Pointes was action-packed last week, including a couple of matchups between crosstown rivals. In the end, Grosse Pointe North got a win celebrating its seniors, while University Liggett had big matchups with both Grosse Pointe South and North.

The Knights' meeting with South last Friday, Feb. 3 was about as close as a hockey game can be. Both sides met twice earlier in the season, with Liggett winning both matchups. Giuliana Lutfy scored Liggett's only goal last Friday to put the

Knights up 1-0. It looked as though it would be all that Liggett would need, until South's Ryleigh O'Donoghue brought things back to even with just seven seconds remaining to bring a dramatic finish and a 1-1 tie.

"Our girls came into the game very excited to play their best and I believe that's what they did," South girls hockey head coach Lexi Bohlinger said. "It was an evenly matched battle on both sides and both goaltenders stood on their heads...It was a very exciting finish and gave our girls a boost of confidence heading into the final stretch of the season."

Liggett hosted another hometown rival by facing North Monday, Feb. 6. After the tie a few days earlier to the Blue Devils, the Knights came back to their winning ways as they defeated the Norsemen 5-1.

Josie Cueter continued her incredible season by scoring North's lone tally. Lutfy scored again for the Knights along with Gabriella Noble, Elle Quinlan and Sullivan Estes.

Before the loss to Liggett Monday, the Norsemen had plenty to celebrate over the weekend. North hosted Regina on Saturday, Feb. 4 in a special night dedicated to the team's seniors. The seniors, their families and fans were not disappointed as the Norsemen dominated their way to a 9-2 win.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen forward Ella Dobbs carries the puck across the blue line in North's win over Regina last Saturday.

"Senior night was a lot of fun, and winning made it even better," said North senior Marki Benjamin. "The team really made us feel special and appreciated. I

hope that if the younger girls learn anything, it's to dance even if the score board is down."

Cueter scored four times in the victory while senior Gabby Brumme scored twice. Alyssa Burney had two goals as well, with Paige Martin rounding out the scoring.

North hosted Plymouth-Canton on

Wednesday, Feb. 8 after press time. The Norsemen go on the road this weekend at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 to take on Ann Arbor Pioneer. Liggett will also be in Ann Arbor at 6:30 p.m. Saturday for a meeting with Skyline. South is in action at home at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 against Livonia United.

## Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The Assessments for the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores in Wayne and Macomb County has been completed for 2023. The Board of Review will hear petitions on the following dates:

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1:00 P.M.  
MONDAY, MARCH 13TH  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
795 LAKE SHORE RD.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023  
1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan ([http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f\\_2658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf)). Appointments may be made by calling 881-6565. Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/20/23) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner. You may call 881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at 313.881.6565 or email [pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov](mailto:pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov).

Bruce Nichols,  
City Clerk

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## Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 before the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council sitting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, Council Chambers at 795 Lake Shore Rd.

- The petitioner at 54 Roslyn Rd. is requesting a Special Land Use for Solar Panels on the south side of the roof facing the road.

At the January 24, 2023 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended to approve the petitioner's request for the SLU Solar Panels with the exception of submitting a rendering of the house showing placement of the solar panels.

Plans of the proposed project are available for your viewing at the Office of the City Clerk, 795 Lake Shore Road, during normal business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Bruce Nichols,  
City Clerk

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## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS - HAMPTON WM & RESURFACING - MACK TO MARGER - AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0456.** Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Work consists of approximately 0.6 miles of water main replacement and asphalt road resurfacing with concrete curb and gutter as well as storm sewer and other related work. Plans and specifications must be obtained through BidNet Direct at [www.bidnetdirect.com](http://www.bidnetdirect.com). Plans will be available beginning Tuesday, January 31, 2023. An electronic, public viewing copy is available on the City of Grosse Pointe Woods website. Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Paul Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

G.P.N.: 2/9/2023

# North girls take 3rd straight MAC Red crown, South gets key late wins

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last week was one of all smiles across the board for the girls basketball teams in the Pointes. The Norsemen, Blue Devils and Knights all picked up big late-season wins, with North adding some hardware to its trophy case before the regular season's end.

## North

For the third consecutive year, the North girls basketball team has won the MAC Red crown. The team earned its fourth title in five seasons last Tuesday, Jan. 31 with a 45-22 win over Port Huron.

"The kids really had set as a goal the 'three-peat,'" North girls basketball head coach Gary Bennett said. "They worked hard for it and I'm really proud of the focus and the maturity that the team has shown

this year in preparing every day in practice and their approach to every single game."

North defeated L'Anse Creuse North 43-37 on Monday, Feb. 6. The Norsemen now move on to the MAC Tournament before the state playoffs begin. North tips off the league tournament at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 facing L'Anse Creuse North once again.

## South

While their counterparts across crosstown took the division title, last week held a bright spot for the Blue Devils as well. Last Tuesday, Jan. 31 South won in a close game against Dakota 43-40.

Sophomore Madison Benard had 15 points in the win and came up big defensively with a key block that helped South secure the victory. The Bachert sisters showed up in a big way, with Elsa



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

**The North girls basketball team earned its third consecutive MAC Red division title with a win over Port Huron last week.**

Bachert scoring 11 points and Olivia Bachert finishing with eight.

South stepped away from MAC Red league play last Friday, Feb. 3 for a non-league game hosting Notre Dame Prep. The momentum

from the win earlier in the week against Dakota carried over in a big way as the Blue Devils won in a blowout 48-15. Benard led the way in the win once again with 13 points and five steals, while ten total players

on South's roster made it onto the stat sheet at least once.

In a return to league play on Monday, Feb. 6 the Blue Devils fell on the road to Port Huron 34-20. They will be back at home at 7 p.m.

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Thursday, Feb. 9 to host Stevenson in the consolation bracket of this year's MAC Tournament.

# League titles, Ayrault's record-breaking night highlight boys busy hoops week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Last week's boys basketball action in the Pointes included some big wins and record-setting performances. With the regular season entering its final weeks, every game has an extra weight to it as teams, including one from right here in town, are starting to earn accolades for their performance thus far.

## South

South ended a busy week of basketball last Friday, facing the chance to clinch its first outright MAC Red division title in program history. The team did so with a convincing 61-54 win at home against L'Anse Creuse North to capture the MAC Red regular season crown.

Senior Anthony Benard and junior Karter Richards paced the Blue Devils in the big victory with 20 and 17 points respectively and the team moved to 9-0 in division play. Its MAC Red title marks the program's first division crown since it won the MAC White in 2020.

Before reaching this championship moment, the Blue Devils knew

they had to take care of business earlier in the week. They did so with a commanding 64-47 win over Chippewa Valley Wednesday, Feb. 1. Senior big man Alex English had 21 points for South in a win that saw the team's perfect record in the MAC Red remain intact. Karter Richards had 15 points while senior Anthony Benard added 12 points with eight assists.

"It's tough to play these teams twice and I feel like we're getting everyone's best effort when we play them and that's good for the team," South boys basketball head coach Steve Benard said. "...We're prepared to play every game and I think our non-conference schedule really helped with that, and we have different people step up every night."

South faced Dakota on the road on Tuesday, Feb. 7 after press time in the final game of MAC Red play. The Blue Devils are back on their home court at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 to host Notre Dame Prep.

## North

Riding a four-game losing skid into last Wednesday night's showdown with Warren Mott,



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE NORTH ATHLETICS

**North senior Adam Ayrault (center) receives a commemorative basketball and celebrates with his team after surpassing 1,000 career points in last Wednesday's game against Warren Mott.**

the Norsemen got exactly the boost they needed. Hosting the Marauders, North marched on to a huge 82-54 win, which included an even bigger night for senior Adam Ayrault, who scored 40 points. That performance was not only a career high for the senior, but also gave Ayrault North's all-time school record for most points in a single game. Ayrault's personal milestone of a 40-point game performance also catapulted him past the 1,000-points mark for his

career, helping him stand at No. 1 for the most points in North's program history.

Fellow senior Zach Cody contributed nine points, while sophomore Leo Perette scored eight.

North then went on the road Friday, Feb. 3 for another MAC White showdown against Eisenhower. A defensive game for most of the night, the Norsemen led just 8-4 after the opening quarter. Things picked up a bit before halftime, but a run for the Eagles in the second quarter saw North lose its lead and end up trailing 18-15 at halftime.

Battling back in the third quarter, North managed to pull even and tie the game at 30 each heading into the final eight minutes. The Eagles managed to pull in front once again and it was close, but North was unable to catch up.

Even with both sides battling back and forth, North was unable to build on its win from earlier in the week and ended with a 42-38 loss. James Phillips led the team with 11 points while Ayrault finished with eight.

North went on the road on Tuesday, Feb. 7 after press time to face MAC

White division champions Port Huron Northern. Returning home at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, the Norsemen host Lakeview in a final regular season game before the MAC Tournament begins next week.

## ULS

After experiencing a rare speed-bump in late January with back-to-back losses, the University Liggett boys basketball team proved to be fully back in winning form last week. Preston Barr and Solomon Spann scored 15 points each in a nail-biting 56-54 overtime win against Cranbrook Tuesday, Jan. 31

Looking to make it three consecutive wins, the Knights went on the road last Friday night to take on Everest Collegiate. Spann and Barr led the way yet again, with the freshman Spann putting on another impressive outing with 15 points in a 51-45 victory. Barr ended the game with 11 for the Knights.

Liggett hosted Lutheran North Tuesday, Feb. 7 after press time and is at home again at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 for a matchup with Detroit Loyola.

## ATHLETE:

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other members of the family doing the same and quickly picked up the game while she was living in Traverse City at the time.

"My brother started playing and I just told my dad I wanted to play and ever since then I've always played," said Cueter.

The family moved to Wisconsin where Cueter continued playing and then to Grosse Pointe a few years ago. She first started playing for the Bulldogs Hockey Club after moving to the Pointes before going on to Belle Tire.

While she was inspired initially by her brothers to get into hockey, it is her older sister that Cueter now gets to share the experience with since joining the team at North. Cueter's older sister, Grace, is a senior and captain of the Norsemen girls hockey team.

The Cueter sisters are no stranger to playing on teams together in other sports, but hockey still holds a special place in their hearts. Grace leads the team as a captain while Josie provides much of the firepower on offense. Overall, the sisters make a great team that sits firmly among the core of the Norsemen hockey squad.

"We play field hockey and lacrosse together so we've had some experience," Cueter said. "But hockey is where we definitely get to spend more time together... Everyone loves Grace so it's been nice to spend time with her and play with her."

"It is so fun to play with (Josie)," Grace Cueter added. "I love having a sister on the ice, and I know I can always count on her to be open for a pass. Our whole team is amazed by every move that she makes and every goal that she scores."

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



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH ATHLETICS

**The South boys basketball team wears special jerseys during last Friday's game against L'Anse Creuse North for a "Coaches vs. Cancer" fundraising event. The Blue Devils won the game to secure the outright MAC Red division title for the first time in program history.**

# POINTE PROGNOSTICATORS

## Athletic directors, staffers and coaches predict Super Bowl LVII winner

By Meg Leonard and Mike Adzima

Will Patrick Mahomes's bum ankle heal enough for him to play hero? Will

the Eagles defense shut down Travis Kelce and prove why they are the 1.5 point favorites heading into Super Bowl LVII's matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and

Philadelphia Eagles?

We asked for Super Bowl insights and predictions from the people around the Pointes whose day (and night) job it is to coach and mentor

our high school athletes. In addition to guessing the ultimate winner, some offered up key factors to the game, a final score and MVP prediction. Here's what they said:



**Amanda Amine**  
Head Coach, Girls Varsity Field Hockey & Varsity Lacrosse, University Liggett

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** The Eagles emerged early on as the "team to beat" this season and here they are in Arizona trying to finish it off. With Mahomes possibly not being 100 percent, and Philly being as strong as they are on both sides of the ball, it's hard to pick against the Eagles in this one even though it'll be a close game!
3. **Final Score?** 27-24 Eagles
4. **MVP?** Jalen Hurts



**Dan Cimini**  
Head Coach, Varsity Baseball, University Liggett

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** I think Jalen Hurts and the 'running game' will be too much for Kansas City to handle. I think Maholmes has a big statistical night...but lack of receiver depth and an average running game, will hurt KC and will not be enough to keep up with Philly.
3. **Final Score?** 38-27
4. **MVP?** N/A



**Scott Cooper**  
Head Coach, Girls Varsity Cross Country, Grosse Pointe North

1. **Winner?** Chiefs. Eagles are favored to win and I like the underdogs.
2. **Key factor(s)?** Mahomes ability to overcome anything.
3. **Final Score?** 21-13
4. **MVP?** Mahomes



**Michelle Davis**  
Athletic Director, Grosse Pointe North

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** Offensive and defensive lines. The Eagles had 70 sacks in the regular season and eight more in the playoffs. They also had three offensive lineman make the Pro Bowl. You can never count out Mahomes and Andy Reid, but the Eagles are just too solid on both sides of the ball.
3. **Final Score?** N/A
4. **MVP?** N/A



**Joe Drouin**  
Head Coach, Baseball, University Liggett

1. **Winner?** Chiefs
2. **Key factor(s)?** KC's experience. They've been in the big game before and with a week to recover and rest up they should be something special to watch.
3. **Final Score?** N/A
4. **MVP?** N/A



**John Fodell**  
Head Coach, Boys & Girls Varsity Swim & Dive, Grosse Pointe South

1. **Winner?** Chiefs
2. **Key factor(s)?** Quarterback play
3. **Final Score?** Eagles 27 KC 34 in a last minute win.
4. **MVP?** Patrick Mahomes, who will win it in the clutch.



**Dan Griesbaum Sr.**  
Head Coach, Varsity Baseball, Grosse Pointe South

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** Eagles are just too much and have the overall talent. Another reason the Eagles will win is their overall rushing attack. Although with Mahomes, you never know. Anything can happen. But Hurts has that ability to scramble too.
3. **Final Score?** Eagles 27 Chiefs 24
4. **MVP?** Jalen Hurts



**Chad Hepner**  
Head Coach, Varsity Football, Grosse Pointe South

1. **Winner?** Chiefs
2. **Key factor(s)?** Patrick Mahomes has had two weeks to get to 100 percent, so that will really help him get ready. Both play pretty good defense, so if the Eagles win it, it will be because of their defense.
3. **Final Score?** Chiefs 21 Eagles 18
4. **MVP?** Patrick Mahomes, because it's usually the QB who (wins this).



**Cassie Jaeckle**  
Head Coach, Girls Varsity Hockey, University Liggett

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** KC is banged up, especially their QB. Eagles entire game offense/defense are sound and complete. It's their time!
3. **Final Score?** Eagles 27 KC 21
4. **MVP?** (Jalen) Hurts



**Jessie Rouleau**  
Head Coach Girls Varsity Field Hockey, Grosse Pointe South

1. **Winner?** KC Chiefs
2. **Key factor(s)?** Experience. It will be their third Super Bowl in four years — definite advantage heading into any championship.
3. **Final Score?** KC 31 Philly 27
4. **MVP?** My (household) analysts say Travis Kelce



**Kevin Shubnell**  
Head Coach, Varsity Baseball, Grosse Pointe North

1. **Winner?** Chiefs
2. **Key factor(s)?** Both teams have a chip on their shoulder so it should be competitive. In the end, it has to go to the big game experience of Mahomes and Andy Reid.
3. **Final Score?** N/A
4. **MVP?** N/A



**Kristen Stovall**  
Administrative Assistant to South Athletic Director & Assistant Principal, Brandon Wheeler

1. **Winner?** Chiefs
2. **Key factor(s)?** Chemistry between Mahomes and Kelce is the key to passing for Kansas City.
3. **Final Score?** 27-17
4. **MVP?** Mahomes



**Brandon Wheeler**  
Athletic Director & Assistant Principal, Grosse Pointe South

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** Andy Reid and staff will keep the Chiefs in the game early against his former team, but ultimately the Eagles defense will limit Travis Kelce and put pass rush pressure on an injured Patrick Mahomes leading to turnovers and settling for field goals, which will ultimately decide this game.
3. **Final Score?** 31-19
4. **MVP?** Tom Brady, oh right he's not playing...Jalen Hurts.



**Leython Williams**  
Assistant Head of School Athletics & Ancillary Programs, University Liggett

1. **Winner?** Eagles
2. **Key factor(s)?** The Eagles pass rush and balanced offense will prevail against a decimated Chiefs team.
3. **Final Score?** Eagles 28-23
4. **MVP?** Jalen Hurts



# Chiefs will clip the Eagles in Super Bowl LVII



By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

**S**uper Bowl LVII has my delusional Detroit Lions fandom dreaming that next year's big game might involve the Honolulu blue and silver, but I digress.

Today, we are here to talk about the actual matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles. Truth be told, my heart wants the Eagles, but my head says Chiefs.

My heart says Philly simply because I have always kind of liked them, despite the fact my brother-in-law played for the Giants and won a Super Bowl with the then-Redskins — two division foes and arch-enemies of the Eagles. The point is I like the Iggles, even though their fans booed Santa.

I have great memories of rooting for players like Ron Jaworski, Harold Carmichael, Randall Cunningham and Donovan McNabb (though I'm still not over watching McNabb beat my Wolverines in the Big House in 1998. Again, my football brain wanders a lot).

So while football games take us on thrilling, emotional roller coaster rides, I'm sticking with what my head tells me: An 80 percent healthy Patrick Mahomes is better than a Jalen Hurts at 100 percent. While Mahomes recovers from a high ankle sprain, Hurts himself is not even 100 percent, still nursing a nagging shoulder injury. While his ability to scramble is a bigger weapon than his passing abilities, the shoulder has affected both his deep and short passing accuracy, which leaves the Eagles with a big question mark heading into the game.

I know Mahomes is the low-hanging fruit here, but he just seems to pull out the Jedi moves when the Chiefs need him most. Despite injuring his ankle in the divisional game against Jacksonville, he has played six additional quarters with that injury and basically turned them into his Jordan "flu" games, by logging some of the greatest performances of his career so far.

In the AFC playoff game against Cincinnati, Mahomes went 29-of-43 for 326 yards and two touchdowns, including a scramble that drew an ill-advised penalty, which set up the game-winning kick. If Mahomes did this with 50 to 60 percent mobility, you can imagine what two weeks off between games will do to heal him up so he can execute his wizardry.

The Chiefs will be extra cautious protecting Mahomes in this game. They will wisely motion second-year tight end Noah Gray across the tight wing formation, then move him under center for any QB sneaks. Gray hasn't missed one all season, converting nearly 100 percent of the time.

Having access to a healthier receiving corps also will help the Chiefs win. Travis Kelce is the best tight end in the league and is building a case for perhaps the best TE of all time. In the regular season, he had 110 receptions for 1,338 yards. He averaged 12.2 yards a catch, registering first downs seemingly at will and his 12 touchdowns make him a weapon in the red zone.

Now imagine getting some of Mahomes' other targets back for this game, including JuJu Smith-Schuster and Kadarius Toney, though Mecole Hardman was just placed on injured reserve Monday. Smith-Schuster and Toney will hopefully have enough extra time to heal, at least enough to get on the field and keep the Eagles defense guessing.

Speaking of defense, the Chiefs will be ready for the Eagles offense. Kansas City sacked the Bengals' Joe Burrow five times in the AFC title game and held the best receiving core in the league to 270 total yards. To think defense is considered to be the Chief's weak spot. Their rookie cornerback, Trent McDuffie, is up to the challenge of covering Eagles receiver A.J. Brown. McDuffie is a gutsy corner who is great in zone coverage and good in man pass coverage as well. He and his young backfield held their own against the Bengals' Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins two weeks ago. This will be their moment to stand tall against the Eagles.

My final X-factor for why the Chiefs will reign supreme Super Bowl Sunday is Chiefs head coach Andy Reid, who also coached the Eagles for 14 years until 2012. Reid is just too experienced and has too many tricks up his sleeve compared to Eagles rookie head coach Nick Sirianni. If you think Mahomes is magic, it begins with the plays Reid draws up that you wouldn't even think of for a flag football game, including spinning huddles and unexpected screen passes to Mahomes. The Chiefs also tend to execute said magic to perfection when Reid calls them.

Expect the Chiefs to pull off some amazing plays, maybe even in the last minute, to win the title. The Eagles are sure to fly — right back home to Philly as runners-up.



# Why the Eagles will fly to victory



By Mike Adzima  
Sports Writer

**F**or three out of my four years in college at Syracuse University I lived with one of my closest friends, Nick. Nick was born and raised outside of Philadelphia and naturally is a die-hard Eagles fan. If you know the stereotypes about Philly sports fans, then you understand what I had to live with for three years.

My time living with Nick included when the Eagles won their first Super Bowl. Even though I was a little bit salty being a Detroit fan who has been deprived of championships for far too long, it was nice to see. Although it is also fun watching Philly fans deal with the agony of defeat, I think the Philadelphia P.D. better get some more grease for those light poles because the Eagles will defeat the Kansas City Chiefs.

Looking at the matchups, this Super Bowl has the makings of a game that will be won in the trenches. There is so much talk about how good the QBs Patrick Mahomes and Jalen Hurts are, but it is really the lines protecting them and the lines coming after them that will be the difference makers.

The Eagles did tie for the 11th most sacks allowed in the regular season, but with a healthy offensive line so far in the postseason they have allowed Hurts to be sacked only twice. The Chiefs are going to have their work cut out for them after having no problem getting through a hobbled Cincinnati Bengals offensive line in the AFC Championship.

On the opposite side, the Eagles led the NFL in the regular season with 70 sacks and have eight sacks in just two playoff games.

Philly's secondary has also proved that it can be more than capable at keeping Mahomes in check as the Eagles allowed the fewest passing yards per game this season and were third-lowest in opponent QBR.

While the trenches will be important, the Eagles have plenty of talent at the skill positions as well.

Jalen Hurts set an NFL record in the NFC Championship with his 15th rushing touchdown of the year, the most by a QB ever in a single season. There are still doubts about his shoulder being completely healthy, but what he can get done through the air mixed with his mobility is still a dangerous combination.

When Hurts can get the ball down the field through the air, he does it with arguably the best receiving core in all of football. AJ Brown has cemented himself as a star and former Heisman Trophy winner Devonta Smith is rapidly approaching that level too.

All of the weapons the Eagles have on offense could be a tough combination for KC to handle. Sure the Chiefs have a few great pass rushers on defense with Chris Jones and Frank Clark, but in terms of overall defense this year, the team is average-at-best in terms of passing yards allowed and rushing yards per carry.

There is always some kind of Mahomes magic that could possibly happen to help the Chiefs win this game. However, on paper it is pretty clear to see that the Eagles are the better team. Philly's defense is relentless and will cause problems for Mahomes and Kansas City no matter how lucky they seem to be. The Eagles' offensive firepower could be too much for the Chiefs' defense to handle. Everything adds up.

Kansas City seems to be the lucky team as of late, catching some breaks and making just the right play at the right time to win games. The Eagles are simply too good to let that keep happening. You cannot rely simply on lucky breaks to beat a team as talented and gritty as Philadelphia, and that is why my dear friend Nick and the wonderfully wacky people of Philly will be celebrating on Sunday night.



**What:** Super Bowl LVII  
**Who:** Kansas City Chiefs vs. Philadelphia Eagles  
**When:** 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb 12  
**Where:** State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz.  
**Where to tune in:** Fox and Fox Deportes  
**Halftime Show:** Rihanna



# Pointe Pride!

15 Grosse Pointe athletes sign on the dotted line to play at collegiate level

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor  
and Mike Adzima  
Sports Writer

Friends, families, coaches and teammates gathered to support 15 athletes from throughout the Pointes who signed their National Letters of Intent (NLI) at special ceremonies last week, which took place at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School. The signings signified the moment when an athlete's verbal commitment became a formalized binding agreement between themselves and their future college or university.

Seven athletes from Grosse Pointe North, four athletes from University Liggett School and four athletes from Grosse Pointe South all signed on the dotted line with a variety of schools, including Wayne State University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Michigan, Washington University in St. Louis and University of Cincinnati.

Here are the sports and schools where these student-athletes will take their talents next fall.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

**Mitchell Beauregard**  
Football  
St. Thomas University

**Joshua Pierce**  
Football  
Campbell University

**Alexandra Karolak**  
Women's Soccer  
Washington University in St. Louis

**Olivia Thomas**  
Women's Soccer  
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

**Kinsley Aldridge**  
Lacrosse  
Calvin University

**Kaitlyn Barr**  
Softball  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Gabby Brumme**  
Women's Ice Hockey  
Adrian College

**Nicholas Dixon**  
Football  
Adrian College

**Drew Hill**  
Baseball/Football  
Wayne State University

**Olivia Palacio**  
Women's Ice Hockey  
Adrian College

**Daniel Taylor**  
Football  
Ohio Northern University

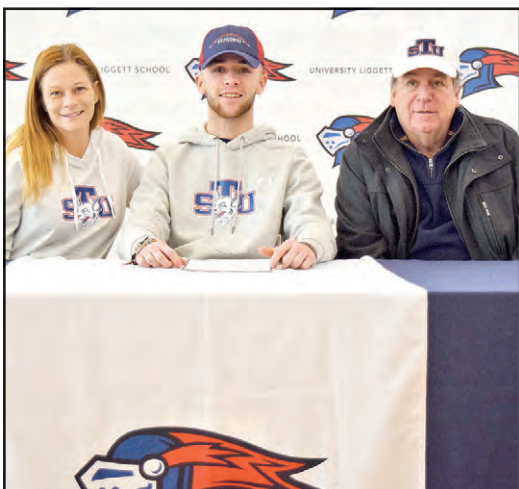
## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

**Matthew Zrimec**  
Baseball  
Calvin University

**Logan Hepner**  
Dive  
University of Michigan

**Sophie Schuetze**  
Swim and Dive  
University of Cincinnati

**Logan Detweiler**  
Cross Country and Track and Field  
Oakland University



Liggett's Mitchell Beauregard signs the paperwork to officially commit to play football at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla. From left, his mom Linda, and dad Peter celebrate the moment as a family.



Liggett Knight Alexandra Karolak (in black shirt) will play women's soccer at Washington University in St. Louis next fall. From left, her brother Will, dad Kevin, and mom Kriste join in to mark her official commitment last week.



Liggett's Olivia Thomas (center) will play women's Soccer at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill next fall. From left, her mom LaShanda, and dad Terence watch eagerly as she officially commits to become a Tar Heel.



From left, University Liggett's Alexandra Karolak, Olivia Thomas, athletic director Leython Williams, Mitchell Beauregard and Josh Pierce celebrate signing day Feb. 2.



Joshua Pierce (center) signs with Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina last week at Liggett. He is pictured with family members, from left to right, Shannon Jones, Jessica Pierce, Ronald Pierce, Courtney Pierce and Jessica Jones..

Photos courtesy of University Liggett School



Congratulations!

# 15 Grosse Pointe athletes sign on the dotted line to play at collegiate level

# Pointe Pride!



North photos by Mike Adzima



Nicholas Dixon (front center) and his family become Bulldogs as he officially commits to join the football team at Adrian College.



Surrounded by coaches from North's football, basketball and baseball teams, three-sport star Drew Hill will remain a multi-sport athlete in college as he signs to play both football and baseball at Wayne State University.



Kaitlyn Barr, second from left, is joined by her family to celebrate her signing day to play softball at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.



Kinsley Aldridge is all smiles as she signs on to play women's lacrosse at Calvin University.



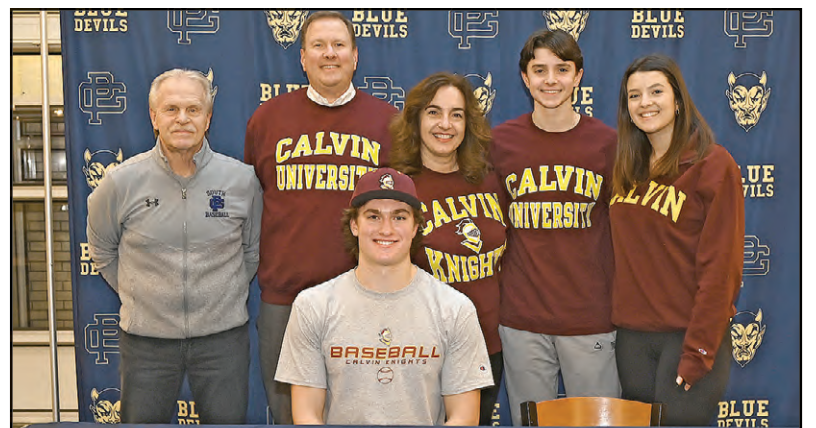
Olivia Palacio, left, and Gabby Brumme will go from Norsemen to Bulldogs together as the duo will continue to play women's hockey together at Adrian College next year.



North football quarterback and defensive back Daniel Taylor signs his letter to play football at Ohio Northern University with his parents by his side.



Four Grosse Pointe South athletes gather for a signing ceremony at South Wednesday, Feb. 1, including, from left to right, Matthew Zrimec, who will play baseball at Calvin University; Logan Detweiler, who will run cross country and track and field at Oakland University; Logan Hepner, who will dive at the University of Michigan; and Sophie Schuetze, who will join the swim and dive team at the University of Cincinnati. Though he officially committed to Oakland Feb. 1, Detweiler will join his coaches and parents at a spring signing ceremony at South.



Matthew Zrimec (front center) officially commits to play baseball at Calvin University. He is joined in the back row from left to right, South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum Sr., Zrimec's dad Mike, mom Patty, brother Steven and sister Caroline. His grandfather Jim Zrimec and grandmother Joanne Kordas also attended the ceremony.



South's 2022 Division 2 state diving champion, Logan Hepner, will dive for the University of Michigan's men's swim and dive team next fall. From left, he is joined by his father, Chad, who is South's varsity football head coach, and his mom, Kim.



Sophie Schuetze (center) will swim for the University of Cincinnati's swim and dive team next fall. Although she signed her official commitment letter last November, she was unable to attend the fall signing ceremony at South because she had, of all things, swim practice with her Blue Devils varsity team. Just a few months later she finally marks the moment from left to right, with her mom Julie, dad Matt, head coach John Fodell and older sister Abby.

South photos by Renee Landuyt

# Congratulations!



