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Ethics complaint filed before BoE

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Trustee Valarie St. John filed an ethics complaint against Vice President Lisa Papas after Papas made comments at a meeting of a group known as FEC United.

President Ahmed Ismail explained at the board meeting Monday, Feb. 13, that St. John felt Papas violated two sections of the district's ethics code for board members, including one that requires trustees to "avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using their board positions for personal partisan gain," and another

stating trustees should "take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law."

Ismail noted that discussions with district attorneys found Papas's words and actions did not amount to an ethics violation.

A recording of Papas's comments at the FEC United meeting, which were posted on social media by a group calling itself One GP United, included Papas asking people to donate to the group and attend board of education meetings to "support your conserva-

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2 killed at MSU were GPPSS grads

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Information released early Tuesday afternoon by law enforcement officials and the Grosse Pointe Public School System confirms two of the three students killed by a gunman at Michigan State University Monday night were GPPSS graduates.

One of the victims police have identified is Brian Fraser, a sophomore at MSU and a 2021 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. The second is Arielle Anderson, a 2021 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. The third victim, Alexandria Verner, was a junior from Clawson.

"Today at both North and South we are supporting our young people with our exceptional mental health team," GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean wrote in a letter to district families. "We are not sharing details of this event in our elementary and middle schools. As additional information is shared through the media, your child may be exposed to



Our hearts grieve for the entire Michigan State University community after the senseless on-campus shooting Feb. 13. Our hearts also break for the two Grosse Pointe Public School System families who each lost a child in this tragedy.

the reality of what has sadly taken place in East Lansing. The first thing that our children and young adults will wish to obtain from you is an assurance that you are providing the support they need to be safe. They may ask questions and it would be important to answer their questions based on their level of understanding."

The Family Center, in partnership with GPPSS, the Grosse Pointe Public

Library and The War Memorial, offered drop-in grief support for community members Tuesday and Wednesday. A vigil was held Tuesday evening at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

During a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Dean said he became aware of the shootings Monday night and was touched "as a dad and a human," being the father of a recent MSU graduate.

"We have a lot of our graduates at MSU and a tragedy somewhere else can still affect people here," he said. "I was at South this morning and started hearing people talking about Brian. We immediately shifted mode and created our crisis center because a lot of current students and teachers would have known him."

Dean said about 45 minutes later he received a call from North about Anderson.

"I thought for sure someone got their wires crossed," he said. "How can an act of senseless violence like this occur in the first place that touched our community and then not once, but twice."

Dean said he is not aware if Fraser and Anderson knew each other or were in the same location when they were shot.

Another five MSU students were shot Monday evening at Berkey Hall and the nearby Student Union. They were taken to Sparrow Hospital and were listed in critical condition as of press

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Kerch enters rehab in June

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— As the little lovelies attending Defer Elementary and Pierce Middle schools will learn in years to come, when school ends, a lifetime of work begins.

The next lesson comes with surfacing a one-third-mile stretch of Kercheval between Balfour and Bedford, a half block east of the schools.

"This is going to start right after school lets out in June with the goal being to get in and out as soon as possible," said Patrick Droze, project manager at OHM

Advisors, the city's engineering consultants.

Kercheval in the work zone is being closed for the duration.

"It lets the contractor move more quickly," Droze said. "We anticipate a four- to five-week project."

The lowest of four bidders, Florence Cement Co., of Shelby Township, won a \$675,247 contract for the job.

Bids ranged up to more than \$738,000.

A \$415,000 federal grant administered through the state transportation department offsets more than 60 percent

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Over the moon about flood protection

By Brad Lindberg Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Mayor Michele Hodges, known for playfully acknowledging main city council meeting agenda items with a symbolic prop, distributed Moon Pies to her colleagues and audience members prior to the Feb. 13 session dealing with, among other things, the

city receiving state approval to install an extreme emergency relief valve, or EERV.

The valve, tentatively scheduled to operate by early summer, is designed to divert excess storm runoff into Lake St. Clair rather than letting it back through the sewer system into basements as happened two years ago.

"We need to celebrate when these wonderful

things happen," Hodges said. "We changed the name of the EERV to the EERWee — like in, 'Weee, yeah, we did it!' We shot for the moon and got it. Now, we have to go for the stars."

"This is the biggest insurance policy we can invest in," said Councilman Max Wiener, chairman of the infrastructure committee and the elected body's lead on

flood-protection measures.

"This is not a common thing, creating new sewer outlets to water bodies," said Patrick Droze, a project manager with OHM Advisors, the city's engineering consultants.

"A lot of people said this is something that couldn't happen," Councilman Marty

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Woods moving ahead with Mack/Vernier project

By Ted O'Neil Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

— A \$720,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation means the city can proceed with improvements at the intersection of Mack and Vernier that will make it safer for vehicular traffic and pedestrians. "They haven't sent us the offi-

cial letter yet, but they did give us a project number, so it's been approved," City Administrator Frank Schulte said. "That's the first step."

Council at its meeting Monday, Feb. 6, also approved a resolution to partner with the Grosse Pointe Public School System in applying for two other state grants under the Safe Routes to Schools program. With Parcels

Middle School on the corner and Mason Elementary School just down Vernier, each school is eligible for a \$300,000 grant.

"Since the work takes place in the city right-of-way, the state requires the city to be the responsible agency for the proposed improvements," Schulte wrote in a memo to council. "In order to conform to state requirements, a resolution from the city must

accompany the application."

The impetus for the project was an offer from Wayne County to partner on improving county roads — which Mack is — using its American Rescue Plan Act dollars. The city is expecting to receive \$660,000 from the county in ARPA funds.

What started as an idea to

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Allison Stackpoole

Home: Grosse Pointe Park Holds three Michigan powerlifting records.



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Concessionaire secured for Pier Park 2023 season

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The concession stand at Pier Park has a bit of a rocky track record in the two years since 40-year concessionaire Dick Graves retired. Each season a new concessionaire has come on board in the nick of time — last year seemingly when all hope was lost — only to announce at the end of the season they would not be returning, leaving city administration to scramble through the same process year over year.

Everyone involved is hoping the third time will stick, as Quad Concessions LLC — operated by Grosse Pointe Woods residents Joe and Meghan Steenland — has been selected as the new Pier Park concessionaire for the 2023 season.

“I am happy to be standing here in February and not in April and May

to do this,” Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis said during Monday’s council meeting, at which the new concessionaires were unanimously approved and welcomed. “The last two years we’ve been doing it at the last minute and, unfortunately, probably not giving the concessionaires enough time to plan, get organized and get ready to go for Memorial Day.”

The married couple are no strangers to the gig. The two have been running the concession stand at Civic Ice Arena in St. Clair Shores the last year, which coincidentally also was one of Joe Steenland’s first places of employment at 14 years old.

“We’ve been successful,” he said. “Our customers are always happy and that’s what we’re there for.”

While the Steenlands decided to try their hand at running the St. Clair Shores location because

they already were there three to four days a week with their kids and wanted to put an end to its reputation of rarely being open, the love for the job they have since discovered is what prompted them to apply for Pier Park.

“When we started, we kind of didn’t know what we were doing and now that we have our foot in the door and we have a good rhythm, I really enjoy it and so does he,” Meghan Steenland said. “It’s really a fulfilling business to be in. We love seeing the kids and smiling faces and making sure everyone’s taken care of. It is really fun.”

If Joe Steenland has

the childhood connection to the ice arena, then it’s only fitting his wife carry a similar link to Pier Park.

Raised in the Farms, where her parents still live, “I was there every single day of my life,” she said. “I was a swim coach there.”

With the Pier Park stand historically running Memorial Weekend through Labor Day, it is nearly perfectly offset by the fact the ice arena stand closes near the end of April and doesn’t reopen until the start of hockey season in September.

“It worked out really well,” Joe Steenland said.

Most recently operat-

ing under the names of the Fishfly Café and Pier Houz, the Steenlands say they still are searching for the perfect name for the Pier Park stand. However, aside from the name and menu — set to feature a wide variety of burgers, wraps, fries, ice cream, snacks, beverages and candy — not much is going to change, at least right off the bat.

“We are going to do a lot of testing to see what works and what doesn’t,” Joe Steenland said, “so hopefully by the end of the year then, yeah, you will notice a difference.”

As for the food trucks that have made weekend appearances at the park in recent years — mainly

as a plan B each year when the city worried it may not secure a concessionaire in time — Galatis said residents shouldn’t expect them so frequently this year.

“Food trucks really don’t like me right now, because we kind of backtracked on them two years in a row with getting them to be at the park,” he told council. “During special events — Regatta, End of Summer Bash — I think the amount of people that we’re going to have at those events are probably going to warrant a food truck, so on those special occasions I believe that we will have them.”

Vacancies must be registered under new ordinance

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Following in the footsteps of the Park and Woods, which each have operated under similar ordinances for a number of years, the City of Grosse Pointe has implemented a means by which to govern vacant buildings and thereby address increasing problems with the upkeep of said properties and inability to reach their owners.

“We don’t currently have a registration process and so there may be buildings or homes that may be deteriorating that we don’t know about,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “It establishes our right to go inside and

inspect them after a year of vacancy, which is an allowance that we don’t currently legally have without going to the court with a reason.”

Under Article XIV. Vacant Buildings — unanimously adopted by city council during its January meeting — anyone owning or leasing a vacant residential or commercial building that will be wholly unoccupied more than 90 days must register the property with the City’s building department within 14 days of that 90-day mark.

Upon registration — for which council will set an annual fee meant to recover the cost of maintaining the registry — a one-year period will kick off, after which, if the property remains vacant,

it will become subject to interior and exterior building code inspection.

“But that would already have accelerated if it’s not registered,” City Attorney Charles Kennedy explained, “because not being registered is a violation in and of itself. So we would go to the court even more quickly for remedies if it isn’t registered.”

Also required under the ordinance is a contact person within 50 miles of the City, who is responsible for the property and response to maintenance issues.

Notably, the ordinance does not apply to vacant individual dwelling units within a multi-family apartment building or the vacancy of tenant

space in a multi-tenant commercial building.

Additional exceptions include buildings under construction with a valid building permit on file with the City and continuous progress being made, as well as for one year following a fire or extreme weather damage if a written request for exemption is submitted to the zoning administrator.

As for snowbirds, who may spend up to half the year in warmer states, Kennedy said, “I would venture to say that a lot of people who might go to Florida for a bunch of months affirmatively will notify the police force that they’re doing that, so that would be equivalent to registration.”

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of the cost. The \$260,247 balance is paid from the city’s major and local street fund.

“We probably submitted this request five years ago,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said of the grant application. “That was similar to what happened several years ago when Grosse Pointe Park did the north portion of Cadieux from Kercheval to Mack.”

Bidders responded to an advertisement Park officials logged with Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network, a regional purchasing group.

“Florence is a contractor that has worked in the Grosse Pointes,” Sizeland said. “OHM has worked with them before.”

“Florence has been doing Grosse Pointe City’s annual pavement

program year after year recently,” Droze said.

The bid came in 1 percent greater than Droze’s estimate of the project’s probable cost.

“A lot of times with bidding this time of year, you’re not sure what you’re going to get,” he said. “The last few years, prices have been quite volatile. We’ve seen 10 to 15 percent jumps.”

“Especially with supply chain concerns, this is favorable pricing,” Councilman Max Wiener said.

Resurfacing isn’t expected to interfere with other underground infrastructure work.

“There’s a water main in that general area,” Droze said. “It’s a large-diameter main, but talking with the department of public works, there’s really no reports of breaks within recent memory. Generally speaking, it should be good.”

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McMillan added. “But, here we are looking at it today.”

“We do not want to be putting this into the lake when we don’t have to,” Droze said of runoff and combined sewer water. “But, the realities of precipitation events that we’ve seen time and again in this area is we need to have a resilient system. This is part of the resilience.”

With state approval, the council authorized Droze to solicit construction bids.

“We try to give three to four weeks for bidding,”

he said. “We’ll specify a goal for having it operational in late spring (or) summertime. Our estimated cost for this is still around \$2 million.”

The valve and related underground piping are designed to link existing sewer infrastructure at the intersection of Three Mile Drive at Essex with an outlet off Patterson Park. Work requires digging up the intersection.

“As we get to the point of construction, there will be updates to the community about when and where pavements are impacted,” Droze said.

“This is something we’ve been building to for some time,” Hodges said.

City Manager Nick Sizeland has been consulting regional and state environmental regulators since shortly after the big storm and flooding mid-summer 2021.

“This was a team effort,” Sizeland said.

He credited everyone from the current council, city staff, consulting engineers and, mostly, Park residents who showed their mettle by supporting a 10-year millage, generating \$1.7 million annually to be used expressly for water and sewer infrastructure improvements.

Even the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation donated \$130,000 toward the EERV.

“People are going to be looking at Grosse Pointe Park for how we were able to accomplish this,” Sizeland said. “But, when we have extreme storm events, EGLE (the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) realized we have to change some things. There was a trust factor. We had to show initiative that this was not just approving a sewer bond. We had to make other measures to prove we were serious.”

“The millage put a finance mechanism in place that showed the seriousness of our community,” Wiener said. “That’s critical in expediting this process. EGLE really took notice of it. It really helped dramatically.”

“The scope of work includes construction of 800 feet of concrete sewer pipe, four manholes and two chamber structures,” Droze wrote in a report to council.

“Within the chambers, a sluice gate and check valve will be installed. Work will also have surface impacts on portions of Patterson Park, particularly along the main drive entrance. The project will also impact several trees. These will be restored after the project has been completed.”

“This has been an extremely dynamic process,” Wiener said. “We don’t want to put some major infrastructure project into the ground and not know if it’s going to function well. There’s a lot of additional items we can build onto it.”

Those secondary items appeared in Droze’s written report.

He recommended installation of real-time monitoring and remote-control equipment, electrical upgrades to link the EERV with the city’s two existing pumping station computer systems and installation of a seventh pump at the Patterson station.

“A seventh pump motor would help provide additional capacity to make this a more effective system,” Droze said. “It’s a high-dollar item. That might be something to consider as part of a future capital improvement program.”

“But now, we’re talking about going out to bid on the core design which will have great functionality,” Wiener said. “Then, we have a number of upgrades we’ll be looking at. As financing and priorities change, we can drop in a shift.”

Councilman Brian Brenner liked his Moon Pie so much he asked for and received another.

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Corewell GP debuts revamped ORs

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Spanning three years and beginning pre-pandemic, a large-scale renovation project to completely re-outfit the operating rooms at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital completed with the start of the new year.

“The new ORs have gone a long way in making it easier for us to bring more complex cases (with) more space (and) newer technologies,” said Dr. Philip Shalhoub, chief of the Department of Surgery. “In many respects, it’s gone a long way to improving the kind of procedures we can do over at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe quite a bit.”

The project transformed the previous 10 operating rooms into eight surgical suites enlarged by one-third and a hybrid operating room resting in a significant footprint of 1,084 square feet.

The hybrid suite combines surgical equipment with imaging-related equipment, such as X-rays, which takes what historically would be done in an interventional

lab or radiology room during a separate appointment, or at least a different time of the day, and allows it all to be done in one visit and location.

“This is really exciting for this community to have,” said Dr. Timothy C. Lyons, president of Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. “A lot of communities don’t have a hybrid operating room like this.”

The overhaul also brought in state-of-the-art equipment such as a C-Arm X-ray machine, which communicates with the operating table, and 4K technology and imaging.

“The computer monitors and screens that we used to have in here for imaging for laparoscopic surgeries (had) very poor imaging,” Director of Surgical Services Nicole Ahlgrim said. “It would be like if you thought of when we were in the ‘90s watching television and now the large 85-inch screen TVs that a lot of us have in our homes, it’s the difference between



Left, Director of Surgical Services Nicole Ahlgrim demonstrates the C-Arm X-ray machine within the new hybrid operation room, which also features 4K imaging technology. Below, the pharmacy also was upgraded and enlarged, so it can now compound medications without needing to do so offsite.

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that.”

Another goal of the renovation was to make all the ORs similar dimensions to improve efficiency.

Prior, much consideration had to go into how the patient would be positioned so the anesthesiologist had room at the head to maintain the airway, while the surgeon’s handedness and the area of the body being operated on also had to be taken into account.

This meant only certain ORs could be set up in certain ways, whereas now there is space for the

patient’s head to be angled toward any of the four walls.

“Now we can do pretty much any procedure in any room on any extremity, so it helps us a lot,” Ahlgrim said. “It means that we can do more surgeries in a day.”

Other improvements included creating an upgraded, standalone cystoscopy room equipped to perform urologic procedures like removing kidney stones and in which aquablation therapy — a minimally invasive procedure using water jets to treat patients with enlarged prostates



— is offered, as well as upgrading and enlarging the pharmacy so it can compound medications without needing to do so offsite.

“The people that work here are very happy with this new space,” Lyons said. “It’s a brand new

car they get to drive around, particularly the surgeons. They come in and they bring their patients in here and they feel like, ‘Boy, I’ve got everything I need now.’ It’s a very exciting time to be in this operation room.”

Council advised to ditch taxi rules

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — During the 14-year run of the radio show, “Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar,” that spanned the 1950s, a schtick consisted of the namesake character, an insurance industry detective, padding his “action-packed expense account” by logging generous tips to taxicab drivers.

Dollar would’ve been charmed by the courteous and clean taxi service provided at the time in the Park. Chapter 25 of the city code, dating to 1957, sets high standards for the industry.

“And it reads like it’s 60 years old,” said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager and member of the ordinance review committee.

He and the committee recommend the city council include the chapter among provisions to be eliminated as no longer needed.

“We don’t really have taxicabs anymore. It’s not compliant, functional or practical,” Rothe said of the chapter. “I say let’s get rid of it.”

Members of the committee, consisting of Chairman Tom Caulfield, Martin McMillan and Christine Gallagher —

all members of the city council — agreed last week to recommend revocation.

Many of the chapter’s provisions are considered arcane, especially those authorizing the city manager to regulate the dress and conduct of drivers:

“It shall be the duty of every person driving or operating a taxicab to be courteous, to refrain from smoking while actually carrying a passenger in his taxicab, to refrain from swearing, loud talking or boisterous conduct.”

“It’s such a waste of reading,” McMillan said. “But, at one time, this

was an issue.”

“All of these were written in for a reason,” Rothe said. “Reasons change over 50 or 60 years.”

“I’m sure a lot of this was put in when they got rid of the trolley cars,” Caulfield said.

The regulations weren’t considered onerous, evidenced by a recurring advertisement in the 1957 Grosse Pointe News: “For Quick Taxi Service” call the Park Cab Co. at VA2-2411.

During the same year, Kroger advertised a wooden case containing 12 bottles of Coca Cola for 99 cents.

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

◆ Great Lakes Water Authority public hearing, 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Correction

The story, “That’s a lot of beautifying in the Park,” published in the Feb. 9 Grosse Pointe News, should have read Grosse Pointe Park presented its civic award to Backer Landscaping, for the half-acre municipal dog park at Patterson Park.

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beautify the intersection turned into a complete redo as studies were conducted.

“It’s not exactly the most functional intersection,” City Engineer Scott Lockwood told council last May. “Those direct left turns in three different directions are very hazardous.”

The intersection currently allows direct left turns for traffic heading in three directions, although vehicles southbound on Mack must continue and make a Michigan-left to access eastbound Vernier.

“That’s hazardous to vehicular traffic and, more importantly, they’re hazardous to pedestrian traffic,” Lockwood added, “a huge majority of which is school children.”

Public Safety Director John Kosanke said the intersection sees the most accidents in the city year in and year out, particularly rear-end accidents and side-swipes.

Once complete, the project will eliminate all direct left turns and

replace traffic lights with black mast arms, similar to those at Kercheval and Moross. Other improvements include increasing the size of the island, reconfiguring the median islands on Vernier west of Mack and eliminating the turnaround west of

Sunningdale.

If the ARPA money and Safe Routes to Schools grant are approved, the city would receive nearly \$2 million, including the MDOT grant. Schulte said total cost for the project is \$2.1 million.

“Our intent is to put

this in the 2024-25 budget and do the work in the summer of 2025 so it’s done before that next school year starts,” Schulte said. “The first step will be to order the mast arms, since those will take quite a bit of time to finish.”

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For Park mom, records are made to be broken

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Allison Stackpoole is a 5-foot coiled spring of can-do.

Her attitude's upbeat. Her accomplishments are real. She's the antithesis of the loser's lament about not knowing how to win. She knows winning takes preparation, work, commitment, smarts and follow-through.

It's gotten her to the top and is the basis of her trying to go higher.

In a world of sedans, Stackpoole is a two-seat convertible packed with a piston-pumping V-infinity producing enough power to outclass anything in her class.

She holds three state records in weight lifting. And she thinks it's fun to run 13-mile half marathons.

Not bad for a 35-year-old married mother of three children ages 4 to 8; one boy, two girls.

"After my third kid, I knew I was done and wanted my body back," said Stackpoole, of Grosse Pointe Park.

She dove into a nutrition and fitness craze.

"I got addicted to feeling stronger and better," Stackpoole said. "I didn't know what power lifting was. I just knew I was getting stronger."

That was less than four years ago.

"When you first start, things happen fast," she said. "You build strength faster because your muscles aren't used to it. It gets slower and slower as you keep going."

She hired a coach, switched from exercising at home to the gym at the Country Club of Detroit and, in a whirl, entered her first weightlifting competition and set three Michigan records Jan. 29, at the United States Powerlifting Association Drug Tested 2023 Glass City Grand Prix in Toledo.

Stackpoole — competing in the submaster, 35 to 39 age group and 114-pound weight class — set records in bench press, squat and deadlift. She won the women's 52-kilogram open competition and the women's 52-kilogram submaster. Everything culminated in her being named overall meet submaster best lifter in all weight classes combined.

"My goal was to set the record for the three lifts, which I did," Stackpoole said, confident but not cocky. "I had to have three lifts totaling at least 245 kilograms, which is about 540 pounds."

She beat that mark with 255 kilograms, or 562 pounds.

"Now, I'm qualified for national competition July 10 to 14, in Las Vegas," Stackpoole said.

She's going. "Morphing into this version of myself the past four years has benefited not only me, but my entire family," Stackpoole said. "My kids see their mom doing something for herself and being strong. That keeps me going as well. Setting a good example is very important to me."

She wasn't always a two-seat convertible.

She played high school sports growing up in Northville and was on the Madonna University Crusaders women's freshman golf team before transferring to Michigan State University, but never really went wild with fitness.

"I was a sedan," Stackpoole said. "I've had three kids and genuinely ate for two. Anyone who assumes I've always looked like this, I assure them that is not the case."

The trick to changing lifestyles successfully is starting the process.



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Three medals for three records.

"You're going to mess up and you're going to feel like you failed, but as long as you're taking lessons from those little failures and you keep starting, you cannot fail," she said. "It took me four years. There are people I look at and think they're at a level I will never be.

But give me four more years and I very well could."

Stackpoole could teach her coach a few things about motivation.

"Goals reveal themselves," Stackpoole said. "You'll find goals you never knew you had. I started this wanting to be pre-pregnancy weight. I got there quickly and took it further because the journey was enjoyable."

She mixes stick-to-itiveness with common sense in her job as a nutrition coach.

"Everything in moderation is fine," she said. "The goal doesn't have to be weight loss, which is a lot of people's goal. It isn't an eight-week miracle. It's the simple stuff that's going to get you there, but it's easy."

Her method leans toward macro counting — tallying the daily consumption of macronutrients: proteins, carbs and fats.

"They're listed on every food label," Stackpoole said. "It's literally what's on the label. I help clients track foods

and what they're taking in, and check in once a week and go over how everything went. We talk about what to add to your life, not take away from your life."

Everyone has different goals.

"We work on habits that are sustainable," Stackpoole said. "Go slow and maintain it."

Physical fitness is part of the process.

"I try to steer my clients toward strength, conditioning and walking," Stackpoole said. "If you do nothing else, go for a walk. It takes a while, but if you start lifting five pounds, you know you can do more. When it clicks, they start feeling strong and get it. They stop paying attention to the (weight) scale for their self-worth. They are more confident, for sure. Being strong and having self-worth is valuable. It extends to other areas."

Commitment and hard work pay off. "You're going to make decisions anyway, you might as well choose the things that make you better," Stackpoole said.

This summer's national competition is coming sooner than later. "I don't know where this is going to take me, but I'm excited to find out," Stackpoole said.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Game of tag

A 28-year-old Southfield man was ticketed for no proof of insurance and an expired registration after being pulled over around 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, on Lakeshore near Fontana.

The 2008 Ford Explorer was impounded.

Curb appeal

A 40-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for drunken driving

around 10:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, after an officer noticed his vehicle swerving and hitting the curb on northbound Lakeshore near Briarcliff.

The man failed several field sobriety tests and measured a 0.113 blood alcohol level on a preliminary breath test.

— Ted O'Neil
Report information

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Suspended speeder

After being pulled over for speeding 35 mph at Lakeland and Jefferson at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, a 29-year-old Eastpointe man was found to have a suspended license, for which he was cited.

Close call

A fraudster in New Jersey attempted to open a Bank of America account in a Grosse

Pointe woman's name Wednesday, Feb. 8, but was flagged by the bank and prevented from doing so.

Casual thief

When officers were notified of a theft in progress from a Kercheval business at 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, they located the suspect walking along Harvard in possession of \$394 worth of various steaks and wine.

The 59-year-old Detroit man was arrested for the theft.

Swiped cell

An iPhone 13, with a credit card attached to it, was stolen from the bleachers at an establish-

ment in the 17000 block of Waterloo after its owner set it down to play basketball between 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Drunken wreck

A super-drunken driver ran off the road and hit a street sign at 12:39 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the area of Middlesex and Essex, according to the arresting officer.

"(The officer) heard a vehicle collision while on patrol," a detective said.

The driver was identified as a 41-year-old Detroit man.

"Follow-up investigation revealed (he) was three times the legal limit in blood alcohol content," the detective said.

Got 'em

Detectives cruising the area of Cadieux and Vernor last week spotted a 42-year-old male alleged swindler from St. Clair Shores and arrested him for theft and possession of illegal drugs.

The happenstance happened at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

"A small amount of suspected narcotics was found on (him) during a search," one of the officers said. "Further felony drug charges will be sought pending the outcome of a Michigan State Police drug analysis."

Park police knew of the man due to resident com-

plaints.

"(A resident) made a complaint that a local contractor took a deposit from her and never started the work they agreed upon," the officer said. "A follow-up investigation revealed the same contractor had done this to several area residents."

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Dine and dash

After eating \$114.48 worth of food at a restaurant in the 18000 block of Mack from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, a woman abruptly left without paying.

She is described as a 5-foot, 5-inch, 25-year-old white woman wearing a black coat, blue jeans and beanie hat.

Assault warrant

After attracting attention for stopping at an area gas station and not exiting the vehicle before leaving, a 22-year-old Hamtramck man was pulled over at Moross and Rolandale for a defective headlight and illegal window tint at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

The man was arrested and transferred to Southfield for domestic violence and assault and battery warrants out of the jurisdiction.

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Altered check

Four days after it issued a \$20,000 check to its book vendor in Atlanta, the Grosse Pointe Public Library's Finance Department discovered last week the check had been altered and deposited into a Chase Bank account under an unknown woman's name with an Atlanta address.

"The library finance department contacted Chase Bank and their fraud department is looking into the matter," the police report noted as of last Thursday. "At this time, there has been no reimbursement of the funds."

The bank has advised the library the process will take at least 15 to 20 days, GPPL Director Jessica Keyser reported.

"We have provided all of the requested documentation to Chase and are cooperating with law enforcement in their investigation," she added via email. "We of course hope to recoup the funds."

Farms detectives are waiting on the issuance of a search warrant to determine how the suspect managed the crime.

Peeping Tom

A Ring video notification alerted a homeowner in the 200 block of Moran of an unknown man taking photos and videos of the inside of her home through the glass front door at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10.

The man's cell phone was mounted on a pole,

which he then used to walk around the home and capture images of the second floor. The homeowner reported she does not have any construction work scheduled.

The suspect is described as a 30- to 40-year-old black man with a full beard and wearing glasses, a black knit hat, brown Carhartt jacket and black pants.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Penalty box

A heated argument between parents led to a suspected case of malicious destruction of property.

The complainant told officers around 12:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, he attended his son's hockey game at McCann Ice Arena and returned to the parking lot and found the rear right window of his 2022 Ford Bronco cracked, "as if someone hit it with a hockey stick."

Energetic thief

An employee at Kroger on Mack reported around 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, a man left the store with several cases of Red Bull without paying for them.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-30s who left in a silver SUV.

— Ted O'Neil

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



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Peaceful play

Responding to a need raised by the Maire Elementary School PTO for a visual buffer between children on the playground and customers in the Kroger parking lot at 16919 Kercheval, the Kroger Company of Michigan agreed to fully fund a \$28,453 six-foot wooden fence along the border between the two properties. Construction, courtesy of Grosse Pointe Builders, finished on the double-sided fence early this week. "We're already hearing a lot of good feedback from parents," Maire PTO President Eileen Proudlock said. "They're saying the playground already feels safer."

Lavins to get reroofed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The unintended aquatic basketball season ends this spring when a new roof is put on the Lavins Activity Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

"Several times our public works staff have gone up there patching leaks into the gymnasium," said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

Schena Flooring and Sheet Metal of Chesterfield Township won the job with a \$172,935 bid.

"This includes rubber urethane that is glued together," Sizeland said. "This was bud-

geted for in the capital improvements."

The material matches the current roof, unlike the covering proposed in a lower, \$158,972 bid Park officials rejected during the Feb. 13 city council meeting.

"There was caution by public works that this could run the risk of not matching materials and could lead to additional maintenance down the road," Sizeland said.

Schena's bid for the 14,800-square-foot project includes a two-year warranty plus a 20-year manufacturer's warranty for labor and material.

"The proposal is based on eight normal

working hours, Monday – Friday," according to the company's submission.

"Any conduits mounted to the decking, either above or below, that impeded the roofing process may result in additional labor charges."

"(DPW Supervisor) Tom (Jenny) reviewed these proposals," Councilman Tom Sizeland said. "He believes Schena will

provide the best quality."

"About 20 to 25 years is the standard life expectancy (of a roof)," Sizeland said. "The last time the roof was done at the Lavins Activity Center was 2003."

"We're not just doing this because it's 20 years old," said Councilman Tom Sizeland. "It's actually in need of repair."



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OUR VIEW

GP mourns unspeakable loss after MSU tragedy

Preparing for this week's edition of the Grosse Pointe News, it was business as usual for our staff until news hit of an on-campus shooting at Michigan State University the evening of Monday, Feb. 13.

Phones started ringing with panicked questions and safety concerns for MSU students. Local Spartan families began to furiously call and send text messages to their loved ones in East Lansing. These same students were told to shelter in place, blockade their doors and turn off the lights, wherever they were on campus. As they hunkered down, scared, and maybe alone or with other frightened students, they were told to silence their phones so the shooter, whose whereabouts were unknown, was not tipped off to anyone's location.

Eventually, police confirmed eight people were seriously injured and reports of fatalities circulated.

Then, the news got infinitely worse as our community's worst fears became a reality. Two MSU students from Grosse Pointe — one a graduate of South and another a graduate of North — died from their gunshot wounds.

None of us will ever be the same.

For the hundreds to perhaps thousands of Grosse Pointers who either attend MSU, graduated from there or have families and friends who are students and alumni, this tragedy pierces our hearts. Thoughts of "How? Why? No, this can't be true," run in circles through our minds.

Not just one, but two families in our community received news that is unquestionably a parent's worst nightmare. It's hard to believe this is real, but it is. And while this tragedy hits so close to home for so many, we need to keep our minds and hearts focused on these two families who are suffering through the unimaginable.

Superintendent Jon Dean wrote an email Tuesday to the community offering information on how to talk to our kids about violence. Most importantly, he offered words of consolation and comfort. In his letter, he said, "It is with a great deal of sadness that I bring this news to you and my thoughts go out to the many families that are suffering from another senseless act of violence. Thank you for wrapping love and support around our students, staff and families."

With that, we call on our community to love and comfort one another in every way we know how. We offer gratitude to police and frontline workers at MSU who acted bravely in the face of violence, chaos and trauma. We thank our Grosse Pointe teachers and staff who will be responsible for helping their classrooms navigate through fear, uncertainty and loss, as they experience those same emotions too.

At times like this — and to have to put "times" into plural form underscores the need to make this madness stop — we need the kindness, grace and compassion from our community to overflow toward one another.

We implore all of us to keep the Spartan community in our hearts in these coming days and look for ways to comfort and love our two GPPSS families who have lost their precious children.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered that flags fly at half-staff following a mass shooting Feb. 13, that ended three lives — including two recent Grosse Pointe Public School System graduates — and injured five others at Michigan State University. Above, flags fly at half-staff at Grosse Pointe North, left, and Grosse Pointe South.

GUEST VIEW

By Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW

Processing grief after tragedy

In recent days, a mass shooting at Michigan State University has devastated families who lost loved ones and has once again left our community struggling with the emotional and psychological fallout.

The aftermath of violence can impact everyone in a community, parents and children alike. There is a significant grief as we experience a loss of safety or sense of control.

It is important to start a conversation with children and adolescents about how they are doing. Don't assume that if they aren't talking about it, they don't know what's going on or they don't need to. Parents may be concerned that they will bring a difficult issue to the forefront, but many times children already are preoccupied with the violence — and are experiencing the loss of security that comes with it.

Before you talk with your children, be aware of your own feelings, vulnerability and the charged emotions that come up for you as a parent. While it is OK for children to see you emotional, because it normalizes their experience, too much intensity may overwhelm them. You want to ensure you can communicate calmly.

How you talk about this issue with your children will depend on their age, temperament and how closely they are impacted by event.

With younger children:

Start by asking what they know, rather than guessing. Children pick up a great deal of information even when we are careful about what we disclose. Assess what they've learned from social media, TV or conversations around them. A good starting point is:

- ◆ What do you know about what is happening and



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Lock the car, take the key

To the Editor:

It seems we cannot let a week go by without seeing yet another instance of a car being stolen in the Grosse Pointes where the key has been left in the car. While we all like to comfort ourselves with the notion that we live in a safe community where people's property is respected, the reality is somewhat less than that. If you don't want to abandon that feeling, ask yourself how you would feel if one of your neighbor's kids, on a whim, on a dare, or just on a stupid lark decided without thinking it through to jump into your car and take it for a ride and wound up wrapping it around a tree, killing himself or ran over some other child on the street with similar result. Lock the car, take the key. It might save a life and a lifetime of regrets.

DENNIS COTTER
Grosse Pointe Park

You are batting .500

To the Editor:

Congrats on your articles in the Feb. 2 Grosse Pointe News' Features and Sports sections, heralding mainstream opportunities for special ed kids in our community in employment and sports: "Help raise the roof" and "Fun never ends at Unified hoops."

The project undertaken by Alicia Carlisle to provide such an amazing and welcoming place as Michael B's Cafe is truly inspiring. And the headline piece about a North/South rivalry game between Unified players joyfully competing in front of a packed house was one of the best stories ever! Thank you. That said, the editorial in your Feb. 9 edition promoting a national holiday the day after the Super Bowl to allow recovery from hangovers and/or staying up late to watch the game is a definite low point on many levels.

- (1) I'll wager most people don't get blasted watching the Super Bowl notwithstanding popular misconception.
- (2) The game starts at 6:30. There is no late-night argument.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt



Silly laws still in the books?

I was having a conversation with a friend who recently went through a divorce and they were telling me about something their attorney brought up at the end of a deposition. “Did you know,” the spouse was asked by the attorney, “that adultery in Michigan is a felony?”

Shock and outrage were the reactions from the spouse and you can guess why, but apparently it is true. Adultery is illegal in three states, one being Michigan, where it is a felony, but can only be enforced with a complaint by the affected wife or husband. And you have one year after a divorce to complain to law enforcement. Who knew?

When I heard that, I wondered what other crazy laws are still on the books in Michigan. Or anywhere for that matter. I began my search and here is what I found.

In Michigan, people cannot be drunk on trains. I have taken a train from Chicago to Michigan and didn't know that was a problem having never seen anyone drunk on a train. It is against the law in Kalamazoo to serenade your girlfriend. No matter how many commercials the radio plays, it is unlawful in Michigan to purposefully destroy a radio. It is illegal for a man to scowl at his wife on a Sunday. Also, cars cannot be sold on a Sunday. In Michigan, it is illegal to idle your car in your own driveway. If you cut another person's hair, even if there is no charge, even if it's a friend or fam-

ily member, you are breaking the law if you don't get permission from the governor. I'm sorry, what? I'm happy that is not enforced!

And a woman may not cut her hair without permission from her husband. I would LOL at that one all the way to the salon! What if you are not married? Can you cut your own hair?

In Detroit, putt-putt golf courses must close by 1 a.m. I don't think that one is a problem. In the Soo, smoking in bed is illegal. It should be illegal everywhere! In Grand Haven, no person shall throw an abandoned hoop skirt into any street or on any sidewalk, under penalty of a \$5 fine for each offense.

Why aren't these laws taken off the books? Well, some of them anyway. Did you know legally you

are not supposed to drive in the left lane on the freeway? That is a passing-only lane. Obviously it is not enforced, because people drive in that lane all the time.

What about other states in America or beyond? What crazy laws exist out there? Here are some: Don't drive blindfolded in Alabama. No problem! You cannot wash your neighbors car without their permission in Los Angeles. I don't think your neighbor would mind; I know I wouldn't.

You can't drive a car in reverse on public roads in Arizona and you cannot drive a black car on Sunday in Denver. I would like to know the reasoning behind that one. And why only a black car?

In the U.S., butter substitutes are not allowed to be served in state prisons.

Yeah, that's what you should worry about in there. In Washington, you cannot buy meat of any kind on Sunday. Finally, a law that makes sense; this vegetarian thinks that law should make it illegal to buy meat any day of the week.

In Arizona, you cannot walk through a hotel lobby with spurs on. In Tempe, Ariz., it is illegal to eat grass from any area where sheep and cows are grazing. Yeah, not a problem. In Arkansas, the state of some really weird laws, men are not allowed to ask women to dance during the month of July.

The state of Washington doesn't allow marathon dancing, skipping, sliding, gliding, rolling or crawling. Hello, “Footloose”? I have an idea for a sequel. No crawling? Do they arrest a baby who doesn't know

how to walk yet or is there an age limit on this ridiculous law?

In Oregon, a dead person cannot be required to serve on a jury. I guess it makes sense because, you know, they're dead and wouldn't be able to tell right from wrong at that point.

In Venice, since 1173 it has been illegal to die. Um, how do you enforce that one? In Denmark, headlights must be on whenever a vehicle is being operated to distinguish it from parked cars. OK, is it just me or would the fact the car is moving be an even better way to tell the car is not parked? Just sayin'.

This list is endless, but the space for this column isn't. Hope you got a laugh out of this list of crazy laws.

Sources: Google and stupidlaws.com

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do you have any questions about it? It is generally best to start with the least amount of information needed to give them a sense of security and then disclose more in degrees. Assure them you will be honest with them and take your cues about what they can handle by the questions they ask or their level of engagement. Even if it seems they don't know about the incident, it may be important to discuss it if they can learn of it in the future.

◆ Provide information about the event using simple, honest, age-appropriate terms. Don't use euphemisms or half-truths — it only frightens and confuses them.

◆ Allow kids to talk about their response repeatedly if they need to. This won't make it worse. It helps them dismantle their grief. They need frequent reassurance and you should check in often.

◆ Give them time and space to recover. Let them know it's OK to grieve, but it's also OK not to grieve — to laugh, play, enjoy friends and forget about their sadness. Children especially move in and out of grief frequently. Encourage expressive outlets through drawing, writing or play.

◆ Provide structure and routine. This instills safety, normalcy and a sense of control. Parent the way

you have always parented as it reinforces predictability.

◆ Orient your children to safety and security. Remind them of what is being done to keep them safe at home and in the community. Reinforce the goodness in people by identifying the “helpers in a community.” Especially in tragedy, we need to be reminded of all the ways people are working to keep us safe and that there are good people all around us.

◆ Review coping strategies with children. Remind them what helps them to self-soothe when they are anxious or upset and reinforce they have good skills for taking care of themselves. Degrees of self-care matter and small things make a difference.

With older children:

◆ Help them separate facts from the misinformation that often comes with a tragedy.

◆ Encourage them to limit media and social media consumption. While having information may give them a sense of control, or a context for trying to understand something, it also can exacerbate anxiety, powerlessness and fear. Monitor how much media they are consuming and help them disengage.

◆ Validate their response to this crisis and that their emotions are normal. Adolescents will sometimes believe their feelings of vulnerability mean they are overly sensitive or not

coping well. Reinforce that they are having a reasonable response to a crisis, which many of us are struggling to process. Kids may assume that their family members or peers are not having the same difficulty, so it can be helpful to know that grief isn't always visible and everyone navigates it differently. Reinforce that no questions are off limits and it is important to talk about their thoughts and feelings, no matter what they are.

◆ Encourage adolescents to maintain their routines and stay connected with peers, allowing for some adaptation based on their needs. Help them assess the best balance for them in terms of structure and downtime, solitude and socializing, and attending to their grief versus compartmentalizing it. This balance will look different for everyone, so try to approach these conversations around how they can best take care of themselves, rather than problem solving for them.

◆ Identify where kids have some control. Because it is typical to feel powerless in response to a crisis, making informed choices for themselves, even in the smallest of ways, will help them resume some sense of control. Allow them autonomy whenever you reasonably can and help them understand that they can take the time they need to respond in their own way.

◆ Encourage a sense of agency. Some young people will seek a sense of purpose right now. Encouraging this is an important way we can support them. If our students are activated around the desire to do something within the community, you can support them with questions like: What might be the consequences of doing this? What are you hoping to accomplish? Who are the friends and supports you can access for this? What are you doing to educate yourself and others around this? And are there additional, or alternative ways, to pur-

sue what you want to accomplish.

◆ Instill hope in our children and adolescents. While we don't want to discount the complex emotions they may be feeling by moving them through their grief too quickly, it is helpful to reassure them that — whatever their recovery process looks like — they will not always feel like this.

It is typical for children and families to experience a wide range of emotions after a trauma. You may see behavioral changes that include distractibility, disruptions in appetite and sleep, somatic complaints

or changes in mood. While this is not unusual, if this persists past four to six weeks it may be important to seek professional help. Every person is different, but if your child is suffering, especially if the trauma hit close to home, it may be important to seek a consult with a mental health professional to help navigate their grief and develop a plan for moving forward.

Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW, is a licensed social worker with more than 25 years of experience providing individual, group and family therapy in the private and public sectors.

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GP North getting resource officer

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A forthcoming memorandum of understanding between city council and the Grosse Pointe Public School System means a resource officer will be assigned full time to Grosse Pointe North High School starting this fall.

A portion of the funding for the position comes from a new program announced last month by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to provide resource officers to 195 schools statewide under a \$25 million grant.

Council approved a resolution at its meeting Monday, Feb. 6, to move ahead with the plan.

"I've had several meetings with the school district administration and there is interest on both sides," Woods Public Safety Director John Kosanke told council. "There was a lot of talk about the need for SROs after the Oxford High School shooting, so the state allocated the money and the district applied."

GPPSS will receive \$198,000 over the course of the three-year pilot program.

Information Kosanke presented at the meeting shows the grand total for the new officer for the initial three years will be \$444,000, including wages, benefits and training. Once the grant money is factored in, that leaves \$246,000 to be

covered by GPPSS and the city.

That cost will be split 75/25, with the district paying three-quarters of the amount and the city the other quarter.

"Since it's basically a nine-month assignment during the school year, the officer will be on regular duty the other three months," Kosanke said. "That person will be covering vacations or when officers are gone for training."

The average yearly cost to the district over the three years will be \$61,478, while the city will pay an average of \$20,492.

A few council members asked what will happen if the state doesn't renew the grant

and if the city would end up absorbing the full cost of the position, thereby increasing the department beyond its allotted 30 officers.

"If the grant ends, we could absorb that officer through attrition," Kosanke said. "I already know I've got two officers who plan to retire in two years and there could be more."

Kosanke said his next steps are to discuss the position with the union that represents public safety officers to get input and continue talks with GPPSS.

"The SRO will be at North for the entire school day and I could see them attending events such as football games," Kosanke said.

"This is all new to us so it's something we'll have to work out with the district."

GPPSS Superintendent Jon Dean agreed.

"Typically a resource officer works a flexible schedule and works with the needs of the school," he said. "Certainly for something big like the homecoming football game you'd want them there."

Dean said North was chosen after talking with Kosanke and John Hutchins, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Farms where Grosse Pointe South High School is located.

"We determined there was more of a need at North," he said.

Kosanke said while the

officer will be dedicated to the school at all times when class is in session and responsible for responding to issues at North during school breaks, the SRO is there as a safety precaution and will not be involved in any disciplinary actions.

Officers from the Woods and other Pointes have responded to North at least twice this school year. The first was last October when a fight broke out at the homecoming dance. The second was in December when the building was put on a brief lockdown after reports of a person with a gun on campus.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy later said in a press release that a 14-year-old female student was charged with making a false report or threat of terrorism.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES



Lielyn Mercer



Henry Ayrault



Alex Pinter



Mia Eugenio

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at Miami University:

Betsy Oliver, Lainey Rahm and Sean Clarke of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Lielyn Mercer, Abby Blyth and Audrey Calcaterra** of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Alex Pinter** and **Henry Ayrault** of Grosse Pointe Park; and **Mia Eugenio** of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Brynn Spicher of Grosse Pointe Woods



Alexandra Rae Turnbull

was named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at the University of Findlay.

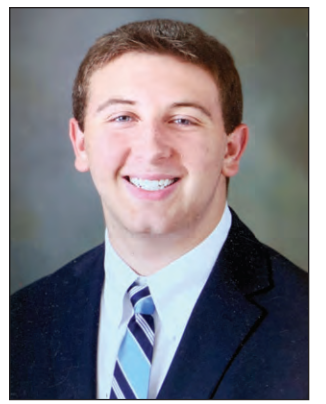
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Alexandra Rae Turnbull of Grosse Pointe Park, a 2020 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was



Lloyd D. Dennis

named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at Hawaii Pacific University. She is studying international relations and global security.

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Lloyd D. Dennis of Grosse Pointe Farms was



Benjamin Paolucci

named to the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester at Fairfield University.

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Benjamin Paolucci of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester at Vanderbilt University.

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time.

The campus was placed on lockdown more than four hours until the 43-year-old suspect was found dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Campus police said the man had no known connection to MSU as a student or employee.



Superintendent Jon Dean addresses attendees at a press conference Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the aftermath of the shooting deaths of two GPPSS graduates at Michigan State University the night before.

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"majority" on the current board that overturned plans to build a health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School by a 4-3 vote.

"I mentioned majority

because on this board I feel we have a majority of people I can have a conversation with," Papas said during trustee comments at the end of Monday's meeting. "I didn't mean some monolithic majority. This board has been in place for just a month and it's been one thing after another."

St. John made a motion for a resolution during board requests stating "no current trustee shall engage in hate speech representing hostility or disdain for a member of a protected class," or "solicit donations for a group defined as an anti-government extremist group by the Southern Poverty Law Center."

Trustees violating the

proposed policy could be removed from a board officer position and/or committee chair role. Aside from being board vice president, Papas chairs the board's newly created curriculum committee.

The board will vote on the measure at its meeting Monday, Feb. 27. The board currently adheres to the Board of Ethics as adopted by the National School Boards Association.

Papas said it was not her intention to offend anyone but said she is concerned about many issues in today's society, including how the pandemic shutdown impacted students and small businesses.

"There are issues I care about and I'm not going to be quiet because some peo-

ple are uncomfortable," she said. "You don't have to agree with me."

In other business

The board also approved its budget parameters, a checklist of items for administration to keep in mind while preparing the 2023-24 budget. They include placing more emphasis on early childhood education to increase enrollment, maintaining the district's longstanding position of not participating in schools of choice and possibly cutting \$3 million from support services.

More discussion was held regarding the board hiring independent outside legal counsel, which is scheduled for a vote at the meeting Monday, Feb. 27.

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Shores gets clean audit

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City council learned that its books are in order during an audit presentation at its January meeting.

Aaron Stevens, with the firm Maner Costerisan, said the city received an “unqualified opinion,” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. That is the highest audit level a municipality can receive. A qualified audit means there are problems with the acceptability or adequacy of accounting policies, while an adverse

audit means there are gross misstatements and potential fraud.

“Our responsibility is to obtain a reasonable assurance that the financial statements are in order,” Stevens said. “We don’t look at every transaction, but we do spot checks to make sure everything lines up with generally accepted accounting principles.”

The city ended the fiscal year with assigned and unassigned fund balances of more than \$2.8 million.

“That means you’ve got a 37 percent fund balance, or enough to cover 4.5 months of

operation,” Stevens said. “The Government Finance Officers Association recommends 17 percent, or enough to cover two months.”

Stevens noted the city has an unrestricted fund balance just shy of \$2.5 million, far above the recommended minimum of \$500,000 for a budget its size.

“Your liquidity is 5.6 percent, meaning you could cover your current obligations 5.6 times over,” he said.

The Shores also has \$4.4 million in long-term debt, including bonds council sold to

pay for water main and sewer line work on Lakeshore and Oxford.

While the city’s pension line item is 80 percent funded, its OPEB (other post-employment benefits) is only 15 percent funded with a liability of \$9.9 million. OPEB includes retiree benefits other than pensions, notably health care, life insurance and disability. The pension fund is \$3.7 million short and saw an investment loss of \$1.5 million during fiscal year 2021-22.

Stevens said that was not uncommon among municipalities as the

market saw a sharp decline during the pandemic.

Some 81 percent of the city’s general fund revenue comes from property taxes, with the rest made up of inter-governmental transfers, charges for services and fines. The department of public safety is the largest expenditure in the annual budget, at 42 percent, followed by the department of public works at 17 percent.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski, a CPA, said he was impressed with Maner Costerisan.

“I met with their team for a couple hours when they were here and they were very thorough,” he said. “They asked a lot of good questions.”

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‘No camping in public’ ordinance prioritizes compassion

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Continuing the City public safety department’s focus on aid before arrest in applicable situations such as mental illness — 2021 saw the creation of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods Crisis Intervention Team, while implementation of the Hope not Handcuffs program began last month — city council has unanimously approved a new ordinance governing how officers handle a person attempting to camp in a public place.

“We don’t have a problem with this in Grosse Pointe City,” Public Safety Director John Alcorn clarified. “This ordinance is a proactive approach that gives officers clear direction and legal tools should a camping issue arise.”

Sec. 46-124 — Camping in Public Places, prohibits camping — defined as sleeping, cooking or living there — on public property, but also allows enforcement only after someone is given a warning and provided an opportunity to obtain

assistance.

As the department plans to keep an updated list of shelters in the metro Detroit area, the ordinance language also provides an exception for enforcement during inclement weather if no temporary shelters or safe havens are available.

“Following up on what this department has done with the One Mind Campaign and crisis intervention team,” Alcorn said, “the implementation of this ordinance will continue to emphasize outreach and

connection to resources, but also gives enforcement tools when needed and appropriate.

“Our proposed ordinance is very unique,” he added, “in that it addresses a potential problem with a very compassionate approach and it offers help before enforcement.”

Any adult with whom enforcement becomes necessary will be subject to a misdemeanor, while a minor would receive a civil infraction.

Councilwoman Maureen Juip clarified

this would not prohibit city-sanctioned camping, such as an organized event at Neff Park.

— Laurel Kraus

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(3) What kind of example would we be setting for our kids and indeed the rest of the world if adults actually pandered to “hangover Monday?”

(4) Your argument that “this adult skip day hurts our country’s bottom line” because employers lose billions of dollars due to decreased productivity is ridiculous. Are you really saying that because a minority of people who you say attend Super Bowl bashes don’t show up for work Monday (10 percent), somehow this productivity problem would be solved if 100 percent took the day off with a national holiday? I don’t think many employers would support this math.

TONYBRAUN
Grosse Pointe Park

Not worth it

To the Editor:

I just finished reading the Jan. 26 Grosse Pointe News article, “Coming home to roost,” concerning an idea put forth to Grosse Pointe Woods City Council. Frankly, this is not a good idea on multiple fronts. ...

Chicken coops are filthy. Chickens make noise 24-7. They require humane treatment and much care. Extreme cold, extreme heat, the fact we have raccoons and coyotes encroaching our city and that, essentially, you’re proposing a buffet for them via chickens, with increased harm to our pets’ welfare and our own health because the price of eggs has gone up (and will go down again) is illogical.

Mr. Lechner’s quote is utterly at odds with health code compliance, the suggestion that “they (chickens) help pest control by eating bugs and they can eat table scraps,

which means less trash.” Hey folks, you’re talking about open garbage, not simple “table scraps,” that should be safely used in code-enforced home composting bins.

These coops, regardless of where you put them, are going to be within feet of where we sit, in our yards, our gardens, where we rest and enjoy family time. ...

We live in an urban environment. The 2020 census says we have 5,120 people per square mile in GPW. Chickens were not requested by the citizenry. There has been no vote on it. You’re opening a can of worms that’s going to suck up city time and resources to a degree you had best consider in great depth on multiple levels.

This proposal is simply not worth the city’s time and effort.

JOHN WESENBERG
Grosse Pointe Woods

Editor’s Note: This version of Mr. Wesenberg’s letter has been edited in length, according to the Grosse Pointe News letter policy. His original 1,750-word letter, initially sent to city council and

which he requested be published in the Grosse Pointe News, may be found in its entirety online at grossepointenews.com.

Enjoying the benefits

To the Editor:

In her letter to the editor (Feb. 9), Kelly Boll mentioned the fiber network project GPPSS initiated in 2016. I am pleased to report we continue to reap the benefits of this undertaking. Since we activated our high-capacity fiber network in 2021, transitioning from leasing services for approximately \$25,000 a month, we now enjoy free internet service provided by Everstream for 15 years, along with 20 years of free maintenance.

Previously, GPPSS used two-thirds of its 3 Gbps network connection and lacked the capability to scale to meet our strategic objectives. The fiber network affords 20 times the bandwidth compared to what we had previously. This additional bandwidth supports our increased needs resulting from the \$18

million in the \$111 million bond earmarked for technology infrastructure upgrades, including new cable inside the buildings, new fire alarms and access doors, new bell systems and SMART Boards.

On top of this are instructional components, including the bring-your-own device initiative, online resources and textbook software, and Schoology, the district’s learning management system.

The fiber initiative, which represents an approximate five-year return on investment, is one of many ways we are setting the district up for long-term success while keeping our buildings safe and operational. The fiber network is the foundation, providing the capacity to fully support the technology available to us to enhance teaching and learning.

We are now at a place where we have the technology in place to secure our place as a marquee district for years to come.

CHRIS STANLEY
GPPSS Director of Instructional Design and Technology



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They’ve got flooring covered

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Floor Coverings International, a family-owned business that carries and installs an assortment of flooring, including carpet, hardwood, tile, luxury vinyl and laminates, as well as refinish hardwood floors. For more information, visit metroeastdtw.floorcoveringsinternational.com/ or call (586) 482-8881. Pictured from left are Jenny Boettcher, chamber president and executive director; Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and engagement coordinator; Katie Hall, Floor Coverings International team member; Amy Kish, FCI owner; Ken Kish, FCI owner; Michele Hodges, Grosse Pointe Park mayor; Rebecca Reyes, FCI design associate; and Ebony Duff, chamber board member.

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‘The Mind of a Muralist’



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Above, “Salvation Material” by Ijania Cortez. Left, a portion of the Stellantis mural being painted on the sound barrier at the site of its Detroit Assembly Complex—Mack plant.

GPAA lecture series welcomes muralists, art historian Feb. 19

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s a good chance while driving through Mexicantown or Greektown, or visiting the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History or Detroit Athletic Club, one will encounter the work of Hubert Massey.

The muralist has made his mark on a number of Detroit landmarks, as has Ijania Cortez, whose vibrant spray-painted murals also dot the cityscape.

Both artists, as well as art historian and former Grosse Pointer Deborah Lubera Kawsy, will speak during the next Your Old Mansion lecture, hosted by the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The trio first collaborated some time ago, brought together through Kawsy’s involvement in the Detroit art scene.

“I’d done several presentations for Design Core Detroit, an organization that arose to connect art and artists in the city,” she said. When UNESCO’s Design Cities project named Detroit its first American Design City in 2015, “it put Detroit on the map, where it belongs design-wise. Every September, the Month of Design, the city hosts lectures, demonstrations, public installations.”

Last September, Kawsy teamed up with Massey and Cortez for a Month of Design presentation about murals. For Your Old Mansion, they’ll reunite, but guests can expect new information.

“What’s fun about Hubert is he has so many stories that you can never hear them all,” Kawsy

said. “No two presentations are ever the same.” Massey will discuss his current project — a mural on the sound barrier outside of the Stellantis Detroit Assembly Complex—Mack plant — which, when finished, will be one of the largest art installations in Detroit history, measuring 15 feet high and 1,500 feet long.

The last time the trio presented, the mural was no more than a drawing. Currently, phase one is on the wall, Kawsy said.

“He’ll focus on that for the new portion of the

Docomomo, an executive committee member of Art Impact Connect LLC and an adjunct professor at Madonna University — has been heavily involved in the city’s art world for years.

“I’m privileged to work with some icons of Detroit art who inspire others, not only with their Detroit art, but with their life stories as well,” she said. “Not only have they persevered through challenges, but they’ve inspired the next generation, too. Hubert Massey has taken so much time to work with younger art-

paint. It’s amazing how he is coordinating this project in order to give

chances to these new art-

ists.”

The mural’s panels tell the story of Detroit — See MURALS, page 7B



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Deborah Lubera Kawsy

event at The War Memorial,” she added. “Both artists are at work doing murals all the time. Some of the elements are the same — their journey as an artist, the different media and styles they employ — but what’s new is their involvement in the Stellantis mural.”

Kawsy — who is board president of the Michigan chapter of

ists like Ijania.” Through his Stellantis project, Massey not only designed the mural, but has taken on the role of project coordinator, enlisting other artists to participate in its phases.

“He’s giving them parts of the mural,” Kawsy said. “There are so many other great artists and muralists in Detroit and he’s given it to them to

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GOP leader speaks to Republicans Tuesday

Michigan Republican National Committeeman Rob Steele, M.D., will talk about Michigan's new GOP leadership and the GOP majority in the U.S. House as he addresses the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Dr. Rob Steele, RNC member.

The Ann Arbor cardiologist was first elected in 2016.

"Dr. Steele is the right person to brief us on the direction of the Republican Party, which now controls the U.S. House, and on GOP prospects for 2024," said ERC Chairman Mike Vethacke in advance of the meeting. "Next week we look forward to his insider's view of the Republican National Committee, as well as the Michigan GOP, which elects new leadership at the state convention this weekend."

"The forum is open to the public at no charge," he added, "so we invite anyone interested in current events to attend and take part in the discussion following Dr. Steele's presentation."

Forum doors open for coffee and networking at 7 p.m.

Steele grew up in Greenville and was educated at the University of Michigan, where he earned a bachelor's degree with high honors, followed by a medical degree at age 23. After further training at the University of Cincinnati and Washington University in St. Louis, Steele returned to Ann Arbor and joined one of his medical school mentors in private practice at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

In practice since 1987, he was a founding member of a practice that grew to 35 physicians and 300 employees, chairing the finance and benefits committee. He holds board certifications in internal medicine, cardiovascular diseases, interventional cardiology and echocardiography, and has performed approximately 25,000 heart catheterization procedures.

In 2010, Steele's challenge to the longest-serving congressman in history, the late John Dingell, was Dingell's closest race ever. Steele raised more than \$1 million in individual donations, the most by any U.S. House challenger in the country. In 2012 and 2014, he was a statewide Republican nominee for the U-M Board of Regents.

He and his wife of 30 years, Dr. Phyllis Boniface, a psychiatrist, have four adult children.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at eastsiderepublican.club.



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Rock solid

Grosse Pointe South High School students, from left, freshman Morgan Duff; senior Madison Duff, president and founder of Grosse Pointe South Black Student Union; freshman Leah Morrow and sophomore Laila Jones, along with sophomore Alton Smith (not pictured), got together Sunday, Feb. 5, to paint the South rock in honor of Black History Month.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit fullotusyoga.net.

Ford House

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

- ◆ Nooks & Crannies guided tours are offered at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is reduced.
- ◆ Storytime: "Crocodiles Need Kisses Too," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through Feb. 28.
- ◆ Black History Month performance, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, featuring local poets, actors 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.
- ◆ House tours and grounds passes are offered noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Nov. 30. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$7.50 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.
- ◆ Grounds passes are available daily, 8 a.m. through sunset, now through Dec. 31. Passes cost \$7 for adults and \$5 for ages 6 to 12. Members are admitted free of charge.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The War Memorial
The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms, offers a variety of programs and classes. Register for the following at warmemorial.org.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Learn to Paint Like Bob Ross: Spring Mountain, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Cost is \$95.
- ◆ Beginner Ballroom Basics: Waltz and Rumba, 7 to 7:50 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 23 to March 30. Cost is \$110 per couple for six weeks or \$60 per person for six weeks.
- ◆ American Romanian Festival: "Black Angels," 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 3. Tickets are \$25.
- ◆ American Romanian Festival: "Passionate Enescu & Martin Strings Octets," 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Tickets are \$25.

Ecumenical Breakfast
The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Caitlin Kashef, associate broker at Higbie Maxon Agney, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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

- ◆ Origins of Food, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Joel Tacey's Winter Magic and Comedy Show, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ Tech Savvy Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.
- ◆ Teen Board Game Club, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Blood drives
The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 7:15 a.m. To 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sign up at redcrossblood.org.

◆ Illustrate with Procreate, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Thoughts to Action Disability Visibility Recording, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, in the DREAM Lab at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rotary
The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22. Stu Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Mini Picassos
Mini Picassos, 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores, offers a variety of classes and camps. To register, visit minipicassosstudio.com or call (313) 283-6710.

◆ Mid-Winter Break Two-Day Mini Camp, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23, for ages 5 to 12. Cost is \$115 per artist. Snacks and drinks are included.

◆ Spring Break Four-Day Art Camp, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 28 to 31, for ages 5 to 12. Cost is \$230 per artist. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Live music
Laura Rain and the Caesars will perform live Saturday, Feb. 25, at Cornerstone Village Bar & Grille, 17315 Mack, Detroit. Call (313) 821-4998 or visit cornerstonevillagebarandgrille.com.



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Pointer makes good

Lisa Kyle, left, is sworn in Jan. 27, as vice chair of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission. Assistant City Clerk Courtney Delmege does the honors. Kyle, a member of the commission since 2011, serves as vice chair through 2026. She was profiled as a Pointer of Interest Oct. 12, 2022.

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Offering assistance

Nick Mancuso, donor experience manager for the Detroit Boxing Gym, recently visited the Grosse Pointe Optimist Club at the Cabbage Patch Saloon in Grosse Pointe Park, to share his organization's efforts to assist Detroit school kids in both athletics and academics. DBG, located on Detroit's east side, is a leader and innovator in out-of-school-time programming while working with approximately 200 youngsters daily to provide tutoring, dinners and food service and boxing skills. Pictured, Mancuso, left, receives an Optimist Certificate of Appreciation from club President Dave Fries.



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Special Needs Resource Fair is Feb. 28

Nonprofits, GPPSS team up to share information

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods will host a Special Needs Resource Fair, showcasing opportunities and support for neuro-diverse children and their families, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event — which features vendors offering educational, recreational and occupational resources, as well as mental health, legal and government services — is a partnership between The Family Center and The War Memorial, The Arc, Full Circle Foundation, Grosse Pointe Public School System Transition Services, Kids On The Go and Lumen Pediatric Therapy.

“When MaryJo (Harris) and I first started here, we were meeting with different nonprofit groups and the schools to find out what everybody else does,” said Jennifer Bingaman, executive director of The Family Center. “We found that the different special-needs groups would say,

‘I wish I would have known what so-and-so was doing’ or ‘I had no idea that so-and-so did that.’

“We kept asking them at these meetings, what if we all came together?” she continued. “At the time there was some concern over it becoming a fundraising issue ... but now, especially after COVID, everyone’s saying we just need to serve the community the best we can.”

Bingaman and Harris, director of programs and administration at The Family Center, gathered representatives of several nonprofits and, before long, the idea of a resource fair was presented.

“Kristy Schena really wanted to have a resource fair like this,” Bingaman said. “And Kimberly King from Grosse Pointe Public Schools Transition Services asked if there was any way we could pull it off in the winter, before the deadline passed for secondary education, so parents could understand the process before applying.”

“We are so excited to be a part of the community coming together to support and provide

these resources for our families,” said Schena, director and founder of Kids On The Go, a nonprofit that provides physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapies to children ages 3 to 17 with special needs.

“We are so very excited to be able to offer this opportunity to the families in our community,” added King, special education transition services coordinator for GPPSS. “Getting plugged into resources early on is the best way to support your child. For students with special needs, the transition to adulthood can be overwhelming. Finding the right support network to navigate continuing education and other options that help them grow into a more independent young adult life is key and this fair is a great step in the process.”

“The Full Circle Foundation understands that it truly does take a village to support special needs individuals and their families at every stage of life,” said Stephanie DiVirgil, program coordinator for Full Circle. “The resource fair will offer convenient learning about local

resources for benefits and guidance.”

The Family Center, which provides resources and education to empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges, took the lead planning the event, which will welcome more than 30 vendors, “from college opportunities and job opportunities to financial planning, estate planning, mental health,” Bingaman said. “An organization in Ohio that provides dogs for families with a special-needs child; government agencies; parent volunteers who’ve navigated this, who have older kids and are now willing to talk to families just starting to navigate this; speech therapy; occupational therapy — they’ll all be there.”

The event takes place at The War Memorial, which operates a nonprofit wing, where The Family Center is housed.

“We are proud partners with The Family Center in hosting this resource fair, bringing essential program and service providers together under one roof to support families, caregivers and chil-

dren with diverse needs” said Leah Celebi, vice president of community engagement and programming at The War Memorial. “We extend our gratitude to the individuals and organizations participating in this inaugural event and we look forward to connecting members of the greater community to opportunities for support.”

The four-hour fair — geared toward parents and caregivers looking for supportive opportunities for their neuro-diverse children ages birth to 26 years — will operate as an open house; guests will be able to gather general information, ask questions and interact with vendors and other parents.

Each vendor will have a table, so attendees can “walk around and get the information they need,” Bingaman said.

Additionally, volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. Water, coffee and cookies will be available.

“It’s designed for parents and caregivers, but if they bring a child with special

needs who gets overwhelmed, there will be a space provided for that,” Bingaman added, noting a quiet “recovery space.”

Added Harris, “Or it can be a place to process information or sit with other parents.”

Admission and vendor participation are free.

“We hope this is a special-needs alliance that will partner on programs throughout the year, year after year,” Bingaman said. “It’s about ongoing support for families with kids with special needs. We’d love to have it annually or biannually, depending on need and based on the response we get. We’re open to everything the community needs.”

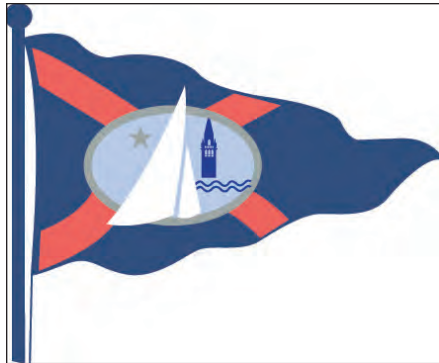
For more information visit familycenterweb.org/ or email jennifer.bingaman@familycenterweb.org.



Scholarships available to students with sailing experience

Deadline to apply is Sunday, April 2

The Youth Nautical Education Foundation is offering 12 college scholarships to young sailors who have participated in beginner club or high school racing programs at any time.



Donors are invited to a brunch each year for the presentation of the scholarships and to meet the recipients.

YNEF scholarship applications may be found at sailingscholarships.org. Applications must be turned in to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores, by 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

The YNEF is a community outreach program dedicated to promoting national and international amateur sailing, maritime arts, education, water safety and community improvements. In addition to awarding annual college scholarships, the foundation sponsors competitive events and supports high school and community programs.

For more information, visit ynef.org or sailingscholarships.org.

The scholarships, each worth \$2,000, were created to encourage young men and women to actively participate in sailing activities throughout their high school and college years.

High school seniors and college or university students attending classes in the 2023-24 academic year are eligible to apply. Students will be judged on three criteria, including two original essays, the applicant’s resume of sailing experience and documentation of academic accomplishments.

Essays should be no more than 250 words each. Essay topics are:

◆ “Now that you will be moving out of the junior sailing program, what is the best way, in your view, for those graduating to ‘give back’ to improve the junior sailing programs?”

◆ “What are the most important issues facing junior sailing today and what would you recommend to upcoming juniors to be ready for them?”

The foundation currently has 12 perpetual scholarships supported by endowments that make it possible to award annual scholar-

ships in each donor’s name. They are:

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- ◆ Manuel J. and Nora Moroun
- ◆ Commodore James and Sandra Morrow
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New name, same mission

The Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, a Grosse Pointe Yacht Club foundation, has been raising funds to support youth sailing in the community since 2009.

The foundation is known for its annual scholarships, as well as its support of junior sailing and high school sailing in the area.

“As we have tried to raise funds outside the Grosse Pointe area, we often find difficulties as

our name designates a particular area, Grosse Pointe,” foundation president Jim Morrow said.

As a result, effective Jan. 1, the foundation changed its name by dropping the words “Grosse Pointe.”

Its new name is Youth Nautical Education Foundation, or YNEF, and the new website is ynef.org.

Despite the name change, its mission remains the same: to support junior sailing pro-

grams and grow participation in the sport at both the beginning and high school levels.

For 2023, YNEF is purchasing 20 new 420 sailboats, housed at the GPYC, to support high school programs and promote competitive events locally, including high schools from around the state of Michigan and the Midwest Interscholastic Sailing Association region. Delivery of the sailboats is expected in early fall.



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OBITUARIES

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Joan Marie Cueter

Sadly, this is Joan Cueter's last time in her favorite publication, the Grosse Pointe News.

Joan Marie Cueter (nee Cyr), 85, passed away peacefully at home Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Joan was born Jan. 7, 1938, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, to Leo and Bertha Cyr, both now deceased. She spent her early childhood in Belle River, Ontario, and later moved to Grosse Pointe Park. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1955. There, she formed lifelong friendships, including with Noreen Haas, who was her loyal friend for life and by her side in her last hours. Joan was a faithful Catholic and felt a strong closeness to the Blessed Mother Virgin Mary.

Joan married John Cueter in 1962, at St. Ambrose Parish in Grosse Pointe Park. She and John had four children. Joan was a devoted mother and grandmother, also known as "the CEO of Cueter Central" and "Me'me" to her grandchildren. Being French-Canadian-American, she loved hockey and enjoyed any chance she could to cheer on her children and grandchildren when they played hockey, as well as countless other sports. She loved enjoying life with many activities, including cooking, feeding friends and family, crocheting, knitting, gardening, reading and creating decoupage. She spent many of her last years passionately playing pinochle, bunko and Rummikub with her dear friends in the Lakefront Towers Condominium. She will be remembered for giving single fresh roses to friends and taking long drives down Lakeshore Drive with her grandchildren. She had an incredible wit and sense of humor, was flirtatious and loved men in uniforms. Even in her last days, she continued to maintain her funny disposition. She touched the lives of many and will be missed.

Joan is survived by her children, Mary Annas (Doug), Renee Nettle, John Cueter (Jennifer) and Peter Cueter (Laurie Helene). She was the cherished grandmother "Me'me" of Lauren, Douglas, Charlie, Riley, Eric, Theodore, Lilliana, Grace, Josie, Johnny, Eleanor, Samuel and Andrew; loving sister of Ray Cyr (Marlene) and Gail Leegstra; loving aunt of Kim Sanderson (Steve), Roy Leegstra (Jenny), Jimmy Cyr (Jeannette) and Emma Sanderson; and beloved mother-in-law of Mary Cueter.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial Mass at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Friends are welcome to gather at 9:15 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for memorial donations to be made to St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org/donate/donate-to-stjude.

Share memories on the online guestbook at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Mary Deming Ledyard

Mary Deming "Polly" Ledyard, 82, passed away peacefully at home in Grosse Pointe on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, from long-standing cardiac complications.

Polly was born June 9, 1940, in Detroit. She attended Grosse Pointe University School and graduated from Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Mass., where she edited the yearbook. She went on to Connecticut College in New London, Conn., and graduated in 1962. Her happiest years were spent with her aunt, Mary Parker, in Metamora, where she rode Pepper in horse shows, won the Junior Hunter championship at the Grosse Pointe Horse Show on Bambi and earned her colors with the Metamora Foxhunt.

After several years working as an office assistant in New York and Dayton, Ohio, Polly returned to Grosse Pointe in 1966, to marry good friend Allen Ledyard, an officer at National Bank of Detroit and an avid oarsman at the Detroit Boat Club. They had two sons: James in 1968, and John in 1970.

Polly joined Christ Church, where she had served devoutly for 50 years in many areas; she taught Sunday School, organized the Stephen Ministry to help people in distress and was appointed to the vestry. Polly served on the board of Alternatives for Girls, a Detroit organization searching for ways to promote advancement for girls caught in poverty. She and Allen spent weeks every July at the family cabin at the Huron Mountain Club in Big Bay, where they loved to hike, fish and canoe with family.

The Ledyard family was drawn to the mountains and rivers of Montana, where they bought a cattle ranch in McAllister in 1973. They spent many summers there riding, camping and fishing on the Madison River.

James and John opted to live out West after they completed college. James graduated from Alma College, then split his time between Alta, Utah, where he worked as a ski instructor, and Missoula, Mont. He has a step-daughter, Bobbi Jo, and a grandson, Riley, almost 2.

John graduated from the University of Montana where he lives with wife, Tracy, a school social worker, and two sons. John taught PE and has coached high school hockey and tennis, and guided fishing trips on the Madison River while in college. Their son Henry attends Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., and Chris is at Westminster College in

Salt Lake City, en route to New Zealand for a semester Down Under.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Charitable donations are appreciated to Polly's preferred organizations, to which she devoted time and commitment: Alternatives for Girls, alternativesforgirls.org/donate; Hospice of Michigan, hom.org/donations; or Christ Church Grosse Pointe, christchurchgp.org/ways-to-give.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc., verheyden.org.

Martha Anne Schwartzberg

Martha Anne Schwartzberg of St. Clair Shores peacefully passed away Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at Ascension St. John Hospital, with her husband at her side.

Martha was predeceased by her parents, Roy and Mildred Fromer; and stepson, Todd Schwartzberg. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Harold "Skip" Schwartzberg; brother and sister-in-law, David and Elizabeth Fromer; sister-in-law and husband, Lois and Rod Summers; daughters, Sarah Marie Lamarque and Robin Fromer Pongracz; stepson and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Janet Schwartzberg; niece, Liza Fromer; and grandchildren, Noah Lamarque, Jonathan and Dana Schwartzberg, Jakob Schwartzberg and Annika Schwartzberg.

Martha was born May 24, 1948, in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and graduated from Eastwood Collegiate Institute. She received her teaching certificate from Teacher's College in Stratford, Ontario, and bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Oakland University. These credentials led her to gain employment with the Grosse Pointe Public School System at Richard Elementary School, where she worked 18 years. Following her retirement in 2002, she continued her passion for teaching as a substitute teacher in St. Clair Shores, retiring in November 2022. She focused her talent and expertise on helping children with disabilities.

Along with her professional career, she loved volunteering to help those in need — Friends of Vision, in particular. Also, as a member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, she taught Sunday School, was active in planning and coordinating various events for the church's "Among Friends" social group and other activities planned by the Woman's Fellowship Committee.

Her other passions included traveling, hiking, walking the beach in Marco Island, Fla., biking, music, dancing and



Joan Marie Cueter

making sure people were happy and having a good time.

A funeral service and celebration of Martha's life will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Henry Ford Health System, Development Office, 1 Ford Place, Detroit, MI 48202-3450, Designation: Institute of Ophthalmology, Friends of Vision Fund; or Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, Designation: Columbarium Fund.

Francis Raymond Murray

Francis "Frank" Raymond Murray, 86, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023.

Frank was born April 17, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, to Caroline and Tibertius Murray. He was raised in Toledo with his three siblings, Thomas, Caroline and Veronica. Frank loved playing sports. At Central Catholic High School he played ice hockey, which was a popular sport at the school. Frank attended Notre Dame University, following the footsteps of his father, who ran cross-country for coach Knute Rockne. His uncle, Fr. Raymond, and cousin, Fr. Edmund, also were teachers at the university.

After completing his sophomore year, Frank decided to join the U.S. Army and spent two years in Germany. He then completed his education at the University of Toledo. In 1957, he met the love of his life, Sally Huenefeld. They later married and moved to Detroit to start a family.

Frank started his career in pharmaceutical sales, where he excelled. He later became an entrepreneur in the financial planning industry, where he worked more than 40 years until his retirement. Frank continued his love of sports; he played handball, racquetball, ice hockey and was a competitive sailor. He also started windsurfing in the early 1980s, which led him to start the Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Association at Patterson Park. He and "mom" ran the annual GPWA Regatta for 14 years. Frank also instilled his passion for sports in his children and grandchildren. He was a hockey coach and a big cheerleader on the sidelines for his family. In later years, he joined the church choir and sang with the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus. He was a strong patriarch of his family, a good friend to all and a man who always had time for a friendly conversation. Frank was a strong, proud, kind and good man. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Frank was the dearest



Mary Deming Ledyard

husband of Sally for 63 years; loving father of Mark Murray (Karen), Suzanne Novak (Gary), Frank Murray (Laura) and Christopher Murray (Michele); and grandfather of Kelly, Michael, Nicholas, Stephanie, Joseph, Nathan, Jacob, Mitchell, Ryan and Lauren. Frank also is survived by his sister, Caroline Botwin, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Thomas and Veronica.

A memorial Mass will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22410 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Family will receive visitors at 9:30 a.m., with Mass at 10 a.m., followed by military honors.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, bit.ly/3HPoPJO; the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, alzfdn.org/support-us/donate; or a charity of the donor's choice.

Visit rudyfuneral.com to share a memory or light a candle.

John E. Williams Jr.

John E. Williams Jr., 100, passed away peacefully of natural causes Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at Hospice of Cincinnati. He lived a full, exemplary and meaningful life.

Jack was born March 24, 1922, in New Rochelle, N.Y., to John Edgar Williams Sr. and Genevieve Wales Williams. He was their first son, arriving after four lovely and spirited daughters; appropriately, he was born on his father's birthday.

Jack graduated from Shaker Heights High School in Ohio in 1940, and enrolled at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., where he was a three-sport athlete, lettering in football, hockey and track. Before graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and fought with the 75th Infantry in the Battle of the Bulge, halting the German Panzer attack in Grandmenil, Belgium on Christmas Eve, 1944. His unit subsequently advanced to the German front and during that time he received several battlefield promotions, rising from buck private to first lieutenant. Near the end of the war, he was assigned to command a German prisoner of war encampment.

Jack returned to Hamilton and after graduation he enrolled in Harvard Business School, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth Buchanan, of Westfield, N.J., who was attending Wellesley College. They were married June 25, 1949, in Westfield. They moved to Detroit, where he joined the J.L. Hudson department store and started his family. He left Hudson's in 1975, and launched several businesses in the Detroit area.

Jack was involved in many civic organizations, principally including Habitat for Humanity,



Francis R. Murray



John E. Williams Jr.

which awarded him its Lifetime Achievement Award. He led construction crews on many of Habitat's "blitz builds" and founded Habitat's Detroit Restore. Jack was an elder at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and served as president of the Grosse Pointe Men's Club.

In retirement, he designed and built — by hand — a beautiful home on Lac Courte-Oreilles in Northern Wisconsin, where he and his extended family vacationed for generations and where many of his sisters had adjacent homes. He was able to see his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and innumerable other relatives, play on the same fields and tennis courts where he played as a child.

Jack loved his faith, his family and his power tools. He lived by two tenets: "This is the Day the Lord hath Made" and "You'll never regret buying a new tool." He had an innate curiosity and was a voracious reader of history. Above all, Jack was blessed with a singular goodness of heart.

Although he enjoyed golf (particularly in the rough to the right), he had better success on the tennis courts, where he and Elizabeth won several tournaments together. He was a ranked squash player, an avid sailor, a skilled skier and loved games and pranks. In 2011, Jack and Elizabeth moved from Grosse Pointe to the Deupree House in Cincinnati to be closer to their daughter, Anne, and quickly found themselves at home and happy in their new surroundings.

Jack is survived by his wife of 73 years, Elizabeth; four children, John B. Williams of Washington, D.C. (Gail), Anne W. Badanes of Cincinnati, Ohio (Harry), Kathryn W. Piper of Carlsbad, Calif. (Lou) and Frederick T. Williams of Canton, Ga. (Lisa); 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren (with three on the way); and countless nieces, nephews and other family members who will miss him dearly and remember him fondly.

Jack's life will be celebrated Saturday, March 11, at Knox Presbyterian Church, 3400 Michigan Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habitat for Humanity Detroit, 14325 Jane Ave, Detroit, MI 48205, habitatdetroit.org/donation.

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The Passing of Prominent Civic, Cultural Leader Dr. Daher Boutros Rahi

Written by
Chris Rahi Kassab

With his adoring family by his side, Dr. Daher Boutros Rahi of Grosse Pointe Shores died January 31 at the age of 92.

Dad was born in a village in Lebanon called Hemlaya. He lived there with his parents, Boutros and Chafika, and his sister Emily. To say that the family was poor is an understatement. They lived in a tiny concrete structure propped on the side of a mountain. Despite his upbringing – or perhaps because of it – Dad excelled at everything he put his mind to do. His father pushed him hard at school and as a member of the church, and he rose to every challenge.

At the age of 18, Dad's parents sent him to the U.S. for the promise of a better life. When he arrived in Detroit, his uncle met him at the airport and asked how many bags he had. Dad was confused by the question because all he had were the clothes on his back and a quarter in his pocket.

Dad couldn't speak English, but he was determined to learn. He took odd jobs to earn some money, and he went to school at the University of Detroit with a dream of becoming a doctor. He worked hard and studied even harder. He told us how he was bullied at school – often by his fellow students and sometimes by his teachers – because he was a “foreigner” and couldn't speak the language. Despite those challenges and so many more, he graduated from U of D and was accepted to medical school at the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa.

Even during those early days, Dad's leadership abilities were emerging in a profound way. He led the foreign physicians at medical school, often speaking at events on their behalf. Anyone who knows Dad knows that he was a gifted orator, whether speaking Arabic or English. His charisma could mesmerize any crowd. At one point during his medical school tenure, he addressed the student body at an event with the Governor of Iowa in attendance. Everyone was so enamored by the intelligence, passion and power of his remarks that they asked for his speech to be reprinted in the local paper.

After graduating from medical school with honors, Dad met and married his beautiful wife Jeanette and opened a small office in St. Clair Shores where he practiced family medicine. He quickly amassed a loyal following of patients. Dad's door was

always open to everyone, and if they were sick and couldn't afford to pay the nominal fee for an office visit, Dad would tell them not to worry about it – just focus on getting well. He would make house calls at all hours of the day and night. His patients loved him, not just because he took care of them but because he was always there to listen. Some would come just to share their problems, and Dad would always listen patiently and offer advice.

As he became established with his practice, Dad took on an active role in the community. Throughout the years, he held roles too countless to list. He served as a member and later president of the South Lake Board of Education. He

was elected a councilman in St. Clair Shores and later served as Mayor Pro-Tem. He served as Deputy Medical Examiner for Macomb County; President of the Macomb Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; and President of the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. In 1979, he was appointed to the Michigan Health Occupations Council and later director of the Michigan Statewide Professional Standard Review Council, Michigan Department of Human Services.

Dad was honored with numerous citations from every level of government recognizing him for his outstanding work as a doctor and a civic leader. And in 1982,

President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research.

Of all the community roles Dad held, the one he held most dear to his heart was the role he played in the Lebanese community and St. Maron's Church in Detroit. As an immigrant himself, he used his knowledge and experience to help hundreds of other Lebanese people come to this country and attain their citizenship. People coming from Lebanon used to say, “If you didn't know Dr. Rahi, you didn't know anybody.” Dad also represented the Lebanese community at home and abroad. He was elected twice as President of the

World Lebanese Cultural Union. And he was the 2012 “Tribute to Health” recipient of the Lebanese American Chamber of Commerce's Michael De-Bakey Physician of the Century Award.

Dad loved the Lebanese people, and he loved St. Maron's Church. He provided unwavering support to every member of the clergy that graced the altar over the years. And he was a pillar of the church in every way humanly possible – spiritually, altruistically and philanthropically. He was recognized as a member of the Order of St. Sharbel, and one of the greatest honors of his life was when the Pope bestowed upon him the Order of St. Gregory Award for his distinguished service and ded-

ication to the church and community.

In his final years, Dad's faith in God and the church remained as strong as ever. He listened to the mass numerous times a day. In fact, we teased that he could have been a priest because he knew every word of the liturgy by heart. And oh how our hearts danced when he would sing the hymns! When our beloved Fr. Roby Zibara, pastor of St. Maron's Church, visited Dad – as he did so often – Fr. Roby would greet him in Arabic. Regardless of how difficult a day it was, Dad's eyes would light up and he would respond in their native tongue. Fr. Roby has been a loving, guiding angel to our family – coming to the hospital twice a day to see Dad in his final days – and we will never be able to truly express our love and gratitude to him.

But what distinguished Dad the most and made him so very special throughout his life was his love and dedication to his family. He devoted his entire life to his wife, children and grandchildren. Dad's greatest joy was seeing everyone happy, and he would move mountains to make that happen. There wasn't a problem he couldn't solve, an issue he couldn't address or a feeling that you couldn't share with him. His love was unconditional, and it knew no bounds.

In the many speeches he gave throughout his life, Dad would often quote the Lebanese poet Khalil Gibran who once said, “Love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.” To our most beloved husband, father and grandfather: We may be separated now in the physical sense, but our love for you is and always will be wider than the sky and deeper than the ocean. You will live in our hearts forever.

Dr. Daher Rahi is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Jeanette, his adoring children Dr. Raymond Rahi (Sharon), Chris Rahi Kassab (Elias) and Diana Leone (Andy) and his devoted grandchildren Michael, Ashley, Nicholas, John, Elisabeth, Francesca and Alexandra.

He was predeceased by his beautiful sister Emily Hakim and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was held on Feb. 4 at St. Maron's Catholic Church in Detroit.

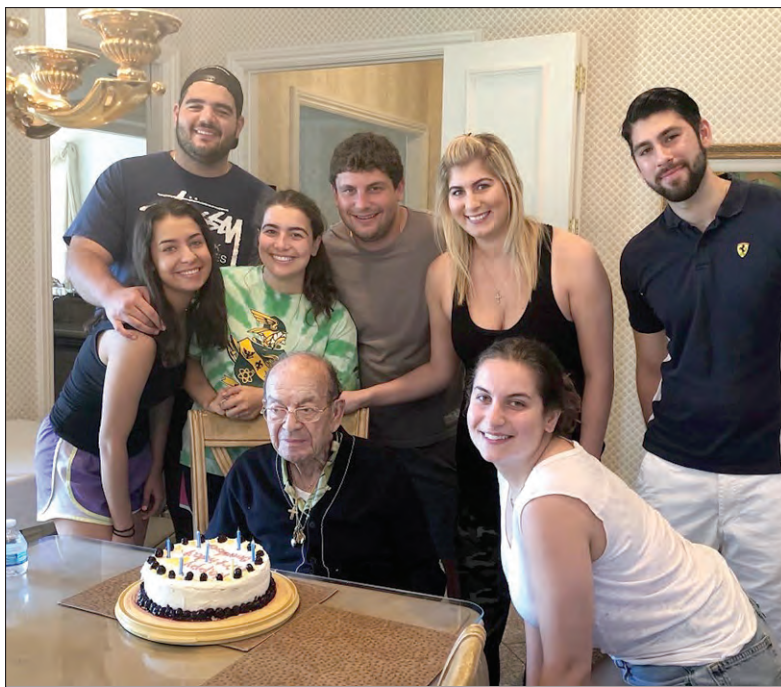
In lieu of flowers, it is the wish of the family that memorial contributions be made in the name of Dr. Daher B. Rahi to St. Maron's Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit, Michigan 48214.



Dr. Rahi with his beloved cousin His Beatitude Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi



The entire Rahi family with Patriarch Bechara Boutros Rahi during a visit His Beatitude made to the United States in 2016



Dr. Rahi dedicated his life to his wife, children and grandchildren (pictured here)



Daher and Jeanette Rahi dedicated a handmade mosaic to St. Maron's Church in Detroit in honor of St. Theresa. The Rahi Family also donated a handmade mosaic to St. Maron's in honor of St. Rafka.



Daher and Jeanette Rahi were married for 65 years



Dr. Rahi with President George H. W. Bush. In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed Dr. Rahi to the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research

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Dr. Thomas R. Gebeck Sr.

Dr. Thomas R. Gebeck Sr., 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, with his family by his side.

Dr. Gebeck was born Feb. 1, 1940, in St. Cloud, Minn., to Lawrence and Renee (nee Stafford) Gebeck. He graduated from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn., in 1960, and received his DDS from the University of Minnesota in 1964. He served his country in the U.S. Navy as a dental officer on the USS Rockbridge from 1964-66. Dr. Gebeck then received a Master of Science degree in orthodontics from the University of Michigan in 1969. He practiced orthodontics in Grosse Pointe for 47 years. Dr. Gebeck was married to Mary Katherine (nee Posch) for 24 years and had four children.

Dr. Gebeck had many passions; however, his family was his greatest joy and he would do anything for them. There was nothing more loving than the look and smile he would give them in moments of pride or the pillar of support he was during times of struggle. He loved to hunt and fish with his family and friends, and there was always a Labrador Retriever by his side in the fields or at home. He also loved fashion and taking shopping trips with his daughters.

Professionally, he was passionate about orthodontics. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan orthodontic program, he was asked unanimously by the faculty to join them full time. He then began his lifelong journey as an educator and orthodontic practitioner. He felt his greatest responsibility was to provide the best treatment result for each patient and he never compromised. He was proud of the smiles that left his office and loved running into his patients years later. He would laugh and say, "Let me see your teeth!"

Dr. Gebeck also was a member of the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for orthodontic research. He enjoyed being a member of the teaching staff

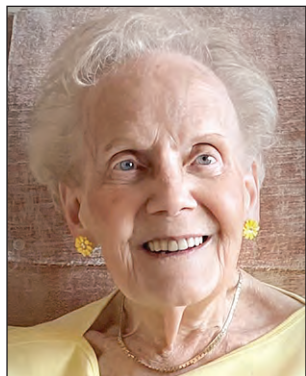
**Dr. Thomas R. Gebeck Sr.**

since 1973, teaching courses to students from around the world. One of his most precious honors was serving as president of the Tweed Foundation from 1996-98. The friendships he made through his teaching were one of the greatest gifts of his life and he cherished these friends to the end. He spread his passion and excitement for orthodontics, lecturing both nationally and internationally in France, Monaco, Italy, Romania, Guatemala, Brazil, Korea and Japan. He also was president of the Michigan Society of Orthodontics and the Eastern Branch of the Detroit District Dental Society. He was a Michigan Specialty Board examiner and an Italian Board of Orthodontics examiner.

His legacy will live on through the smiles and beautiful faces of his patients. His family will remember him with each travel adventure, every line cast into the water and each sunset in Siesta Key.

Dr. Gebeck is survived by his son, Thomas (Deanna); daughters, Katie Jordan (David), Betsy Gebeck-Fooks and Susie Berglund (Mark); and beloved grandchildren, Katherine Gebeck, Thomas Gebeck, Julia Gebeck, Jack Jordan, Mary Jordan, William Jordan, Ellie Fooks, Amelia Fooks, Maxwell Berglund, Louis Berglund and Sally Sue Berglund. Thomas also was the dear brother of Gretchen (Dean) and Lawrence "Kip" Gebeck (Georgia), and had many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Dr. Gebeck will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, with a 7 p.m. Rosary at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass will take place Friday, Feb. 24, where he will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157

**Elizabeth Anne Dresden**

Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation, 2620 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ, 85716, tweedortho.com; or Orthodontic Fund for Excellence at the University of Michigan, leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#!/give/basket/fund/361142. Both groups support the future of orthodontics.

Elizabeth Anne Dresden

Longtime Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores resident Elizabeth Anne Dresden, 97, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023.

Elizabeth, or "Bettyanne" or "Betts," as she was known by friends, was elegant, generous, kind and a prolific note writer. She was an excellent listener and always took an interest in other people. Her smile would light up a room. She cherished her family, including her late husband, Raymond Michael, and her four children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The daughter of Antoinette and Harry Hirshman, Bettyanne was born Feb. 14, 1925, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She married William Joyce McTighe in 1945, and together they had four children. Bettyanne's husband passed away Dec. 16, 1960, due to a heart attack at age 37, leaving her alone to raise four very Irish and active children, all younger than 14. She devoted her life to her children and found strength in her faith and her sense of humor.

In 1962, Bettyanne and her children moved to Grosse Pointe to be close to her beloved sister, Patricia Morrow. She was blessed to meet and marry Raymond

**Stacia Marie DeLisle**

Michael Dresden in 1965. They lived in Grosse Pointe for 30 years and moved to St. Clair Shores in 1995. Bettyanne and Ray were happily married 49 years until Ray's passing in 2014. They loved to travel, socialize with friends and go boating on their treasured Silverton, the "Ah Betts" cabin cruiser. They were both excellent dancers and enjoyed their evenings with Merry-Go-Rounders. Their greatest joy was spending time with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bettyanne volunteered many years with what was then the Michigan Cancer Foundation, as well as at The War Memorial. She and Ray also enjoyed delivering Meals on Wheels for many years.

Gardening, playing golf and pinocle with her dear friends and participating in Grosse Pointe Woman's Club events were among her other favorite pastimes. Her Heath Bar cake was a favorite of family and friends.

Active and spry well into her 90s, Bettyanne only slowed down the last couple of years. Her family is grateful for the exceptional caregiving she received from Comfort Care Home Care in Grosse Pointe, especially Bettie, Sylvia, Stephanie, Jessie, Eva and Phyllis, as well as her special friend, Nina Lloyd, who helped Betts for many years.

Bettyanne is survived by her children, William Joyce McTighe, Sharon McTighe Fromm (Richard), Gerry McTighe and Brian McTighe (Sue); grandchildren, Remy McTighe Fromm Sr. (Bronwyn), Peter Fromm (Christie), Michael McTighe (Monica) and Patrick McTighe; great-grandchildren, Remy McTighe Fromm Jr., Lida Fromm, Marnie Elizabeth Fromm, William Fromm, Heidi Sharon Fromm, Colton McTighe Fromm, Tinsley Fromm and

Spencer Raymond Fromm; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, April 21, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She will lie in state at 11:30 a.m. with a funeral Mass at noon.

Donations in Bettyanne's memory may be made to Kids Without Cancer, Children's Hospital of Michigan, P.O. Box 32783, Detroit, MI 48232, kidswithoutcancer.org.

B. Cottrell

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Bernice Elizabeth "B." Cottrell, 102, passed away peacefully at her home Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

B. was born July 8, 1920, at her parents' home in Detroit, to Alexander and Helen (nee Coffield) Yaeck. She grew up at that home on Manistique Avenue on Detroit's east side. She attended St. Ambrose School, graduating in 1938.

After high school, she worked for Dr. George Waldbott as a lab assistant. To support the World War II effort, she worked at Essex Wire Corp. as the executive assistant to the plant manager. As the war drew down, she served as her husband's executive secretary at Sampson Naval Base. After raising her family, B. began a retail career at The Village Store on The Hill and later at Jacobson's in The Village.

She devotedly served as a docent for many years at the Detroit Institute of Arts. She also was an active member of the St. Paul Altar Society's Sewing Group, as well as a volunteer gardener at St. Paul.

During her lifetime, she enjoyed tennis, sailing, skiing and traveling to Europe. Most recently, she enjoyed reading, listening to different music genres and studying a variety of subjects.

Mrs. Cottrell is survived by her daughter, Anne Alexis Benenati; son, John Hayes Cottrell (Nancy); grandchildren, Jennifer (Werner Gruber) and Brian Cottrell (Sarah); great-grandchildren, Wilson Cottrell, Frances Cottrell, Leo Gruber and

Louis Gruber; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Hayes Leo "Bud" Cottrell; son, Kim Leo Cottrell; brother, Paul Yaeck; sisters, Vera Boutin and Marion Lettner; son-in-law, William Benenati; and treasured friend, Barbara Hamlin Unger.

B. was profoundly grateful for her strong Christian faith, devoted family, valued friends and good health throughout her long life.

A funeral Mass for the immediate family will be celebrated at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be in the St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorials will be gratefully accepted by the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207; or the Rosa Parks Art Studio at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 4390 Conner, Detroit, MI 48215.

Stacia "Stacey" Marie DeLisle

Stacia "Stacey" Marie DeLisle, 86, passed away Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023.

Stacey was a loving mother to six children and six grandchildren. She also had a varied, fun-filled career that ranged from fashion to food service. She was a top seller at Mademoiselle Jewelry, assistant manager at Winkleman's and administrative assistant at Bolonga Contracting. Her favorite job was restaurateur of Over The Rainbow Ice Cream Parlor and Restaurant in Grosse Pointe. Stacey also loved gardening, cooking, sewing, art projects and volunteering with the community.

Stacey was predeceased by her son, Kerry Albrecht; and husband, Richard DeLisle. She is survived by her children, Lisa Albrecht (Steve Slaber), Dana Leonard (Brian), Jill Ash (Roy), Tara Rogers (Tim) and Jennifer DeLisle (Bill Casey); and grandchildren, Kyle Leonard, Lottie Ash, Jacob Ash, Adam Slaber, Lauren Slaber and Nicholas Casey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Walerloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, neighborhoodclub.net/donate.

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Opportunities during Lent at St. Paul on the Lake Church

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, invites the community to its Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 4:30 p.m. — including Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes — and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Lenten fish dinners will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays in the school cafeteria starting Friday, Feb. 24, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the church. There is no fish

dinner March 24. Confessions will be heard at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. Saturdays.

All women are invited to a Women's Lenten Day of Prayer with Fr. Tom Slowinski, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18, in the school's Canfield Center. Reserve a seat by emailing agraves@stpaulonthelake.org

Fathers of school-age children are invited to attend a Lenten Conference for Catholic Fathers from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the Shrine of Jesus

the Divine Mercy. Reserve a seat by calling the Divine Mercy Center, (586) 777-8591.

Men and women are invited to the five-week study, "No Greater Love — A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion," from noon to 1:30 p.m. beginning Monday, Feb. 27, in the church assembly room.

For more details and to register, contact Carmen Dusina at carmendusina@gmail.org. For these and other opportunities, visit stpaulonthelake.org or call Anne at (313) 885-8855.



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Essential needs

The Grosse Pointe Optimist Club recently hosted Executive Director Robert Boyle and Development Director Erica Sanders from the Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan at The War Memorial. The Furniture Bank charity provides beds and essential home furniture to children and families in need throughout the tri-county area and accepts donations of gently used furniture. Pictured from left, Optimist President Dave Fries presents a \$500 donation from the club to Boyle and Sanders. The funds are earmarked for the Beds for Kids campaign and will fund the purchase of five new mattresses and boxsprings for children in need.

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from the immigration of workers from the South to Detroit to work at factories, to the diversity of people in the neighborhood who worked in those factories, to the city's future.

Telling stories is integral to Massey's artwork, no matter the scope of the project.

"I listen to people's stories and translate them into art," he said. "My thing is to talk about the revitalization of the city of Detroit and to give a visual narrative on the positive things about the city and our communities and to make a difference."

Cortez's listening ability is a strength behind her powerful pieces as well.

"I'm a good listener so people just open up to me," she explained. "Everyone has their own story. ... As a muralist, I try to be in a space where I use my gifts to help people get their message across."

Cortez uses a bold, DayGlo palette in her work, which usually focuses on underserved populations who do not always have access to or knowledge about art, particularly evident in her portraits of young black men.

"My work aims to assign hubris, vulnerability and beauty to those rejected and stereotyped by American society and the world at large," she said.

"I was inspired by her different style," Kawsy said of Cortez. "She's self-taught, self-directed. She uses spray paint as her medium. ... She was always an artist, but never thought art could be her career."

While part of the Your Old Mansion lecture will focus on the artists' visual imagery, the discussion also will allow guests to get to know them through "the conversation I'm having with each artist, but also the conversation they're having with each other," Kawsy said.

"Hubert learned the fresco technique from Diego Rivera, whose murals are at the DIA," she continued. "He's steeped in traditional techniques and approach. Ijanía is totally different. She's self-taught. She uses spray paint. She's so courageous. She wants to absorb any influence that comes her way. When I ask her if she's done something, she'll never



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Above, "Power to the People" was painted by Massey on the streets of Detroit.



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Dr. Hubert Massey

say never. She'll say not yet."

Kawsy said she's deeply inspired by both muralists and hopes attendees to the lecture are as well. She invites anyone — art enthusiasts, students, fans of murals, anyone interested in the history of Detroit — to attend.

"Hubert's murals are everywhere," she said. "You've seen his murals around town. Anytime he sees a new challenge, he takes it on."

"And Ijanía's murals, a lot of people when I introduce them to her work, they say, 'I've seen that and I wondered what that was about.' ... They both embrace public art as their mission in life."

Kawsy, too, will share a bit about one mural in particular. The author, whose book "Alexander Girard, Architect: Creating Midcentury Modern Masterpieces"

centers on the sole remaining house designed entirely by Girard, will discuss a mural the midcentury modern legend created.



PHOTO COURTESY OF IJANIA CORTEZ

Ijanía Cortez in the studio.

"He did a large-scale wood collage mural," she said. "The mural was done for his own home in Grosse Pointe. It was taken apart when the

home was taken down. For the past year, I've been working with a restorer, Ron Koenig, on restoring this mural. It's almost complete. I'll bring that into the presentation as well.

"... I feel privileged to work with so many Detroit artists and to showcase a medium that's so important to the past, present and future of Detroit," she continued. "I also want to shed light on Dr. Hubert Massey and Ijanía Cortez and the work they're doing."

"I hope people will bring their kids and students, and mention it to their art classes. It's inspiring for everyone to hear about the arts. I'm passionate about Detroit art, this theme and these Detroit artists. Plus, I think it will be fun for people to learn more about the Stellantis project."



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Cortez's "Transcendence: A Portrait of Corey Teemer."

PETS

Seamlessly introduce another pet to your home

Help your furry friends become happy and secure roommates

The value that dogs bring to a home is undeniable. Dog owners and their families may welcome an additional dog (or two) with open arms because having multiple pets makes a home more fun and brings smiles no matter what else is going on in their human's life. However, some dogs may be a little wary about rolling out the welcome mat to a new furry brother or sister.

To make welcoming a new dog into a home where a dog already lives, the Humane Society of the United States and the American Kennel Club offer these suggestions to help dogs get along from the first sweet moment they meet.

- **Make introductions on neutral territory.** The HSUS recommends familiarizing dogs with one another outdoors to start. Outdoors is neutral territory, so a dog that's already well-established in a home is less likely to feel threatened if he meets its new housemate in the wide open outdoors. The HSUS recommends walking the dogs separately on leashes during this introduction, ideally at a distance where they can see each other but are not feel threatened by the other's presence. Carry treats and reward the dogs for seeing each

other and remaining calm. Try to stay calm yourself so they don't pick up on any anxiety from you. Your positive and happy presence may help the dogs recognize this meeting is a good thing.

- **Notice the body language of both dogs.** Look for any signs of stress in either dog. Signs like growling, a stiff-legged gait or a prolonged stare, hair standing up on either dog's back or other signs of displeasure may signal defensiveness or fear. If you see any of these postures, simply take a break from the interaction and try again later. In any case, stay calm and be positive and upbeat. They will associate any stress on your part as a sign that danger is afoot — exactly the opposite message you want to send. If dogs respond in a more relaxed and comfortable way during the introduction, the distance between them can be reduced, though owners should still be sensitive to body language. Be patient and repeat the process increasing time together and decreasing proximity gradually.

- **Recognize puppies and older dogs may react differently.** The AKC notes that puppies are developing communication skills, so they may not recognize the rules



By thoughtfully and gradually exposing the dogs to one another's space, you can help them easily transition to sharing your home.

that older dogs are trying to establish. A puppy may be willing to play with an older, larger dog, while the older dog may not want to be interrupted by a younger companion. The AKC notes that this is sometimes normal at first, so as long as the older dog does not become too upset or respond with aggression, let them work it out. Growling is OK, because it can help the younger puppy learn the boundaries and can be an effective way for the older dog to communicate his or her preferences. At any sign of aggression from either dog, separate them and try again when

everyone is relaxed and calm.

- **Keep dogs separated during initial inside introductions.** The HSUS recommends using a sturdy and tall baby gate to separate dogs when introducing them inside. Watch how they interact with this barrier in place and reinforce positive interactions with treats.

Introducing a new dog to a home where a dog already lives is just a part of the process — a first step toward lifelong cohabitating. Tried-and-true strategies can help two furry strangers become best buddies forever.

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Nervous about my child playing team sports



Dear Gabby: My 10 year old son says he wants to start baseball this spring but I'm really nervous.

He's never played before and I'm so worried he'll strike out or miss a ground ball, and feel embarrassed if he doesn't do well.

Should I let him sign up?

— Paranoid in the Park?

Dear Paranoid,

Sometimes going out of our comfort zones is just the thing we need. Kids are a lot more resilient than we think, and adding to that — it's always a good thing for children to learn that it takes hard work and dedication to become really good at something.

Most often, kids have a wonderful experience being

part of a team. Every member has a role and teammates can become lifelong friends.

Sometimes the parents can be too intense, but that's true of most any extracurricular activity for kids these days.

Finally, just remember — your child's sporting performance is not a reflection on you or your parenting skills. It should

be a fun learning experience for everyone.

Best of luck on the ball field! (And on that note, parents, don't forget to register for Little League ASAP!)

— Gabby

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Preventing surprise visits from in-laws

Dear Ann Landers: I My in-laws have a habit of coming to our home without calling first. There have been times when my mother-in-law has called me on the phone "just to chat" and never says a word about coming over. Then, she shows up at the door 10 minutes later with a goofy grin on

her face. I'm sure she enjoys these surprise attacks.

My husband has asked his parents politely several times to call before coming over. One Sunday morning, they dropped by, and he refused to let them in, saying it wasn't a good time. You'd think they would get the hint. They didn't.

I have come home from work on my lunch hour to find them in the house. We also have come home from work and seen evidence that they had been here.

My husband gave them a key to our previous house, but when we moved, I refused to let them have a spare. However, there is a key that we keep hidden outside for emergencies, and my husband told his parents where it is. He said apologetically, "They might need to get into the house in case of an emergency."

Ann, what can I do about this galling situation? I'm at the end of my rope and totally out of patience with my in-laws. Please advise. I no longer can think rationally about this problem. — Ohio Nightmare Without End

Dear Ohio Nightmare: Your principal problem is not with your in-laws; it's with your husband. Telling his parents where to find the hidden key was nothing short of a betrayal.

Find another place for the key (not the mailbox or under the doormat — that's the first place thieves look).

Inform your husband in no uncertain terms that he is not to tell his parents of the new location.

If your in-laws show up again on a Sunday, tell them bluntly that you are not ready for company and to phone in the future, please, because you cannot entertain them properly when they just drop in.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a relative who has diabetes and must take insulin

Classic Ann Landers

shots after every meal.

He makes quite a production of it, testing his blood sugar level, preparing the injection and injecting himself at the table. This procedure is done in the homes of family members and friends and in restaurants.

I can handle it, but several others cannot. The sight of blood and injections ruins the enjoyment of the meals for those with queasy stomachs.

This person is extremely sensitive, and his feelings would be crushed if he knew he was offending

people. Your response in the paper would help make others who are afflicted with diabetes aware of how this sort of thing affects some of us. No name or city, please. — Mrs. Anonymous

Dear Mrs. Anon: Your point is well taken. A person who would inject himself at the dinner table in the presence of others exhibits gross insensitivity and very poor manners.

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Wife's online relationships blossom as marriage withers

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 37 years to an alcoholic. He is not verbally or physically abusive.



I have been online talking to three men. I think one of them is obsessed with me, and they all say they love me. I know this isn't going anywhere, but why am I doing this?

I don't know these men at all. I don't see them in

person. Two are supposedly on a ship; the other is in the Army. They don't know where I live. I have told them I'm older than they are; I'm 66. (They are 37, 47 and 57.)

I know a person can feel alone in a marriage. That's how I felt for years. Now I just feel like we're roommates. I'd appreciate any insight you might have about why I'm doing this. — LIVING A SOAP OPERA?

DEAR LIVING: I suspect you engage in these online relationships because you are lonely and seeking validation

that you aren't receiving from your husband.

It is also probably exciting to feel you are attractive to men after living with someone who is uninterested and unresponsive for so many years. It's sad that you have had to resort to emotional affairs to supply what is missing in your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My brother has a debilitating illness that landed him in the hospital. While he was there, he had a birthday. I called him to say "Happy Birthday," but kept it short because he sounded weak. The next day, I received a scathing

text from my sister, fuming that my phone call wasn't long enough. Her text concluded with, "Just remember, you are healthy and he is sick!"

I was crushed at her words, but also confused because she didn't bother to tell me he was hospitalized until 10 days had passed. This kind of thing has gone on for years.

I was the one who took care of our elderly parents when my siblings couldn't be bothered. They didn't even take the time to check in on my husband after he lost his sister unexpectedly.

What I am grappling



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

with is this: Is it time to walk away? I don't deserve the hurt they are causing. I suppose it's the age-old question: Would I be better with or without them? Your thoughts, please. — DEEPLY WOUNDED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

DEAR WOUNDED: This appears to be another example of the adage "no good deed goes unpunished." Your question can

be answered by simply sitting down and listing the pros and cons of continuing a relationship with your sister. If the "cons" outnumber the "pros," you will know what to do.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I love when my kitchen floors look super clean and shiny, but honestly, I'm not willing to put in much work to make it happen. With kids and pets and gross winter slush, the floors never stay clean long. And I really don't care. But sometimes, I want to give the floors a good scrub without pulling out some heavy, large vacuum-mop contraption that takes an hour to set up.

I was gifted a large steam mop vacuum a few years ago and it used to be my favorite way to mop the floors. As work and life got busier, it gets used less and less. I store it in my basement. It's super big and the water tank is annoying to refill, and there are many other dumb, small reasons that prevent me from using it on a regular basis.

After a particularly muddy winter day in Grosse Pointe, my floors needed a good cleaning. One of my friends suggested a spin mop that can be found on Amazon. She has a large dog and said this mop is a great way to keep the floors clean.

This mop can be used on any type of floor — wood, laminate, tile and more. So I went online and purchased the O-Cedar mop from Amazon for \$56.

I was actually really excited for the mop to arrive. Essentially, the mop includes a special bucket with two water compartments. The two areas keep dirty and clean water separate so you aren't washing your floors with dirty water.

There also is a pedal that can be used to wring out the

mop head once you've submerged it into the clean water or cleaning solution. The packaging claims that the mop removes 99 percent of bacteria with just water,

but you can add your favorite floor cleaning solution to the water if you wish.

When the mop arrived, I unpackaged it and started cleaning the floors

right away. It was Saturday night and that's kind of pathetic, but that's beside the point. I filled the bucket with water, clicked the microfiber mop pad onto the handle and was ready to go.

I have to say, mopping the floor was a super quick and easy process with this cleaning system. The microfiber mop effectively removed dirt and grime from the floors quickly.

The foot-activated spinning wringer allowed for hands-free wringing and controlled water release. I never had to touch the dirty water or wring out the mop with my hands, which is a game changer! When I was done, I simply poured the dirty water down the toilet, threw the mop head in the washer and my floors looked

brand new.

It's light, easy to store in any pantry or closet and quick to set up. I can definitely see myself using this on a consistent basis. It's a great way to touch up your floors and remove lingering bacteria that you can't even see. I give this product 5 out of 5 alligators, because I actually don't mind mopping my floors now and that is nothing short of a miracle.

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

5 Out Of 5



Veggie night

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Ooey-goey cheesy goodness is presented today. Chicken parmesan is one of my all time favorites though it always sits heavy in my stomach.

My favorite vegetarian solution is cauliflower. It's hearty and can stand up to any recipe that requires a non-meat substitute. I use it often because it's cheap and our family loves it.

Roasted, fried or mashed, the cauliflower deserves all the awards.

The following recipe is the ultimate comfort food. It's light because there is no breading yet decadent because there is a ton of cheese. Also served great at room

temperature, if you're looking for a cozy weekend lunch.

Cheers, Mombeau

Cauliflower Parmesan

1 large head cauliflower

3 tbsp olive oil

1 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

1 ½ cups marinara sauce

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

¼ cup parmesan cheese

Parsley for garnish

Preheat your oven to 425. Core the cauliflower and cut into 4-5 steaks. Just cut straight through vertically and make sure they're at least 1 inch thick.

Place them on a large baking rimmed pan and brush with olive oil, season with salt and pepper. Roast for 35 minutes, flipping once so both sides get browned and caramelized.

Take the cauliflower out of the oven and top with the marinara and cheeses. Broil for about 2 minutes or until the cheese is bubbling. Serve with a side salad and crispy bread.



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Wine in cafes

At a three-star Paris restaurant, the wine list will be elaborate, filled with classic wines that are expensive, and the service and glassware will be impeccable.

The wine programs, obviously, are one of the features of such restaurants and patrons generally expect a perfect experience — especially people who know a lot about wine, don't mind paying a premium to get the best and appreciate the attention to detail the staff provides.

By contrast, most simple European cafes usually do not charge outrageous prices for wine, do not provide classic glassware and in most cases the wine is rather ordinary, but tasty. In many country cafes, the wine (usually local) is included; it's considered part of the meal.

Americans aren't generally savvy about wine, and the result can lead to a bit of arrogance on the part of cafe owners who usually charge more than they ought to for ordinary wine.

The sad fact is that the simplest restaurants in this country often try to pass off ordinary wine at inflated prices. I find that much of this stuff doesn't make any sense in terms of the quality. It's extremely difficult in a short space like this to generalize about why most consumers are getting ripped off. But in many cases, we are.

Since the end of the COVID-19 shutdowns that devastated the restaurant industry, I've noticed that wines by the glass seem to be priced higher than they had been before the pandemic hit. It used to be common to get

a decent glass of wine for about \$7 to \$9. The wine has not improved appreciably (many have declined), but prices have gone up to \$11 to \$15.

And the amount of wine we're getting seems to be less than it had been.

I appreciate that running a restaurant can be like walking on a financial tightrope, and carrying a large inventory of wine is a financial burden. So, most restaurants don't have large inventories (space in cafes is limited). Many must rely on wholesale companies to provide just-in-time deliveries.

Which means, of course, that red wines calling for a little bottle age are being offered to the public far too young to be fully appreciated. And often at prices three times suggested retail — not a good value for consumers.

Your best strategy when dining at simple restaurants is to order wines about which you know something. Although that's a sound strategy, restaurants love to offer wines with brand names no one ever heard of before, so the mediocre quality and



Good wine bars are informal neighborhood gathering places rather than destinations.

poor value are not readily identifiable.

Restaurant owners reading this might consider me a spoilsport, but maybe the truth is hard to see in print. A glass of wine that costs you \$12 for 4 1/2 ounces probably ended up costing the restaurant about \$10 for the entire bottle — or even less. A restaurant industry truism is that good wine by-the-glass programs start with the price of a glass of wine equaling the bottle cost to the restaurant.

Restaurant management schools usually have at least a brief discussion about why the wine list is a significant profit center. I have no problem with restaurants making a decent margin on wine.

But when the price of a

bottle of wine is three times the price of the average entree, at some point consumers decide that enough is enough. Many people I know have decided that dining out is simply not practical anymore from a financial point of view.

Lots of people now are buying their wine at a retail shop and cooking something at home.

Wine of the Week:

Barefoot Cabernet Sauvignon, California (\$9): Chances are you won't find this wine in a restaurant, but many millions of cases of this brand from E&J Gallo are produced every year and almost every bottle I have tasted is not only true to type, but represents good value. This wine has distinctive cabernet character, a moderate alcohol content of 13.5% and an attractive amount of fruit in the mid-palate. It's dry and works nicely with many kinds of foods. Often seen at \$7.

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Low alcohol

The world's most-consumed liquid is water, and the drawbacks involved with it are so limited as to be utterly obscure.

By contrast, there has been an overwhelming controversy for the last several eons about the risks and potential benefits of consumption of all other drinks, from cola to coffee to kombucha. And beverages that contain alcohol come in for special criticism.

Several medical institutions long have weighed in against any consumption at all. Rum is still a demon. Yet federal guidelines on alcoholic beverage consumption suggests moderation, not abstinence. And part of the reason is the failed experiment that we called Prohibition that ended 90 years ago. Even Abraham Lincoln once observed that prohibition would do great harm to temperance.

Very few other societies ever went so far as to ban all alcohol consumption. Today several highly respected physicians recommend a glass of wine every day, stating the health benefits. Others speak only of the harm it

could cause.

Most of us know the dangers of alcohol, particularly overconsumption: intoxicating effects on the individual and its significant negative impact on society.

For that reason, wine columnists usually shy away from the subject, but there is a way of discussing it with sanity and that is to look at the subject soberly.

Nonalcoholic beverages: Our choices today are far greater than ever. There are flavored waters, flavor concentrates to add to water, dealcoholized wine, zero-alcohol beer and literally 20 other categories. Nonalcoholic alternatives do not intoxicate, but they rarely are satisfying with a meal.

There also now are several alcohol-free wines, but most are rather neutral in taste. They appeal most to people who for medical or religious reasons should have no alcohol at all. However, they do have applications for wine lovers. See below.

Low-alcohol wines: There are several excellent choices in this category, starting with the most obvi-

ous — German white wines. Germany makes some of the finest rieslings and silvaners in the world and several include wines called Kabinett that have between 7% and 9% alcohol. As such they are significantly lower in alcohol than the typical 15% alcohol chardonnay many California wineries now make.

An important point must be raised here: To make some of these lower-alcohol wines with significant flavor, winemakers usually have to leave some residual sugar in them. So, several of these wines will actually be slightly sweet. But they still work with food because top producers also allow for the wines to be balanced with good acidity, so the sweetness is not pronounced.

Water Additions: When a wine label shows that a wine has 15% alcohol, you probably can add a bit of water to cut the alcohol down a bit. Adding too much water can make the resulting liquid thin and lacking in character, so the next idea has merit.

Kitchen Table Chemistry: This is a new category of wine that has yet to be codified by any winery but can be done sim-

ply at home. The idea is to buy a fine quality traditional wine and then acquire a bottle of an alcohol-free wine of the same color.

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Teagan Croft as Jessica Watson in the 2023 film "True Spirit," directed by Sarah Spillane.



Left, Cliff Curtis as Ben Bryant and Teagan Croft as Jessica Watson.

MOVIE REVIEW
"True Spirit"
2023 - Rated TV-PG
1 hr 49min

As a father of two intelligent and self-confident young women, I've always been all about girl power. So when I heard about this new film, I immediately put it in my queue and gave it a watch. And I was not disappointed.

True Spirit is a biopic about Jessica Watson, the youngest person to sail solo, non-stop around the world. It's based on a book by the same title and details the remarkable feat by this 16-year old Australian girl.

Not only was the story impressive, Teagan Croft's performance was inspiring as well. It's another fine production from Australia's relatively unheralded film industry.

The movie opens with Jessica (Croft) embarking on a test run for her around-the-world trip. It's here that disaster strikes. A behemoth cargo ship hits her small sailboat and she's forced to end her sail and return to port. But she's not one to be deterred by a setback like this. It only makes her more

determined to succeed. We then learn a bit about her backstory. The young Jessica, played by Ayla Browne, has made up her mind that she was destined to make this unprecedented voyage. She hangs around the docks and bugs a grumpy sailor Ben (Cliff Curtis) to teach her everything he knows about the art of sailing.

He has a somewhat tarnished reputation because one of his crewmembers died during a race, long ago, and he's reluctant to help her with her quest. But

Jessica simply won't take no for an answer, and he begrudgingly takes her on.

Jessica's parents Roger (Josh Lawson) and Julie (Anna Paquin) are also hesitant about letting her go on her adventure. It takes a bit of encouragement from Ben to convince them Jessica is competent and skilled enough to make the voyage. As you'd expect, the press is all over the story when they catch wind (pun intended) of it. They're like a bunch of vultures hounding Jessica and her family. It almost seems like they hope she fails. Believe it or not, the Australian government gets involved too. We're told that they are considering intervening to block Jessica from setting sail.

Jessica departs on her historic voyage as planned on October 18, 2009. While she'll be at sea for more than 200 days, she won't be entirely alone. She's in contact with her family via satellite phone. And her older sister sets up a blog for her



so people around the world can follow her trip. It's fun to watch her posts, especially when she takes us on a tour of her boat. She's a bit taken aback and delighted when she sees all the feedback from young children

thrown around, and throws up, we see her calmly staring out the window. She looks like she just got back from the beauty parlor. Absolutely no one would look like this.

On the other hand, one of my favorite parts of

If you're looking for a family movie, this should be at the top of your list. Jessica is the perfect role model encouraging youngsters to follow their dreams.

Currently streaming on Netflix.

★★★★☆

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.



Left, Josh Lawson as Roger Watson, Anna Paquin as Julie Watson and Bridget Webb as Emily Watson.

from various countries encouraging her.

During a long voyage like this, she naturally encounters all sorts of weather—choppy water, high winds, gentle breezes, and more. Jessica and her boat, Pink Lady hold up quite well. I do have one small bone to pick with the director. After a terrible storm where she's

the movie is when Jessica goes through the doldrums, both physically and mentally. For a week, she hits a spot in the ocean where there's no wind whatsoever. It begins to take its toll on her and she goes into a deep funk.

After a conversation with her supportive family, her mother tells her that being authentic to yourself through thick and thin is where the real learning is. This gives her the encouragement she needs to carry on. Then we see her on deck at night, under a blanket of bright stars, with David Bowie's Star Man playing quietly. It's an emotional scene that really resonated with me.

Overall, I really enjoyed True Spirit. Much of the credit goes to Sarah Spillane who directed and co-wrote the film. The cinematography was excellent as well. And I was impressed by the special effects and use of CGI. Of course, the scenery was gorgeous too.



E V E N T S
Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- » **An Evening with Thornetta Davis**
The Carr Center,
311 E Grand River Ave.
- » **Blues Jam**
First Place Lounge,
8 p.m.-12 a.m.
16921 Harper Ave.
- » **Disney On Ice presents Frozen & Encanto**
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
2645 Woodward.
- » **The House**
Ford House, 7 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **KNG ALXNDR**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Nonfiction Book Club**
Offsite, 7-8 p.m.
grossepointelibrary.org

- » **Sk8 to Elimina8 Cancer Ice Show**
The Rink At Campus Martius Park, 6-8 p.m.
800 Woodward Avenue.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

- » **Ballet Preljocaj Swan Lake**
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Disney On Ice presents Frozen & Encanto**
Little Caesars Arena,
11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
2645 Woodward.
- » **George Burton Quartet**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Ms. Pat**
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.
350 Madison St.

- » **Valentine's Soul Jam**
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **YG - The Red Cup Tour**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

- » **Ballet Preljocaj Swan Lake**
Detroit Opera House,
7:30 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Black Girl Magic**
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.
2211 Woodward Ave.
- » **Detroit Book City's 7th Annual African American Family Book Expo 2023**
Historic People's Community Church,
12:30-5 p.m.
8601 Woodward Avenue.

- » **Disney On Ice presents Frozen & Encanto**
Little Caesars Arena,
11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
2645 Woodward.
- » **George Burton Quartet**
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
2030 Park Ave.
- » **Legacy Seminar Detroit - Planting Like Nature**
Christ Church Detroit,
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
960 East Jefferson.
- » **NAV: Never Sleep Tour**
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.
2115 Woodward Ave.
- » **SUNDAY, FEB. 19**
- » **IUPUI Men's Basketball**
Detroit Mercy 1 p.m.
4001 W McNichols Rd.

- » **The Attic Dwellers Acoustic Music Club**
PLAV Post #6,
12-4 p.m.
9545 McDougall St.
- » **Ballet Preljocaj Swan Lake**
Detroit Opera House,
2:30 p.m.
1526 Broadway St.
- » **Disney On Ice presents Frozen & Encanto**
Little Caesars Arena,
11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
2645 Woodward.
- » **The House**
Ford House, 2 p.m.
1100 Lake Shore Road.
- » **MONDAY, FEB. 20**
- » **Blues Jam**
The Cadieux Cafe,
8-11 p.m.
4300 Cadieux Rd.

- » **Legendz of the Streetz Reloaded Tour 2023**
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
2645 Woodward.
- » **TUESDAY, FEB. 21**
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play**
Ewald Branch,
10:30-11 a.m.
- » **WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22**
- » **Jam at Cabbage Patch Saloon**
Cabbage Patch Saloon,
9:30-11 p.m.
15130 Mack Ave.
- » **Passport To France Wine**
The Statler French-American Bistro, 7 p.m.
313 Park Ave.
- » **Randy Napoleon**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
97 Kercheval.

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

Chilly Fest in the Park

Photo story by Renee Landuyt

Grosse Pointe Park hosted its annual Chilly Fest Sunday, Feb. 4, along Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack Avenue. The event included food trucks, trackless train rides, a rubber fish toss, high ropes course, s'mores and more..

Vivie Swarthout summons up her courage to try out the mobile high ropes course.



Lenny Koenig gets ready to take a big bite out of a s'more.

Parker Cooley climbed the rock tower to the top to ring the bell.



Maddy and Cassie MacKinnon hold the rubber fish they tossed in the rubber fish-throwing contest.



The trackless train takes families down Charlevoix for a brief ride.



From left, Harlow Dritsan, Maddie Mulligan and Delaney Mulligan take turns roasting marshmallows by a roaring fire.



Chainsaw artist, Lonnie Glines Sr., creates an eagle from a tree stump.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: After 12:15 a.m. EST today there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Capricorn..

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023: You set high standards for yourself. You are intuitive and understand others, which is why you are a leader. It's important to follow your dreams. Take some time this year to reflect and renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies and belief systems. You will learn a lot..

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This is a serious day, which is why you will take a serious approach to whatever you do. In fact, this is a smart thing for you to do, because you are high-viz today. You are noticed. Discussions with older friends or members of groups will focus on your responsibilities to others. Tonight: Surprise!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You create the impression of being serious, responsible and conscientious today, which for the most part, you actually are. (Yes, you have your hedonistic side, but let's not go there.) Today you're concerned with creating a conservative, reliable impression on others, especially bosses and VIPs. Tonight: Travel changes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
It will be easy for you to study today. You will take a serious approach to whatever you do. Likewise, discussions about higher education, medicine, publishing, the law and perhaps travel and foreign countries will be down to business. Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Conversations about shared property, inheritances, insurance disputes and anything to do with taxes and debt will be productive today. You will take a no-nonsense, practical approach to everything. You want to cross your t's and dot those i's. Tonight: Stay flexible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A conversation with a close friend, spouse or partner will focus on serious matters today. You might discuss the division of labor or how to share expenses. This is an excellent time to take a professional approach to organizing and planning things. Tonight: Interruptions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Responsibilities related to your job will be your top priority today. This is an excellent day for planning and organizing. You're concerned with form and order because you want your life to run smoothly. This might extend to ideas about your health and your pet. Tonight: Plans change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Organizational work related to social events, sports and the education of children will flow well today because you want to take care of duties and responsibilities related to those areas. You're ready to deny any immediate gratification to finish the job. Tonight: Routines change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Your responsibilities to a parent or an older family member will come first today. This is not a cozy day for family relationships. However, it's a strong day to get practical things done and to make serious decisions that require commitment and follow-through. Tonight: Unexpected events.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You can learn a lot today, because you are willing to focus and study. This is not a frivolous day for you. Au contraire! Discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbors will be about serious, practical matters and who is responsible for what. Establish boundaries and expectations. Tonight: Guard your possessions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This is an excellent day to take a serious look at your possessions and finances. Figure out what you own and what you owe. This is also a good day to establish a budget or to examine your spending habits. If shopping, you will want to buy things that are practical and long-lasting. Tonight: An unexpected change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today the Sun and Saturn are lined up in your sign, which makes you focus on the duties and responsibilities you have to others and those around you. You can accomplish a lot today, and much of what you do will have a long-lasting significance to yourself and others. Roll up your sleeves and get busy! Tonight: You're restless.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You're happy to work alone or behind the scenes today. You will accomplish a lot. In particular, you will be successful at doing research or discovering solutions to old problems and answers to questions that you have. Someone older might help you. Tonight: Emotional excitement.

BORN TODAY
Actress Elizabeth Olsen (1989), singer-songwriter The Weeknd (1990), rapper, actor Ice-T (1958).

Contract Bridge

'TIS BETTER TO RECEIVE THAN TO GIVE

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 5 4
♥ J 8 6
♦ K Q 10 7 3
♣ A J

WEST
♠ J 9 2
♥ Q 2
♦ 5 4 2
♣ 9 7 6 5 3

EAST
♠ 8
♥ A K 10 9 5 3
♦ A J 9 6
♣ 10 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 7 6 3
♥ 7 4
♦ 8
♣ K Q 8 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ 2 ♥
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Assume you're declarer at four spades and West leads the queen and another heart. East wins the second heart with the king and continues with the ace. This presents you with a thorny problem of sorts, since it is virtually certain from the bidding and play that West started with a doubleton heart.

If you ruff the third heart with the

ten, you say to yourself, and West is able to overruff with the jack, you are sure to go down. If you decide to ruff with the king instead, you run the risk that West might have started with three trumps to the jack, in which case you will also go down.

But if your thoughts have been running in only these two channels — which card to ruff with — you are not giving yourself a fair shake. The fact is that you should not ruff at all! Instead, you should discard your eight of diamonds.

This discard changes the complexion of the situation completely. In the actual case, you have no trouble taking the rest of the tricks, whatever East plays next.

It is true that East could have defeated the contract had he been smart enough to cash the ace of diamonds before he played the ace of hearts. In that case, you would have to go down one as the cards lie regardless of which card you elected to ruff with.

The moral that emerges is clear. If you are given a chance to make a contract that could have been defeated by better defensive play, you should try to take full advantage of your opportunity. You're not expected to reciprocate in kind.

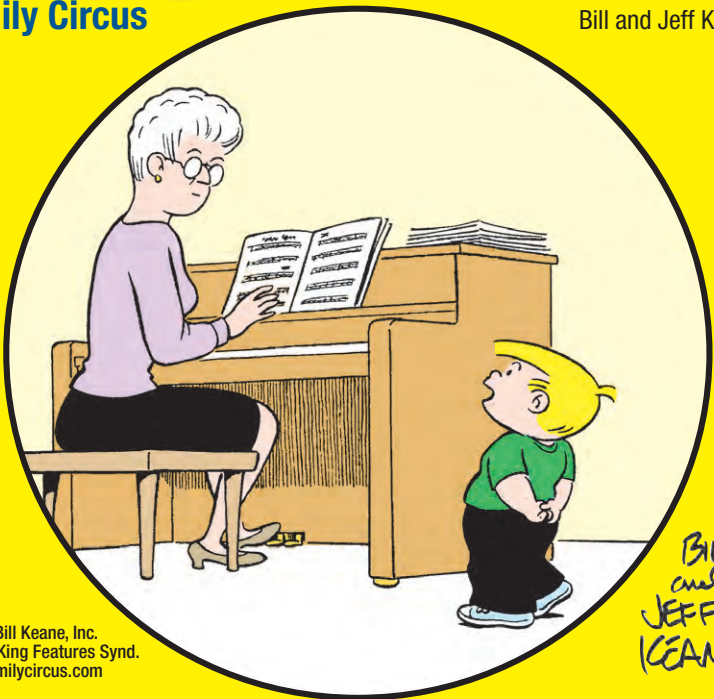
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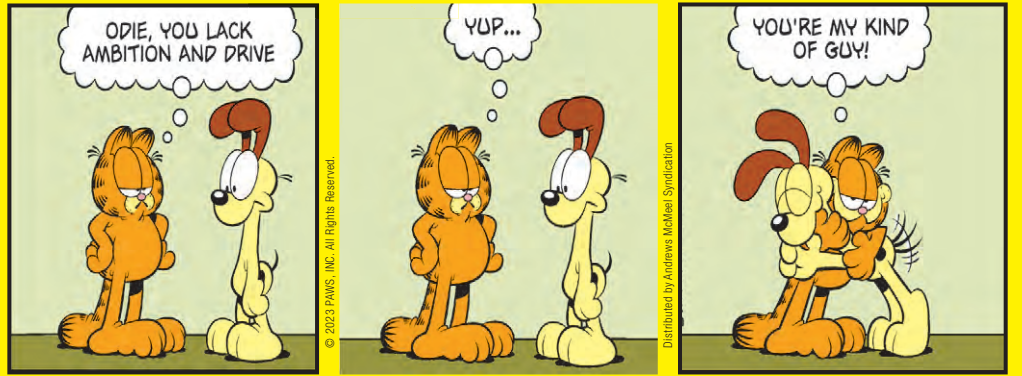
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"Shouldn't a grandmother have a GRAND piano?"

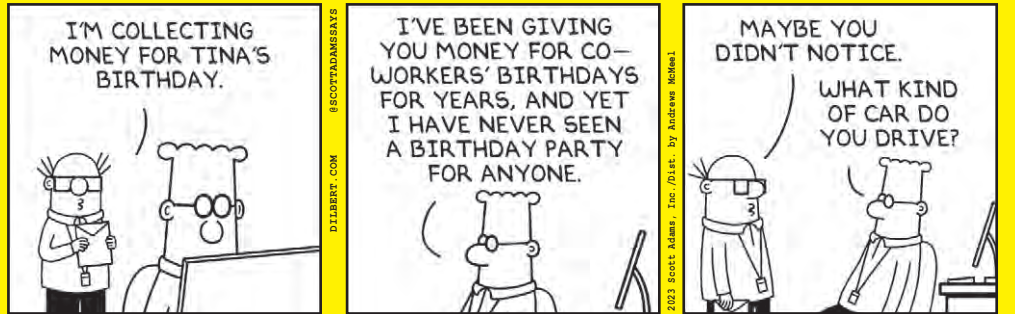
Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

Scott Adams



Beetle Bailey

Greg, Brian and Neal Walker



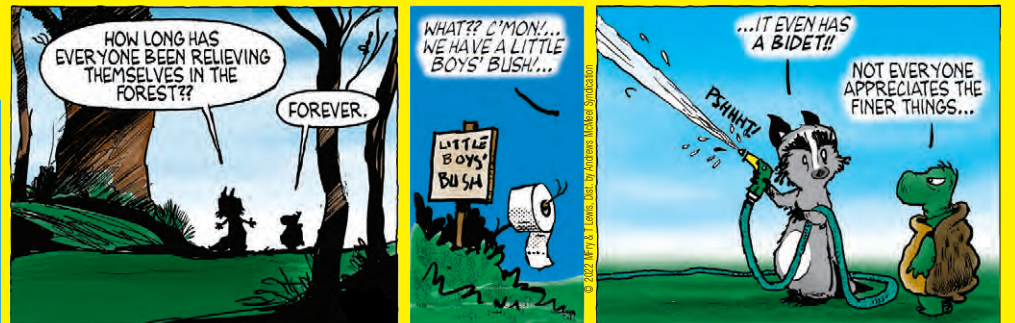
Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



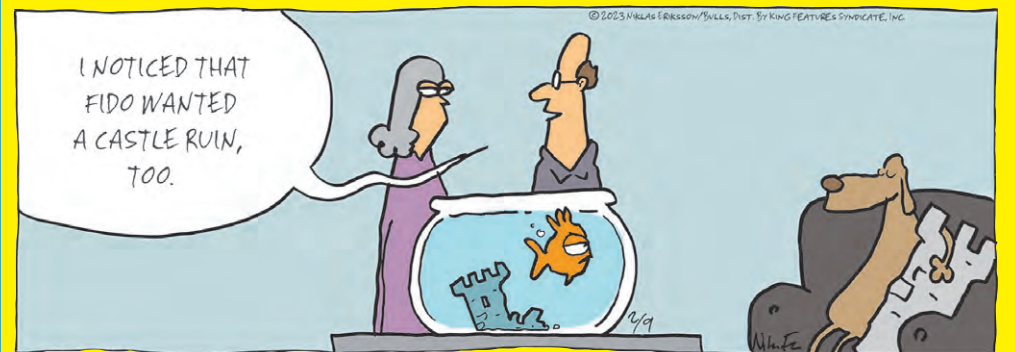
Wizard of Id

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



Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

			7					5
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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

2	1	4	6	9	3	8	5	7
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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 16, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Brothers' name in fairy tales
- 6 Raunchy writing
- 10 Pound sounds
- 14 New Guinea
- 15 Start to "colada"
- 16 The "C" of LLC: Abbr.
- 17 "My biggest asset is flexibility"
- 19 Slopes lift
- 20 Mother deer
- 21 Plops down
- 23 Maker of Lincoln Park After Dark nail lacquer
- 24 Minnesota United's city
- 27 "Watch your language!"
- 29 Trust in
- 31 What a waiter does
- 32 Ax relative
- 33 Catches sight of
- 36 Intelligence org.
- 37 Spectacled administrator in "Monsters, Inc."
- 38 "I thrive under pressure"
- 40 Corn discard
- 43 Baseball great Gehrig
- 45 Low brass
- 46 Elk stalker
- 47 Pronoun pairing for "18-Down"
- 50 Bad way for a ship to run

- 52 WHAT WAS ON WHEN I WROTE THIS CLUE
- 55 Mainstream person, in slang
- 56 Radio host Shapiro
- 57 London district referenced in "Pinball Wizard"
- 58 Seek permission
- 59 Name seen in "overheard"
- 61 "I'm a dedicated worker"
- 66 Per person
- 67 Squeaked (by)
- 68 Used a stopwatch
- 69 One more than zwei
- 70 Thumb through
- 71 High winds

- 12 Frozen coffee drink
- 13 Parsley shoots
- 18 Nancy who was the first Madam Speaker
- 22 Blow some cash
- 24 Surgery memento
- 25 Kind of list with chores
- 26 "I'm the perfect fit for this position"
- 28 Tax Day grp.
- 30 Way to order whiskey
- 34 Ostrich kin
- 35 Thin
- 38 Head-to-head showdowns
- 39 "You keep pestering me!"
- 41 Luxury hotel chain

- 42 Wished, as a farewell
- 44 Excited cries
- 46 Part of a spiced rack?
- 47 Frightened
- 48 "You're so-o-o funny"
- 49 One who's generally inclined to work?
- 51 Didn't back down from
- 53 Talk while teary, with "up"
- 54 Asian peninsula where the stew jjigae originated
- 60 Poke bowl tuna
- 62 Append
- 63 "Yo te _"
- 64 Born, in some Wikipedia bios
- 65 Six-pt. NFL plays

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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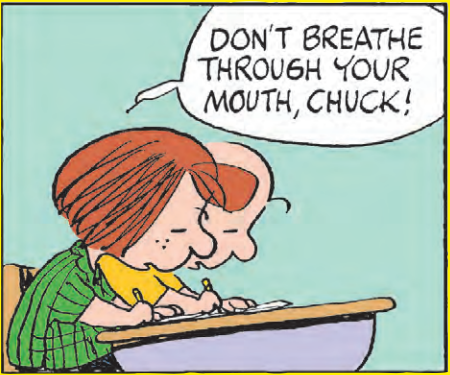
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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

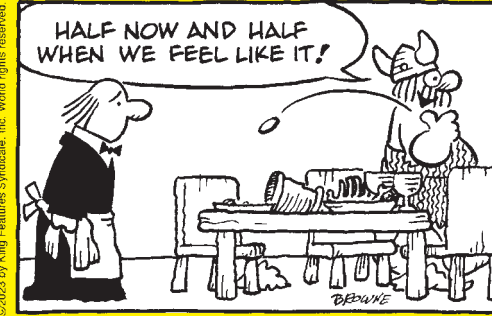
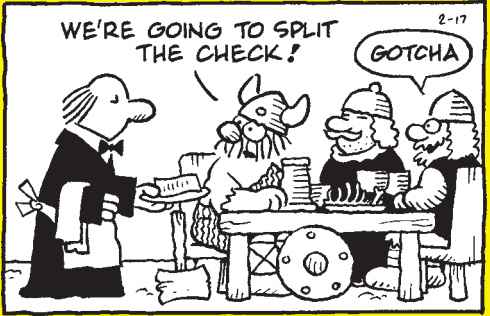


Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne

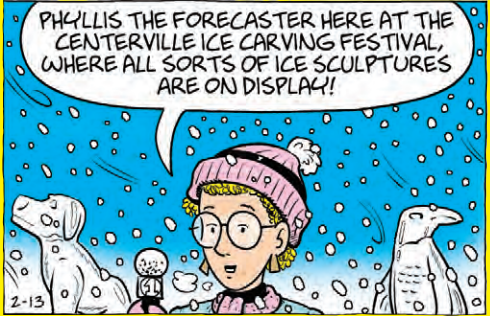
The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



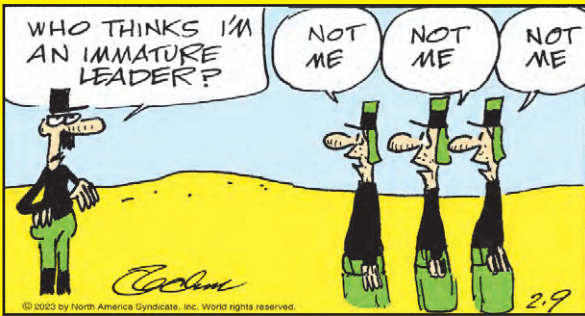
Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



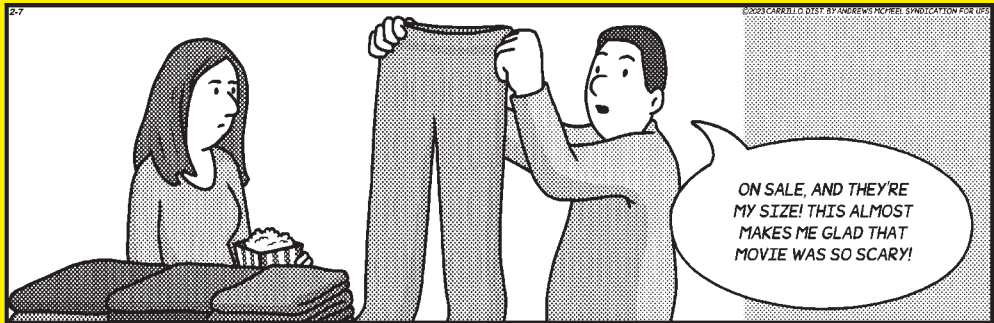
Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



Reality Check

Dave Whamond

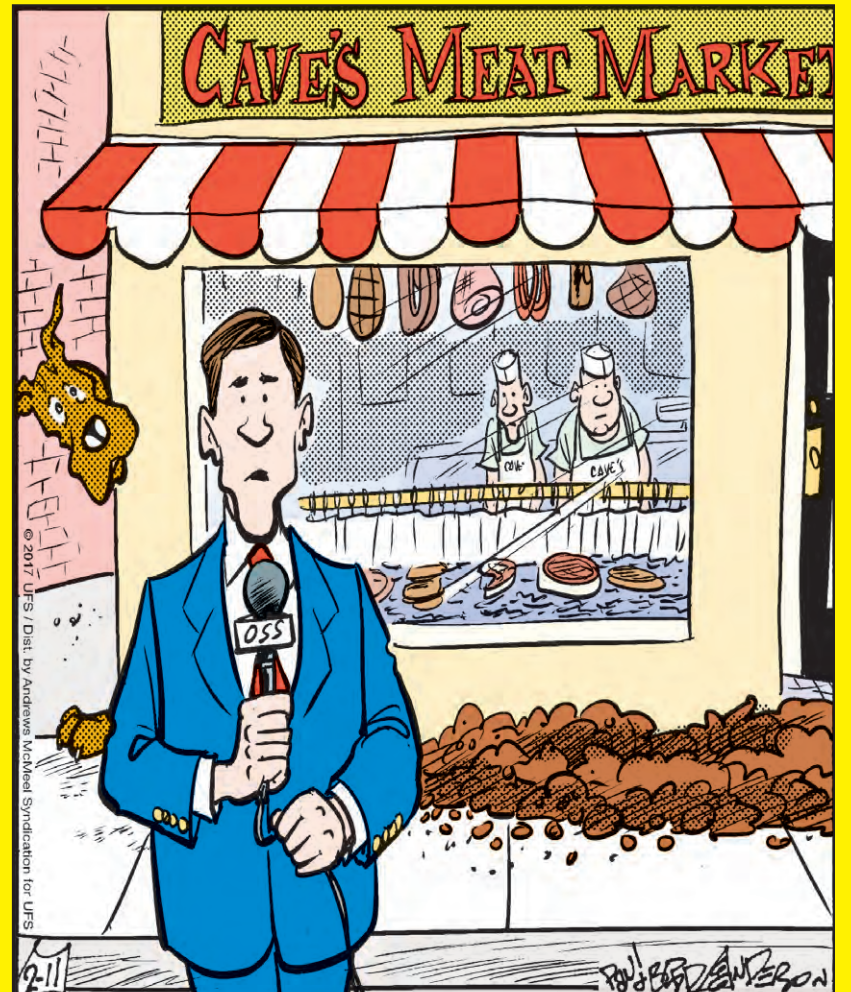
Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno



Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



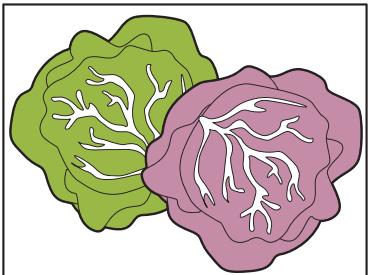
"... and coming out of the tunnel are some very large paw prints."

Cabbage Confetti

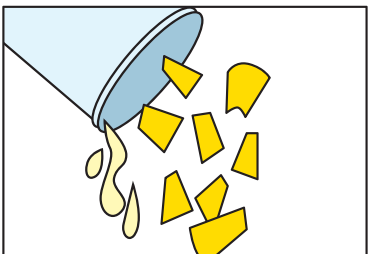
Gather the ingredients for a healthy dish.

Work with an adult to make this refreshing, crunchy, sweet treat!

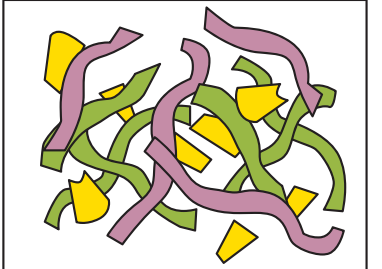
- 1 small green cabbage
- 1 small red cabbage
- 20 oz can of crushed pineapple with 100% juice
- salt & pepper



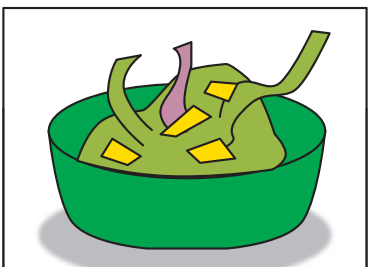
Chop cabbages into thin strips.



Drain pineapple, reserving 1/4 cup of juice.



Mix cabbage strips with pineapple and juice.



Add salt and pepper to taste, toss and chill for 30 minutes.



I'm one of the healthiest veggies around!

February 17 is National Cabbage Day

CABBAGE

About how many different types of cabbage are grown throughout the world? Do the math to find out!

$25 + 13 + 7 + 25 + 30 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Head of Cabbage History

Replace the missing words in this article.

Nearly 3,000 years ago, wild cabbage from Asia and the Mediterranean was _____ to Northern Europe by the Celts and later the Romans.

Able to be stored for long _____ of time, cabbage was a staple item of Europeans in the Middle Ages. Its juice was commonly used to heal wounds and as a _____ remedy.

In 1541, French _____, Jacques Cartier, introduced cabbage to North America.

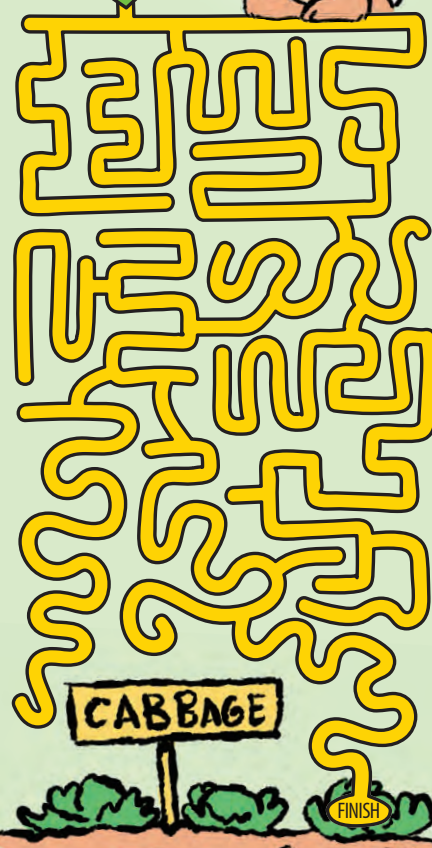
Since cabbage contains lots of vitamin C, other explorers, including Captain James Cook, _____ with it in order to prevent scurvy.

Scurvy is a terrible _____ caused by a diet lacking in vitamin C. Cabbage rapidly spread across the North American _____.



Cabbage Crunchers

Rabbits love cabbage. Help this rabbit find the cabbage patch.



Crunchy, Cruciferous Cabbage

Crunchy cabbage is full of good things your body needs. It has vitamin C and vitamin K. It's a **cruciferous** (crew-si-fur-us) vegetable.

Cruciferous vegetables are plants that contain phytochemicals with possible anti-cancer properties. Other cruciferous vegetables are bok choy, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, collard greens, kale, Swiss chard and turnips.

Do the math to label each cruciferous vegetable.

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| 11 = ARUGULA | 22 = HORSERADISH |
| 15 = BOK CHOY | 18 = KALE |
| 14 = BROCCOLI | 17 = KOHLRABI |
| 16 = CABBAGE | 19 = RADISH |
| 26 = CAULIFLOWER | 21 = WASABI |
| 20 = DAIKON | 23 = WATERCRESS |

$17 + 5$	$8 + 7$	$12 + 7$	$15 + 8$
$8 + 8$	$7 + 7$	$12 + 8$	$12 + 6$
$18 - 7$	$18 + 8$	<p>Extra! Extra! Hard C and Soft C Sometimes the letter C is a <i>soft C</i> and is pronounced as an S, as in <i>cell</i> and <i>celery</i>. Sometimes the letter C is a <i>hard C</i> and is pronounced as a K, as in the word <i>cabbage</i>. Look through the newspaper and cut out six words starting with the letter C. Group them into Hard C and Soft C groups.</p> <p><small>Standards Link: Identify letter sounds.</small></p>	
$26 - 5$	$24 - 7$		

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Cooling with Cabbage

One of the greatest baseball players in the history of the game had an unusual trick for keeping cool. He would place a chilled cabbage leaf under his hat on hot days to beat the heat! He would replace the cabbage leaf with a new one every two innings. **Circle every third letter to reveal this famous baseball player's name.**



R D **C** J A T M
 B W D E G P R N
 B U A S T V W H

B _____

Double Double Word Search

- ARUGULA
- ASIA
- CABBAGE
- DIET
- GOOD
- JUICE
- KALE
- PLANTS
- RADISH
- TURNIPS
- VITAMIN
- WASABI
- WILD
- WORDS
- WORLD

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

L S W T V A I S A H
 J D A U V R C I E H
 A R S R I U P H L M
 L O A N T G L U A C
 R W B I A U A J K A
 A D I P M L N U B B
 D R I S I A T I G B
 I L A E N P S C O A
 S Z I O T H N E O G
 H N V W W O R L D E

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CRUCIFEROUS**
 The adjective **cruciferous** describes a plant or vegetable that is a member of the cabbage family.

Cabbage, broccoli, kale, cauliflower and turnips are **cruciferous** vegetables.

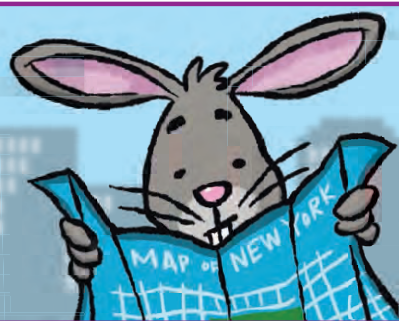
Try to use the word **cruciferous** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Healthy Mealtime

Look at the grocery ads in the newspaper. Select items and make a healthy meal menu. Cut out the pictures and names of the foods in your meal, and paste them on a sheet of paper to display on your refrigerator.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension. Follow written directions.



How do rabbits travel around in New York City?

ANSWER: In taxi cabbages!

Write On!

What's the best way to eat cabbage?

In coleslaw? As sauerkraut? Roasted? Or? Give other kids ideas on how to best enjoy eating cabbage!



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Teams come up short at wrestling districts, trio of Norsemen earn individual titles

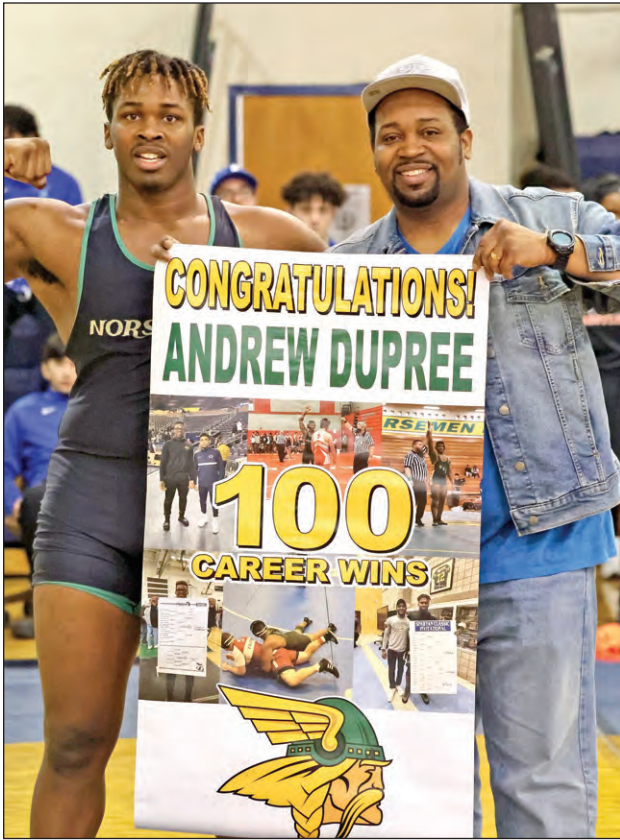
By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Last week was packed with action on the wrestling mat as the postseason got underway for Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, which were busy taking on the competition in both team and individual district matches.

The Norsemen hosted Eastpointe, Lake Shore and Warren Woods-Tower last Wednesday, Feb. 8 for team district action in Division 2. Taking on Woods-Tower in the semifinal round, North was unable to overcome the Warriors and fell 46-27.

North senior captain Andrew Dupree was victorious by decision in the 215-pound weight class. Preston Auld, Michael Salvador and Barrett Nelson all earned big points for the Norsemen by pinning their opponents. Alex Agius and Jacob Nowicki tallied the other wins for North in the loss, taking victories by decision.

It was South's turn for team district competition the next night last Thursday, Feb. 9. The Blue Devils headed to Lakeview along with Cass Tech and Harper Woods to try and claim the district crown.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JARON NELSON

North senior captain Andrew Dupree celebrates his 100th career win on Saturday, Feb. 11 on his path to also capturing a district championship in the 215-pound weight class.

South was victorious over Harper Woods in the semifinal round due largely to getting a majority of wins by forfeit. It was then time for a meeting with the hosting Huskies of Lakeview in the district final round, which ended with the Blue Devils on the wrong side of a 46-25 battle.

Three of South's five wins in the final matchup were won by fall. Wyatt Hepner, Griffin Klautky and John McCreavy all pinned their opponents to pick up six points each for the Blue Devils. At 175 pounds, Paul Wilson earned four points by taking a victory by unanimous deci-

sion while Josh Lemanski also won by decision at 157 pounds. Saturday's individual district competition was more kind to the Norsemen. North saw four wrestlers make it to the championship matches in their respective weight class brackets, with three of them ending up as champions. Nowicki became a district champion at 144 pounds by defeating Sean Kinane from Orchard Lake St. Mary's by an 8-6 decision. In the 150-pound bracket, Salvador earned a win by decision over Lake Shore's Logan Foster to earn his district title. Rounding out the champions was Dupree, who continued his spectacular senior season by taking down Center Line's George Teal by fall and taking the district championship at 215 pounds. Auld made it to the championship round at 138 pounds but was eventually defeated by decision by Ayden Tatum from Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Alex Agius and Auld also earned individual spots as regional qualifiers.

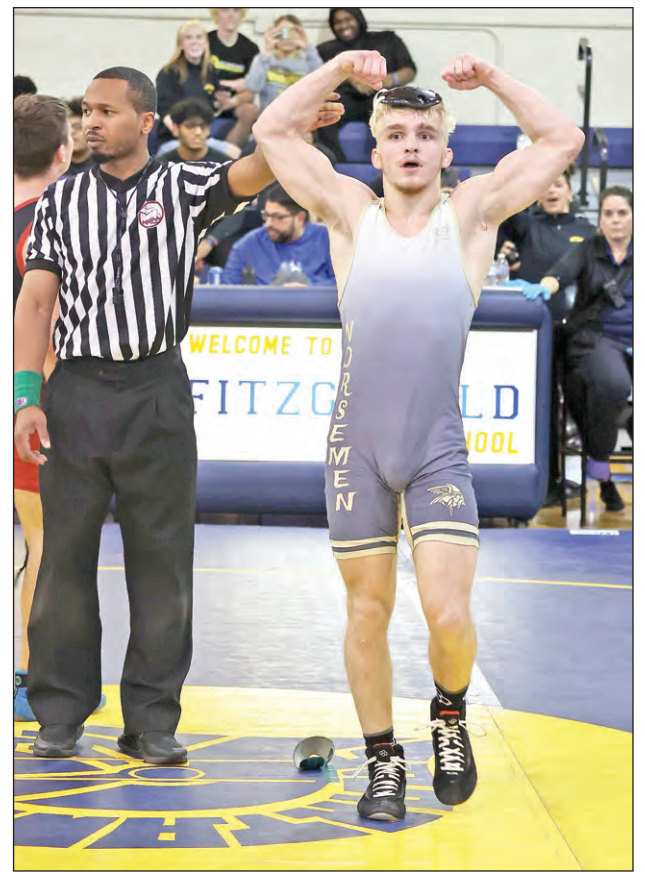
South's individual district action on Saturday saw two wrestlers make it to the final matches in

their brackets. Hepner battled his way to the finals of the 126-pound division before losing a 4-0 decision to Royal Oak's Luca Conflitti. At 175 pounds, Wilson worked his way to the championship round and fought a tough match against Joseph Stachelek from U of D

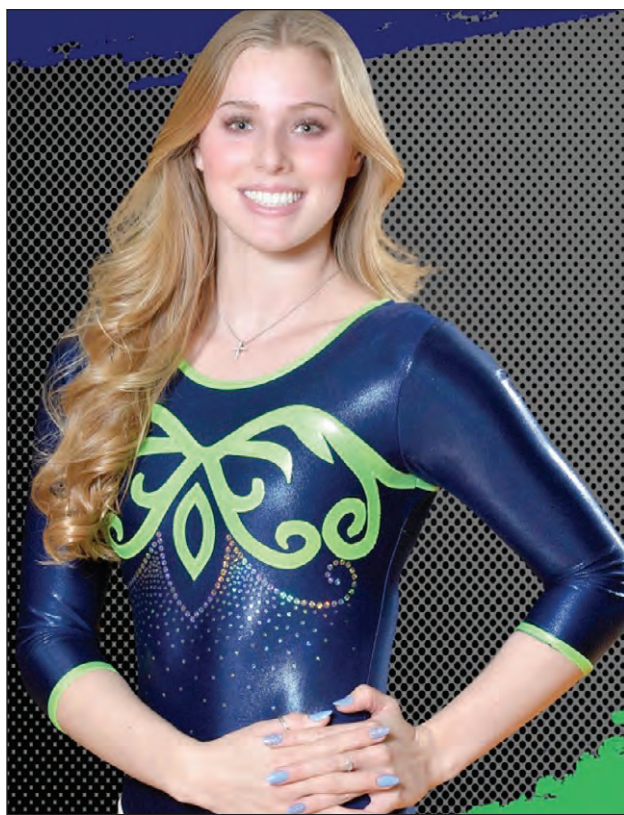
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grow daily," North wrestling head coach Jaron Nelson said. "... Five regional qualifiers, from a wrestling room that hasn't seen too many consistent accolades in the last decade, and these guys continue dominating."

South's individual district action on Saturday saw two wrestlers make it to the final matches in



Michael Salvador from North gets his arm raised in victory after winning the 150-pound district title.



COURTESY PHOTO

South senior Brooke Lezotte ended her accomplished high school swimming career in the fall and is now spending the winter season competing in high school varsity gymnastics for the first time.

Lezotte of Success

- Scored 9.05 on floor routine at Canton Invitational on Feb. 4
- Three-time MAC Red Swim & Dive Champion in 100-yard backstroke
- Two-Time All-State swimming honoree in 2022

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

For fans watching Brooke Lezotte compete in gymnastics this winter, most would have a hard time believing it has been years since she has hit the mat competitively. The Grosse Pointe South senior might be more well known for the waves she has made in the pool over her high school swimming career, but she is closing out her senior year by returning to a sport she also once loved — and doing it alongside some of the fellow gymnasts she grew up with.

"I consistently did both sports at the same time until I was about 10 and then I decided it was too much," Lezotte said. "I was doing four-hour gymnastics practices then racing home for two-hour swim practices and Saturday's crowded with gymnastics meets and swim meets."

While she put her junior gymnastics career largely on hold, Lezotte

kept swimming for Pointe Aquatics and then eventually for the Blue Devils once she began high school. Choosing to focus on swimming cer-

Red championship in the 100-meter backstroke during the 2022 fall swim season. Lezotte won the MAC Red title in breaststroke three out of four

high school swim season last fall, Lezotte made a decision to keep her high school athletics career going. On Dec. 15, after focusing on swimming for so many years, Lezotte traded in her knee skin for a leotard and competed in her first high school meet for Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics.

"It was really difficult," she said about making the transition into varsity gymnastics. "...When I had gotten in everyone had already done all the preliminary work, so I just had to jump right in and I was really sore for the first few weeks. I practice four times a week and have been getting a lot better."

Making the move back into competitive gymnastics may have been hard at first, but Lezotte has improved throughout the season to the point where it looks as though she never missed a beat. Taking part in all events, her favorites are floor

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
Brooke Lezotte
School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Gymnastics
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tainly came with plenty of reward. Lezotte, who served as a team co-captain her senior year, has earned All-State honors six times and most recently earned a MAC

years of her high school career, a distinguished accomplishment few other area swimmers share.

At the conclusion of her final, very successful

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North takes care of business in MAC tournament opener

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After closing out league play as MAC Red Division champions yet again, the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team now has its sights set on claiming victory in the MAC Tournament. The first step in that quest came Thursday, Feb. 9, when the Norsemen hosted L'Anse Creuse North in the opening round and fought their way to a 53-34 win.

North was in control for much of the night and dominated the first half. The Norsemen's always-tough defense held L'Anse Creuse North to just five points in the first quarter and 14 total in the first half as the team took a ten-point lead into halftime.

The second half saw the Crusaders pick things up on offense. North was still keeping

some distance and setting the pace while in front, but L'Anse Creuse North did manage to bring the game to within single digits at the end of the third quarter.

Just when it looked as if the Crusaders might have a chance to make things interesting, the Norsemen shut the door. North's defense suffocated its opponent in the fourth quarter and once again held them to just five points in eight minutes. The Norsemen held on for the win and shut down any hopes the Crusaders may have had for a comeback in the second half, showing off just how good this North team is at closing out games no matter the score.

"The things we always focus on the most is playing good defense and taking care of the ball and if we do those things we put ourselves in good position," North head

coach Gary Bennett said. "We think we're in as good shape or better than anybody else and the further the game goes on that conditioning will kick in, and (Thursday) was a perfect example."

The Norsemen hosted Anchor Bay in the MAC Tournament semifinals on Tuesday, Feb. 14 after press time. With the state playoffs beginning soon after the league tournament concludes, North is mainly focused on sticking to the winning formula that has worked well throughout the winter.

"We try to keep things pretty much the same and we feel like keeping it as simple as possible and doing what we do well, we hope will be good enough," Bennett said. "When you start trying to change things up, you start to confuse everyone and send the wrong message."



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Annabelle Ayrault brings the ball up the court for North during last week's MAC Tournament game against L'Anse Creuse North. Ayrault scored five points in one of her first games since returning from a knee injury suffered earlier in the season.



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Michael Banaszewski passes the ball off to partner Matthew Agnone.

Rivalry rematch! Blue Devils win unified hoops game

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The anticipation and atmosphere reached a fever pitch inside the Grosse Pointe North gym Tuesday, Feb. 7, as the unified varsity basketball teams from North and South met up for the second time this season. After North's unforgettable buzzer-beater win earlier in the season, the stands were jam-packed to watch

South even the score with a 50-45 win.

After leading the first half by only two points, South and North continued to trade baskets into the third and fourth quarters. The Blue Devils were able to stay on top and bested North by 5 points when all was said and done.

"The two games against each other have been wonderful... great competition, superb sportsmanship, and solid

efforts by all the kids," said Steve Zaranek, who co-coaches South alongside Kathy Smith. "Both teams are also so appreciative of the unbelievable support that has come from the student bodies, staff, administration and the community."

South takes the court again at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 for the penultimate game of its regular season on the road at Seaholm.



Abdullah Ali from North, far left, hustles down the court on defense and gets in a celebration after making a basket.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2023 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 13, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org, or www.michigan.gov/taxes; Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 27, 2023, until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00%
Commercial	50.55%
Industrial	50.07%
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South, Liggett swim and dive teams fight for state cuts against fierce competition

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys varsity swim and dive exited last week by earning more state cuts and two huge wins, while University Liggett swimmers continued achieving personal bests, as both squads faced fierce competition against some of the state's elite swim programs.

With state championships less than a month away, the Blue Devils and Knights officially entered a rigorous final month of the regular season. Last Tuesday, South recorded its sixth victory of the year where the Blue Devils defeated a team by 100 points or more. This time, they mowed down Chippewa Valley 143-40.

The team followed up that league win with one of their biggest challenges of the season — facing off against two Division 1 powerhouses, Detroit Catholic Central (DCC) and reigning state champion Birmingham Groves, and riding the wave to an important regular season victory.

South earned 387 points to take first, with Groves finishing second with 338 points. DCC came in third with 314 points. Chippewa Valley, which came back to give some of its swimmers an opportunity to earn a state cut, finished

in distant fourth with 39 points.

Throughout this season, weekends for South swim and dive have become “championship Saturdays,” as the team has embraced the challenge of scheduling its toughest meets on this day and organizing them in championship formats.

“We have been training really hard,” said assistant coach Greg Wolff. “We have raced against some really fast teams, and we have tried to set up the top fastest teams on Saturdays.”

Wolff, who is also a physical education teacher at Pierce Middle School, said part of the challenge involves not just swimming fast, but to move puzzle pieces around and see what swimmers do well in various events. It's a strategy swim coaches face as they approach the state final to figure out a team's best way of maximizing the points it can earn.

“We are definitely mixing it up to see what we're all about,” he said.

Next week, the team hosts the MAC Red dive championship at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, followed up by the MAC Red swim championship, beginning with the prelim round at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 and finals starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

The University Liggett

Knights continued their successful 2023 swim campaign as the team traveled to Waterford Kettering High School for a quad meet against DCC, Dearborn Divine Child and Birmingham Brother Rice Tuesday, Feb. 7, hosted by Brother Rice.

In this tough test against the “big boys” of the Catholic League, the Knights held their own and had some impressive swims and season best times, according to ULS Head Coach Bart Bronk. The Knights lost 143-29 against DCC, and lost to Brother Rice 116-30. Liggett kept it closer against Divine Child, losing 72-48.

According to Bronk, the team continues to keep a positive attitude and strong work ethic.

“The team's spirits remain high and the swimmers are focused on improvement in every meet,” he said.

Liggett swimmers with notable finishes at the meet include:

◆ Freshman Zach Rabbani, who had two significant time improvements. Rabbani dropped nearly five seconds from his previous season best in the 200 free, finishing 8th in 2:19.79. He also took 8th in the 100 breast in 1:21.85, which was a drop of nearly three seconds over his previous best time.

◆ Michael Darlington continued to improve,



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAM RAHMAAN

South junior Ben Bryan swims his way to a state cut in the 200 IM last Saturday in a meet against Detroit Catholic Central, Birmingham Groves and Chippewa Valley.

dropping time in the 50 free, where he finished 10th in 33.27. He also dropped more than three seconds in the 100 free, good for a 9th place finish in 1:19.03.

◆ Freshmen Charlie Bronk and Brendan Beland continued to improve in their rookie season. Bronk took 3rd in the 200 IM and achieved a

personal best time of 2:16.44. He also took and 3rd in the 100 back in 1:03.12. Beland finished fifth in what ULS's head coach called “one of the fastest 100 fly heats of the high school regular season,” with a time of 57.9. Beland also finished 3rd in the 100 breast in 1:09.31.

◆ Both Knights relay

teams met season-best times. The 200 medley relay finished in 4th place in 2:04.68, and the 200 free relay also took fourth in 1:53.38.

The team heads to Ferndale Thursday, Feb. 16 to face U of D Jesuit, Ann Arbor Greenhills/Gabriel Richard [co-op] and Ferndale in a quad meet.

Boys hoops regular season enters final stretch

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The boys basketball season is entering the final weeks before playoffs, and for Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North, it is time for some final tests in the MAC before playoffs begin. The Blue Devils celebrated their seniors with a thrilling win last week, while the Norsemen had some performances that presented plenty of lessons from which to learn. For the University Liggett Knights, a tough test allowed some of the team's younger players to shine despite the final score.

South

After finishing MAC Red league play with a perfect 10-0 record and

being division champions, the Blue Devils honored their seniors last Friday night with a thrilling non-league matchup. South welcomed in Notre Dame Prep and nearly suffered its first loss in a month, but instead prevailed in overtime 53-50.

Anthony Benard highlighted the senior night win with a double-double, ending with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Karter Richards was close behind with 17 points in the OT thriller.

The Blue Devils now move on to the first round of the MAC Tournament. To tip off the bracket, South hosts Dakota at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. If the Blue Devils advance, they host either New Haven or Romeo in the semifinals on Tuesday,

Feb. 21.

North

Despite going 1-1 in two games last week, the Norsemen can still look at that stretch as a positive. North let a late lead slip away early in the week during a loss to one of the best teams in its league, but still managed to turn around and end the week with a victory.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 7, North went on the road to Port Huron Northern for a showdown with the MAC White champions. The Norsemen let a second-half lead slip away in the 68-61 loss to the Huskies in the team's final MAC White division game of the year, bringing North's final division

record this winter to 4-6.

North returned home last Friday, Feb. 10, and took on Lakeview from the MAC Silver. With both Adam Ayrault and James Phillips back on the floor together after both have missed time this season due to injury, the Norsemen looked to be back in winning form with a 69-50 triumph.

“It was a big rhythm game for us trying to get our feet back and it came at the perfect time for us,” North head coach Rob Johnson said. “The message has been and will be for the next couple of weeks that we have to continue to capitalize on opportunities and get better and finish games.”

Ayrault finished with

24 points while sophomore Leo Perettie had 12 points along with five assists and six rebounds. Roccor Cardinale also reached double digits with 11 points and Phillips ended the night with eight.

North's fifth-place finish in the MAC White was not high enough to qualify for the MAC Tournament, but will play a consolation bracket game at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 on the road at L'Anse Creuse North.

ULS

The Knights entered last week on a roll looking to extend a winning streak that started during the last week of January. Instead, a 44-39

loss last Tuesday, Feb. 7 to Lutheran North saw Liggett's hot stretch end at just three. It was then on to last Thursday when the Knights hosted a highly-ranked Detroit Loyola team. Looking to pull off an upset, Liggett instead dropped its second consecutive game losing 75-44.

In the game's opening minutes Liggett played it close with Loyola. The Bulldogs did not take very long to begin showing why they are one of the top ranked teams in the state, leading by 11 after the first quarter and eventually by 24 at half-time.

Loyola continued to dominate in the second half, leading by as much as 37 by the time the fourth quarter came around. The Knights fought hard and put on a good enough performance that would have given any team likely besides Loyola a good game.

In the end, Liggett took the opportunity to work on things in-game against a high caliber opponent and gave plenty of players experience. Eight total Knights found their way onto the score sheet, including freshman Deagan Barr who had 11 points.

Liggett hosts Detroit Cristo Rey at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 before moving on to the Catholic League Tournament. The Knights play their first league tournament game at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard hosted at U of D Jesuit.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North's Leo Perettie, pictured in a game against Eisenhower earlier this month, had 12 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists in the team's win over Lakeview last Friday.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2023 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH.



Photo by Amy Spence

From left are Blue Dolphin team captains Bella Yoakam, Helen Aouad and Paige Spence, who also are seniors at Grosse Pointe North.

A TRADITION SINCE 1928, BLUE DOLPHINS SYNCHRO SWIM TEAM EXHIBITS AQUATIC ARTISTRY, ATHLETICISM

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

The 2023 Grosse Pointe girls varsity synchronized swim team is carrying on a nearly century-long tradition of creating beautiful movement and rhythmic routines with 10 swimmers who exhibit equal parts aquatic artistry and athleticism in the pool.

Nicknamed the Blue Dolphins, the team has hit the water for five competitions this season, including a meet last Friday, Feb. 10, against Troy High School. The team has three meets remaining on the season's schedule.

Though the sport is not one that keeps traditional win-loss records, the team has accomplished noteworthy achievements throughout the season, according to Blue Dolphins head coach Lisa Aouad, who also is the resource program teacher at Mason Elementary School.

serious fans only. The sport is broken down into two elements: Figures and Routines. Figures require body positions and transitions, and are evaluated by a judges' panel, similar to gymnastics and diving. Coaches place athletes to compete within four levels, based on skill.

Routines require two versions, one with required technical elements, in duet and whole group formats. There also is a free routine, performed in duet, trio and group formats, with no required moves.

Aouad said she empowers her swimmers to determine their routines and the accompanying songs. Some music selections this year include hits throughout the decades, includ-

ing "Material Girl" by Madonna, "Copacabana" by Barry Manilow, "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You" by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and "Seven Rings" by Ariana Grande.

"The girls work together to choreograph all of their own routines," she said. "They also pick their own music."

Against Troy United last Friday, the Blue Dolphins recorded some impressive finishes including:

Technical Teams:

2nd Place: Helen Aouad, Juliette Aouad, Sarah Westrick and Bella Yoakam

Duets:

3rd Place: Juliette Aouad and Molly Spence
4th Place: Paige Spence and Sarah Westrick

Trios:

2nd Place: Helen Aouad, Paige Spence and Bella Yoakam



Photo by Lisa Aouad

The Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team works on one of its group routines during a recent practice at the Grosse Pointe North pool.



Photo by Amy Spence

Blue Dolphins team members perfect their precision poolside at a recent meet Friday, Feb. 10, against Troy High School.

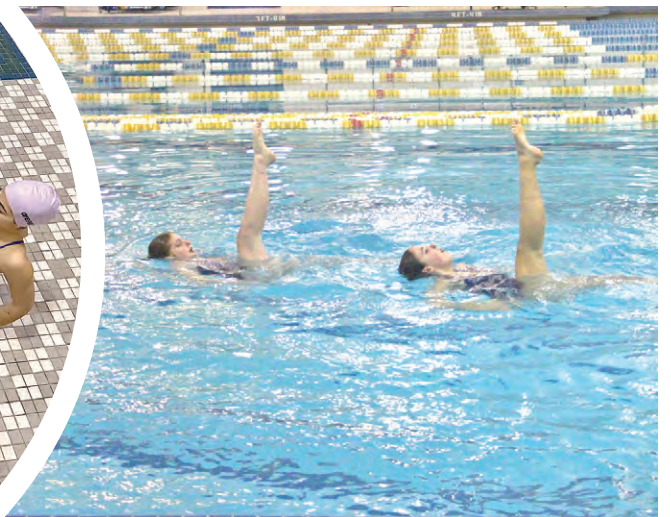


Photo by Amy Spence

Blue Dolphins teammates pair up for a duet performance at a recent meet.

Combo Teams:

2nd Place: Juliette Aouad, Alexandria Noyd, Molly Spence and Isabella Valdez

"One of our goals is to show continuous improvement individually and as a team from beginning to the end of the season," Aouad said. "We also strive to make adjustments and improvements based on judges' feedback."

Aouad also said the experience levels on her team vary, with some swimmers who have participated for years in the summer synchronized swim programs at the parks, to those brand new to the sport.

"We have three seniors who participated in summer synchro at the Woods park and all three are now the synchro coaches (there)," she said.

The team also has two juniors and two sophomores with summer synchro experience at the Woods park, as well as three freshmen, two of whom are experienced and one rookie.

This year's team captains are seniors Bella Yoakam, Helen Aouad and Paige Spence. Juliette Aouad, Evangeline Jarvi, Claire Nurse, Alexandria Noyd, Molly Spence, Isabella Valdez and Sarah Westrick round out the roster. Former Blue Dolphin Hannah Hicks coaches alongside Aouad.

Aouad said she will measure the season's success by some specific benchmarks.

"(I will look for) Individual and team growth over the course of both the figure and routine seasons," she said. "Teamwork, collaboration, problem solving, creativity, willingness to try new things" also will be measures of the team's success, she said.

The team's next competition takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 3 against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron at Pioneer.

BLUE DOLPHINS TEAM HISTORY

The Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team has a long-running, treasured history in the Pointes. Some fast facts about the program include:

- Founded on Nov. 15, 1928
- Team Motto: Swim to Success
- Symbol: Pearl
- Colors: Blue, black and white
- Logo: The team logo features two dolphins swimming in a circle.



The dolphins represent the team's dual school status and never-ending motivation. Across all cultures and mythology, dolphins symbolize community, friendship, grace, generosity and playfulness – all qualities exemplified by fellow Blue Dolphins.

The Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins hit the deck and begin their combination freestyle routine against Troy High School last Friday.



"(As far as a record), this is a very complicated thing, as our season is broken into two parts and there are multiple components to each part of the season," she said via email. "One of our goals is to show continuous improvement individually and as a team from beginning to the end of the season."

The Blue Dolphins are technically a united team, meaning athletes from both North and South can participate; however, this year's squad consists of all Norsemen.

"We currently have 10 swimmers on the team," Aouad said. "All team members are currently from North. We would love to have some South swimmers as well."

The program itself is one of the Pointes' oldest high school teams. Its roots began in 1928, as the Grosse Pointe High Aquatic Club, founded Nov. 15, 1928. The program included all water sports and was described in The High's 1937 yearbook as "spend(ing) their weekly meetings practicing strokes, dives, water stunts, lifesaving and swimming formations ..."

The Grosse Pointe News first reported on the "newly-founded Dolphin (synchronized swim) Club" in December 1951, where it described a "water ballet" that took place in celebration of the new gymnasium being built at the school.

When North opened in 1968, the Blue Dolphins decided to remain a joint team to exemplify community and sportsmanship within the sport.

Despite its long history, the intricacies of synchronized swimming are largely known by



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Let's go! North and South attack the MAC

Varsity competitive cheer teams from Grosse Pointe North, pictured above, and Grosse Pointe South continued their 2023 regular season campaigns, including a meet Monday, Feb. 6, against squads from Chippewa Valley, Lamphere, Marysville and Port Huron. The Marysville Vikings took the win with 757.32 points. The Blue Devils finished fourth with 688.98 points, while the Norsemen were close behind, taking sixth with a score of 684.14. Next up for South is districts, which take place at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Sterling Heights Stevenson. North competes in the Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Allen Park High School. — Meg Leonard

ATHLETE:

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routine and vault.

Floor routine is where Lezotte's biggest highlight of the season has come so far. On Feb. 4, she scored a 9.05 out of ten on floor at the Canton Invite. It was her best performance since coming back into gymnastics. What made it really special in Lezotte's eyes was it showed just how far she has come as an athlete.

"My routine is different than anyone else's and I got to have a new routine choreographed

for me," Lezotte said. "It was really cool to see the difference (between) when I stopped doing gymnastics and where I am now. The fact that floor (routine) is more personalized and free than the other events is why I really like it."

Being able to excel at swimming and now gymnastics all comes down to Lezotte's mentality as an athlete. Both sports require large amounts of time and practice and are huge commitments.

That does not faze Lezotte one bit. It is what she has grown accustomed to and what she enjoys. Being able to

push herself to become better no matter the sport and put in the work to make herself and her team better.

"For both (swimming and gymnastics), it's like two-hour practices and you're working hard the whole time. You have to be into it to want to do it and get better," Lezotte said. "At swim practice they tell you what you're doing in practice but you have to motivate yourself and want it enough. It's the same thing at gymnastics. They give you what to do but you have to actually want to get better for yourself to get better results."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

QUICK HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Pointes are always action-packed on the sports front, and last week was no exception. Some quick hits and highlights include:

UNITED GYMNASTICS

Grosse Pointe United varsity gymnastics competed in its league championship after press time, which took place Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Birmingham Groves High School.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Grosse Pointe North boys varsity swim and dive took on Henry Ford II Tuesday, Feb 14 after press time. The team's focus now turns to hosting and competing in the MAC White championship Feb 23-Feb. 25.

BOYS HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe South boys hockey lost twice in the last week both by a score of 3-2. The first loss came last Thursday, Feb. 9 to Riverview Gabriel Richard, with the second loss at home coming on Monday, Feb. 13 against De La Salle.

GIRLS HOCKEY

University Liggett girls hockey won 3-0 on Saturday, Feb. 11 over Ann Arbor Skyline, thanks to a pair of goals from Giuliana Lutfy.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe North girls hockey won a close 6-5 game on Saturday, Feb. 11 against Ann Arbor Pioneer. Josie Cueter had a hat trick and Ella Dobbs scored twice for the Norsemen.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University Liggett girls basketball lost in the CHSL Cardinal Division playoff tournament 54-43 to St. Catherine of Siena on Saturday, Feb. 11.

BOYS HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe North boys hockey won a thrilling game last Friday, Feb. 10 against St. Clair Shores Unified when Zach Potter scored the game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Norsemen to victory 6-5.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball won its first game in the MAC Tournament consolation bracket 56-17 over Stevenson last Thursday, Feb. 9.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lezotte holds her medal and sign to celebrate her win at the 2022 MAC Red Championship in the 100 backstroke.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Charles Schervish, right, locks up with his opponent from Harper Woods during team district competition last Thursday.

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Jesus. The match was taken to decision, where Wilson eventually lost 10-7.

Blake Jordan took third place at 138 pounds with a decision win over Royal Oak's Grady Bowman. Also earning third place was Lemanski, who earned bronze in the 157-pound division by pinning Fraser's Dinell Echols.

Regional qualifiers will be back on the mat this Saturday, Feb. 18. South's qualifiers in Division 1 will be wrestling at Chippewa Valley for regionals while North's qualifiers in Division 2 are set to compete at Warren Woods-Tower.

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). 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.

Bruce Nichols,
City Clerk

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