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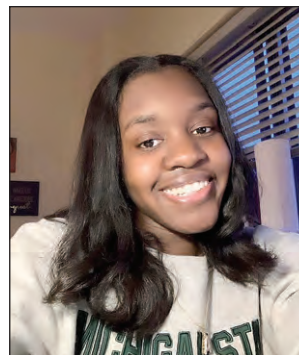
Complete news coverage of all the Pointes



Brian Fraser

Unity for MSU

Community comes together to bring hope, healing



Arielle Anderson

A natural leader

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Well liked, a good friend, kind.

Those are just some of the words that have come up about Brian Fraser, one of three students shot and killed at Michigan State University the night of Monday, Feb. 13.

Fraser, 20, graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2021.

During his funeral Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, the Rev. Jim Bilot described him as a “charismatic, smiling, good-natured young man,” who was “hard not to like.”

Fraser, a business major at MSU, joined the district as a freshman after attending St. Paul Catholic School. A vigil at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church last Tuesday drew hun-

dreds.

A post on the parish’s Facebook page said Fraser’s “light shined bright with love, leadership and kindness” in the classroom, athletics and within the St. Paul community.

“He was a good kid,” Sean Fraser, Brian’s father, said. “He was

loved by everyone.”

That was evident from social media posts reflecting Fraser’s life.

“Brian had an infectious smile that could light up the pool deck and bring laughter to the entire team,” South’s swim and dive

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Fraser was a member of South’s swim and dive team, as well as its lacrosse and basketball teams.

A mind for medicine

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE

— As an aspiring doctor, Arielle Anderson is being remembered as a person always looking to help others.

“We lost our precious daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, cousin and friend,” Anderson’s family said in a statement. “As much as we loved her, she loved us and others even more.”

The family said Anderson, a 2021 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, wanted to become a surgeon and was on track to graduate early from MSU to attend medical school. According to GPPSS, she joined the district in seventh grade at Parcels Middle School.

“As an angel here on earth, Arielle was sweet and loving with an infectious smile that was very contagious,” the family continued. “We are absolutely devas-

tated by this heinous act of violence upon her and many other innocent victims.”

Anderson, 19, lived in Harper Woods. She was in class at Michigan State University’s Berkey Hall when a gunman opened fire the night of Monday, Feb. 13.

Anderson also was a budding photographer and entered the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s Promising Artists exhibition in 2021.

“Arielle was very compassionate and concerned with trying to understand what other people were going through,” said Karen Pope, GPAA president. “She worked hard and spent a lot of time trying to understand others.”

On Friday, Feb. 17, as a new class of officers was sworn in by Detroit Police Chief James White, he paid tribute to

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Anderson, who was studying to be a doctor, also was an artist.

Community, businesses offer Spartan support

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Within hours of hearing the news that two Grosse Pointe Public School System graduates were

among three students shot and killed at Michigan State University Monday, Feb. 13, community resources sprang into action.

Drop-in grief support was offered by The Family Center in conjunction with

GPPSS, Grosse Pointe Public Library and The War Memorial.

“In response to the MSU tragedy, TFC quickly mobilized community grief support centers,” TFC Executive Director

Jennifer Bingaman said. “We are profoundly grateful to the library, The War Memorial and the therapists who acted with immediacy and compassion to support our local families.”

Bingaman said she and her staff were cautioned that more calls for care would come in as MSU students returned home while classes were canceled.

“Sure enough, those

calls began Thursday and have continued,” she said. “In response, our community partner, CNS Healthcare, has established a dedicated helpline at (313) 771-2002 that is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

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‘Dogs, Donuts & Dogs’ — plus hugs — at Spartan Sunday

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

THE GROSSE POINTE — A late-night brainstorming session between two Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers turned into a heavily supported outing to East Lansing for Spartan Sunday, Feb. 19.

“Dogs, Donuts and Dogs” initially was

expected to take place on a much smaller scale — one tent with some snacks — but once word got out, it grew to include seven tents, 12 tables and thousands of dollars of products and donations, according to Nan Sabella, an MSU graduate, Parcels Middle School teacher and mother of an MSU freshman.

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Nan Sabella, left, and Nicol Brumme, pictured with Sparty, were among the volunteers who participated in Spartan Sunday, Feb. 19.

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Cut overtime with medical first responders

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— One way to reduce overtime and associated costs in the public safety department is having officers trained as medical first responders, rather than emergency medical technicians, operate the ambulance.

Medical first responder is the first level of EMS care.

“It’s still a lot of train-

ing, but it’s a little less than required of a full EMT,” said Bryan Jarrell, public safety director.

State rules require two medics per ambulance, one of whom can be an emergency first responder rather than a full EMT.

“The emergency first responder can drive the ambulance and the EMT would have to be with the patient,” Jarrell said.

“It makes sense,” Councilman Martin

McMillan, chairman of the public safety committee, told Jarrell during a Feb. 15 committee meeting. “That will help you with staffing, too.”

“We wouldn’t have to force someone to overtime,” City Manager Nick Sizeland said.

“One of the staffing issues we’re having is forced overtime,” Jarrell told committee members.

When the department’s four-officer-per-shift minimum consists of only one

EMT, an EMT from another shift is forced into overtime.

“Either that, or I have to (notify regulators) and MedStar (ambulance contractor) that we don’t have the proper staffing to run the ambulance,” Jarrell said.

“The medical first responder license is the first level of EMS care recognized by Michigan and is typically utilized by police, public safety and security agencies, as well

as rural fire departments, industrial workers, life guards and search-and-rescue teams,” according to a course description on the Oakland Community College website.

Licensed emergency first responders are qualified to apply CPR, automatic external defibrillators, oxygen therapy, immobilize patients, triage patients and assist EMTs and paramedics during advanced care, according

to the course description. Upon Jarrell being hired by the Park in 2021, the department had about 20 EMTs, he said.

“We have 15 now and are about to go to 14,” he said. “We still want to get people trained as EMTs.”

Training requires one day per week for eight weeks at a cost of \$650 per student.

Committee members are forwarding their recommendation to the city council.

Parks lists former Pitters property

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— A commercial real estate broker who launched his career with a sale not far from city hall was chosen this week to list the Park-owned former Pitters landscape company property on Alter between Vernor and St. Paul in Detroit.

Kees Janeway, co-founder of Iconic Real Estate headquartered in Detroit, received unanimous council support Feb. 13, to list and market the property, consisting of seven adjacent lots.

All are in Detroit but share rear borders with a Park residential neighborhood on Wayburn.

“Iconic will provide a digital marketing campaign, signage, market rate guidance and space analysis for brainstorming the best uses of the site for development,”



FILE PHOTO

The former Pitters landscape company property on Alter between Vernor and St. Paul in Detroit has been listed for sale by Grosse Pointe Park.

said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

“I’ve been involved in all facets of commercial real estate,” Janeway said.

He said the second transaction of his career was the 2004 sale of the Deck Bar at Jefferson and Alter in Detroit, which he and his father owned. Detroit officials issued a permit to demol-

ish the vacant and decaying structure in 2015.

Park officials bought the Pitters property in 2016 for \$392,000. They did so partly to forestall its development into something potentially incompatible with the Wayburn residential neighborhood, Park officials have stated numerous times.

“The (city) council

approved (the purchase) in June 2016,” Sizeland said of the buy. “We closed in December 2017. The last payment for the land contract was paid off in January 2022.”

Detroit zoning regulations allow the space to be used for residential, retail, local services, industrial, mixed use, parkland or open space, Sizeland said.

“Multiple entities have contacted the city expressing interest in the property,” he said. “Talking with a council member in Detroit and also the mayor’s staff, there’s a focus for seeing this property developed. With future development taking place on Kercheval and Alter Road, the redevelopment on the corner of Mack and Alter, and

future development discussions taking place on properties in the area, the (Park) city council recommended selling the property.”

“We all see this as more than just a transactional situation,” Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. “Continued strengthening and bolstering the Alter Road corridor is one of the most significant opportunities we have to be transformational in how we build (our) tax base, improve the quality of life and revenue that helps us solve some of the deficit issues we’re facing.”

“As I look at these properties on Alter and Vernor, there is a piece of property Grosse Pointe Park owns,” Councilman Martin McMillan said to Janeway. “Is that something we can dovetail into the sale of the property we’re talking about?”

“Yes,” Janeway answered. “I discussed that with Nick. If you look at the sites as a multifamily development, making that available as parking might help get a higher price point.”

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City achieves unmodified 2022 audit

Spending in current year limited

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Receiving an unmodified audit opin-

ion for its 2022 audit — the most positive result a city can achieve — the City of Grosse Pointe also saw its net position decrease by 1.3 percent in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

“The only cause, apparently, is because our pension assets substantially decreased as of June 30,” City Manager Pete Dame explained. “It takes a snapshot at the end of the fiscal year — what is your financial picture as of that date — and as of

that date, the stock market was way lower than it was the year prior, so our pension assets were substantially lower and that’s what caused that.”

Despite the decrease, the City’s pension liability still is 102.2 percent funded, down from 105.1 percent the year prior. Although, Dame cautioned, the actuarially required contribution is rising substantially to offset the investment losses.

The City’s other post-employment benefits, or

retiree health care, liability is 7.4 percent funded. This represents an approximately one-year cushion, as the city uses a “pay as you go” system to budget the actual cost of each year’s expected retiree health care cost in the annual budget.

Although that number technically is below the state’s 40 percent threshold, “We are not on the state’s radar, because we’re so highly funded on the pension side,” Dame reported.

“We’re paying for it,” he added, “but if you look at, is it still the largest unfunded liability the city has? It is.”

In better news, property tax revenue — the City’s main revenue source — saw a 1.5 percent increase, made up largely of a 1.4 percent inflation-capped increase from the rise in residential housing values.

As of June 30, the City’s general fund balance was approximately \$3.952 million, of which

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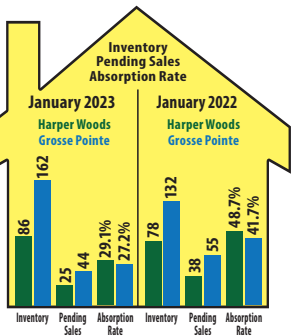
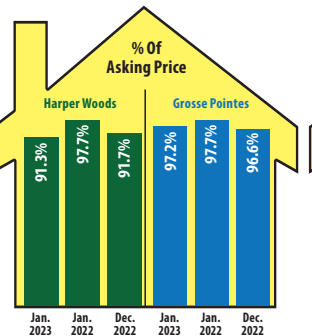
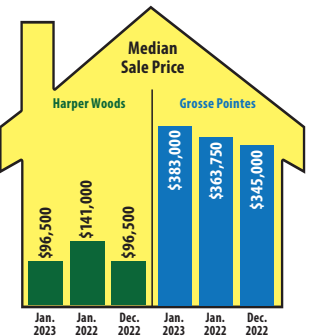
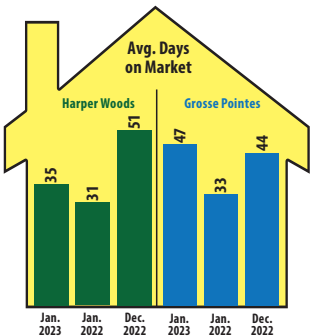
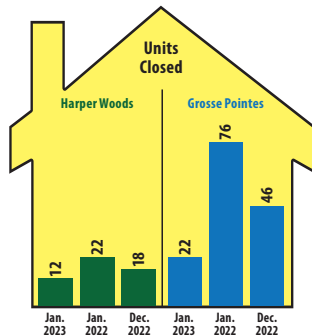
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Pending sales rebounding well in GP, HW

January housing data for 2023 has been released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. This month's report may be one of the best examples of what is happening across the housing market. In areas where buyers in the past have been investors, sale prices are down as investors shed their inventory before the end of the year, reducing percent of asking price and increasing days on market. Yet, with investors out of the market in January, pending sales have rebounded nicely. In areas where prices are reflective of the healthy jobs market and where higher interest



rates have not made buying a home difficult, prices are up noticeably, days on market has drifted slightly higher, but percent of asking price has increased. Additionally, while homes in this category saw the absorption rate slip into balanced market territory in December 2022, it has risen into a

strong seller market in January of this year. Finally, to best understand what is occurring in your housing market, it is important to see not only what is occurring in your neighborhood, but also in close-by communities. The importance of having a trusted advisor who knows this and can bring these complexities

into focus is critical for a successful real estate experience. Consequently, whether buying or selling a home, we urge you to consult a member of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. Information provided by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

Notes:

Inventory: The number of homes for sale at the beginning of each month plus the number of homes listed during the month.
Pending sales: The number of accepted offers reported for the month.
Absorption Rate: The division of the number of pending sales in a month by inventory. An absorption rate higher than 18.3 percent is considered a seller's market. An absorption rate under 15.3 percent is considered a buyer's market.

AT&T and Farms partner for bigger, better generator

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — After sticking to its guns, city administration in the Farms is reaping the reward of a new backup generator capable of fully powering the city's public safety and city hall complex on Kerby. AT&T approached the city more than a year and a half ago, City Manager Shane Reeside reported, and said it was interested in installing a generator at city hall to provide backup power to its equipment on the nearby communication tower.

Because the Farms also was considering the replacement of its 1988, 50-kilowatt city hall generator — and AT&T's proposed site would be an ideal location — city administration denied the request, but counter-offered potentially welcoming a generator from the cell carrier if it had enough capacity for shared use. "They denied it originally," Reeside said. "They said they don't do that. We kind of held off and it paid off, because they did come back and said they would be willing to install a generator that we could utilize."

The new generator, to be installed within 60 days where the current generator sits, boasts a plethora of upgrades. At 150 kilowatts, the generator will be able to power the whole of city hall and public safety rather than only essential functions such as dispatch and the radio system. This not only is welcome for the obvious reasons, but also will help the public safety department take a step closer to becoming accredited through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

"We've had outages where we've had limited number of lights throughout the building," Reeside recalled. "Under emergency situations we've actually had to use extension cords in some cases to bring power to computers and printers, so there will be a big benefit." It also will be encased in a 10-foot brick enclosure wall, matching the facade of the public safety building and creating a sound-deadening effect that will be much quieter than the current generator. As AT&T is responsible for the cost of installation, Reeside reported it will be

a six-figure savings for the city. The Farms will assume the responsibility of maintenance on the generator, but already does so with the current one. "The fine print says we all need to switch to AT&T though," Mayor Louis Theros joked, before the council unanimously approved the agreement last Monday night. Hidden behind ever-green bushes in the same area of the public safety complex, there also currently is a Verizon generator.

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Open for parking

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Curbside parking restrictions on upper Yorkshire are likely to be clarified and partly eliminated on a trial basis. The purpose is to ensure there's room for the passage of fire trucks while giving residents more on-street parking options. Public Safety Director Bryan Jarrell is enacting the changes through a temporary traffic control order which the city council could make permanent. Changes impact the relatively narrow 1300 and 1400 blocks of

Yorkshire between Vernor and Mack, but also could extend to neighboring roads. Temporary orders ban on-street parking on the even-numbered side of the road while, on the odd-numbered side, allow curbside parking. Currently, curbside parking on the odd-numbered side is restricted to two consecutive hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays. Changes grew from a resident complaining to city administrators about receiving a seemingly nonsensical parking ticket which had been dismissed in municipal court. "We started looking

into it," Jarrell said. "On Yorkshire from Vernor to Mack, in about the second half of the 1300 block begins 'Two-hour parking' signs. On the other side of the street, it's posted 'No parking any time.' Then, you cross over Charlevoix and it's 'No parking any time.'" "We've had this issue before," said Jim Bostock, deputy public safety director and 20-year department veteran. "It's basically 'No parking here to corner.'" Rules get convoluted and involve skewed signs with arrows that seem to point one way and infer something when they are intended to point another direction and mean something else.

The simplest solution is to scrap everything and institute changes clarified in the traffic order. Also, instead of simply posting signs declaring no parking, Jarrell wants to install signs explaining the restrictions. "I'd like to change them all to 'No parking fire lane' so people understand why," he said. Parking limitations between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. date back decades to when the Southeast Michigan Transportation Authority, which is now the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), bus route along Charlevoix drew

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the unassigned portion — or rainy-day fund — rested at around \$1.651 million.

Looking forward

In the current fiscal year, which began July 1, 2022, the City has minimized capital expenditures aside from the CVS lot renovation project, which is funded out of the parking fund. "We are not doing any major building repairs this current fiscal year, only buying a few vehicles as needed, because over the last five years, we've been spending more money on capital projects than we add to at the end of every fiscal year," Dame said. "We have needs so we had to fix things (and) things are in much better shape now, so we're able to cut back, but

also we couldn't sustain that rate of spending. We'd be out of money in, I think, three years if we kept spending at that rate."

Rather than having a

capital projects line item in its annual budget, the City uniquely funds its capital projects with any funds left over from its annual budgets.

"We have to bring our capital spending more in line with what's left over at the end of every fiscal year," Dame said, "so that's what we did this fiscal year."



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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 27

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Egg Stroll registration begins, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Downtown Development Authority meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- ◆ Lake Front Park pavilion and gazebo reservation requests open, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.



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Shores a family affair for Michauxes

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Once they get past Grosse Pointe Shores City Hall, the ball fields and sledding hill, people driving west on Vernier probably would be familiar with a cozy subdivision and street names like Michaux Court and Michaux Lane.

Harold Michaux sees something entirely different.

"It was hard, especially the first few years," he said. "In my mind's eye I can still see it the way it used to be."

And by that he means things like crops, livestock and barns.

The Michaux land was the last working family farm in the Pointes, a connection stretching back to the 1700s when Lakeshore was dotted with one ribbon farm after another.

"It was a weird feeling for a long time," Michaux said. "We were the last to go."

The last remnant is the old farmhouse, at 76 Vernier, which still stands but has been remodeled.

"My grandparents lived there and we lived right next door," Michaux said. "When we lost Mom and



Harold Michaux's grandfather, William, left, plows and his father, Harold Sr., preps the field of the family farm off Vernier. In the background is the Vernier School. Its bell now marks the entrance to the Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Works.

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sold the house, that was the final tie."

The second-to-last family farm to go was owned by the Vanderbushes on the site where Grosse Pointe North High School now stands.

Records from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society indicate the Michaux family purchased the land in 1871, but in a 1978 newspaper article Bill Michaux, Harold's grandfather, said his grandmother bought the land in 1858.

Michaux grew up on the farm with his siblings,

Kathy, Sharon, Ken and David, and parents, Harold Sr. and Doris.

"We had horses and chickens," Michaux said. "I can still remember riding horses up and down Vernier."

The family also grew sweet corn, flowers and raspberries they would sell to passersby and at Detroit's Eastern Market.

The family had another farm at 22 Mile and Hayes, which eventually was swallowed up as Macomb County's subdivisions continued expanding north.

"I remember coming home from school, especially in the spring, and we had a heated greenhouse where we grew begonias," Michaux said. "We'd be out there planting flats and keeping them watered, and then there were other chores to get done before dinner."

One of those chores was cleaning out the chicken coop and collecting eggs.

"That was no fun," Michaux, a 1976 North graduate, laughed. "It was pretty stinky."

After a few years working for Grosse Pointe

Park, Michaux joined the Shores DPW and has been there 36 years. His wife, Lynn — they married in 1980 — has been with the Shores 15 years and currently is administrative assistant to City Manager Steve Poloni.

"We knew each other in high school, but didn't really start dating until a few years later," she said. "I still get people telling me they remember buying flowers and corn right there at the house."

Although growing up on a farm can be hard work, there was fun to be had.

"Did you mention the pheasant?" Lynn asked.

"We'd have pheasants come in and try to eat the crops, so my dad would shoot them," Michaux recounted. "One time I went to use the bathroom and there's a dead pheasant in the tub. He thought it would be funny to open the window and toss it in there and see who found it."

Michaux's grandfather started selling off parcels of the farm in the late 1950s after his other son, Norman, died at just 32 of a heart attack and laborers were hard to find. By 1970 the farm was about four acres.

"When I got out of high school my dad asked me if I wanted to take over the farm," Michaux said. "I never did but sometimes think what could have been."

After 36 years with the Shores, Michaux said he's retiring in April and his wife probably will do the same later this year.

The couple has one granddaughter and both of their daughters are expecting in July.

"We all live about two minutes away from each other in the Woods, so that's really fun," she said.

SUPPORT:

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Friday. In addition, we have had a tremendous outpouring of support from more than two dozen therapists willing to support our community with individual, group, virtual

and in-home visits."

Bingaman added there are additional resources available at familycenterweb.org and that anyone experiencing a mental health emergency should call 988.

In addition to specific vigils held for Arielle Anderson and Brian

Fraser at First Lutheran Evangelical Church and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, respectively, vigils also were held at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Businesses across the Pointes took action as

well, offering deals for MSU students, including:

◆ StretchLab Grosse Pointe, which is offering free 25-minute sessions for a future date of choice for any and all MSU students and alumni.

◆ Bold Flow Yoga, which offered free healing guided meditation Feb. 16.

◆ Pointe Acupuncture, which offered free treatments Feb. 15.a

◆ Hot Yoga Grosse Pointe, which offered free classes to students Feb. 16 and 17.

◆ Body Burn Studios, which offered free express classes for students and alumni Feb. 17.

◆ The Lon Next Door Salon & Spa, which offered free treatments Feb. 15 and 16.

◆ Pointe Fitness, which offered a free week of fitness to any MSU student.

◆ Full Lotus Yoga, which offered free classes and free five-minute massages to MSU students Feb. 17 to 19, as well as free sound bath meditation.

◆ Aesthetic Theory Medspa, which offered free brow waxing or B12 shots Feb. 15 to 17.

◆ Wildflower & Co., which offered free gel or regular manicures through Feb. 18.

◆ The Corner Studio, which offered free classes and meditation.

◆ RAMP Athletics, which offered free 30-minute sessions in its recovery lounge Feb. 17 and 18.

◆ Ford House announced Tuesday, Feb. 21, it will welcome all MSU students and staff to the estate free of charge through the end of March, to explore, take self-guided tours of the main residence or relax.

"It is with heavy heart that we are again confronted with a senseless tragedy, this time at Michigan State University," said Louis Theros, mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms, where Grosse Pointe South is located. "The collective love and support of our community is needed more than ever for their families and others

impacted by this heinous tragedy."

Art Bryant, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods, where Grosse Pointe North is located, also released a statement.

"Joining with others, we are all Spartans," he said. "Let us stand together and help our community recover from this senseless tragedy."

Five other students were shot during the incident, four of whom required surgery, including one who is paralyzed from the chest down. The campus was locked down more than four hours before police found the suspect dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police say he had no connection to MSU either as a student or employee.

MSU announced Monday it will pay the funeral expenses of the three students who died, as well as the hospital bills of the five wounded students.

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Phone thief

Last week's reports noted a cell phone and credit card were stolen from the bleachers inside an establishment in the 17000 block of Waterloo while the owner played basketball.

A follow-up investigation led to the identification and arrest of a 24-year-old Detroit man at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15.

He was charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with larceny in a building.

Stop loss

A fraudulent bank account immediately was closed at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, after the bank notified a Grosse Pointe man the account

had been opened by an unknown person using his Social Security number.

Erratic driving

Erratic driving at Jefferson and Fisher led to a 70-year-old Park man being pulled over at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The man was found to be intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

It's not I-94

A police chase on southbound Lakeshore reached

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speeds of 70 mph around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The incident began when an officer noticed a 2006 Honda Odyssey traveling at a high rate of speed near Vernier. The chase ended after the suspect hit another vehicle at Moross, with both vehicles ending up in the median.

A 22-year-old Warren man was ticketed for speeding, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license. Police are investigating how he came to possess the vehicle, which was stolen in Clinton Township.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

ID theft

A resident in the 1300 block of North Oxford filed a report around 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, indicating he received a call from someone claiming to be with the Federal Trade Commission.

The caller said there were reports of unusual activity with the complainant's bank account. After a short conversation the caller became more aggressive and threatened to issue an arrest warrant for the complainant.

The victim then ended the phone call, but told police he had given his Social Security number to the caller. Police advised the man not to take any more calls from Amazon or the FTC and was

advised to check activity on his credit cards and bank account.

Another one

The parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital continues to be a prime target for thieves looking to steal catalytic converters from vehicles.

The latest was reported around 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. The complainant said his 2022 Dodge Ram was in the lot from 5 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, until 1:30 p.m. the following day.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Not drunken driving

A 63-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at Moross and Chandler for an expired license plate tab at 3:27 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

Although an open can of alcohol was in the center cup holder, the man passed field sobriety tests and only was issued a warning for open intoxicants. He did, however, receive citations for the expired plate and driving while license suspended.

Flooded with fraud

Between 6:14 and 6:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, a 36-year-old Farms man received six emails from Bank of America about a new bank account that had been opened in his name.

The bank confirmed the

suspect had used the man's name and Social Security number, but with an incorrect home address.

Immediately freezing all his accounts, the man was able to avoid losing any money.

Too sick to return

A 2022 Toyota Corolla was listed as stolen last week because a 47-year-old Grosse Pointe woman has failed to return the vehicle to a local rental agency since Jan. 17, stating she has been in the hospital since the return date.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Kia incidents

Kias remain in the crosshairs of car thieves.

Some criminals are so enamored with the brand, which reportedly is relatively easy to steal, they've banded together as the Kia Boyz, a few of whom Park police nabbed in recent weeks.

Faulty equipment on a Kia owned by a resident in the 1300 block of Buckingham thwarted

thieves between the two-week period of Saturday, Feb. 4, to Saturday, Feb. 18.

"(A) resident discovered a window broken out of her neighbor's 2011 Kia Forte, which was parked in the driveway," police said. "The vehicle had steering column damage consistent with an attempted auto theft. (The) vehicle had not been used recently and has a dead battery which prevented the theft."

Also, sometime between the next night, Sunday, Feb. 19, and the following morning, the owner of another Kia Forte in the 1200 block of Wayburn discovered the driver-side rear window smashed.

Unlike on Buckingham, there was no steering column damage.

"Nothing (was) missing from inside the vehicle," police said.

Park police arrested a 15-year-old Detroit boy Jan. 9, who admitted to belonging to the theft gang.

Officers also arrested two 18-year-old Detroit men Jan. 11, for trying to steal four vehicles in the 1400 blocks of Wayburn and Maryland.

Speeding

Two speeding drivers last week drew the attention of police and were

arrested for operating a motor vehicle illegally.

At 1:47 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, police stopped a 22-year-old Roseville man near the intersection of Mack and Nottingham and arrested him for disregarding his expired operator's license.

At 9:41 a.m. Monday,

Feb. 20, police arrested a 30-year-old man from Taylor at Kercheval and Cadieux for violating a suspended license.

— Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-400.

Situation ends peacefully

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A man who barricaded himself in his home the night of Monday, Feb. 20, for about four hours eventually surrendered without incident.

The situation on Briarcliff near Lakeshore began shortly after 7 p.m. and was resolved by 11 p.m., according to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Director Ken Werenski.

"We got a call from his wife that she and the kids left the house after he pulled out a gun and put it on the kitchen table during an argument," he said. "We tried contacting him by phone and over the loudspeaker, but he would not answer."

Werenski said the man could see police through front and back windows and occasionally walked past the gun.

"He'd put his hand out, but he never picked it up," he said. "We activated the Strategic Response Team and set up a perimeter."

Werenski said officers eventually banged on the door and the man came out willingly and was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation. He is not facing charges.

"He didn't commit a crime," Werenski said. "He never threatened anyone and he never pointed the gun at anyone."

— Ted O'Neil

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OUR VIEW

Surrounding each other in love

This last week has been among the heaviest, most unimaginable times in our community's history. But what we also saw amidst our profound grief, confusion and sadness was community members wrapping each other in love and lifting each other up when we found it impossible to face this tragedy alone.

Three families buried their children in a four-day period because of gun violence that took place the night of Feb. 13, at Michigan State University: Brian Fraser from Grosse Pointe, Arielle Anderson from Harper Woods and Alexandria Verner from Clawson.

Funeral homes, candlelight vigils and churches were standing-room only with mourners. Local clergy from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and First English Lutheran Church opened their doors to offer us a peaceful place to pray, remember and reflect.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System moved fast to put mental health partners in place at South and North the day after the tragedy to provide students and staff support during this horrifically difficult time.

Families who lost their children thought of others despite their unspeakable pain, allowing funeral services to be live-streamed to give more community members the chance to collectively pay their respects and grieve.

Countless — and we do mean countless — local businesses donated goods and services to the families and to MSU students ranging from food, flowers, nail services, massages and acupuncture to name a few. And that hardly covers the complete list of those who generously gave in order to help ease people's burdens.

On Sunday, a collection of Grosse Pointe parents organized "Dogs, Donuts and Dogs" at MSU, when students came back to East Lansing for the first time since last Monday night's horror. The idea was born out of helping students gently re-enter campus, accompanied by the help of some wagging tails, mom hugs and doughnuts to comfort them.

This week, the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities showed how extraordinary we can be when kindness and love lead our actions. Let us never lose sight of how every act of love and each gesture of kindness combats the weight of our sadness. We have the power to bring beauty from these ashes as we process this tragedy together.



COURTESY PHOTO

Pure Grosse Pointe

Ferry Elementary School crossing guard Maureen Carter, an avid crocheter, created this sign out of yarn to display for passersby during Spartan Sunday on the campus of Michigan State University. "We all felt leaving there that Spartan Nation will continue to take care of each other," she said.

GUEST VIEW By Brian Owen

Grieving together, raising awareness

Dear Grosse Pointers, We are all grieving together. It is palpable. From dropping my kids off at school and seeing the flags at half-staff to driving back from Detroit and being greeted by the giant flags on Jefferson as you enter Grosse Pointe Park. As more of us begin to express our grief, mini-memorials are popping up all over town. On Saturday afternoon as Brian Fraser was being buried, the rock at South High School was being painted and for a short while it was stark white with primer. That's when I was walking by with my family. We have walked by that rock hundreds of times and not once was it blank. However, in that moment, it felt like the most appropriate tribute to Brian and his family as there truly are no words for what happened.



The last time I felt this way, two young hockey players were taken in a house fire just a few blocks from our home. For over a year we had a pair of hockey sticks on our front porch. As a family we still practice fire escape routes and routines several times a year and have emergency escape ladders strategically located in the upper floors of our house. At 1 p.m. the first Saturday of the month, if we are home, we will practice in some way. I will test the smoke detectors and change any batteries that may be low. We do this because of these two little hockey dudes that were taken too soon and maybe in some way they will never be forgotten.

Last week I put green lights in our windows as our family tribute to Brian Fraser, Arielle Anderson and Alexandria Verner and their peers who are fighting for their lives, and their families, friends and neighbors who are fighting to hold it together. I don't have a solution in our home yet for gun violence preparedness and have begun to work on that.

I became a guest writer for the Grosse Pointe News last year and have yet to cash the check for the articles I have written. I was going to use the money to start a Grosse

Pointe Youth Bass Fishing Team in hopes that my son, Benjamin, and daughter, Annie, would someday be able to fish competitively and represent The Pointes. Instead, I used some of that money today to purchase the domain GPStrong.com and activated @GrossePointeStrong on Instagram to raise awareness, educate and become proactive in our community against preventable and unpreventable tragedies that affect our children. I welcome and encourage any and all input, support and collaboration. Please feel free to reach out via Instagram.

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my deepest sympathies directly to the families and friends of Arielle (who was laid to rest Tuesday) and Brian. My son and I placed flowers at the rock and had a moment of silence for you. We are heartbroken for you.

Brian Owen and his family reside in the City of Grosse Pointe.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

In agreement

To The Editor:

Thank you, John Wesenberg. You are not alone.

I responded to the "Coming home to roost" article voicing my opinion via email to two Grosse Pointe Woods employees and two on council. Kenneth Gafa was the only one to respond.

Over a year ago GPW had an article in the Grosse Pointe News regarding "blight" in the city. There appears to be no blight patrol on Anita. For instance, trash-cans improperly stored, rats in yards due to the fact dog droppings are not picked up (I love dogs — they are not at fault) and on and on.

Recently GPW has employed an outside group to enforce codes. They are failing. Do your job.

My advice to GPW — Do your job and stop the blight.

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Theater of the imagination

“We take you now to Grovers Mill, New Jersey.”

To radio fans, that sentence is among the most famous ever broadcast.

It's the “Air Raid, Pearl Harbor” of radio drama. And it is no drill.

The sentence comes from Orson Welles' 1938 Halloween eve adaptation of H.G. Wells' “The War of the Worlds,” my favorite old-time radio show, which I first heard on an older relative's record album as a boy.

Welles' format mimicked reality by interject-

ing realistic-sounding emergency news bulletins about Martian invaders into an otherwise normal evening of radio entertainment. Some listeners mistook the original broadcast as real.

Vinyl records and compact discs are no longer necessary mediums by which to hear the broadcast. YouTube hosts numerous free postings.

A few months ago, a remake by a group of professional actors and celebrities called the Hollywood Radio Players produced a version which, compared to anything, much less the original, is at one moment so stilted and at the next so overacted it isn't worth dialing in.

The best remake is

more of a modernization. It dates to 1968, 30 years after the original.

News reporters and disc jockeys at WKBW-AM radio, a top-40 station in Buffalo, NY, produced the show, lasting slightly more than an hour.

Instead of Martians landing on the Wilmuth Farm in Grovers Mill, they embedded the first of many spaceships on the eastern end of Grand Island in the middle of the Niagara River.

“It's been reported that a large meteor has smashed into the ground along the East River Road, setting off a series of fires,” according to a news bulletin delivered in the calm baritone of a radio reporter. “KB news director Don Lancer is on the

way to the scene.”

Lancer's newsroom colleague, Jim Faigan, reporting from the opposite side of the partially buried spaceship, wound up staring into the eyes of an emerging alien:

“The body glistens like it's soaking wet,” Faigan reported in an increasingly excited voice and accelerating pace. “The face, I can hardly look at it, Don. I can hardly look at it. The eyes are black. The mouth is V-shaped at it's, it's dripping saliva. ... I've got to get out of here. The crowd's moving back. I'm moving back.”

Lancer: “I can see it, too. Oh, my god.”

As in the Welles' version, peaceniks offering the invaders a white flag of truce are cut down by a death ray.

Faigan: “Good god almighty Abraham, there's some kind of red beam. They've burst into flames. We're getting out of here. The red beam is going all over the place picking off people one-by-one. There're bodies all over the place.”

Lancer: “This thing is shooting out a laser-type beam and it's killing people right and left. People are now stampeding over one another trying to get out of its way. It's a red beam and people are bursting into flames instantly. Oh ho, it's got Jim. I'm going to run over to see if I can help him out.”

Studio anchor Henry Branch: “Don't go, Don. Get out of that area.”

WKBW program direc-

tor Jeff Kaye displayed the heartlessness of most newsrooms with instructions to Lancer: “Forget about Jim. If he's been zapped, just forget about him.”

The show goes on like that for the duration. Another Martian ship lands in a northern suburb. A third touches down on the site of a former Lackawanna steel mill near the shore of Lake Erie. Martians eventually wander downtown and destroy city hall.

According to online accounts of the production, a scripted rehearsal proved unconvincing. Show producer Kaye thereby replaced the text with an outline and had the cast of non-actors wing it.

WKBW revised and updated the show at least three times over the next few decades, but the original is the best.

We're fortunate to be living at a time when spe-

cial effects are produced convincingly for multiple forms of visual entertainment, from television, to movies and over the internet.

Yet, radio beats them all by leaving much of the settings and scenes to the listener's imagination, the most powerful special effect tool of them all.

Stan Freburg, a comedian and advertising creative director, used the following bit to pitch the power of radio to stretch the imagination:

“OK, people, when I give you the cue, I want the 700-pound mountain of whipped cream to roll into Lake Michigan, which has been drained and filled with hot chocolate. Then, the Royal Canadian Air Force will fly overhead, towing a 10-ton maraschino cherry, which will be dropped into the whipped cream to the cheering of 25,000 extras. All right, cue the mountain.”



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Show of support

University of Michigan students gathered last week on the Diag to honor the students who died in the Michigan State University shooting Feb. 13.



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She organized the event with Ferry Elementary School teacher Nicol Brumme, also an MSU grad whose daughter is a junior at State.

"It was amazing — overwhelming and emotional, but amazing," Sabella said. "... The community really showed up to support; we kept including more and more people. We loaded seven vehicles."

More than 20 volunteers from Grosse Pointe — including teachers, retired teachers, a chaplain and others — provided students more than 500 hot dogs and 50 dozen doughnuts, as well as grab-and-go snacks like protein bars, chips, cookies, beef jerky and nuts.

"There were donations from all over," Sabella said, noting contributions from across the U.S., as well as England. "This community stepped up without hesitation. The businesses who donated were incredibly generous. I don't think there was anybody we reached out to for donations that turned us down."



Business donors included Eastside Bagel, Blake's Cider Mill, Camp Bow Wow, National Coney Island, Josef's European Pastry Shop, East Detroit Bakery & Deli, Hollywood Feed, Ideal Contracting, Saucy's Pizza, Sparc Speech and Language Therapy Services, CNS Healthcare, Hen and Chick Baking Co., Foster Coffee Co., Skip Printing and Sir Speedy Printing.

"We also raised a few thousand via Venmo to purchase an enormous amount of grab-and-go snacks and drinks" from Costco, Sabella said.

Volunteers gave away fidget toys, stickers, coloring books and stress balls as well.

Additionally, the group brought 15 to 20 dogs to comfort students the day before classes resumed on the campus.

"It was really heartwarming," Sabella said. "They loved the dogs."

The event was scheduled to take place from 1 to 4 p.m., but students began arriving as volunteers began setting up at 10 a.m.

"And we didn't stop until we ran out of everything around 4:30," Sabella said. "There were



COURTESY PHOTOS

Left, Laura VandePutte, administrative assistant to the athletic director at Grosse Pointe North High School, and her dog, Buckley, volunteered at Spartan Sunday, where Buckley had a chance to say hi to Sparty. Above, a banner of solidarity from Ohio State University. Below, a tent packed with goodies for students.

thousands of people on campus. Kids were so thankful, polite and appreciative. We got tons of hugs and thank-yous.

"... You could feel the emotion the second you stepped on campus," she added. "There was a sense of resilience with them, that they were taking back their campus. It was somber and sad, but there was hope."

"I have hope that they're going to heal, that they're going to find a new normal and be able to share their MSU experience in a positive light, with this being one portion of it, but not the overall determining factor. We are Spartans for life and the Spartan family is a strong one. ... Unfortunately we are all connected by this tragedy in our own ways.

Everybody's hurting still. This community lost a lot. But it really showed how strong Spartan Nation is."

Further donations of grab-and-go snacks were scheduled to be delivered Wednesday to members of Phi Delta Theta, the fraternity that was led by Brian Fraser; and Owen Hall, where Arielle Anderson lived.

Organizing the deliveries were Grosse Pointe South graduate Trevor Gulyas, a student at MSU and friend of Fraser's, as well as Andrew Peabody, a Grosse Pointe North grad and friend of Anderson's.

"They deserve so much thanks," Sabella said. "They're putting aside what they're going through to help their friends."

Sabella also thanked MSU for approving the sale of hot dogs and the Ingham County Health Department for issuing an emergency certification to run an onsite restaurant. MSU also provided a hand-washing station.

"They came out and supported us, so a big thank-you to MSU for giving us what we needed," Sabella said.



BRIAN:

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team said on its Facebook page.

John Fodel, South's swim coach, said Fraser was always a positive presence.

"The main thing is, even though swimming wasn't his No. 1 thing, he did it because he had a ton of friends on the team."

Aside from swimming, Fraser also played lacrosse and basketball for the Blue Devils. He

was to have been a life-guard this summer at the County Club of Detroit for the sixth year. South's swim team was scheduled to have its senior night last Tuesday, just hours after news broke about the shootings.

"After we found out, we wanted to make sure everyone was in a good place," Fodel said. "It was all so raw and everyone was hurting."

South lacrosse coach Justin Macksoud said Fraser was selfless.

"I asked him to

change positions his senior year from attacker to midfield and he did it without questions," he said. "We went 13-2 that year and he gave up some of the glory of being the one scoring all the goals, but we don't do that well without him doing the dirty work and all of the things that don't show up on the stat sheet."

Fraser also was president of his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta.

"As the leader of his chapter, Brian was a great friend to his Phi Delt brothers, the Greek community at Michigan State, and those he interacted with on campus," the national office said on Facebook. "Phi Delta Theta sends its deepest condolences to the Fraser family, the Michigan Beta Chapter and all those who loved Brian as they mourn their loss."

Fraser's fraternity brothers were present for last Tuesday's vigil and Saturday's funeral.

What started as a fundraiser for the Fraser family now has become the Brian Fraser Presidential Memorial Fund. The money will help fund a scholarship for future Phi Delta Theta presidents at MSU. It raised more



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The rock at Grosse Pointe South High School was painted in memory of Brian Fraser. Names of all three students who died are painted on the back.

than \$100,000 in less than a week. Information can be found at classy.org/campaign/brian-fraser-presidential-memorial-scholarship/c467940.

During Fraser's visitation and funeral, his parents asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Children's Hospital of Michigan, yourchildrensfoundation.org, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org/online-donations.

In addition to his other accomplishments



and activities, Fraser fully, and I know this is also was an organ hard ... but because of those beautiful blue eyes, somebody else will be able to see the world anew. That's good. That's holy."

"Somebody has new veins, new arteries," Bilot said during the funeral. "Most beauti-

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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%
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CITY OF HARPER WOODS Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Questions remain for South IA building

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — What some thought was a done deal regarding the future of industrial arts programming at Grosse Pointe South High School took a different turn during the second meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Finance and Facilities Committee.

When the committee first met in early February, Robert Stempien of Plante Moran presented the group with seven options for the future of the school's industrial arts building, ranging in cost from \$1.6 million to \$8.9 million. Superintendent Jon Dean said the administration and previous Board of Education have been operating the past year under the assumption that what is known as "Option 7" would be the outcome.

That entails moving the industrial arts classrooms to the school's auxiliary gym and adjoining locker room, and tearing down the IA building. That price tag comes in at \$5.3 million, including \$1.8

million for the demolition. The district already has spent more than \$400,000 on architectural and engineering studies based on the option; however, the architectural and engineering expenditure was not approved by a board vote.

Trustee Colleen Worden, one of three board members on the committee, said the district received several emails in support of the plan, including from IA teachers and students who went through the program.

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

Moussa Hamka, South's principal, told the committee the difficulty a student in a wheelchair would face to access the IA building, adding, "so basically students in wheelchairs avoid taking industrial arts classes."

Committee members



on Thursday, Feb. 16, however, asked what could be done for a similar price that would refurbish the IA building while preserving the gym.

The cheapest option, at \$1.6 million, would be to retrofit the IA building's heating system to match new boilers being installed in the basement of the high school. That option, however, would not address any ADA issues. Stempien said it would cost another \$2.5 million to add air conditioning.

Stempien also said further architectural and engineering studies will be needed to determine how to at least make the restrooms in the IA build-

ing ADA compliant, if walls can be moved to make larger classrooms, what type of new floors and ceilings would be necessary and how much asbestos remediation would be needed.

"The IA building was put up in 1941, and a third floor was added in 1961, so it seems to be structurally sound," he added. "That's something we'll have to take a closer look at when we talk about moving walls."

Stempien said further study would cost at least \$25,000.

"We may need to do some fundraising," Board President Ahmed Ismail said. "As much as the arts means at South, I bet we could raise \$100,000 in one night. Maybe we could tie it in with ArtFest."

Under Option 7, IA classes were slated to begin in the main building January 2024. If the district decides to refurbish the IA building, that work would not start until summer 2024.

St. John withdraws ethics resolution

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A resolution aimed at what supporters thought would strengthen the ethics guidelines for the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education has been withdrawn.

Trustee Valarie St. John made a motion to introduce the resolution at the board's meeting Monday, Feb. 13, with support from Trustee Colleen Worden. She has since asked that it be removed from the agenda for the meeting Monday, Feb. 27.

"I withdrew my resolution because it was clearly going to be voted against by four of my colleagues," St. John told the Grosse Pointe News in an email. "It's important to spend our time wisely, so I requested that President (Ahmed) Ismail instead clarify the expectations and norms for board members."

"I would not have voted for that resolution," Trustee Sean Cotton said. "It violated the constitu-

tion."

The resolution came about after St. John filed an ethics complaint against Vice President Lisa Papas after Papas spoke to a group called FEC United and urged people to donate to the organization.

That complaint was deemed invalid by the district's attorney.

The resolution stated "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."

The SPLC's objectivity has been called into question by conservative organizations that say they are labeled a hate group due to policy differences.

The resolution also said violating it could result in a board member being "removed from a board officer position and/or committee chair role." In addition to being selected

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Anderson and the other victims, Brian Fraser of Grosse Pointe Park and Alexandria Verner of Clawson.

White noted that Anderson had been a junior cadet with the department, calling her "an amazing young lady."

Hundreds attended a candlelight vigil for Anderson Saturday, Feb. 18, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Cpl. Marvin Reed, who oversaw the junior cadet program at DPD, said Anderson was "almost perfect" and recalled how she became a supervisor in the program.

"Always that big smile that lit you up and lit us up," he told attendees. "She was on her way to being something just great. You already knew."

Mona Lloyd, Anderson's aunt, told the crowd the girl's middle name was Diamond.

"She's a jewel to this family," Lloyd said. "That's what we're going to remember her as, the diamond of our family."

Eight candles were extinguished after the vigil, one for each stu-



dent shot at MSU. Of the five survivors, four needed surgery and media reports indicate one is paralyzed from the chest down.

"We are left with pain and fear, anger and confusion, and we gathered here because that is not all we're left with," First Evangelical Pastor Sean Motley said at the vigil. "We are left with memories and experiences and the love that memory is shared with all those around her, and we are left with hope."

Anderson's funeral was Tuesday at Zion Hope Baptist Church in Detroit.

Anderson entered this photo, which she called "Slowly Fading," in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's Promising Artists Exhibition in 2021. She said it was meant to show how when a person's mental health declines, they tend to stray away from their happier selves.

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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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ULS Players present Elton John and Tim Rice's 'Aida'

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The University Liggett School Players' production of Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida" is coming to the school's main stage Thursday, March 9, to Sunday, March 12.

Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida" is an epic story of love, loyalty and betrayal. It chronicles the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country; Amneris, an Egyptian princess; and Radames, the soldier they both love.

Dr. Phillip Moss, Creative and Performing Arts Department chairman and director, said the show was selected because of its female characters.

"We have a number of strong female vocalists and performers," Moss said. "Once again our young artists have reached deep to create music, choreography, scenic elements and costumes in a strong effort to bring excellence to our stage."



From left, Olivia Johnson, Gio Thams and Dahlia Medvinsky star in "Aida."

As has been the rule for decades, this production largely will be student led. In addition to the primary musical and vocal performers, which include Lower and Middle school students, Upper School students direct the show's choreography, costuming and scenic design, as well as direct the musical's younger players and assume the role of assistant director.

In the three primary roles, the produc-

tion features ULS junior Olivia Johnson as Aida, senior Dahlia Medvinsky as Amneris and junior Gio Thams as Radames.

"Our students never back down from a challenge," Moss said. "The opening number clearly states that every story is a love story. The challenge with this production is a love story that is told during a time of war, of hate and of mistrust. The results are dramatic, but the journey is one that shows the

tests that people are willing to endure to follow their heart. As such, this is a journey worth the challenge."

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 9 to 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12. The Sunday matinee performance will feature the rose ceremony, honoring seniors, before the performance. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased online at uls.seatyourself.biz.



Above, standing in back, from left, are Jace Hill, Manny Coats and Lilly Montgomery. Standing in front, from left, are Madi Reeves, Olivia Johnson and Aisha Manneh. Sitting from left are Fanta Kouyate and Teresa Romanelli. Left, from left, are Olivia Johnson, Osaze Crayton and Madi Reeves.

COURTESY PHOTOS

One Voice performs March 5

The Grosse Pointe-based community choir, One Voice, presents "The Great American Songbook," featuring timeless American standards, at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. Special guests Paul King and Jiana Hunter, along with the Scott Gwinell Trio, will join the choir.

The program also will include songs made famous by celebrated performers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong,

Frank Sinatra and others.

"It's been our dream to perform some of the greatest music ever written," One Voice choir director Carolyn Gross said. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to present this program with jazz vocalists Paul King and Jiana Hunter and pianist Scott Gwinell. It's sure to be an amazing event."

Tickets are available at choironevoice.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

South mock trial takes 2nd

Grosse Pointe South High School's mock trial team No. 1 took second place in Wayne County at the Michigan Center for Civic Education 41st annual mock trial tournament. The team is now eligible to receive a potential wildcard to compete in the state competition.

Team members are Ava Carr, Lorelie Carr, Carolyn Coyle, Fletcher Klaasen, Dominic Palazzolo, Tadhg Sahutzke and Grace Winger. Also pictured are South's team No. 2: Miranda Barba, Morgan Deenik, Andres Link, Jade Mabry, Audrey MacGillis, Jack Slawswon and Meghan VonSchwarz. The teams are overseen by teachers P.J. Palen and Beth Walsh-Sahutzke and coached by Craig Winger.



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Fur the love of cats

Fourth graders at Monteith Elementary School asked the community to lend a paw to their feline fundraiser benefiting the Detroit Community Cat Rescue, Detroit's first licensed cat-only shelter, founded in spring 2021. The fundraiser began Jan. 23, with a goal on the "fur-mometer" to raise \$1,000 by Feb. 3. Within five days, the fourth graders raised \$800 and by the deadline they surpassed their goal. On Feb. 8, they presented a \$2,200 check to DCCR, with an additional \$250 raised by Fan Faces, Susan Hovey's fourth-grade class business. Pictured presenting the check to DCCR shelter manager Liz Haack, left, and volunteer Anna Brooks are, from left, Hazel Stanley, Max Rupp, Sam Pierce, Charlie Breedlove, Myla Woods and Christopher Jimerson.

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board vice president, Papas chairs the district's curriculum committee.

Mark McInerney, of the law firm Clark Hill, gave the board an opinion that

the resolution would be unconstitutional by violating the First Amendment rights to free speech and freedom of association.

Ismail, in response to St. John's request that he clarify the expectations of board members' activity, said in an email to her that

is a matter of policy set by the entire board and not under his control.

St. John said she will "continue to research options to ensure our board members are representing our district well and not causing harm to our students."

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Milk River project aims to protect Lake St. Clair

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Equipment and operations upgrades at the Milk River Retention/Treatment Basin will reduce the amount of combined sewage discharges into Lake St. Clair and help further combat basement flooding like many experienced in the summer of 2021.

“The project upgrades to such a vital piece of infrastructure is a welcomed commitment by Grosse Pointe Woods and

all surrounding communities involved,” said Jim Kowalski, DPW director for the Woods and a member of the Milk River Intercounty Drainage District board. “These improvements will maintain reliability for many years to come.”

The basin, operated by the Southeast Macomb Sanitary District, is located on Parkway off Marter, next to the Woods DPW headquarters. The Milk River dead ends at the facility.

The \$45 million project included refurbishing and replacing pumping sys-

tems, modifying cleaning systems and refurbishing the disinfection system.

The MRIDDD accepts storm drainage from Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores and combined storm and sewer drainage from the Woods.

“Unlike most cities around here, we have a combined sewer system,” Kowalski said. “This lets us hold and treat the sewage before it gets sent to Detroit’s sewer plant. If there is an overflow and water has to be released into the Milk River, it’ll be much better for Lake St. Clair.”

The retention basin holds 18 million gallons of water, according to Pete Trombley, wastewater superintendent for SEMSD.

“It’s about 30 feet deep,” Trombley said. “It basically looks like a parking structure.



A recently completed \$45 million project at the Milk River Retention/Treatment Basin will help protect Lake St. Clair by making water released into the Milk River meet state water quality standards.

COURTESY PHOTO

Command officer benefits locked in three more years

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The third, final and smallest union in Grosse Pointe Farms — command officers made up of three lieutenants, four sergeants and represented by the Police Officers Labor Council — has settled a three-year contract with the city. Retroactively having gone into effect July 1, 2022, the contract is set to run through June 30, 2025.

The agreed-upon terms largely mirror those reached in September for Farms patrol officers, dispatchers, parking enforcement specialists and fire specialists.

“I must say it’s not unusual circumstances,” City Manager Shane Reeside said. “We get into our negotiations. It’s very civil. We talk frankly (with) good dialogue and it’s really a good group to deal with, so we’re appreciative of the efforts of the union staff as well.”

The new terms include increasing the wage for sergeants from 15 percent to 16.5 percent more than the public safety officer wage scale, while maintaining the wage difference between PSOs and lieutenants at 23 percent; increasing longevity pay by \$250 depending on how many years the officer has served in the Farms department; and a \$2,000 one-time signing bonus.

“Knowing many police and fire departments are having trouble recruiting and retaining personnel — substantial problems — it’s really great that you guys got through all three of these negotiations and are giving the officers what they deserve and earn every day,” Mayor Louis Theros said, before city council unanimously approved the agreement Monday, Feb. 13.

— Laurel Kraus

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more riders than now.

“When SMART was extremely busy, riders from the outer suburbs would drive to Grosse Pointe, park on residential streets and take the bus downtown to and from work,” said Nick Sizeland, Park city manager. “A lot of ‘no parking’ rules in those areas stem from that old bus

line.”

As such, other roads in the city are being appraised for parking changes.

“Yorkshire is not the only street this affects,” Jarrell said. “This is the latest one that came to our attention.”

“We’ve come to a consensus that these signs no longer make sense and to help residents by letting them have parking on their streets,” Sizeland said.

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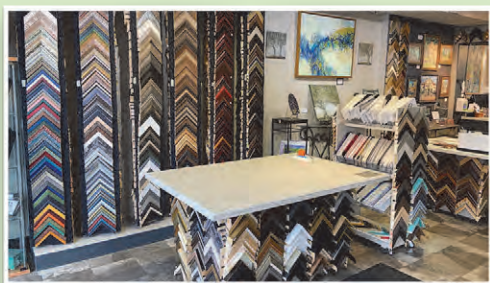
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Mystery leads to laughter

Grosse Pointe Theatre's 'Clue: On Stage' runs March 2-12

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Grosse Pointe Theatre welcomes mystery buffs and comedy lovers to its latest production, "Clue: On Stage," which takes place March 2 to 12, at Parcels Middle School.

"As a child, I loved playing the game," said Olyvia O'Donnell, first-time GPT director. "It was so much fun trying to figure out what the correct combination was of who did it, where and with what."

"Clue" takes place at Boddy Manor, where an unusual dinner party is being hosted. Audience members will follow the dinner guests through a madcap evening of murder, mystery and laughs as they seek to discover the culprit.

After reading the script, O'Donnell knew she had to jump on the opportunity, not only due to her childhood love of the board game, but also her love of the 1985 movie starring Tim Curry.

"This play is similar to the movie," O'Donnell said. "I like to stick closely with the script. That makes it a lot more realistic. I recently had an amazing opportunity to join the American Association of Community Theatre's new Script Club. I was able to talk to Sandy Rustin, the playwright.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GPT

The cast of "Clue: On Stage" welcomes mystery lovers to the whodunnit March 2-12.

She stressed that sometimes directors can get lost in the weeds of the 'schtick.' I really took this to heart and tried to base these characters in truthful circumstances. These people are running around and one of them is a killer. ... It's hilarious in a genuine way instead of prolonging unnecessary bits."

While this is O'Donnell's first time

directing for GPT, she's been a member of the group around three years. She's been involved in theater since her middle school production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate — she was president of the school's drama club — studied theater and English at Alma College before taking a

break after graduation. She lived in Connecticut and worked at the Westport Country Playhouse before she and her husband, who she met through theater, moved back to Grosse Pointe.

"He suggested we audition for 'Shrek' at Grosse Pointe Theatre," she said. "We did and I fell in love with it. It's a great community; I'm so excited to

be with Grosse Pointe Theatre."

In 2020, O'Donnell was the apprentice director on "Little Shop of Horrors," which was canceled a week before hitting the stage due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She was quick to get involved again when live shows returned to the stage.

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The cast

Nick Marinello as Wadsworth
Hannah Roth as Yvette
Ashley Wickett-Lane as Miss Scarlett
Lynn Heineemann as Mrs. Peacock
Meg Berger as Mrs. White
Dominic Aldini as Colonel Mustard
Justin Bradley as Professor Plum
Kevin Fitzhenry as Mr. Green
Domingo Guzman as Mr. Boddy
Maria LaRose and Daniel Gauthier as ensemble actors

The crew

Olyvia O'Donnell, director
Kathleen Lusk, apprentice director
Lyndsey Briggs and Brett Wotherspoon, co-producers
Arlene Schoenherr, stage manager
Alexa Baxt, costumes
Jackie Pfaff, hair and makeup
Kyle O'Donnell and Jordan Prisby, co-set dressers
Gordon Richardson, set design/tech director
Kristina Kamm Mardlin, lighting design

The details

What: "Clue: On Stage"

When:

7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2
8 p.m. Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4
2 p.m. Sunday, March 5
8 p.m. Friday, March 10
2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11
2 p.m. Sunday, March 12

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

How: Tickets are \$30. Visit gpt.org/clue or call (313) 881-4004.

Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week is March 5-11

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Whether dining in or carrying out, participants in Grosse Pointe Restaurant Week will be entered in a chance to win a range of prizes, courtesy of Grosse Pointe businesses.

This year's event introduces Passport to the Pointes, in which participants use passports to document their dining experiences.

"Physical passports are available at participating restaurants," said Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and events coordinator. "There's also a digital version they can download to their phones, or they can use an Instagram story template or use Facebook to share. There's a way for everyone to share."

Passport to the Pointes provides a stamp for every meal enjoyed during the week and encourages diners to write positive reviews online. Customers touring participating restaurants throughout the week can turn in their stamped passports to the chamber office by Sunday, March 12, in

exchange for raffle tickets to win gift cards, swag bags, Chamber Change and other items.

"We'll have as many winners as we have prizes," Turnbull said. "We have gift cards, merchandise from different restaurants, Chamber Change. Most restaurants already participate and take Chamber Change."

Chamber Change, she explained, is a chamber gift card program in which the chamber sells gift cards that may be used in participating businesses and stores. The chamber reimburses businesses for the face value of the gift card.

"With Chamber Change, we're keeping the dollars local," Turnbull said.

Raffle items still are being accepted as well.

"If anybody wants to provide items, we're not exclusive about amounts, so it's whatever the business wants to give," she said.

As of press time, Restaurant Week sponsors included Big Boy, The Bronze Door, Cadieux Café, CAMPUS,

Champs Rotisserie & Spirits, Express Employment Services, Fisher Pointe Dental, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Hampton, Fox & Associates, Maple & Mill, Mathnasium Grosse Pointe, The Alteration Shoppe, Village Palm and Newport, and Woodmaster Kitchens.

Sponsorship opportunities still are available. Those interested should reach out to Turnbull at (313) 881-4722, Ext. 102.

"We have quite a few sponsors and a lot of them are new members," she said. "I'm excited to see them engaging in ways to support their fellow chamber members. And I'm excited to be able to advertise for them through the community. Their support is sure to make Restaurant Week a success."

As for where to eat, there currently are 10 participating restaurants, but Turnbull expects that number to grow. Interested restaurants can sign up "until the last minute," she added. "We will absolutely welcome them."

"We're letting the restaurants choose their promo-

tions," she continued. "Some are offering pre-fixed menus for varying costs. Others are offering deals like buy an entree and get a free appetizer, or get half off something with your order."

All local restaurants are invited to participate; cost is \$50 for chamber members, \$100 for nonmembers.

"I'm excited to see how some of them have gotten into planning," Turnbull said. "New this year, and this idea came from a restaurant owner, we're giving restaurants the opportu-

nity to give back to the chamber. They can donate a portion of their sales to the chamber and that money will go to chamber scholarships or projects the chamber does in the community."

Diners likely won't miss the promotional materials present at participating eateries. Banners with sponsors' names will be displayed and diners will be prompted to ask their servers about Passport to the Pointes.

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"It is evident that the nursing teams at Corewell

Health deliver excellent patient care," said Kelli Sadler, MHA, RN, Corewell Health East chief nursing officer. "Earning the distinct Magnet designation twice certainly demonstrates that our Grosse Pointe team continues to move the needle forward as innovators in nursing practice, while continuing to provide outstanding patient care."

Magnet was created to recognize health care organizations for quality patient care, nursing

excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice. Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital first achieved Magnet designation in 2018.

During a recent visit to the hospital, Magnet surveyors reported being impressed with what they described as extraordinary teamwork. They also praised the hospital's "family" atmosphere and strong collaboration between team members and leadership.

"Corewell Health

Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital was one of the hardest hit hospitals in Michigan by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Brad Lukas, chief nursing officer, Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. "To earn Magnet re-designation under these difficult circumstances is a significant source of pride and demonstrates the dedication, resilience and excellence of our team. We have only succeeded with the contributions of each member who put their

absolute heart and soul into serving their community. Each one of them deserves every bit of this honor. I could not be prouder and offer my heartfelt congratulations."

In 2004, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, became the first hospital in Michigan to achieve this milestone. Only 15 hospitals in Michigan, 13 hospitals internationally and less than 10 percent of hospitals in the United States have earned Magnet status.

"Our nurses care deeply about their patients' experience and care," Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital President Timothy C. Lyons, M.D., said. "To achieve Magnet designation for the second consecutive time is an incredible honor. It reflects our commitment to empowering our nurses through collaboration, education and professional development to continue to provide the highest quality care for our patients."

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.

◆ 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.

◆ Storytime: "Curious Garden," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 7 to 28.

◆ Maple Syrup: Tapped, Shaken and Served, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, for ages 21 and older. Admission is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers.

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

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

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

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.

◆ 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.

◆ Women Making Wine Sustainably: A Tasting and Conversation with Winemaker Kasey Wierzbica, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. Tickets are \$65.

◆ Tammy's Tastings: Drink Me, I'm Irish, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 16. Tickets are \$59.

Library

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

◆ Illustrate with Procreate, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 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.

◆ Traditional Art of Coiling, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Tech Savvy Tuesdays, 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, via Zoom.

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

◆ Teen Leadership Council meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Read Local Author Series, featuring Parker J. Cole, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

◆ Robot Meet & Greet with Botmasterz, 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 4, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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

◆ Robot Meet & Greet with Botmasterz, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 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.

The Helm

The Helm at the Boll Life Center, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of classes and programs. Registration is required

at (313) 882-9600 for the following:

◆ The movie, "The Light Between Oceans," is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

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

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

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

◆ Walk with Ease, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 10 to March 9, with instructor Carolyn Bradt.

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

◆ Euchre Club, 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.

◆ Pingpong, 2 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free for members, \$5 per hour, per table for nonmembers.

◆ Knitting for Charity, 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays.

◆ Ask the Physical Therapist, 9:15 to 10 a.m. the second Thursday of each month, with physical therapy professional David Gilboe.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Ray Swetman, a team leader for many years with Greenfield Presbyterian Church's Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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.

GPAA

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

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Keep an eagle-eye out for these majestic birds

By Rosann Kovalcik
Guest Writer

There is perhaps no other bird that elicits such strong emotions in us as a bald eagle. Truly majestic in appearance, we are so fortunate their numbers have increased from 30 nesting pairs in Michigan in the 1950s to 900 pairs currently.

The use of DDT, a man-made chemical that seeped into streams and rivers, affected the fish eagles ate, causing their eggshells to become so fragile they would break before hatching. After DDT was banned, we have seen the dramatic recovery of this species. Bald eagle pairs currently are nesting at Belle Isle, Country Club of Detroit, Stoney Creek Metropark and on Sugarbush Road in New Baltimore.

Bald eagles have spectacular courtship dis-

plays with the pair flying high into the sky, locking talons and cartwheeling downward together, breaking off at the last instant to avoid crashing to earth. They also perch closely together and call as part of pair bonding behavior.

A bald eagle nest is an amazing creation with large sticks used to create the sturdy platform and edges. An average nest is four to five feet in diameter and three to four feet tall, weighing a ton. The inside is lined with grasses, moss or seaweed so the eggs are insulated and have a soft surface to rest upon. Bald eagles reuse their nests year after year, both the male and female adding materials.

Eggs are laid early in the year with most of our resident eagles on eggs in February and March. Eggs are incubated 35 days by both the male



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A bald eagle in flight.

and female, who form a brood patch on their belly. This bare spot allows them to press their hot skin directly against the eggs to keep them at 105 degrees. The

young may remain in the nest from 56 to 98 days.

Eagles feed primarily on fish and besides catching their own, will scavenge on dead fish as well as steal fish from other raptors. Eagles also eat roadkill and are proficient duck hunters. Although their beak appears to be a formidable weapon, it is used only for ripping apart prey. All the killing is done with the talons of the eagle when they pierce their prey. The talons are almost two inches long on female eagles and about an inch and a quarter on males. Eagles will travel miles away from their nests in pursuit of food.

As with most raptors, the female bald eagle is larger than the male. Females usually are one-third larger than males, weighing between 10 to

15 pounds more than their mate. It is theorized this size difference allows the stronger female to more aptly protect the nest.

Adult bald eagles have a completely white head and tail, with juveniles going through a five-year

phase of different dark plumages until they reach mature plumage. One of the other field marks of the bald eagle is they hold their wings like a plank in flight as opposed to having a downward curve or a dihedral, their head and tail projecting in equal lengths from their body.

Eagles have five times as many light-sensing cells in their eyes than humans, which allows them to see in more detail. They also have four fovea, which is a small area in the retina packed with light-sensing cells. With two fovea in each eye, all pointing in different directions, eagles have almost 360 degrees of peripheral vision.

May you have the fortune of an "eagle eye" view of our national symbol.

Rosann Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited of Grosse Pointe Woods.



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A closeup of a bald eagle.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINE H. ORCHARD

A bald eagle pair calling.

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ter.org.

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

◆ "Explorations in Abstraction Using Acrylics," a two-day workshop with Valerie Allen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18.

◆ Woodblock workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, April 22 and 29. Registration is required by April 12.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Ed Priebe of The Players Club of Detroit, speaks. Guests are welcome.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1. Terry Gibb with Michigan State University Extension Services speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers hosts its first meeting of 2023 at 1 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the St. Clair Shores Public Library, 22500 E. 11 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. The program "Stitchery and Napery" will explore the art of needlepoint, crewel

and embroidery, as well as the history of tablecloths and napkins. The lecture and refreshments will be provided by member Tina Olofsson. Dues will be collected at the meeting.

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.

◆ 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.

Soroptimists

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe hosts its annual awards

banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Following a buffet dinner, awards will be presented. Tickets are \$42 cash or check, \$45 PayPal or credit card. Tickets must be purchased by March 1; email meh65065@gmail.com or call (313) 399-8934.

Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings

should email Sasha Murphy at smurphy@careofsem.com.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

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4B | BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

Star of the Sea auction sends supporters ‘Over the Moon’

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The annual Our Lady Star of the Sea School Auction — featuring a strolling dinner, spirits, raffles and, of course, live and silent auctions — takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at the newly remodeled ballroom at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

This year’s theme, “Over the Moon — an evening lit by the stars,”

promises “all the sparkle of the stars and the glow of the moonlight,” said Danielle Brousseau, event chairwoman. “The evening begins with time to bid on the silent auction, enjoy some cheer and socialize. Food stations will be available during this time, so it will be a time for strolling, mingling and bidding. Later in the evening, guests will be seated for the live auction.

“... We always try to

bring a new element or surprise to each year’s event,” she added. “This year brings a lot of new auction packages and a couple of surprises. Of course, one new thing is the venue. We are excited to welcome guests to the new and renovated space.”

Auction highlights include a Pedego Comfort Cruiser electric bike, a Kentucky Bourbon Trail experience for four, a five-course dining experience

with wine selections at Vertical Detroit, a stay at an oceanfront home at the Turks and Caicos Islands, as well as a diamond cross.

“This community is so generous in supporting Star and others,” Brousseau said of the auction item donations. “It truly is inspiring.”

Not to be outdone, the evening’s raffle also has some amazing prizes. “We are especially excited about this year’s raffles,” Brousseau said.

“We have one that has several prize levels, including \$5,000 or a trip to the American Music Awards, a year of dining and other cash prizes. A second raffle came as a surprise earlier this month. We were fortunate enough to receive four great tickets to the sold-out Taylor Swift concert. This is the concert which was sold out before it officially opened, so they are a big deal. We decided to offer them as a raffle so those

within the school or in the outer community could have a chance to win.”

There are only 200 raffle tickets available and they cost \$50 each. Those interested in being a part of the raffle should act soon.

“We expect to be sold out before our event,” Brousseau said.

In addition to bidding fun, the event will set aside time to recognize

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Drs. Iain and Morgan Decker

Ellis—Decker

Dr. Morgan Marie Ellis and Dr. Iain William Decker were married May 17, 2022, in Tuscany, Italy, followed by a reception at Villa Medicea La Ferdinanda at Tenuta di Artimino.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin G. Ellis of Grosse Pointe Shores. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Petersen N. Decker of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Newhouse. The groom’s brother, Petersen Decker Jr., served as best man. Groomsmen were his friends, Christopher Androcovich and Dr. Rohan Policherla.

The bride is a graduate of University Liggett School. She attended the University of Notre Dame, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in science-business. She subsequently earned a Master’s in Medical Science degree with an emphasis in clinical research, as well as a Medical Doctorate degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Morgan Decker is currently a dermatology resident physician at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

The couple celebrated their marriage in an intimate outdoor ceremony overlooking the hills of Carmignano in front of the Medici Villa “La Ferdinanda,” also called “Villa of the Hundred Chimneys,” which was built in 1596, at the behest of Grand Duke Ferdinando I de Medici. The main entrance looks toward Florence with the Medici coat of arms above the door.

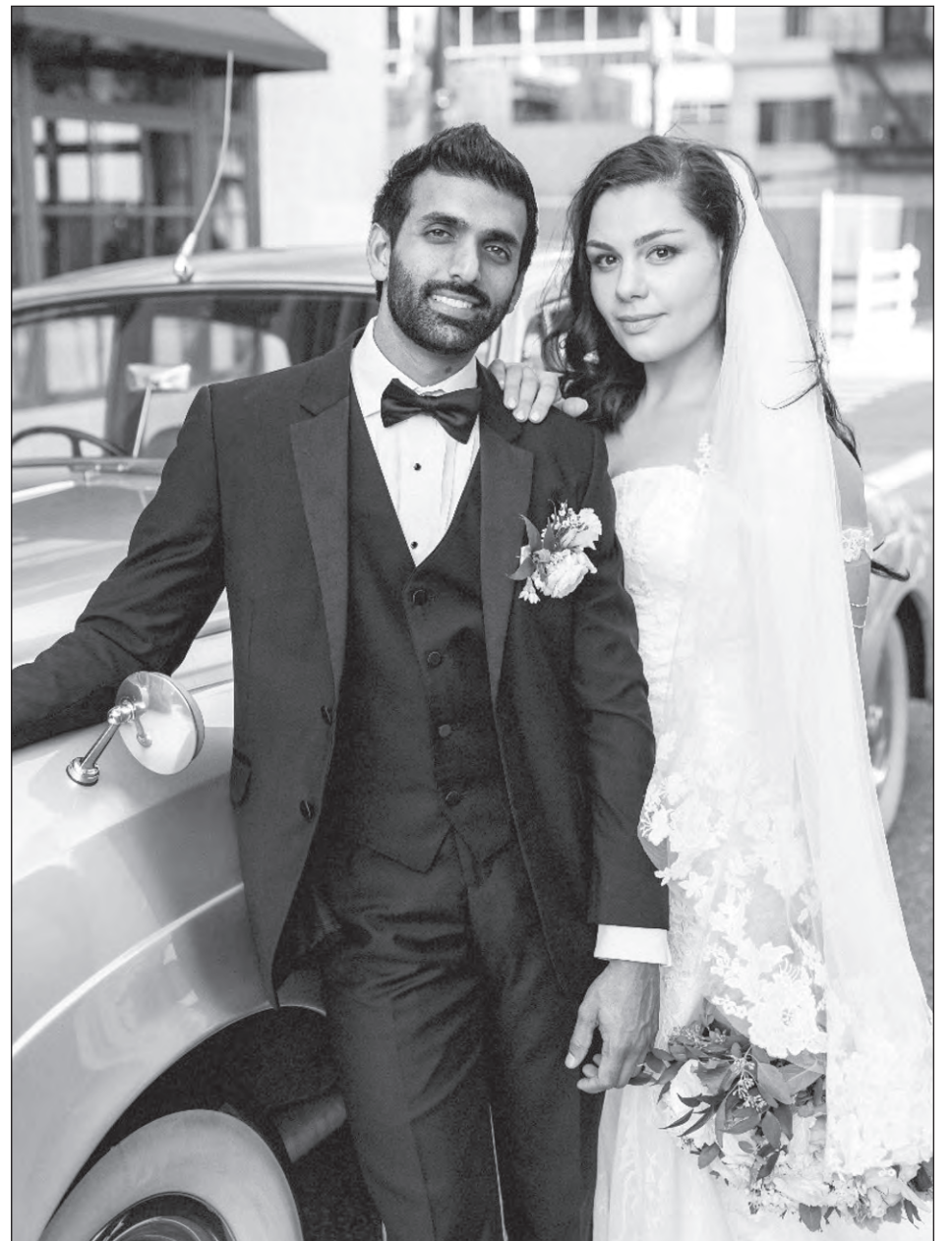
The bride wore a beaded lace backless dress with a sheath silhouette and V-neckline by Lamour by Callablanche, with a beaded tulle overskirt by Pronovias and a cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of white avalanche roses, peonies, lisianthus, hydrangeas and natural greens created by the esteemed Florence floral designer, Simone Bertini.

The bride’s friend, Jacqueline Shea, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were her friends, Marianna Seiler, Chelsie Luchini and Dr. Lauren

The groom is also a graduate of University Liggett School. He attended Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in public health-natural sciences. He subsequently earned a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Michigan State University and completed his residency in ophthalmology at Kettering Health. Dr. Iain Decker is a board-certified ophthalmologist at the Beloit Health System.

The couple honeymooned in Ravello, Italy, on the Amalfi Coast and resides in Chicago’s West Loop.

WEDDINGS



Mr. and Mrs. Viren S. Padhiar

Tallerico—Padhiar

Claire Michele Tallerico and Viren S. Padhiar were married Sept. 16, 2022, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Thomas Slowinski, followed by a reception at Colony Club.

The bride is the daughter of Randall and Siglinde Tallerico of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shashikant Padhiar of Fountain Valley, Calif.

The bride’s aunts traveled from Germany to attend the wedding, the groom’s parents from California, and family and friends from around the U.S. and Europe.

The rehearsal dinner took place at Bayview Yacht Club. The day after the wedding, the bride’s parents hosted brunch at their Grosse Pointe Farms home for out-of-town guests.

The bride designed her own gown,

which was made by Lace & Liberty. Her flowers were arranged by Jen House Design.

Bridesmaids were her friends, Mary Novak, Allysun Marshall and Michiko Sanrindo, and cousin, Amanda Battani. Sophia Skylar was the flower girl.

Groomsmen were the bride’s brother, Christoph Tallerico, and the groom’s friends, Paul Singh, Sonu Chana, Ranveer Kundi and Jack Martin. Jack Brunson served as ring bearer.

The bride is an assistant vice president of marketing, loyalty and engagement at Synchrony.

The groom is a revenue cycle management consultant.

The couple lived in Long Beach, Calif., at the time of the wedding, but now reside in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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three honorees.

"This year's honorees are three beloved retired teachers who spent most

of their careers teaching generations of Star students as third, fourth and fifth graders," Brousseau said. "Together, Joette Liamini, Linda Ascencio and Cathy (Saracino)

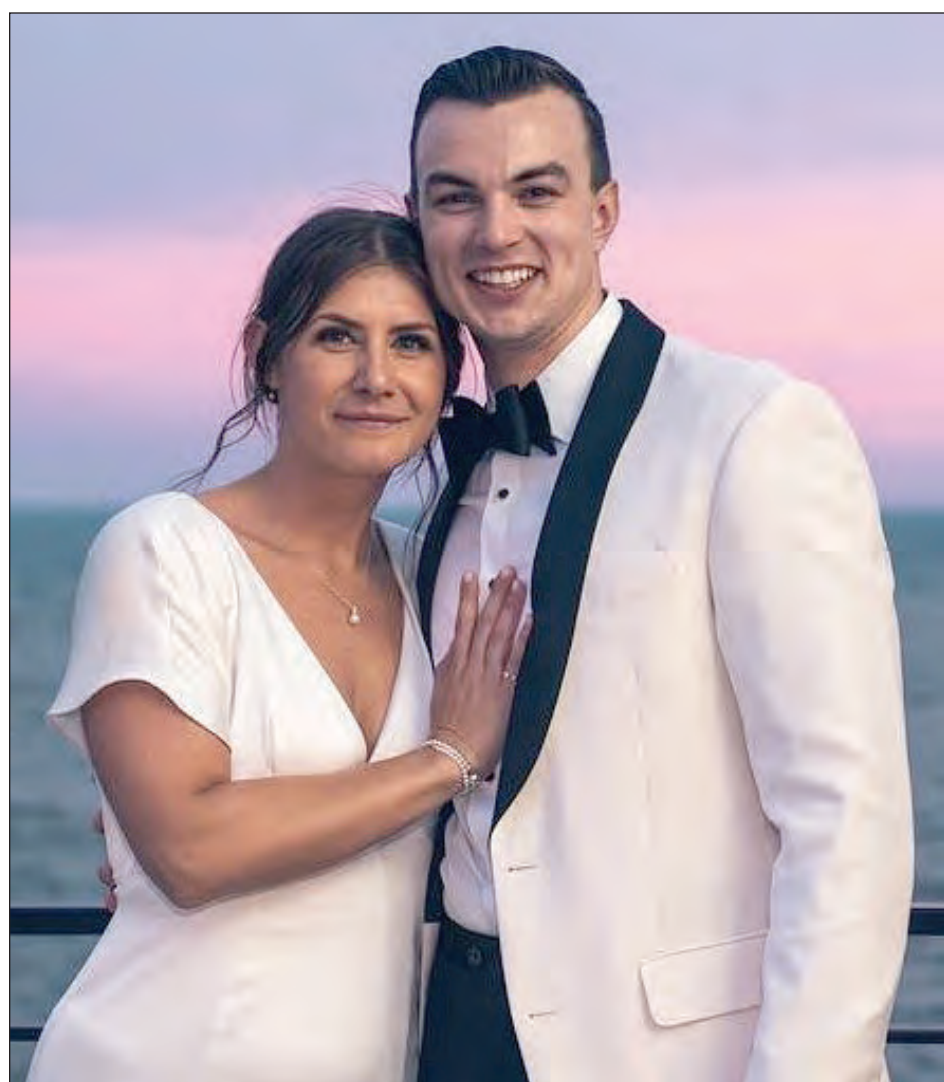
Kirsh dedicated 117 years as teachers before they retired. They were integral in laying the strong foundation of excellence in academics and faith formation at Star. We are seeing a lot

of former students' names on the guest list." While funds raised at the annual auction are vital to Star and support all areas of the curriculum, funds raised through "Over the Moon"

also are earmarked for a special appeal — a new playground. "After collaborating on a new layout and equipment, the school has a great plan for the renovated space that will be

shared prior to the event," Brousseau said. "The goal is to have Phase 1 of the project completed this summer." For event or raffle tickets, visit olsosauction.org or call (313) 423-9104.

WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Niehaus

McShane—Niehaus

Victoria Paige McShane and Timothy James Niehaus were married Nov. 4, 2022, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. John Wynnycky, followed by a reception in the brand new ballroom at The War Memorial.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Pamela McShane of the City of Grosse Pointe. The groom is the son of Joe and Sue Niehaus of Berkley.

The bride wore a 1940s starlet-style, antique-white luxe satin gown with a plunging V-neckline that met an empire waist. Fluttery short sleeves cascaded around the back, framing the gown, which dipped down to her natural waistline where three dozen delicate, fabric-covered buttons briefly hugged her derriere and gently skirted out from mid-thigh to the ground. Her gown was accented by red satin Monolo Blahnik pumps with square crystal buckles and a three-foot train trailing behind. Her veil,

pinned to a low, tight bun, fell slightly longer than the train, which was made of tulle with touches of flowered embroidery around the lower edges. She carried a tight, red rose and white calla lily clutch bouquet accented with baby eucalyptus beads.

The bride's sister, Stephanie McShane, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were her friends, Christina Calcaterra, Hailey Clarke, Becca Herman, Kaelyn Mocerri, Cydney Webb and Danielle Williams. They each selected their own differently styled, long gowns in autumn colors, ranging from pumpkin to cinnamon to champagne of satin. They carried tight, red rose clutch bouquets, hand-tied with gold ribbon.

The groom's brother, Michael Niehaus, served as best man. Groomsmen were his friends, Thomas Callanan, Aidan Dunning, Michael Mann and Mitch Pattullo, and brothers, Andrew Niehaus and Charles Niehaus.

The groom and

groomsmen wore classic black tuxedos with large, red rose boutonnières. After the ceremony, the groom changed into a white dinner jacket with black lapels.

Ushers were the bride's brothers, Thomas, Kevin and John McShane. Larry Przybysz was the organist and Angela Theis Kelly was the vocalist.

The bride is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and the University of Michigan, where she double-majored in international studies and Spanish. She is an account manager at Marsh.

The groom is a graduate of Shrine Catholic High School and the University of Michigan, where he majored in kinesiology. He is a medical sales representative at Stryker.

The couple honeymooned in South Africa and lives in Chicago's Lincoln Park.

ENGAGEMENT



Philip Mangum and Stephanie McShane

McShane—Mangum

Tom and Pamela McShane of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Ann McShane, to Philip Gabriel Mangum, the son of John and Linda Mangum of Royal Oak.

Miss McShane is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned degrees in psychology and education from The College of Wooster in Ohio, as well as a Master of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from the Erikson Institute of Technology in Chicago. She is a third grade teacher at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Ill.

Mr. Mangum is a grad-

uate of Royal Oak High School. He earned Bachelor of Science degrees in environmental biology and economics from Michigan State University. He is a product manager for a financial services software company.

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For exquisite gift selections for the next wedding on your calendar, one local name always rises to the top. The League Shop has been delighting happy couples for over 50 years with bridal registry selections that will provide a lifetime of usefulness and joy. Owner of The League Shop, Patrick Fabian, is a gracious guide for all those searching for the ideal gift. He recently spoke with the Grosse Pointe News to share his top 10 picks from the shop's wedding registry.

From contemporary wood pieces to traditional crystal servingware, The staff at The League Shop expertly directs clients to gifts that express the perfect sentiment to the new bride and groom.

The League Shop is located at 16847 Kercheval Ave., in Grosse Pointe. Call them at (313) 882-6880 or visit their website at theleagueshop.com.

Nambe cheese block with knife and spreader

Below, this is the must-have for the couple who entertains. The knife and spreader are magnetized to the cheese block.



WARM WOOD AND METAL BLEND IN TRUE CONTEMPORARY STYLE

Vagabond House salad bowl and servers

Above, an excellent choice for casual yet elegant family gatherings combining beautifully crafted acacia wood with sculpted pewter song birds. It can be paired with optional matching servers, below, for a complete ensemble.



Waterford Lismore cake plate

Below, a piece that truly combines elegance, functionality, and hospitality. It adds beauty to any celebration.





Mary Jurek 14" Aurora tray

This dishwasher-safe tray is as durable as it is elegant. In hammered stainless steel, the uses are endless for entertaining and decorating. This will become a favorite gift that will be used for years to come.

Mary Jurek Helyx ice bucket and Helyx ice scoop

This ice bucket makes a striking statement with its handsome design and functionality. The sassy knot detail is a sweet nod to marriage. Paired with the optional matching ice scoop, it's a lasting gift.



SERVINGWARE THAT'S BOTH PRACTICAL AND BEAUTIFUL

Mary Jurek 12" Luna bowl and Versa servers

A perennial favorite for an evening meal at home or for entertaining friends or family. This beautiful dishwasher-safe pounded stainless steel bowl with optional servers is the epitome of gracious entertaining ware.



ELEGANT CRYSTAL AND GLASS

Waterford Lismore square decanter

At left, show-stopping gift the couple can use for stylish entertaining or simply to display in their new home.

Reed and Barton 11" Weston candlesticks

Bottom left, compatible with both traditional and contemporary decor, this pair creates a beautiful tablescape centerpiece.



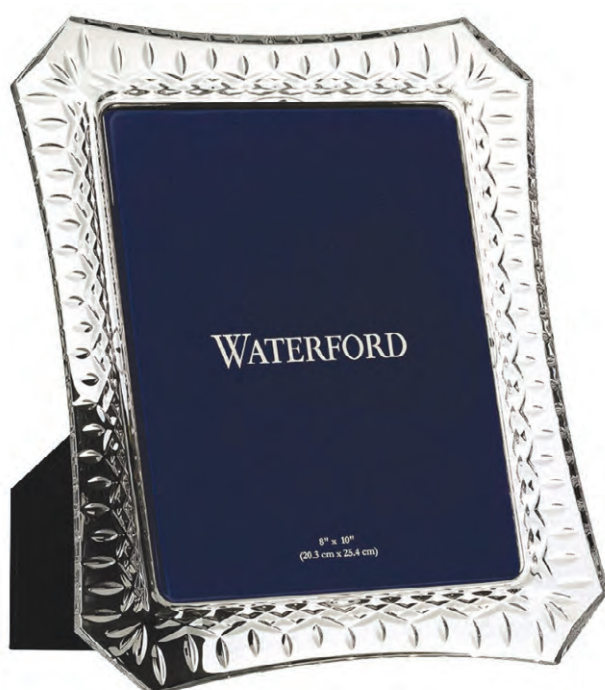
PICTURE-PERFECT FRAME GIFTS

Waterford Lismore 8x10 frame

Shown at left, this elegant and timeless frame displays the couple's favorite wedding portrait.

Reed and Barton Naples 8x10 frame

Above, this tarnish resistant silverplate frame is perfect for showcasing wedding or engagement photos.



OBITUARIES

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

Eve R. Portwood

Eve R. Portwood, 84, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, after suffering a massive stroke eight years ago.

Eve was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Thanks to the fierce love and dedication of her husband, Bob, the kindness and skill of her amazing and dedicated caregiver, Lorie Kay Tucker, and the compassionate staff of Michigan Hospice, she was able to die surrounded by love and at home.

Eve was born in Germany, lived in Japan and came to the United States when she was 12. She was a quiet warrior. Although she was a World War II refugee with no real model for stability, Eve insisted that her children would never change schools or move around as she did. She was proud that they attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools from kindergarten through high school graduation. She gave her children the solid foundation she did not have.

Eve met her husband, Bob, at a party while they were studying at Highland Park Junior College. Once they met, there was no chance they would ever see the dates they came with again. And so began a short courtship, an elopement and a 64-year marriage. When asked why he married her, Bob, with his characteristic humor, said she was beautiful and classy. Eve married him, she said, because she loved his strength. She had no idea at the time just how much she would rely on that strength as he cared for her in sickness for eight years. If anything, their love grew during those years.

Eve was a woman of incomparable strength. She overcame years of inconsistent wartime schooling and learned English at the age of 12. She became licensed as a real estate agent, enjoying a very successful career in Grosse Pointe. She was well-respected by colleagues and clients alike. She measured success not so much by houses bought and sold, but by people served and relationships built. When she turned 70, her daughter and granddaughter took her to England, France and Germany, in part to visit clients from Grosse Pointe who had moved to London and Paris.

Eve always was there for her family, her friends, an abandoned animal and strangers. Her essence was captured in this quote from 13 years ago, written in an email by her daughter-in-law, Cindi: "I thought about how your mom is so reliable. There have been times when I've been in a store or somewhere and I smell someone else wearing her perfume. Without even really realizing it, I immediately feel at ease, like I know that someone will be there to make sure everything is alright."

Eve is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Bob Portwood; children, Nancy Portwood Osgood and Rick Portwood (Cindi); and grandchildren, Abigail Osgood, Max Portwood

and Ally Portwood.

Her life will be celebrated privately with family and friends. Her memory can be honored with a contribution to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20542 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225, or gpaas.org/donate, where she was an active volunteer.

David Whitehouse

David Herbert Whitehouse, 73, died peacefully Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, in Roy, Utah, from long-standing complications of heart disease. Dave was formerly of Grosse Pointe.

Dave was born April 13, 1949, in Detroit, to Herbert and Dorothy (nee Morehouse) Whitehouse, both now deceased. Dave attended school in Detroit before the family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1961. In 1964, while attending Grosse Pointe High School, he and his friends formed a garage rock band called The Underdogs, consisting of Dave on lead vocals and bass, Chuck Shermetaro on lead guitar, Chris Lena on rhythm guitar and Michael Morgan on drums. The Underdogs quickly grew in popularity and became a regular band at The Hideout, a popular teen dance club in Harper Woods. The band released several singles on The Hideout and Reprise Records labels, including "Man in the Glass" and "Judy be Mine (Friday at the Hideout)." In 1966, The Underdogs signed a deal with Motown Records and released singles, "Love's Gone Bad" and "MoJo Hanna."

After The Underdogs, Dave sang and played in other bands, including Oasis, with brothers Brad and Chris Lena, among others, and the band Satori. His bandmate Brad Lena considered Dave's voice to be in a class all its own, noting he never sold his music short and at times it came close to genius.

In 1976, Dave moved to Colorado, where he worked in the pharmaceutical industry for many years. He married Jenny Dee Bunker in 1980, and they had two sons, James and Stephen. Later, he moved to Roy, Utah, with his second wife, Rita Rule. In Utah, Dave and Rita adopted a pug named Hodge and began breeding and raising pugs to give to friends and neighbors. During this time, Dave self-published two books about his life experiences.

Everyone who met Dave could attest to his brilliant insights and quirky sense of humor. He lived life to the fullest, whether in his earlier band years, raising his two sons in Colorado or enjoying his pug dogs with Rita. While he didn't espouse any particular religious beliefs, Dave's view of the world was deeply spiritual and he sought meaning in everything he did. He was a selfless man and always took time to give amazing advice to anyone, no matter the circumstances and, no matter what, one would always leave the

conversation with a smile.

Dave is survived by his wife, Rita; former wife, Jenny Bunker Boone; sons, James and Stephen (Elizabeth); granddaughters, Maddie and Ellowyn; stepdaughter, Cora Warrick; sister, Mary Torrence Bamford; and nephews, Christopher and Andrew Torrence.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Humane Society of Utah, utahhumane.org.

Virginia Mary DiGiuseppe

Virginia Mary DiGiuseppe, 87, passed away suddenly from heart failure Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023.

Virginia was a loving and devoted wife and mother, a loyal and trusted friend to many and an accomplished professional technical writer and university instructor. She beat to her own drum and was tireless in her pursuits to ensure that she, her husband, Leonard, and her children had all that life could give. Virginia began college courses as a young mother and studied through to a PhD in English literature at Wayne State University. She was on staff more than 30 years at Wayne State, while also applying her writing and organizational skills in industry as a technical writer and training specialist, until retiring at age 83.

A devoted mother, she participated in her children's activities, from scout leader to sports advocate and education mentor. She loved to entertain in their home, hosting friends and family in small groups and large.

She cherished visits from her granddaughter, Annie, who lives in Arkansas. She was not shy to share her pride in her daughter's accomplishments. Helping and giving to others made Virginia happy and she would bend over backward for her friends and family.

She and Leonard led a full life; they traveled extensively, traversing the world on more than 30 cruises. They loved cards and theater and shared a wonderful group of friends. Their support for each other never wavered, through the loss of their middle child at age 14 to leukemia, business challenges and the tragic losses of their grandson and eldest son to auto accidents.

In her down time, Virginia was either working on a crossword puzzle or making a list of tomorrow's to-dos. Virginia's beloved Leonard passed in 2021, from COVID-19. Despite the devastation of his loss, their life and the selling of her treasured family home of 55 years, she reinvented a full life with her wide circle of friends who shared her passion for bridge, books and women's issues. More recently, she was traveling again.

Victoria was the dearest wife of 66 years to the late Leonard; mother of Carol Leonard (Dr. Jorge); grandmother of Annie Harrison (Patrick); and sister of Frances Chiesa (Russell). She was predeceased by



Eve R. Portwood



David Whitehouse



Virginia M. DiGiuseppe



M. Hoernschemeyer



Jay James Jodway



Pauline L. Russell

her sons, Gary John and Joseph Leonard DiGiuseppe; grandson, Andrew Leonard DiGiuseppe; daughter-in-law, Mary DiGiuseppe; and brother, Leonard Tagliavia.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at St. Lucy's Church in St. Clair Shores. A final resting prayer at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Clinton Township will begin at noon, immediately followed by a luncheon for family and friends to celebrate Virginia's life at the Mirage Banquet Center, 16980 18 Mile Road, Clinton Township.

Marybelle Hoernschemeyer

Marybelle Hoernschemeyer (nee Groene), 97, died peacefully Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, surrounded by the love of her children. She enjoyed many uplifting visits from grandchildren and great-grandchildren prior to her passing.

Marybelle was born Feb. 12, 1926, in Cincinnati, to Charles and Stella Groene. She grew up in Cincinnati and graduated from Seton High School. She met her high school sweetheart, Robert James "Hunchy" Hoernschemeyer, in spring 1942, and they married in 1947. After Bob was drafted by the Detroit Lions in 1950 (#14), they moved to Grosse Pointe to raise their family. In 1965, Marybelle began working in sales at Kitty Kelly Bridal Salon. She was promoted to buyer and ultimately general manager of the bridal chain.

Marybelle was a devout and faithful Catholic. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and also regularly attended Assumption Grotto Church in Detroit. She always sought to share the blessing of her faith, which she loved and treasured.

She is survived by her son, Robert Hoernschemeyer (Jennifer); daughters, Diane Foster (Christopher), Mary Towson and Sue Roosen (Richard); grandchildren, Bobby Hoernschemeyer (Janet), Breanne Harmsen (Daniel), Morgan Mathews (Megan), Martin Mathews (Lydia), Michael Mathews (Krista), Marc Mathews, Jo Ann Mathews, Christopher Towson (Holly), Catherine Towson, Christopher Roosen

(Candice Hucke), John Roosen (Lorraine) and Paul Roosen (Frances); brother, Ray Groene (Bev); and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her dear husband, Bob; darling daughter, Jo Ann; her parents; brothers, Charles Groene (Marilyn) and Stan Groene (Mary Jo); and sister, Ruth Bonfield (Skeets).

A private funeral Mass will be held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church with interment in Cincinnati. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org/donate, or Masses said in her memory.

The family extends their deep appreciation to the staff of Angela Hospice in Livonia for their compassionate and loving care.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Jay James Jodway

Jay James Jodway, 85, was called into heaven Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, surrounded by his adoring family.

Jay was a lifetime resident of Grosse Pointe. His lifelong artistic talent was a source of pride and incredible achievement. He attended Eastern Michigan University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was awarded a Master of Fine Arts graduate degree from the prestigious Cranbrook Academy, where he also was granted a teaching fellowship. His love of lithography was showcased in countless museums and traveling shows around the world. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Air Force, where he received many citations of honor. He earned his pilot's license later in life with the small family plane and took great delight soaring with the eagles.

Jay was predeceased by his parents, Victor and Olga; son, Keith; and sister, Jennifer. He is survived by his sons, Kirk and Jason; siblings, Joyce Bruno and Jimmy Jodway; grandchildren, Jamason, Jenevieve, Juliet and Micah; loving nieces and nephews, Teni, Ricky, Kelty, Bemie, Joyce, Jay and Jeffrey; and Gail, his loving college wife.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a ceremonial military burial at Great Lakes National

Cemetery in Holly. Jay's philosophy in life was, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Pauline Louise Russell

Pauline Louise Russell, 93, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, at Heart to Heart Hospice at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital.

Pauline was born Oct. 30, 1929, to Charles and Marie Papenfus of Detroit. After achieving her degree as a registered nurse in 1951, from West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing in Oak Park, Ill., Pauline married Richard Russell of Grosse Pointe Woods. They made their home in Grosse Pointe and raised four children. Pauline worked tirelessly, creating a home where her family thrived.

She enjoyed teaching young people about the Christian faith and was an active member of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. She was a leader in Pioneer Girls and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School until she was 87. Pauline also was a group leader for decades with Bible Study Fellowship.

Pauline and Richard enjoyed many domestic and international journeys together. Family trips to the cabin in northern Michigan were some of her favorite times. In her later years, she found true enjoyment cultivating her peaceful, park-like yard and garden. Above all, she desired that her family and loved ones develop a true faith and relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Pauline was predeceased by her daughter, Gailanne Schwanitz, and her husband of 69 years, Richard Russell. She is survived by her daughter, Lauren Benson, and son-in-law, Bruce Benson, of Fife, Wash.; son, Richard E. Russell, and his wife, Jennifer Peck, of Grosse Pointe Shores; son-in-law, Joseph Schwanitz, and his wife, Martha Miller, of Fort Gratiot; daughter, Beth Halvorsen, and son-in-law, Rod Halvorsen, of Santa, Idaho; and 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

At Pauline's request, a simple graveside service was held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

OBITS:

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Mark Dixon Finch

Mark Dixon Finch, 62, lost his battle with cancer Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023.

Mark was born March 8, 1960, in Detroit, to Barbara Fitzgerald-Finch and Richard Finch, both now deceased. He grew up in Grosse Pointe, with a few years spent in Charlotte, N.C., when he was very young. He attended Austin High School and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. He also attended Kalamazoo Community College. He had his own house-painting company in Grosse Pointe for many years.

Mark was passionate about hunting and fishing, including big bear hunting in Alaska and Barry's Bay, Ontario, Canada. He enjoyed many years at his cabin in Big Bay that he shared with friend John Frazer.

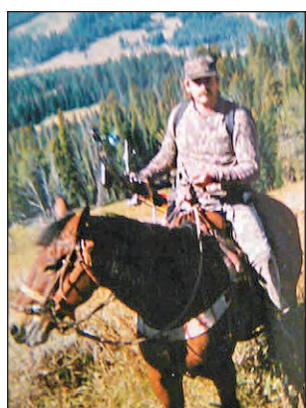
Mark is survived by his sister, Elise Finch-Sophiea, and brother-in-law, William Sophiea; brother, Michael Finch, and sister-in-law, Mariela Fernandez Alsina Finch; three nephews and one niece; and many friends and extended family members. He was predeceased by his parents; and grandparents, Emily and Gerald Fitzgerald and Winifred and John Finch.

A celebration of life will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Rustic Cabins, 15209 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hunt with Heart, Attn: Angelica Drescher, P.O. Box 1214, Pearland, TX 77584, or huntwithheart.org, or a charity of the donor's choice.

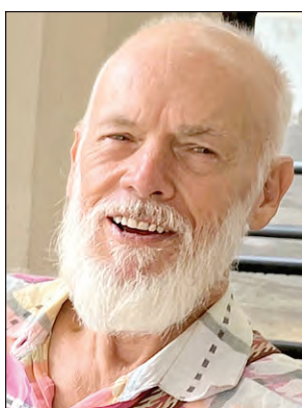
Thomas "Tom" Allen Leone

Thomas "Tom" Allen Leone, 73, died suddenly in his home Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023. He is remembered by his friends and family for his kind heart, helping nature, inspiring art projects and lively conversations.

Tom was born June 19, 1949, to Gerry and Joan Nester Leone, both now deceased. Tom made his mark all over Michigan. Born in Ann Arbor, he grew up in Grosse Pointe and Detroit. His early



Mark Dixon Finch



Thomas Allen Leone



Paul A. Saigh



Ann Marie Ciaravino



Peter Bruce Frame

education was at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, later graduating from Austin Catholic Preparatory School, class of 1967. Although Tom received a full scholarship to the Kendall School of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, he decided to pursue a liberal arts education at Michigan State University. While at Michigan State, he was a photographer for the State News for several years, an archeological research assistant in Fort Michilimackinac, a water boy on the MSU football team, a basso profundo glee club member and organizer of the Free University, among other activities.

Tom had a great interest in health. With high hopes to try to live at least 120 years, he always was trying the latest concoction or product. In his youth, he learned Judo and also practiced yoga. He was an enthusiastic patron of the Ceragem Center, formerly in Lansing. He enjoyed skateboarding and jumping on trampolines even late in life. He participated in Hare Krishna events in Lansing and Detroit, and also volunteered for the Common Ground music festival for many years. He enjoyed attending the annual Veg Fest; loved creating sparkly, whimsical sculptures and colorful posters with clever sayings; and allegedly had the largest year-round display of Christmas ornaments outside of Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth.

Tom had a silly side. He played the kazoo and had a smile-inducing Donald Duck impression. Upon answering the phone, he answered with "ding-dong" or "cowabunga" and ended the conversation with "adios," always upbeat and cheerful.

Tom preferred the old-school approach in interacting with others — simply talking in person rather than using a computer or cellphone. He was pleased to have met numerous famous

people, including John Lennon, Magic Johnson, Jack Kevorkian, Dick Gregory, Coretta Scott King and Swami Prabhupada, among others. But Tom loved engaging everyone in conversation; no one was a stranger to him.

Tom was the older brother to his seven sisters, Mary Cantwell, Denise Cleary, Melinda Campbell (Andrew), Cynthia Pickford, Joan Bayer (Chuck), Alicia Peters (Robert) and the late Corinne Leone. He was the proud father of Angelica Leone, who lives in Italy and is engaged to Marco; he recently returned from a wonderful trip to visit them. Tommy was also a beloved uncle to 18 nieces and nephews. He generously attended many of their life events and encouraged them along their paths. He also was a dear friend to many.

A beloved father, brother, uncle and friend, Tom will be dearly missed.

Paul A. Saigh

Paul A. Saigh, 89, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods, surrounded by his family.

Paul was born Nov. 19, 1933, in Detroit, to Victoria and Sam Saigh. He graduated from St. Anthony High School, then earned an accounting degree from the University of Detroit. He also attended the Detroit College of Law and earned his Juris Doctorate degree before working for the U.S. federal government. He served his country in the U.S. Army and was involved with the Men of the Sacred Heart and Knights of Columbus. He was an avid golfer with two holes-in-one and loved reading and watching sports.

Paul was the devoted husband of Isabel for 63 years; beloved father of Lisa Saigh and Steve Saigh (Wendy); loving Jiddo (grandfather) of

Victoria, Sophia, Lily, Samantha, Alexandra and Nicholas; and dearest great-Jiddo of Blaine. Paul was predeceased by his siblings, Beatrice Sparkes, Peter Saigh and Sam Saigh Jr. He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with a Rosary at 8 p.m. He will lie in state Friday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. until the time of his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit, MI 48214, or saintmarondetroit.org/donate-online.

Share a memory of Paul online at verheyden.org.

Ann Marie Ciaravino

Ann Marie Ciaravino, 86, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023.

Ann was born May 11, 1936, in Detroit, to Joseph and Clara (nee Okray) Abraham. She was the beloved wife of the late Vito nearly 50 years. They were married May 11, 1963. She was the loving mother of Steven (Laura), William, Ann Kilroy (TJ) and Matthew; and cherished grandmother of Steven, Olivia, Janet, Carlo, Sam, Harry and Layne. She also is survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation took place Wednesday, Feb. 22, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass will be held at noon Thursday, Feb. 23, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. She will lie in state at 11:30 a.m. Fr. Rich Bartoszek will officiate, with entombment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Peter Bruce Frame

Peter Bruce Frame, 81, passed away peacefully at home Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, after a brief illness.

Pete, or "Buddy," as he was called by his grandchildren, was born Dec. 31, 1941, in Detroit, to William and Jessie Frame. William, a Scottish immigrant, and Jessie, from the Isle of Man, raised their four children near extended family on Detroit's east side.

Pete attended Southeastern High School, fortuitously joining the Alchemist Club, as it was on the club-sponsored trip to Band Day at the University of Michigan where he met his future wife, Sandy, on the bus. After graduating in 1960, he worked for a brief time and enlisted in the Air National Guard.

Pete and Sandy were married Feb. 27, 1965, at St. Martin of Tours, in the aftermath of a blizzard that brought the city to a standstill. They lived for 20 years in Grosse Pointe Farms, where they raised their sons, Scott and Matthew, on McKinley. During their years in Grosse Pointe, they made many friends and enjoyed outings at the Farms park and boating on Lake St. Clair. Pete coached his sons' Little League teams and enjoyed singing in the Men's Choir at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. Additionally, Pete was active in the YMCAs of Detroit and Mount Clemens. In 1990, Pete and Sandy moved to Harrison Township, where they lived on the lakefront for 30 years.

Raised to be self-sufficient with a strong work ethic, Pete sold business forms and printing services at Rotary Manifold Forms, a division of Safran Printing. In 1982, he, along with a group of employees, purchased the Detroit division of the business and changed the name to Rotary Multiforms, Inc (RMI). He took great pride in his

role as a successful business owner, passing down his customer-focused values to his sons. In 2006, he sold his share of the business and retired.

Pete enjoyed boating, hunting, fishing, golfing, traveling, the beauty of nature and, most of all, time with family and friends. For 40 years, he and Sandy hosted annual summer and winter gatherings at the Grayling Game Club where he was a member. Everyone looked forward to these weekends where they would canoe, walk the trails and golf in the summer, and ski, snowmobile and talk late into the night by the fire in the winter.

Pete and Sandy had a truly happy and loving marriage. In retirement, they traveled together to almost every state and throughout Europe. Pete's "kissing cousin," Jane, hosted them several times at her home in England, and their European travels included Italy, Spain, France, Russia and cruising the Baltic Sea.

Pete is survived by and will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 58 years, Sandy; sons, Scott (Katie) and Matthew (Melissa); grandchildren, Madison McMillan (Chris), McKenzie Frame, Emma Frame, Will Frame and Ellie Frame; great-granddaughter, Marcie McMillan; siblings, Michael, Douglas and Cynthia; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. He was predeceased by his parents and daughter-in-law, Marian.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 989 Spaulding SE, Ada, MI 49301, or hom.org/donations.

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10B | FEATURES

MiSci's Electric Playhouse Travels exhibit extended

Exhibit provides indoor fun during winter months

The Michigan Science Center's temporary Electric Playhouse Travels exhibit has extended its run through Memorial Day, providing people a great way to have fun indoors during the winter months. The exhibit features three interactive digital projection installations that connect playing games to problem-solving in daily life and potential careers.

"The Michigan Science Center aims to put people at the center of science and Electric Playhouse Travels does that through immersive, embodied learning games, making it one of our most popular exhibits to date," Mi-Sci President and CEO Christian Greer said. "We are thrilled to be able to share it with visitors through the spring."

Electric Playhouse Travels is a joint venture between Exhibits Development Group, LLC and The Electric Playhouse. This digital hands-free experience is a mix of games, artistic interactives and experiences that are ready for exploration. Using projection mapping and sensors, movements are tracked for interactions



without the need for headsets or other wearable devices. Visitors enter an exhibition of interactive experiences designed to promote healthy, active play that surprises, delights and inspires movement, all themed to feel like visitors are fully immersed in a digital universe. Visitors are invited to interact with the space-themed landscape of puzzles, challenges and wonder.

The installation is part of "Level Up," an 8,000-square-foot exhibit designed for families and students that demonstrates the acquired skills

behind what kids love most — video and analog games — to create interactive, immersive learning experiences. It is made possible by General Motors and will remain at Mi-Sci until this fall.

Level Up also consists of the following game zones:

◆ Console or Video Games — Research indicates action gamers are better skilled at using models to solve problems outside of games. Multiplayer modes allow players to collaboratively problem-solve to work toward a collective win against the game.

◆ Virtual Reality Games — Featuring Oculus Rift headsets, this zone will transport you to different worlds and places. You also will learn how this technology is being used in healthcare settings. Michigan Science Center has made adjustments based on visitor feedback to enable guests younger than 12 to participate in the VR station.

◆ Analog Games — Board games teach hands-on STEM skills without the need for a tech component and appeal to a wide age range. Large-scale games in Level Up



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Visitors to the Michigan Science Center's Electric Playhouse enjoy interactive experiences.

allow players to learn design and game mechanics.

◆ Arcade Zone — The final zone incorporates a dedicated space for guests to play classic arcade games, plus winning games from the Games for Change student challenge competition.

◆ The Ames Room — A special room designed to challenge perceptions of reality by removing all the visual cues one usually uses to determine an object's size. This effect causes objects and people in a seemingly ordinary room to shrink or grow depending on their position in the room. When

looking at someone inside an Ames Room, one's brain is fooled into thinking the room is a regular square; in reality, the room is trapezoidal, with one corner farther away than the others. Mi-Sci's Ames Room also features a selfie station for those who want to share their experience.

Level Up featuring Electric Playhouse Travels is included in Mi-Sci's general admission price. Reserve tickets at mi-sci.org. Mi-Sci is located at 5020 John R. in Midtown, Detroit, and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.



Detroit Concert Choir performs March 12

Detroit Concert Choir, featuring Artistic Director Michael A. Mitchell, presents "Every Time I Feel the Spirit!" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The award-winning choir will present a variety of beautiful, soulful music, including inspiring selections by Detroit composers Brandon Waddles, Norah Duncan, Maurice Draughn,

Stacey Gibbs and Brazeal Dennard.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance. Call Detroit Concert Choir at (313) 882-0118 or order online at detroitconcertchoir.org.

The Detroit Concert Choir is in its 36th season. With a vision to "inspire and enrich lives through exceptional music," the 80-voice

choir consists of talented singers from more than 35 metro Detroit communities. Grosse Pointe residents in DCC include Robert Acton, Michael Auty, Stan Harr, Rachel Hutchinson, Judy Jogan, Joseph Lucido, Michelle Metes, Veronica Smith and Marie Zacny. The ensemble has a vast repertoire and presents diverse styles of choral music from throughout the ages, including great classical works for chorus and orchestra.

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"Even one stamp gives you the chance to win a gift card for future use," Turnbull said.

All costs are exclusive of tax, beverages and gratuity. Tickets or special passes are not needed, but reservations are strongly recommended. Contact the individual restaurants to

make reservations. For a list of participating restaurants, visit grossepointechamber.com.

"It's equally as important to eat local as it is to shop local, so come out and support participating restaurants for breakfast, lunch and dinner," Turnbull said. "And remember to leave positive reviews so the community and beyond knows how great it is to eat in the Pointes."

Above, a recent concert at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Below, DCC rehearsal at Grosse Pointe North High School.



From left, Christine Rouse, executive director; Michael A. Mitchell, artistic director; Sandy Cooper, administrative assistant; and Stan Harr, board president and a Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

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"I was lucky enough to work with Tim Higgins on (last season's) 'The Sound of Music,'" she said. "He taught me so much. It was a wonderful experience."

O'Donnell said she's excited for what "Clue" will bring to the community, too. The cast includes seasoned GPT veterans such as Nick Marinello, portraying Wadsworth, and Kevin Fitzhenry, who takes the stage as Mr. Green.

"But half of the cast is brand new to Grosse Pointe Theatre," she added. "It's been really great working with people from all over the place."

The best part of directing this production, she said, has been working with her team.

"Not only is the cast so incredible, dedicated, professional and not afraid to work hard, but also the crew is so helpful," the Grosse Pointe Farms resident said. "I can focus on directing when I'm surrounded by the best people for costumes, set and lights. We're going to put on an incredible show."

Though it's a comedy, the plot does involve a murder — and fake blood — so O'Donnell rates "Clue" as a PG performance geared more toward adults.

She added that she's grateful for the opportunity to direct during the group's special anniversary year.

"Grosse Pointe Theater is an amazing place," she said. "If you talk to anyone, they'll stress that it's a family. Plus, it's the 75th year, so it's an incredible time to be involved with Grosse Pointe Theatre."

"What I want audiences to take away from this hour and a half of mystery and laughs is, just like the board game, theater is a shared experience," she added. "I really want audience members to navigate through Boddy Manor with us to figure out whodunnit — with what and where — just like the board game. Thank you, Grosse Pointe Theatre for the chance to share my vision of 'Clue.'"



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Laughs are in store for audiences who see Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Clue."

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Three-peat Detroit Riverwalk named Best Riverwalk in America for third straight year

The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy is excited to announce the Detroit Riverwalk has been named the Best Riverwalk in America, for the third year in a row, by the USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

The announcement kicks off a milestone year for the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy as it celebrates two decades of transforming the Detroit Riverfront into beautiful public spaces, including more than 3.5 miles of Riverwalk, world-class parks and greenways and major new projects underway.

The award-winning Detroit Riverwalk won the top spot over other notable cities, including Tampa, Louisville, Cincinnati, San Antonio, Boston and Indianapolis. Nominees were selected

by USA TODAY 10Best editors and a panel of urban planning experts, as well as members of the general public.

"We are thrilled to be named America's Best Riverwalk once again," said Matt Cullen, chairman of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. "The transformation of our riverfront over these past two decades has been tremendous. To go from a blighted and underused riverfront to one that is recognized as the best in the country three years in a row is a testament to how much people love the riverfront and to what our community can achieve when we all work together."

The conservancy is building on its mission to "bring everybody" by inviting the entire community to participate in a year-long celebration



Left, world-class parks are featured along the 3.5 miles of Riverwalk. Below, this year celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Detroit Riverwalk.

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of its 20th anniversary through free programs, grand openings and special events.

"This is a big year for the Detroit Riverfront," said Mark Wallace, president and CEO of the

Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. "People from throughout the community have helped shape this riverfront from the very beginning and now, 20 years into the project, we can all celebrate our many successes. We have a lot of fun plans for this year and are looking forward to celebrating this milestone all year long."

A preview of the 20th anniversary celebrations includes:

- ◆ A grand opening of the Southwest Greenway in May, which links the riverfront with Michigan Central.

- ◆ Free summertime boat cruises on the Detroit River, details to be announced.

- ◆ The premiere of a new documentary in collaboration with DPTV that tells the story of the riverfront revitalization

and the visionaries behind it.

- ◆ A book highlighting the history of the Detroit riverfront's transformation.

- ◆ A grand opening of the Uniroyal Promenade that will complete the East Riverfront, link Mt. Elliott Park and Gabriel Richard Park, and provide a pathway to the MacArthur Bridge to Belle Isle.

- ◆ All annual special events, such as the Riverfront Run, Shimmer on the River, Detroit Harvest Fest & Food Truck Rally, Soiree on the Greenway and others will feature special celebrations of the 20th anniversary.

Since 2003, the conservancy has invested more than \$200 million in the revitalization of the Detroit Riverfront, which in turn has gener-

ated more than \$2 billion in public and private investment. The conservancy is continuing its transformation of 5.5 miles of revitalized riverfront and bridge-to-bridge vision, with 90 percent of the East Riverfront complete. In addition to the Southwest Greenway and Uniroyal Promenade, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park, opening in 2024, also currently is underway.

The conservancy most recently announced the Unified Greenway Partnership, an alliance with the city of Detroit and the Joe Louis Greenway Partnership. This \$350 million transformative campaign will complete the Detroit Riverfront and Joe Louis Greenway and endow it for generations to come.



Since 2003, The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy has invested more than \$200 million in its revitalization.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Lynn Walsh, M.S., LLP

Roadmaps: A path to security in the face of trauma

Like others, on Monday, Feb. 13, I listened to the police scanner with my 19-year-old Michigan State University sophomore as she sheltered in place. I felt utterly helpless, as did she. Growing in confidence and competence to overcome helplessness is a critical step in creating a roadmap to coping and transforming helplessness into action by creating personal "anchors" that provide emotional stability in the face of chaos and trauma.

To feel helpless in response to a traumatic event is a universally human experience

and, if not addressed, a precursor to serious mental health issues such as anxiety disorders, depressive disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder. The impactful practices of establishing new self-care routines, maximizing current healthy habits and maintaining consistency with them are key anchoring elements.

Physical, psychological and emotional manifestations of the loss of control that one experiences in the face of a traumatic event and its aftermath include the following:

- ◆ Physical sensations can be a feeling of tightness or

heaviness in the chest, racing heartbeat, a sense of derealization, gastrointestinal upset, anticholinergic effects such as dry mouth.

- ◆ Psychological and emotional sensations associated with loss of control can be panic, anger/rage, despair, emotional numbing, a feeling of hysteria or mania/feeling hyper.

A critical first stop on the roadmap to stability is to recognize these sensations as they happen (as an adult, stay especially attuned to your child's variations in mood or behavior and reflect out loud what they might be

experiencing) and practice a self-care response in the moment. Upon noticing physiological hyperarousal, practice controlled breathing, a mindfulness practice, a 10-minute journal exercise describing the feeling. Think of these as your "anchors" in a storm of emotions.

A short mantra to creating a personal "anchor action" in your roadmap to wellness is to 1) identify the feeling as it's happening, 2) validate what's causing it and 3) choose a response you have in your arsenal of anchors.

These can be stored in your personal mental health tool-

box and used any time hyperarousal or stress call for it, and can be shared and demonstrated for others.

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Meowed until I woke up

Dear Gabby: I hate my roommate's cat. It meows all day and hisses at me.

The cat sheds everywhere and I can't even sit on the furniture without getting thousands of pieces of fur stuck to my pants.

When I agreed to move in, I didn't know there was a cat. What can I do?

— PO'd in the Park

Dear PO'd,
I guess next time you agree to live somewhere, this would be an important

question to ask. Since that ship has sailed, the most you can do is ask your roommate to keep the cat in her bedroom as much as possible and to vacuum the couch more often.

In the meantime, start looking for a new place to live so you can get out of

there as soon as your lease is up.

— Gabby

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Unhappy marriage makes 50 years, so what

Dear Ann Landers: My parents will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next month. This should be a joyous occasion, but the truth is, they have had an unhappy marriage for as long as I can remember.

My three sisters and I are reluctant to plan a big party for them or have any other celebration, because we feel it would be hypocritical.

However, not doing anything at all would make us

feel terribly guilty. Is there some compromise that would be appropriate for the occasion? — Rosie in N.Y.

Dear Rosie: Regardless of the quality of the relationship, the fact remains that your parents have been married for half a century, and that calls for some sort of celebration. It doesn't have to be a major blowout.

A fancy dinner with family members and close

friends would be equally appropriate. I hope you and your sisters will honor your parents on their special day. Maybe it will give them an incentive to get along better.

Dear Ann Landers: What can I do, short of outright rudeness, to convince an in-law that I do not want her discarded clothes? I don't want her new clothes, either, because her taste is so different from mine. Unfortunately, nothing I say seems to make any difference.

My daughters feel the same way about this woman's clothes. We are all short, small-boned, short-waisted ash blondes. Our "benefactress" is a tall, slim brunette who looks terrific in colors none of us can wear. She is also a shopaholic with an eye for what looks best on her and has plenty of money to spend.

Even when she buys something new for one

of us, it is in her style, not ours, the color looks hideous and the shape is all wrong. We end up wasting a lot of time returning things.

I have tried to tell this relative tactfully that I don't want any more of her clothes, but she continues to bring over dresses, coats, blouses and so on. Some people would say this isn't anything I should complain about, but it's beginning to irritate me, and I'd appreciate your help. — Perplexed in N.C.

Dear N.C.: You have told "Miss Bountiful Gift Giver" already that you don't want any more of her clothes. If she persists in bringing them over, simply say, "These lovely things are going to Goodwill and a few other charities that I am interested in. I am sure they will be appreciated." That ought to do it.

Dear Ann Landers: I have a wife and two sons,

Classic Ann Landers

ages 15 and 12. I love them dearly, but they are so scatterbrained, they drive me nuts.

They constantly are losing keys, glasses, hairbrushes and wallets. They put empty peanut butter jars back in the cabinet and containers in the fridge without the tops screwed on. I once found my wife's purse in the freezer.

I am one of those people who likes everything in its place. I have started hiding items from my family so I can find them when needed. I used to lend my wife and kids the scissors or Scotch tape, but I would never see those things again. Now, I refuse to let my family use any of my belongings.

I'm sure I drive them as crazy as they drive me, but

the truth is, they are the ones who need to change. I have pleaded with them to recognize how frustrating their forgetfulness is to me, but they simply laugh and ask, "Where's the TV remote?" (We have at least three, none of which they can locate.)

Do you have a solution to this problem? — Left-Brained in South Carolina

Dear Left-Brained: I can tell you they will never change, so stop eating yourself up over their "forgetfulness." It must be difficult for a neatnik such as you to live with slob, but accept with grace that which you cannot change. It's a no-hoper.

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Platonic friendship suffers when communication dries up

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single man who has a close female friend who is also single. We live about a half-hour apart, so for the last 25 years, much of our relationship happened on the phone. We talked almost daily.

voice messages altogether. I tried reducing my calls drastically, but no dice. I also tried switching to texts, but she doesn't respond to those, either.

You might conclude that she's unfriending

have tried asking her about it, but she brushes it off by saying she "didn't hear the phone." Or she's "bad at checking voicemail and texts."

Her latest excuse is, she's "just not good on the telephone." Abby, I know phone etiquette has changed and young people rarely use the phone these days. But we are in our 60s, and for 25 years our relationship was largely on the phone. It's one thing to want to cut back on that, or even to stop calling me. But ignoring my (now infrequent) calls or texts seems hurtful.

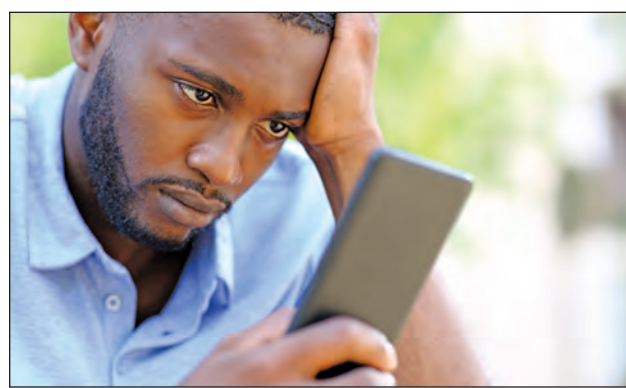
Is this normal, and should I still consider such a person one of my closest friends? — GHOSTED IN THE WEST

DEAR GHOSTED: A sudden change in pattern is not normal. SOMETHING has changed. Because you can't get her to explain

what has caused this change in her behavior, consider taking a page out of her playbook. Communicate with her via email only in response to her emails to you, and find some other friends who will treat you courteously.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow, and I miss my husband very much. We used to go out to dinner together often. I have friends I have dinners with, but sometimes I go out by myself. Every time I do, after I say I am dining alone, the host or hostess asks, "Just you?" It is like an insult — just me? Like I need a reminder that I am alone without a husband.

I recently mentioned this to a friend who told me he experiences the same thing when he dines alone. He, too, considers it insulting. Please share this with readers who work in the hospitality industry. —



Two years ago, I noticed she had stopped calling me unless it was to make plans to get together. Then I noticed that when I called her, she'd let it go to voicemail and not return my call for days.

About a year ago, she stopped returning my

me, but that's not the case. We still get together often for dinner or a movie, usually at her suggestion via email, and she still acts like we are close friends and nothing is wrong. But not returning, or even acknowledging, my calls or texts sure feels wrong to me. I



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

JUSTMEINCOLORADO settings should be removed from the table.

DEAR JUST ME: I'm printing your letter, but I think you may be reacting to a question that may be more about procedure than a social commentary. Your host or server may ask that question because they want to know whether the extra place

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

At first glance, this might seem like a pretty basic We Tried It!, but trust me, it's not.

Eucerin Original Healing Cream is the best moisturizer I've ever tried. It is a holy grail product for my entire family. It's incredible and I can't stop telling everyone I know about it.

If you struggle with dry skin on your face or body during the harsh Michigan

winters, look no further than this cream. Simply put a small amount on your hands and feet before bed and you'll wake up with soft, hydrated skin every morning.

My sisters and I have been dealing with dry skin and eczema on our hands since we were kids.

The cold temperatures and wind during the winter definitely

exacerbate this problem and make our hands crack



and bleed. Good times!

Over the years, I think I've purchased and tried literally every single moisturizer at the drugstore to help with this problem. The majority of them would either burn my skin or not hydrate at all. I found this cream and never looked back! It's thick and super hydrating. It will change your skin!

One of my favorite ways to use it is to apply a lit-

tle bit on my heels before bed and sleep with socks on. It is able to absorb all night long and truly makes a huge difference in my skin.

Keep in mind, a little goes a long way, so even though the container seems a little expensive at almost \$16, it lasts almost an entire year.

I am giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators! It provides great value for the

price and is the absolute best cream I've ever tried.

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Beer time

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

Over the next few weeks, I'll be sharing recipes in which beer is the main component. Typically wine is the alcohol of choice to cook food with. However, beer is a very close second, in my opinion.

I had a few ideas of different recipes that I wanted to make but wasn't sure which type of beer would pair best with them. Rob Bowman at Village Food Market was not only knowledgeable but extremely helpful with my selections.

If you have any interest in cooking with beer, my advice would be to make sure you talk with the right people to steer you in the direction you want to go. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

From soups to meaty stews, beer adds a depth-

ful flavor that leaves everyone wondering what you used. This week, I'm pairing it with cheese, a rich and creamy beer cheese that now may replace the family favorite queso dip. It's served on a grazing platter with cooked sausage (that I cooked in the same beer), pretzels and vegetables for dipping. Enjoy this special snack.

Beer Cheese

1 cup pale ale

2 tbsp flour

2 tbsp butter

1½ cups smoked cheddar cheese

1½ cups sharp cheddar cheese

1 tbsp dijon mustard

Pinch of cayenne pepper

Sliced sausages, pretzels and veggies for dipping

In a saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter and add the flour. Whisk together and cook for one minute.

Add the beer and bring to a low boil then simmer. Slowly add the cheese, handful by handful while continuing to whisk.

Once the cheese is melted, stir in the mustard and cayenne pepper. Season to taste and serve immediately.

If the dip is too thick, you can thin it out by adding more beer. Never a bad thing.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Euphemisms in wine

Most people buy wine randomly. That appears to be the case from what I've observed in supermarkets. I heard one woman say she liked a particular chardonnay because it had a blue label. Another shopper said he wanted to try a dark red wine, like Chianti.

I need not say that the color of the label has nothing to do with the quality of the wine, or that Chianti rarely is a dark red wine. But wine knowledge isn't mandatory for most wine buyers.

Then there are the wine buyers who buy wine after having read something in the store that's intended to influence what we end up buying. It's called a shelf talker.

"Shelf talkers" are those little three- or four-inch paper slips that we see hanging on supermarket racks, bins or affixed to cardboard cases that try to summarize, in a few words, the kind of wine the store is trying to sell.

Some stores use so many shelf talkers that it sounds like a flock of pigeons when you walk by them.

Some wines can best be described as "wet" and lit-

tle else. There's not much to recommend them. This represents almost all wines that sell for extremely little.

Fine wines, which are typically a bit more expensive, generally are fairly complex products, and trying to reduce them to one or two words entails lots of creativity, not to mention a subtle bit of lying.

of our mammon. And pardon my cynicism.

"Crisp" — This term is intended to describe a wine that is rather tart. It would best be used to describe a French Chablis or a Muscadet, wines that are aimed at working well with delicate seafood dishes such as poached halibut. Alas, I have often seen this term used to describe chardonnays



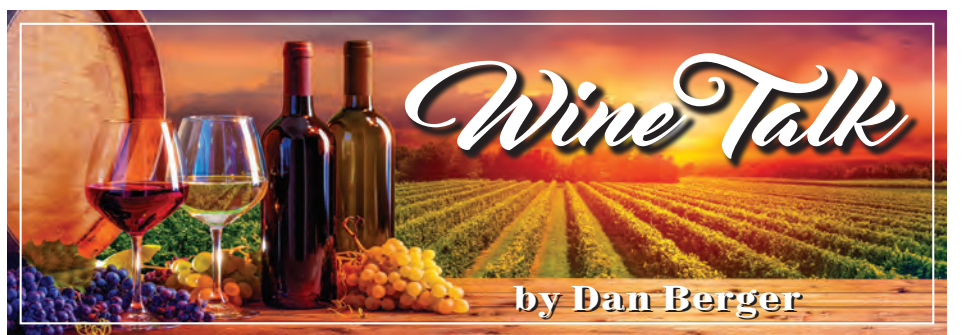
Those little paper slips that we see hanging on supermarket shelves of wine are known as "Shelf talkers" which inform the buyer of key information about the wine that is for sale.

So, we come to the situation where euphemism replaces accuracy, and the shelf talker is akin to facts as relayed by a politician: falsities that are intended to impress. Accuracy is optional.

Here are a few of my pet peeves that I have seen on various shelf talkers, case cards and other printed material that is intended to get us to part with some

that were soft and clumsy and not crisp at all.

"Generous" or "Powerful" — These two terms often are used to describe fairly rich red wines, but I often find that they are usually euphemisms for high alcohol. I saw them used recently to refer to a 16 percent alcohol zinfandel. I'm not a big fan of wines like this. Excessive alcohol actually



covers up flavor.

"96 Points" — The use of numbers close to 100 indicates that the wine received a high score from someone. The size of the shelf talker mitigates against stating who gave it the exalted score, which could mean just about anyone.

"Gold Medal" — The previous paragraph explains this term. Where did the wine get its gold medal? From a third-grade teacher?

"Exotic" — A vague term that could mean "strange."

"Reserve Quality" — A meaningless phrase intended to sell a wine that's not worth its price tag.

"Cellar Selection" — Drink within a week.

Wine of the Week:

2020 Cline Family Zinfandel, Contra Costa

County, "Ancient Vines" (\$26) — Lots of strawberry and blackberry aromas pervade the nose of this husky red wine that benefits from decanting for two hours.

The Cline family has a long history of farming fruit in this remote foothill area, so the wine-

making focused on ripe but not overripe flavors. Only 14.5 percent alcohol. Good value; occasionally seen for less than \$20.

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Left, Wes Studi as Lito and Dale Dickey as Faye in the 2022 film "A Love Song," directed by Max Walker-Silverman.

MOVIE REVIEW
"A Love Song"
 2022 - Rated PG
 1 hr 21min

"A Love Song" is an understated, gentle, and touching film — the very antitheses of a Hollywood blockbuster. As I like to say, it's not for everyone, but anyone can enjoy it.

which is parked behind a pickup truck in a desolate stretch of land in the Colorado mountains.

She pulls a trap out of the nearby lake and removes several crawdads, which she proceeds to cook and eat. It's part of her daily routine and we take this in stride.

The young girl takes a few steps forward and speaking for the group, formally asks Faye if she could move her camper. It seems they buried a relative under her camping spot, and now that there's an oilrig nearby, they'd like to dig him up and transfer him to a site with a nicer view.

Faye tells the girl she's waiting for a visitor at this specific campsite and they politely leave. This scene had a Wes Anderson ("The French Dispatch," "Moonrise Kingdom") feel to it, and I was almost expecting the



Wes Studi as Lito.

I liken it to a Bach Cello Partita compared to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Or a Robert Frost poem as opposed to a Norman Mailer novel. Or perhaps a Vermeer painting compared to the Op-Art of Andy Warhol.

If you're a regular reader of this column, you probably know by now it's also one of my favorite types of movies.

You've no doubt seen Dale Dickey before. She's been in a ton of movies, but this is her first starring role. Here she plays Faye, a weathered, middle-aged woman whose face tells you she's had a hard life and witnessed a lot of things.

We first see her emerging from her camper,

One day four cowboys and a young girl visit her. They're lined up with their shovels in hand.

movie to take a surreal, goofy turn. Wrong.

While Faye is alone most of the time, we

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



never get the feeling she's lonely. She seems very content waiting for her mysterious guest.

When a couple of women at a nearby campsite invite her for dinner, she gladly accepts. Sitting around the campfire, they tell her they were going to propose to each other. It was supposed to happen a couple National Parks ago, and they keep on postponing the inevitable. It's a sweet scene and it makes Faye wonder what might have been.

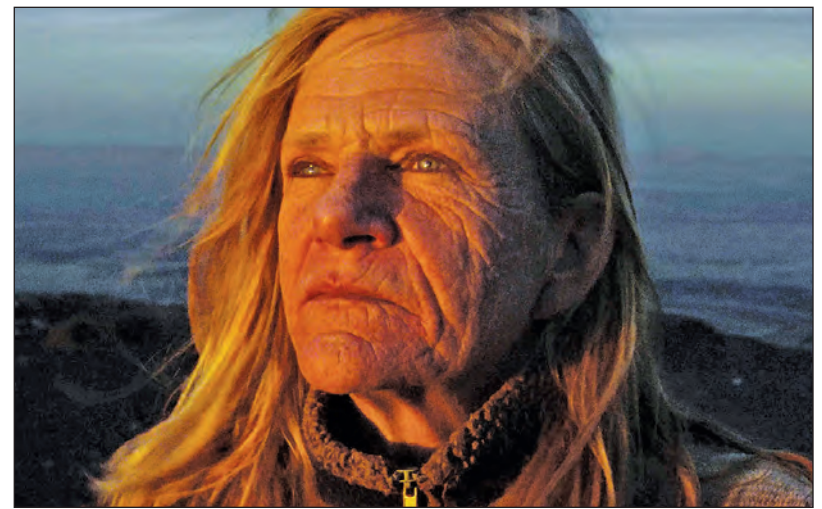
knew each other as kids but lost touch over the years.

We also learn that they've each lost a spouse. The couple seems a bit awkward at first, but soon develop a calm, mannered cadence with their conversations. They reminisce about their grade school and high school years together. And they briefly argue about who tried to kiss whom back in the day.

One recurring theme in the film is Faye's tran-

radio knows the perfect tune for the moment. They're always full of melancholy, and seem to be making a statement about the quiet grandeur of a simpler time in America that's largely been lost. It's a charming and subtle little touch to a beautifully sad story.

Faye and Lito feel comfortable with each other, even though they haven't been in contact for years. They play guitars and sing together. Share a



Dale Dickey as Faye.

Finally, a car pulls up and we discover whom she's been waiting for. It's Lito (Wes Studi), a gentleman her age, and his dog. We learn they

sister radio. It's an old-fashioned, battery-operated model that she turns on from time to time. She fiddles with the dial and magically the

meal and ice cream cones. And just reminisce.

At one point Lito asks her how she spends her days and she tells him, "There's days and there's nights, and I got a book for each." On a shelf in her camper there are two books — a field guide to birds and a guide to the constellations. That perfectly sums up her existence.

"A Love Song" is a superbly crafted, sweet and thoughtful film that feels almost like a poem. It's won a number of well-deserved international awards and is the directing and writing debut of Max Walker-Silverman. I'm looking forward to seeing more from this promising young man.

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EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

» **Detroit Red Wings vs. New York Rangers**
 Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.

» **The House**
 Ford House, 12:30 p.m.
 1100 Lake Shore Road.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

» **Fish Fry**
 St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 5-7:30 p.m.
 23120 Gratiot Ave..

» **Fish Fry**
 Our Lady of Hope/St. Germaine, 4-7:30 p.m.
 28301 Little Mack.

» **Fish Fry**
 Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5-7 p.m. 467 Fairford Road.

» **Fish Fry**
 St. Paul Catholic School, 5:30-7 p.m.
 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd..

» **"Liquid" Taste of Black Spirits**
 Wright Museum of African American History, 4-8 p.m.
 315 E Warren Ave.

» **Marques Carroll Quintet**
 Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
 2030 Park Ave.

» **SZA - SOS Tour**
 Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

» **Detroit Pistons vs. Toronto Raptors**
 Little Caesars Arena, 12 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.

» **Detroit Red Wings vs. Tampa Bay Lightning**
 Little Caesars Arena, 8 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.

» **The House**
 Ford House, 1 p.m.
 1100 Lake Shore Road.

» **Mardi Gras in Motown 2023: A Louisiana HBCU Collaboration**
 Focus, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
 400 Oakman Boulevard.

» **Marques Carroll Quintet**
 Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
 2030 Park Ave.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

» **Bobby Weir & Wolf Bros Featuring The Wolfpack**
 The Fillmore Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
 2115 Woodward Ave.

» **Bridal University at Ford Field**
 Ford Field, 12-4 p.m.
 2000 Brush St.

» **Carrie Underwood - The Denim & Rhinestones Tour**
 Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.
 2645 Woodward.

» **Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra Concert: Feb. 26**
 The War Memorial, 3-5 p.m.
 32 Lake Shore Drive.

» **Marques Carroll Quintet**
 Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.
 2030 Park Ave.

» **Menopause The Musical®**
 Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m.
 350 Madison St.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

» **4th Monday Book Discussion Group**
 Ewald Branch, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
 15175 E Jefferson

» **Blues Jam**
 The Cadieux Cafe, 8-11 p.m.
 4300 Cadieux Rd.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

» **5th & 6th Grade Book Group**
 Ewald Branch, 7-8:30 p.m.
 15175 E Jefferson

» **The House**
 Ford House, 11 a.m.
 1100 Lake Shore Road.

» **Middle School Book Group - 5th/6th**
 Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
 15175 E Jefferson

» **Read, Rhyme & Play**
 Ewald Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.
 15175 E Jefferson

» **Special Needs Resource Fair**
 The War Memorial, 4-8 p.m.
 32 Lake Shore Dr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

» **Baby Time**
 Woods Branch, 9:30-10 a.m.
 20680 Mack Ave.

» **Jam at Cabbage Patch Saloon**
 Cabbage Patch Saloon, 9:30-11 p.m.
 15130 Mack Ave.

» **Naima Shamborguer**
 Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 97 Kercheval.

» **Storytime**
 Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.
 20680 Mack Ave.

» **Teen Leadership Council Meeting**
 Woods Branch, 6-7 p.m.
 20680 Mack Ave.

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

Phil's BA-A-ACK!

You all know Phil from
Punxsutawney,
Daytime sleeper, ever-yawny?
Heard from him again today —
More winter weather's underway!
That doggone little so-and-so
Predicts another round of snow
And ice and sleet and freezing rain
To pound against my windowpane!

So, Phil, you wicked rodent, you,
Pray tell me what it is you do!
You must have schemed another night
To cast your shade in morning light
Again(!) and promised even more
To come and chill me to the core
Then hurried to your catacomb
Within that hole that you call home!

(While I was left outside to sneeze
Where is your sense of fairness,
PLEASE?!)
Pray take away the winter blues
And pour some sand in these poor
shoes!

Joan LeGro Bushnell

Joan LeGro Bushnell is a freelance writer and composer who has been performing since age 5. A vocalist, actress and radio talk show hostess, the Grosse Pointe Farms resident has long been active with Detroit theater groups, the Fine Arts Society and the Theatre Arts Club. Her published credits include several plays and a book about theater, as well as a pair of cookbooks.

MOVIE:

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Currently streaming for free on Hoopla.com (with your library card) and on Showtime and Prime Video.

★★★★★

My rating system:

★ A real stinker. A movie that is so bad, you're embarrassed to admit you've seen it, but

you have to rate it nonetheless.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

★★★ Pretty good. In fact, if there weren't any other movies in your queue, you might watch it again.

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com). If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](https://www.moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).

Contract Bridge

THE PRACTICAL SIDE OF BRIDGE

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K 7 2
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ 6
♣ A 9 8 7 4

EAST

♠ A J 9 5
♥ J
♦ 10 8 7 4 2
♣ K J 6

WEST

♠ Q 10 6 3
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 9 3
♣ 10 5 2

SOUTH

♠ 8 4
♥ A K 6 4 2
♦ A K Q 5
♣ Q 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — three of spades.

It is certainly proper to make an opening lead away from an ace against a notrump contract, but it is much too risky and generally poor policy to do so against a suit contract. Most players are familiar with this rule and scrupulously abide by it on defense, but sometimes they fail to take advantage of it when they become declarer.

Consider this deal where West led a low spade against South's four-heart contract. Without giving the matter

much thought, declarer played dummy's king, obviously hoping West had the ace of spades. But the direct effect of this play was that South went down one, losing two spade tricks immediately and a heart and a club later on.

Now let's suppose declarer plays low from dummy at trick one. East wins with the jack but has no effective return. Whatever he does at trick two, South is in full command.

Thus, if East cashes the ace of spades, declarer loses only two spades and a trump, with South's club loser eventually being discarded on dummy's king of spades.

If instead East shifts to a heart or a diamond, declarer is on equally firm ground. He cashes the A-K of trump and A-K-Q of diamonds, discarding the K-7 of spades from dummy, and ultimately loses only a spade, a heart and a club. No matter how you slice it, South makes four hearts -- provided he plays low from dummy on the opening spade lead.

Even if West is a player who sometimes underleads aces against suit contracts — whether from ignorance or calculated design — declarer is still best advised to play low from dummy at trick one. This one play virtually guarantees the contract against anything but a 4-0 trump division.

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by Steve Becker

Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023:

You are quietly confident. You're an excellent listener. You're efficient and capable. You have a strong style of expressing yourself. This year is a time of change. You will likely have more personal freedom. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act on them. Expect to travel.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

This is an excellent day for serious discussions with others, especially younger people. You might talk to a friend or a group. These discussions will likely be practical and will have a long-term benefit for you in the future. Write down your ideas. Tonight: You win.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Any research that you do today might impress bosses, parents and VIPs. They will see that you have done your homework and made an extra effort to get all the facts, as well as solutions to problems. This makes you sound like you know what you're talking about! (And you do.) Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Although you generally enjoy the company of others, today you're not in the mood for frivolity. You want answers to questions. You also want to take a long-range view of something, especially in practical terms. This could possibly include travel plans. Tonight: A friendly talk.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Be aware of this in case you have to do any damage control. Meanwhile, take a thrifty and careful approach to discussions about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances. What are your obligations? Tonight: You look capable.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

This is an excellent day for some serious study. You also might want to do research for an important paper, manuscript or something related to legal or medical matters. Whatever you do, you will do carefully with thought and precision. It's a good day to make challenging travel plans. Tonight: Learn.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Set aside some time today to tackle red-tape issues that you might have been avoiding — paperwork about inheritances, taxes, debt, insurance and all that fun stuff. The fact is, today you have the concentration and attention to detail that is necessary to do the job. Get as much done as possible. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Do what you can to get along with others today, including partners and close friends, because you will prefer being alone with your thoughts. If you are interacting with others, you will want to take a serious approach to getting things done. And why not? Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a productive day for you. You are focused and serious about what you want to do. You want practical results for your efforts. Furthermore, you will pay attention to detail and do

everything carefully. You'll be like the wise carpenter: "Measure twice; cut once." Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Those of you involved in the hospitality industry, the entertainment world or working with children will be productive today because you are willing to roll up your sleeves and deal with practical situations. You have a strong sense of duty and obligation, which is why you want to do things right. Tonight: Practice.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

An older family member might have good advice for you today. Meanwhile, if possible, you will be happy to be alone with your thoughts and feelings. It's not that you are antisocial; you just want some quiet time to think about your approach to something. Tonight: Cocoon.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is a good day for serious discussions. It's also an excellent day to learn something, especially a practical skill or specific facts about how to do something. You might get an excellent suggestion from someone older or more experienced than you. (Always listen to free advice.) Tonight: Study.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

The Sun in your sign now gives you vigor and confidence! Meanwhile, lucky Jupiter is in one of your Money Houses boosting your ability to earn money and get richer. Today a discussion with someone older might benefit you financially. Stay tuned. Tonight: Thrift.

BORN TODAY

Actress Emily Blunt (1983), actress Kelly Macdonald (1976), actor Aziz Ansari (1983).

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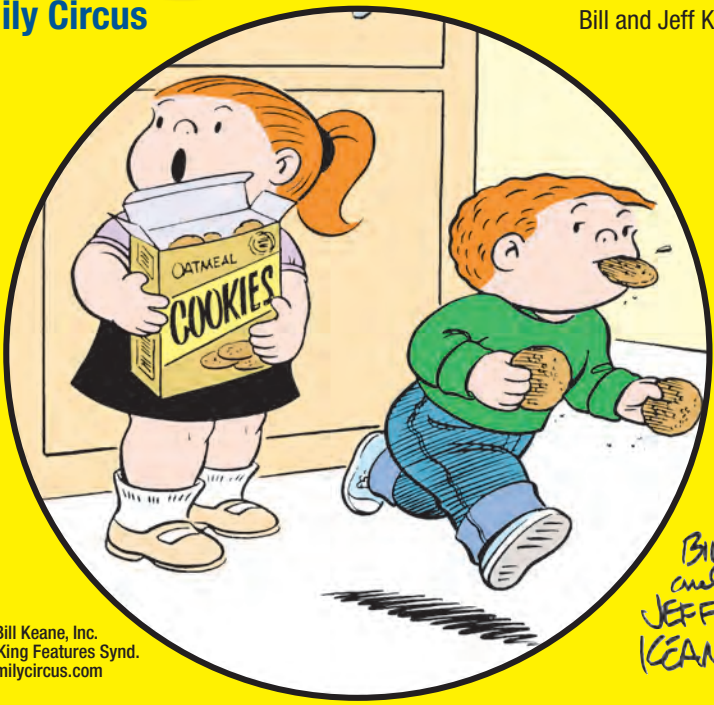
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"Jeffy took one for each hand and one for his mouth!"

Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

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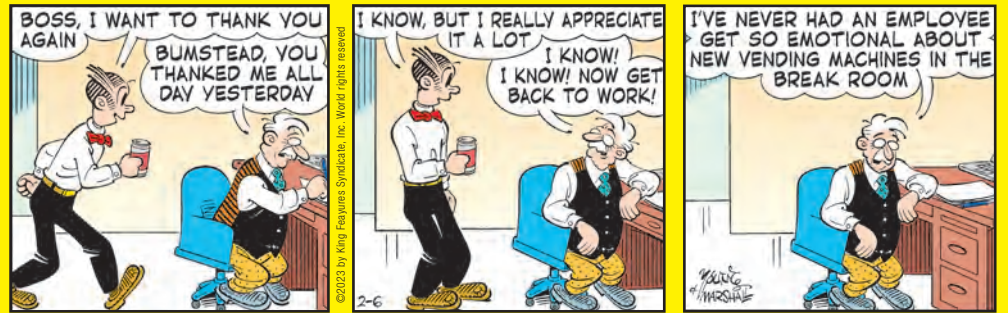
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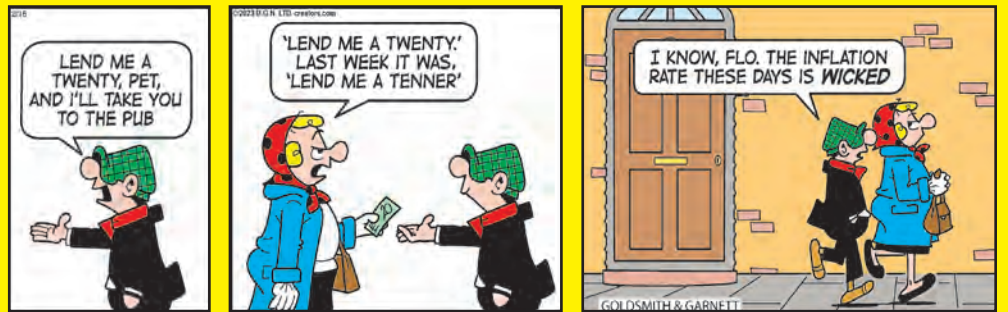
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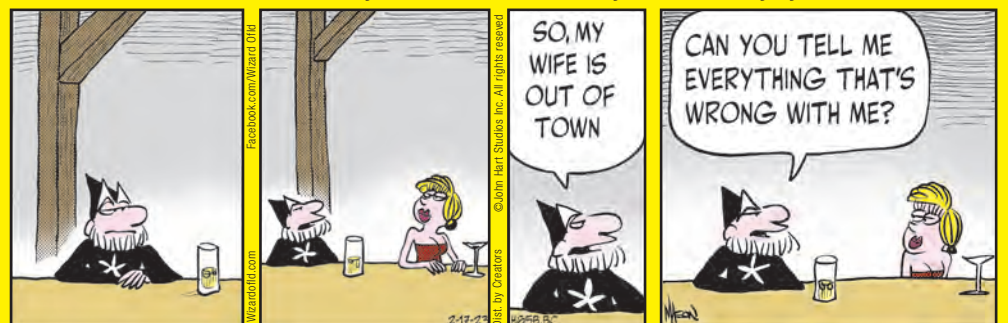
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Wizard of Id

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



Carpe Diem

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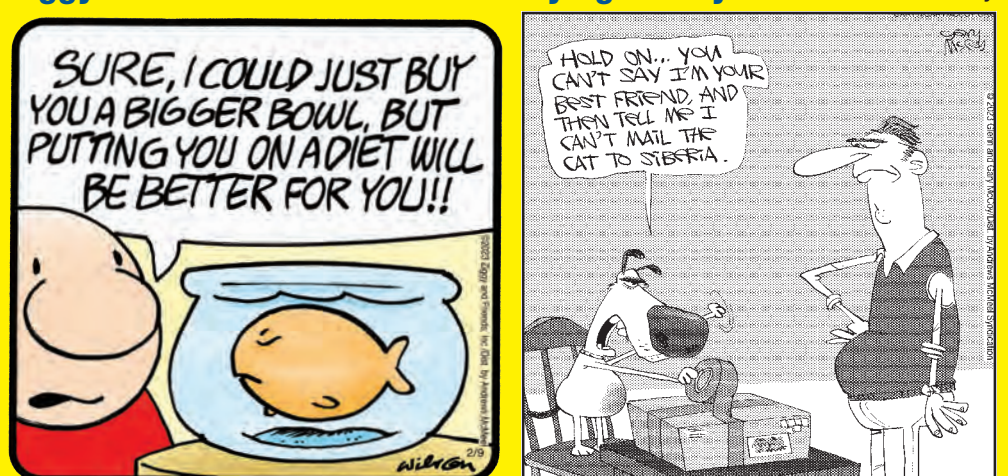


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

1			9	5	3			
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4				2	9			
9	5	3						4

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

2/23 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 23, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 Giraffe's cousin
- 6 Dallas NBAer
- 9 Spoken
- 13 Theme park attractions
- 14 School attended by 20 British prime ministers
- 16 River in Egypt and Sudan
- 17 Mason's medium
- 18 Forceful princess?
- 19 Soon, to Shakespeare
- 20 Bad teething spells?
- 23 Clog-clearing brand
- 25 GDP's branch of econ
- 26 Steelmaking need
- 28 Llama's cousin
- 32 Slugger who's kind of a showoff?
- 35 Greek god of love
- 36 Hoppy brew, briefly
- 37 Supermarket chain
- 38 Non-pro?
- 39 Greek Z
- 41 Request when the keg is running low? "Am not!" retort
- 45 Kindle, e.g.
- 47 Martin (onetime Bond vehicle)

DOWN

- 1 Rile up
- 2 Problem resulting from using a seat warmer for too long?
- 3 Nickname related to Ted
- 4 Palindromic German name
- 5 Courageous
- 6 Cuisine with tom yum soup
- 7 Peasant
- 8 Birch's relative
- 9 "Jagged Little _____" (Alanis Morissette album)
- 10 Get mushy in the fridge, say
- 11 Actress Winona
- 12 Spots to wear scrubs: Abbr.
- 13 Word after "tool" or "drum"
- 14 Fuss
- 15 Locket, e.g. "Ah, gotcha"
- 16 Liquefy
- 17 Starting lineup
- 18 Word for the big reveal
- 19 Like tethered soap
- 20 Nose or ear adornment
- 21 Healing succulent
- 22 Sunglasses frame insert

ACROSS

- 15 Daytona 500 org.
- 16 Sushi wrapper
- 17 Address starting with 52-Down
- 18 "Mad Men" protagonist
- 19 Don
- 20 What planets do each day
- 21 Island near Majorca
- 22 Cleveland's lake
- 23 Place for pinball
- 24 Tailgater's container for drinks
- 25 Ed who played Santa in "Elf"
- 26 JFK alternative
- 27 Place for outdoor lights
- 28 Hot and bubbling
- 29 State gambling games
- 30 Notable times
- 31 It may have File, Edit and Help options
- 32 With enthusiasm
- 33 Buckeyes' sch.
- 34 Mammal with webbed feet
- 35 The "N" of TNT
- 36 See 22-Down
- 37 Surprised greeting
- 38 Blue-green
- 39 Like velvet or fur
- 40 Do some basic math
- 41 Very beginning?
- 42 Goof

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

G	R	I	M	M	S	M	U	T	A	R	F	S	
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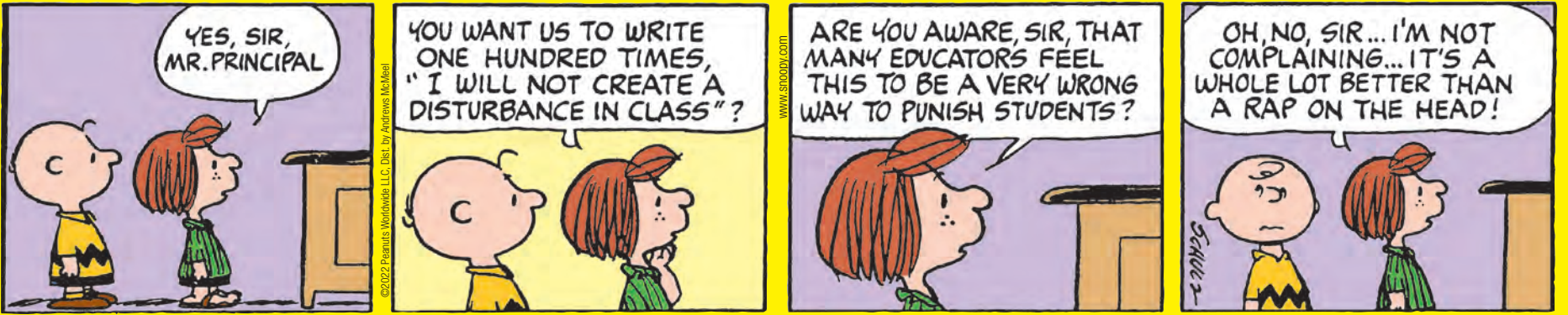
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Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

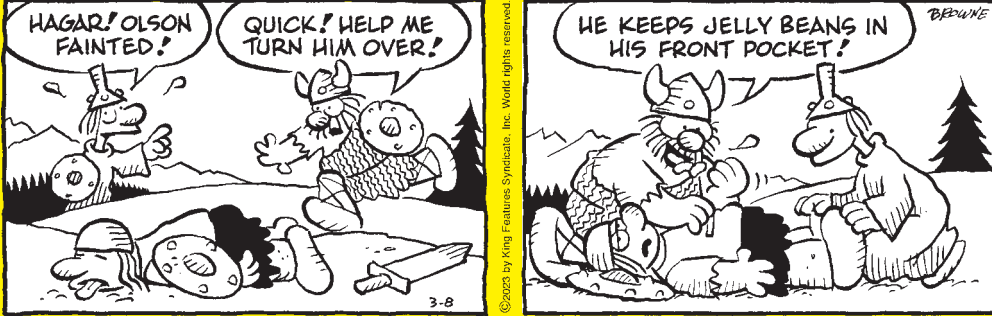


Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne

The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



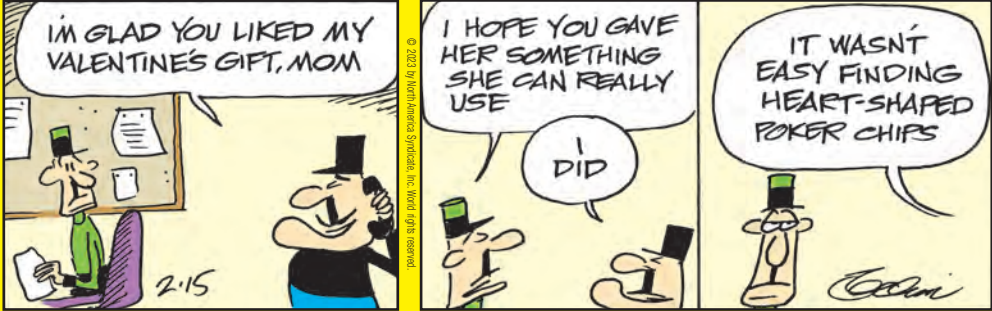
Crankshaft

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Crock

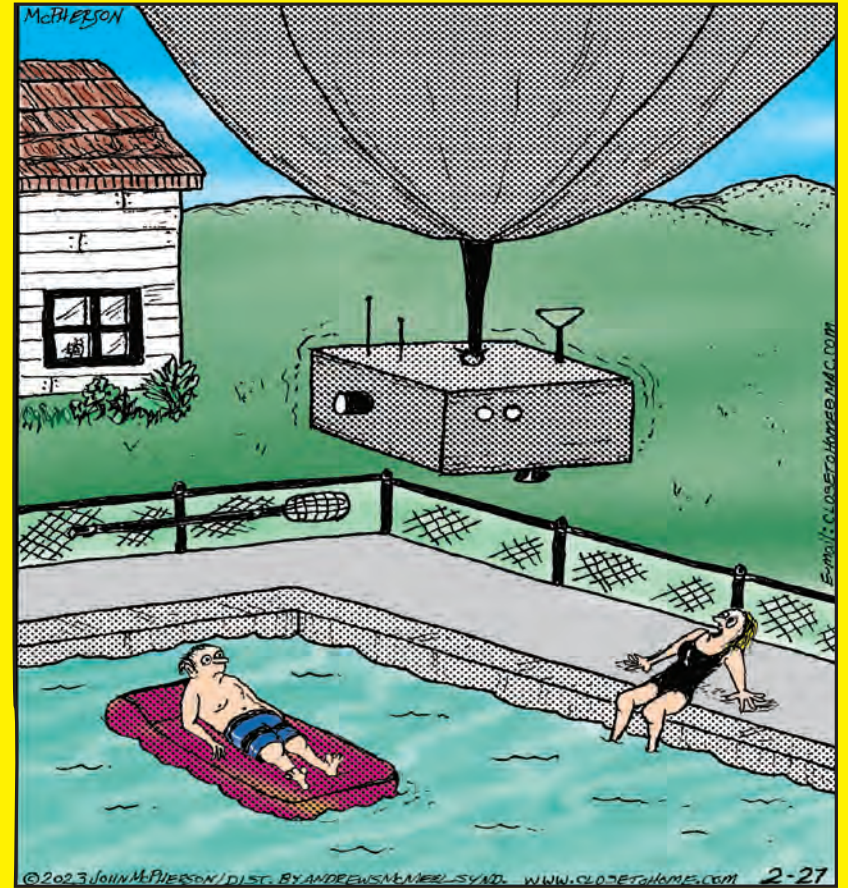
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"CAREFUL BLOWING OUT THE CANDLES WITH YOUR VODKA BREATH."

Close To Home

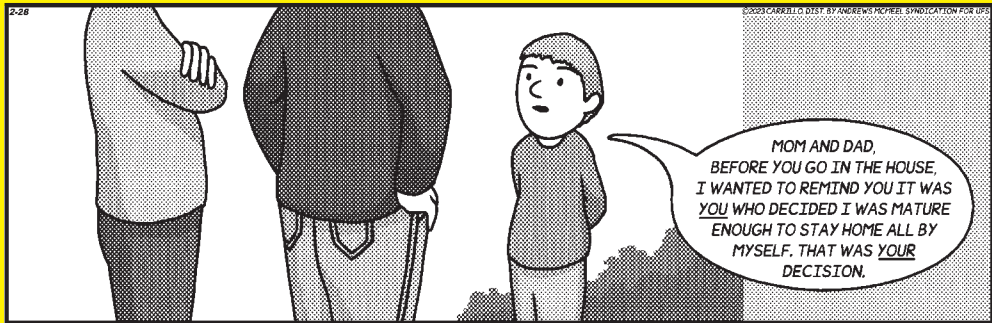
John McPherson



"Well, don't just lie there letting it gather vital intelligence information! Take it down with the pool skimmer!"

F Minus

Tony Carrilo



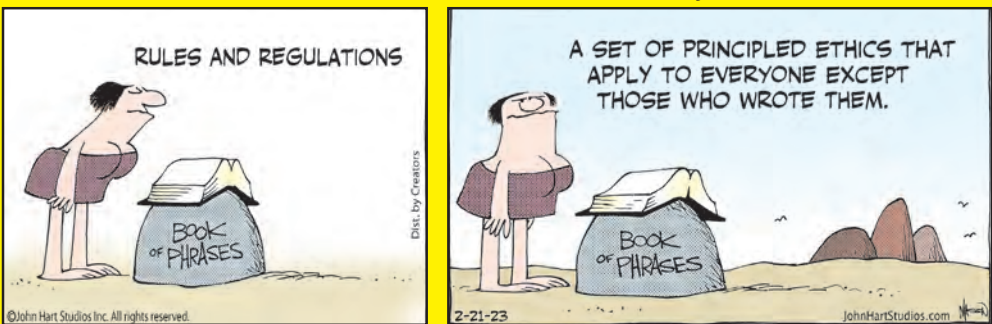
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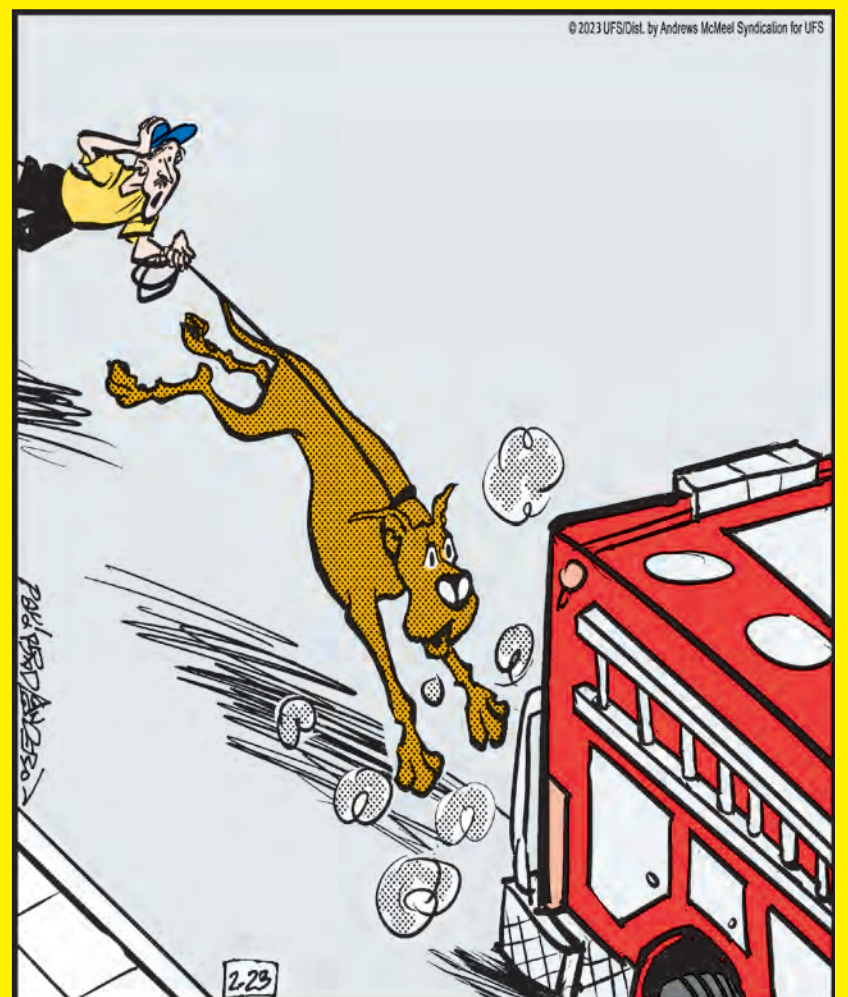
B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"Can't you be like other dogs and just howl when a firetruck goes by?"

Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters

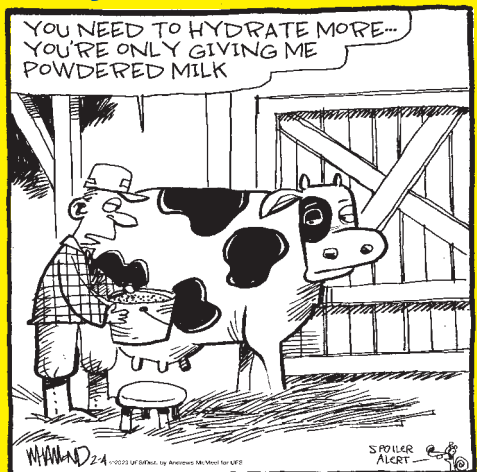


Reality Check

Dave Whamond

Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayno





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Monument Fun Facts

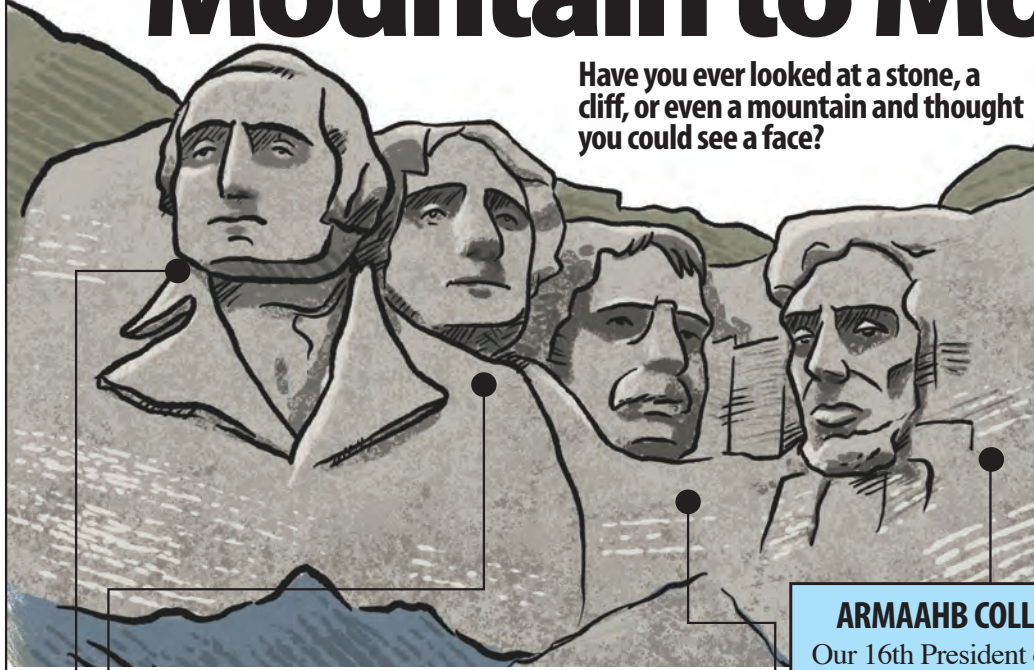
Have a family member take a guess at answering these questions. Use the code to check their answers.

- = 0 = 5
- = 1 = 6
- = 2 = 7
- = 3 = 8
- = 4 = 9

Mountain to Monument

Have you ever looked at a stone, a cliff, or even a mountain and thought you could see a face?

In 1924, the American sculptor Gutzon Borglum was invited to the Black Hills in South Dakota to turn a mountain into an enormous sculpture. When he looked at one of the mountains, he saw that he could carve the faces of four of our presidents there.



Who is carved into Mount Rushmore?
Four presidents were chosen to be carved into Mt. Rushmore. Unscramble the name of each president. The clues will help you.

ARMAAHB COLLNNI
Our 16th President ended the Civil War and slavery.

The people of South Dakota hoped the monuments would attract tourists to their state. And attract tourists they do. Nearly 3 million people visit Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial every year.

1. How tall are the faces on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet tall

2. How wide are the eyes on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet wide

3. How long are the noses on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet long

4. How wide are the mouths on Mt. Rushmore?

_____ feet wide

5. How tall is the face on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ feet tall

6. How long is the outstretched arm on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ feet long

7. How long is the pointing finger on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ feet

8. How tall is the horse's head on the Crazy Horse Memorial?

_____ stories tall

Learn more about these monuments by visiting: crazyhorsememorial.org www.nps.gov

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **MONUMENT**

The noun **monument** means something built in memory of a person or event.

Mt. Rushmore is a **monument** that honors four U.S. Presidents.

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

OREGEG TAWGONHISN
The first president of the United States.

MOTSHA FEFEJORSN
Third President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence.

DOORTHEE VELSTROEO
The 26th U.S. President helped to grow the country at home and abroad.

Crazy Horse Memorial

A mountain in the Black Hills is being carved into the shape of a man. It is a giant carving of Crazy Horse, a fearless and famous Lakota war leader.

When finished, the Crazy Horse Memorial will be the biggest sculpture in the world.

Chief Standing Bear and other Native American chiefs invited sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski to carve the Crazy Horse Memorial out of a mountain. Work began over 70 years ago, and it will take many more years to complete it.

Extra! Extra!

Carve Out the ABCs

Choose one page of the newspaper. Find five or more words and write them on another sheet of paper in ABC order.

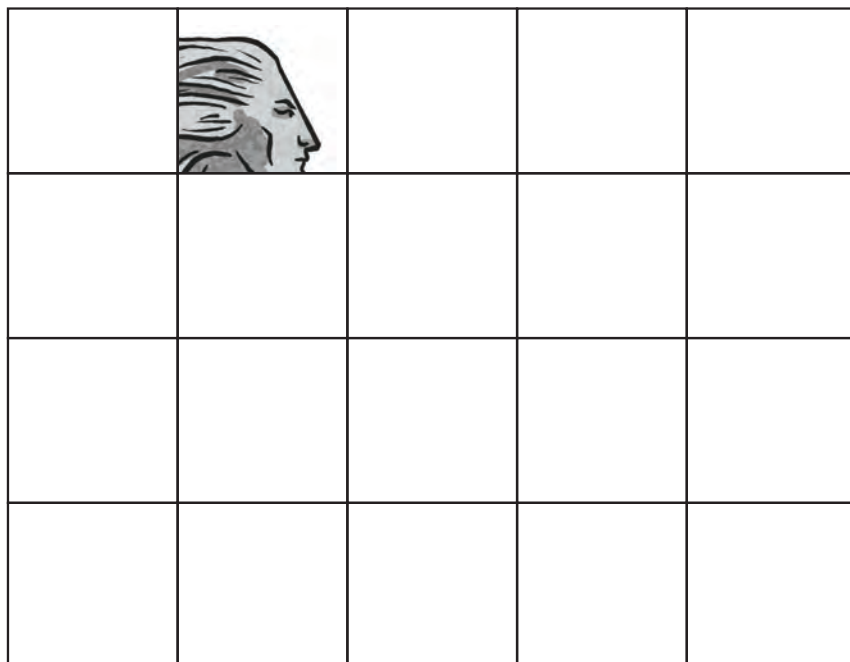
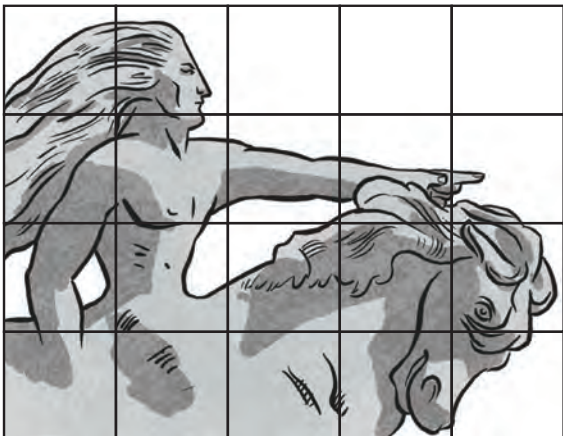
Standards Link: Identify cause and effect using visual cues.

Grow a Picture

You can make a small picture larger in much the same way Borglum and Ziolkowski expanded small sculptures into mountain-sized ones.

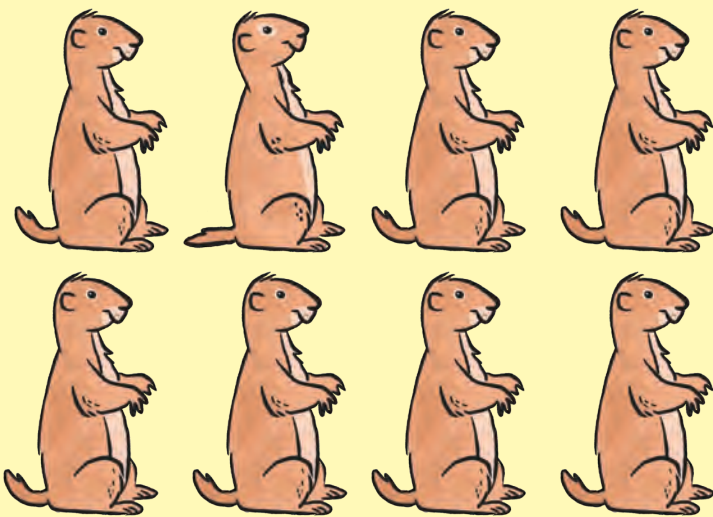
Look at the small drawing of Crazy Horse. It is drawn in a grid of small boxes.

To the right is a grid with larger boxes. Copy the drawing of Crazy Horse, one box at a time, and you will make a drawing that is larger than the original. One box is done for you.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

The Black Hills are filled with wildlife. Prairie dogs romp and play in the fields and meadows. Can you find the prairie dog that looks different than all the others?



Double Double Word Search

- AMERICAN
- CARVED
- CHIEF
- FACE
- FOUR
- GIANT
- GRID
- HILLS
- HORSE
- NATIVE
- PRESIDENT
- SCULPTURE
- STATE
- VISIT
- WORK

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Memory Buddies

Play this game with a buddy. Choose a picture from the newspaper. Study the picture for one minute. Then cover the picture and take turns telling each other everything you can remember about it.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Summarize main ideas in writing.

How do you inspire an artist?

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Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics embraces the Hawaiian spirit by saying “aloha” to the team’s first-place victory at the league championship meet last Thursday.

Gymnastics sticks landing, wins league

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Led by two individual all-around champions, Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics (GPUG) took advantage of its highest team score of the season to take first place in its league championship Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Birmingham Groves High School.

The team, which competes in the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Division 1, Region 4, finished with 138.975 points, ahead of united teams from

Bloomfield Hills (second place), Birmingham (third place), Fraser (fourth place) and Troy/Berkley/Athens (fifth place) to capture the league crown.

“My girls did an amazing job,” said GPUG head coach Isabelle Nguyen. “We had a lot of girls place individually.”

The team, which consists of athletes from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, relied on those strong individual routines to reel in the team win. GPUG’s Allie Mattes

and Ava Rogowski earned individual all-around championships in Divisions 1 and 2, earned by scoring the most cumulative points from individual events. North’s Mattes also took first in D1 on vault, beam and floor, and finished third on bars.

In Division 2, South’s Rogowski, who missed all of 2022 with an ankle injury, put an exclamation point on her comeback season by finishing first all-around as well as on floor. She also fin-

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Defense lifts North to MAC tournament title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Most sports fans are familiar with the phrase “defense wins championships,” but last Saturday gave a prime example of why that slogan rings true. The Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team proved it when it traveled to Cousino High School on Feb. 18 to take on Henry Ford II in the MAC Tournament championship. In the end, the Norsemen’s trademark tough defense helped the team take home the trophy with a 36-28 win that included shutting out the

Falcons for an entire quarter.

“The effort the kids put out on defense was fantastic,” North girls basketball head coach Gary Bennett said. “They were very focused and willing to work for what they wanted to get and they really wanted to win that game.”

Things did not always look so promising for North in Saturday’s win, however. Ford II got out to a hot start, opening the game on a 7-0 run, until Annabel Ayrault’s free throw finally got the Norsemen on the board more than halfway into

the opening quarter. The Falcons ended up ahead 11-4 after the first, leaving North with some ground to make up.

Make up for it the Norsemen did. North’s defense completely shut down the Falcons in the second quarter while the offense finally found a spark. The Norsemen outscored Ford II 15-0 in the eight minutes before halftime and flipped the scoreboard to now be in their favor 19-11 at the break.

The game got tight once again when the

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICA BABCOCK

North girls basketball seniors, from left, Mia Stephanoff, Sophia Borowski and Annabel Ayrault lift the MAC Red/White Tournament trophy.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Norsemen senior Adam Ayrault now holds the North school record for points in a single game and surpassed 1,000 career points earlier this month.

One for the books

- Surpassed 1,000 career points on Feb. 1
- Broke North’s school record for single-game points with 40 on the same night
- Voted 2022 MAC White Player of the Year

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Adam Ayrault will always look back on Feb. 1, 2023 as possibly the most memorable night of his accomplished basketball career at Grosse Pointe North. That night, a Wednesday home game against MAC White Division foe Warren Mott, Ayrault etched his name into the Norsemen history books in more ways than one.

The game was a blow-out 82-54 win for North over the Marauders, with 40 of those points coming from Ayrault himself. The 40 points set a new Norsemen single-game record and contributed in putting the senior over the career milestone of 1,000 points.

“I was kind of counting down when I knew I was like 100 away,” Ayrault said. “Warren Mott came along and I

was 13 away and caught fire in the first quarter and had 18. It was a really good night and I wasn’t missing many

too.” Scoring 1,000 points in his high school career, where he first made the varsity roster

play. His offensive capabilities are abundant and he is the type of player who can take over a game when needed.

The career points milestone never loomed large in Ayrault’s head until it was within sight. What came as more of a surprise to him was the single-game points record. Perhaps because it was something that simply happened on a night where everything seemed to be going right, and it all added up to a terrific memory.

“I didn’t know if I would get it at all in my high school career,” Ayrault said. “40 points in 32 minutes...It was a good night overall and my teammates dumped water on me in the training room after. It was a fun night and I’ll never forget it.”

While his record-breaking season has

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Grosse Pointe News

Adam Ayrault

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Wrestlers punch tickets to Ford Field

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Following outstanding showings at districts earlier this month, wrestlers from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North were back on the mat last Saturday, Feb. 18, for individual regional competition. While no regional titles are coming back to the Pointes this year, key wins on Saturday helped some Blue Devils and Norsemen earn places at Ford Field as state championship qualifiers.

South's wrestlers were at Chippewa Valley for regional competitions in Division 1. First up was sophomore Wyatt Hepner, who captured wins in the opening and semifinal rounds to make his way to the 126-pound weight class championship. His final match against Romeo's Owen Youngblood came down to a close 3-2 decision that left Hepner as the runner-up in the class but still on the podium at the end of the day.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JARON NELSON

From left, North's Michael Salvador, Andrew Dupree, Preston Auld and Jacob Nowicki show off some of their hardware from the day at regionals when all earned a spot at the individual state finals at Ford Field.

South junior Blake Jordan lost his opening match in the 138-pound weight class and saw his day end after a loss in the consolation bracket to Eisenhower's Sebastian Prisbe. Josh Lemanski represented the Blue Devils at 157 pounds and made it to the semifinals of the consolation bracket after an opening-round loss.

Rounding out South's

regional competitors was junior Paul Wilson. Wilson scored an opening-round 11-6 win over Anchor Bay's Tristen Arnold to make his way to the 175-pound semifinals. He then took on Aiden Criteser from Dakota and lost a 7-1 decision to end his day just short of the championship match.

In Division 2, select Norsemen who performed well enough at

districts made their way to Warren Woods-Tower for individual regional action. There were high expectations for what senior Andrew Dupree could do in the 215-pound bracket after he became a district champion and surpassed 100 career wins earlier in the month.

Dupree made his way through the opening round and semifinals with victories by points

and fall. His opponent in the championship was Wyatt Marentette from New Boston Huron. It was in the finals that Dupree's chances of becoming a regional champion to go along with his district title slipped away, with Marentette taking a 9-3 decision win, but Dupree still earning a spot at states.

Another district champion, North's Jacob Nowicki, made it to the regional championship match at 144 pounds. Nowicki lost a 5-2 decision to Sean Kinane from Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the final showdown, but still got himself on the podium and into Ford Field for the state finals.

Norsemen senior Alex Agius suffered back-to-back losses in the 126-pound division to end his day. At 138-pounds, Preston Auld bounced back from an opening-round loss to Trenton's Liam Totten and made it all the way to the third-place match. He met Totten again in a battle for a spot on the podium

and got the better of him in the rematch to bring a third-place medal to North.

Michael Salvador also made it to the third-place match at 150 pounds after falling in the semifinals. The North senior came up short against New Boston Huron's Drew Ladach to nearly miss out on a podium spot.

"These kids work hard year round to tighten up their technique and condition, and it's an amazing feeling watching them surpass their goals," North wrestling head coach Jaron Nelson said. "... Being a team that pushes family values, everyone is always striving to be the best for each other and that is truly what has gotten them this far."

Hepner and Wilson from South along with Dupree, Nowicki, Auld and Salvador from North now have their sights on individual state finals at Ford Field. Matches are set to take place on Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4.

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Falcons got the lid off the basket and began scoring again. North's lead was down to just four by the time the final quarter was getting underway, but the team was able to keep its advantage. The Norsemen had more efficient scoring once

again in the fourth quarter and the defense held off the Falcons enough to pull out the win by eight points.

"When you win like that it becomes the bar or standard you want to achieve all the time," said Bennett. "Going into the tournament, I told them we need to have peak effort like that every night...You

can survive a poor offensive night if you have defense and can take care of the ball, and we took care of the ball with only eight turnovers."

Ayrault led North in the tournament title win with 14 points. Jenna Winowiecki had seven points while Sophia Borowski finished with six. North's win earned them the MAC Red/

White Tournament trophy after losing in the tournament finals a year ago.

On Friday, Feb. 17, Grosse Pointe South won in the MAC Red/White/Blue consolation game. The Blue Devils

beat Port Huron Northern 38-14, with Madison Benard scoring a team-leading 12 points.

The Norsemen hosted Westfield Prep on Tuesday, Feb. 21 after press time and closed

out the regular season on the road at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at Utica. District playoffs for North begin Wednesday, March 1 when the team hosts either Grosse Pointe South or Roseville.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 18, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification meeting held on September 13, 2022, the Charter Review Subcommittee meeting held on January 12, 2023, the Ordinance Committee meeting held on January 12, 2023 and the Cannabis Subcommittee meeting held on January 26, 2023
- 2) To add to the agenda a request for authorization to attend the MML Capital Conference (CAPCON).
- 3) To adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation settlement.
- 4) To add to the agenda the Litigation Settlement Agreement.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126398 through 126720 in the amount of \$848,379.35 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) to approve payment to Drive Creative Services LLC in the amount of \$8,134.00 for the printing of the City's annual calendar. (3) . to approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,526.53 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of January 2023 and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of cables, keyboards and video adapters.
- (4) to approve payment to BS & A Software in the amount of \$5,118.00 for the online system software for the period February 2023 through February 2024. (5) to approve payment in the amount of \$29,000.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks at various residential locations. (6) to approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,150.00 for the removal of dead and downed trees/limbs. (7) to approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of February 2023.
- (8) to approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$7,500.00 for professional services related to the City's financial reporting. (9) . to approve payment to Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$5,862.84 for the protective turnout gear for two public safety officers. (10) to approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,502.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (11) to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$12,740.13 for professional services during the months of December 2022 and January 2023 for the following projects: Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283; Sanitary Sewer FCIPP, #180-284; Danbury Lane, #180-281; Eastland Center Redevelopment, #180-244; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-285; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-259; Johnston Park Basketball Facility, #180-263 and Temporary Water Operator, #180-303. (12) . to approve payment to Michigan Supreme Court Finance in the amount of \$5,399.07 for software support on the district court's computer system. (13) . to approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$35,715.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of January 2023. approve the reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.
- 2) to provide to the Wayne County Land Bank a resolution in support of the demolition of City-Owned property at 20665 Old Homestead utilizing blight elimination grant funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 to mitigate the public nuisance and potential fire hazard that this house has created.
- 3) to approve a lump sum draw in the amount of \$100,000 to be furnished to BMS CAT/Jarvis to begin the renovations in the lower level of the library.
- 4) to approve payment to Warren Contractors & Development, Inc. in the amount of \$16,628.00 for Progress Payment No. 5 (Final) on the Johnston and Salter Park Basketball Facility Project, #180-263 and #180-264.
- 5) to authorize any City Council member interested to attend the Michigan Municipal League's Capital Conference held April 18 through April 19, 2023 with the City paying all necessary and related expenses.
- 6) to accept the litigation settlement agreement as presented in the case of John M. Vorgitch v. City of Harper Woods, et al.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERICA BABCOCK

North's girls basketball team closes out the 2023 MAC Tournament as champions taking home the trophy with a 36-28 win over Henry Ford II.

ATHLETE:

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had to do with scoring, it is actually Ayrault's defense that has made the biggest difference during his senior year. He spent much of his time in the offseason with both his AAU team and the coaches at North sharpening his skills on the defensive side of the ball.

The result was making Ayrault an even more skilled player all around. While still being a prolific scorer, as proven by his achievements this winter, Ayrault has also noticed himself becoming stronger and more confident when it comes to his defending. All of that work improving his defensive skills has, in turn, played a role in helping Ayrault break records on offense.

"(Defense) was some-

thing I really tried to get better on over the summer, especially playing in the EYBL — that's something they really wanted me to work on," he said. "I could see the game at a totally different speed. Everything felt slowed down and I could read offenses and it helped my offense as well because I was able to read what was going on on defense."

With the beginning of the boys basketball state playoffs almost here, Ayrault's final games in a Norsemen uniform are not far away. All of the accomplishments he has reached in his career and this season have cemented his legacy, but he still wants to enjoy every last moment he has on the court with his teammates and the program.

Ayrault will be wearing a different kind of green and gold next season to begin his college

basketball career at Wayne State. His goal before then is to continue working on his defense but also building up his size and strength so his coaches know he is ready right from the start. As for his current coaches, they know Ayrault is one of the most dedicated and passionate players no matter where he is or where he is going.

"Nobody works harder and he's a great leader," North boys basketball head coach Rob Johnson said. "(Adam) never complains and works hard every drill every day. He's earned everything and nothing has been given to him over these last four years. He is one the best to ever wear the green and gold."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

Liggett girls hockey defeated Sacred Heart 6-0 on Saturday, Feb. 18 to win its third consecutive Catholic League championship.

Liggett earns 'three-peat' in Catholic League

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The trophy case at University Liggett School has been filling up with several girls hockey accolades in recent years. The Knights have to make room once again, this time for a third consecutive CHSL championship trophy, which the team won Saturday, Feb. 18, in a 6-0 win over Sacred Heart.

"They've been talking about the 'three-peat' all week leading up to Saturday's game," Liggett girls hockey head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "To actually achieve it, I know all those seniors, and everyone, are pretty happy."

The Knights had no problem taking care of Sacred Heart in the final, played at Big Boy Arena in Fraser. A one-goal lead after the first period turned into four goals at

the end of the second, which led to Liggett cruising to the win by six.

Giuliana Lutfy and Annaclaire Doppke both scored twice in the win. The other pair of goals was scored by Alexandira Metry and Elle Quinlan.

The Catholic League 'three-peat' comes while the Knights are on the road to a possible third straight title. Liggett was state champion in 2021, and again last year in 2022.

The time to make the push for another state title is almost here, with playoffs set to begin soon. The Knights know it will not be an easy task and have to follow the same mindset that has gotten them there before.

"Be 'team first' and try to add to our toolbox of certain plays, because we don't want to be a predictable team," Jaeckle said. "The key is to be 'team first' and play our team game."

Love for softball helps Zaranek take spot in family's coaching legacy, mentor young players

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Just like her father, uncle and other family members before her, Amy Zaranek has used her life in sports to play almost everything. Following in their footsteps in another way, Zaranek is now fully entrenched into her life of coaching, specifically in softball, creating her own legacy in a family that simply loves anything athletic.

"I grew up in a very athletic and coaching-oriented environment," Zaranek said. "...My whole family has had a lot of athletes play in high school and some go on to college and continue competing as

adults. Starting out as a kid my parents put me in a lot of activities just to see what sticks."

Zaranek is the daughter of Bob Zaranek, who currently serves as head coach of the JV girls basketball team at Grosse Pointe South. He is also the varsity softball assistant coach at Grosse Pointe North. Her uncle, Steve Zaranek, has been the girls cross country and track head coach at South for decades.

Long before she got into coaching and instructing softball, Zaranek spent plenty of time on the diamond as a player. She played in college at Wayne State University, where she helped her team to an

appearance in the Women's College World Series. Zaranek was an all-state player and four-year varsity starter at North before that, an experience that presented challenges and opportunities for life-changing experiences.

"I was pitching my very first day of softball practice and wanted to be more involved in the game and seeing the ball more, and it stuck," she said. "...The late Bill Taylor was the head coach when I was coming through the North program and I'm thankful to him for putting a lot of faith in me as a shy 14-year old. I was on varsity as a freshman and we had one other pitcher who was a

senior. When she graduated it was me for the next three years pitching every game and I got so much experience I wouldn't have gained otherwise."

The challenges she faced and what she ended up learning from them shaped Zaranek as a player and a coach. She has been working as a coach and trainer for about a decade and has now branded herself under the banner of Zaranek Softball Training.

Instead of working as a coach of a team, Zaranek focuses her time on working closely with individual athletes. She focuses solely on helping them hone their skills and become the best softball players they can be.

"I really value each player for their own talents," Zaranek said. "I won't make them be what I want them to be. I want to help them reach the goals they have for themselves. Nothing is more important than the player that's in front of me right then and I recognize that everyone learns differently. I have methods that I believe in, but I don't have a single, cookie cutter approach to working with someone."

As a former athlete, Zaranek knows that building up the skillset of a great softball player is only a part of it. Softball is a sport that also requires a high understanding of the mental side of the game. Knowing what to do in certain situations and how to handle adversity is something Zaranek learned during her time playing in high school and college, and is now one of the key components she emphasizes in her training.

"The mental side of the game is just as



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Zaranek works as an independent softball coach and trainer under the banner Zaranek Softball Training and specializes in highly individualized training.

important as the physical play," Zaranek said. "I really believe the mental and emotional skills they get from sports are what these girls will take with them the rest of their lives...I like to do a lot of goal-setting and talk with them about how they're progressing toward them and helping them know that there's room to make mistakes."

Trial and error is all part of the process for Zaranek and the way she helps train athletes. She said many female athletes have a false perception that they have to be perfect, but Zaranek knows that is not the case.

Once everything finally starts to click for an athlete, the work put in makes it all worth it for both the student and the trainer.

"Seeing the girls after we've been really working on something, seeing that moment that they get it and they realize they have this new skill," Zaranek said. "That's the real highlight of coaching for me and then they do it in the game and get credit for it because it's something that they worked hard on and earned."

For more information on the types of instruction Zaranek offers, visit Zaranek Softball Training on Facebook.



Zaranek spent four years on North's varsity softball team and was an All-State selection in 2012 before going on to play college softball at Wayne State.

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Knights' improvement continues in quad meet; Norsemen relays race to first

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

The University Liggett boys varsity swim team continued to improve by achieving season-best times, but the squad fell short of victory in a quad meet against host University of Detroit Jesuit, Ferndale and a co-op team from Ann Arbor Greenhills/Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard/Whitmore Lake Thursday, Feb. 16, at Ferndale High School.

In head-to-head results, the Knights lost to both UDJ 130-25, and 114-33 against AAGH/GR/WL. Liggett closed the gap a bit more versus Ferndale, but still came up shy by a score of 79-44.

Bronk led the Knights with strong second-place finishes and season bests in the 200 free (1:58.22) and 100 back (1:01.77). UDJ's Matt Garza won the 200 free in 1:55.45, while his teammate Andy Szachta won the 100 back in 55.43. ULS's Brendan Beland also had two second-place finishes in the 200 IM (2:12.54) and the 100

free (53.42). UDJ's Szachta won the 200 IM in 2:01.49 and Greenhill's Grant Gorman won the 100 free in 50.98. Michael Darlington swam a solid 50 free (33.39) and 100 free (1:19.23), where he approached his season bests, finishing ninth and 11th, respectively. Zach Rabbani contributed strong swims in Liggett's relays, helping the Knights finish fourth and achieve season bests in both the 200 medley relay (2:03.84) and the 200 free relay (1:49.29).

The highlight of the meet came in the 200 free relay for the Knights, according to head coach Bart Bronk. "We tried a new order (by) putting our most experienced swimmers (first)," he said via email. "Beland and Bronk (swam) the first two legs and they built a body-length lead over a strong AAGH relay, the eventual winners, at the 100-yard mark. "This put a different kind of pressure on Darlington and Rabbani, who responded with great individual legs and a team drop of more than three seconds from our previous best."

More Norseman won their individual events, including Gusmano, who won the 100 free in a speedy time of 52.75, ahead of the Falcon's Brayden Bull, who touched the wall in 59.13. Moreland continued his sensational season by winning the 500 free, doing so in 5:03.30. He bested Ford's Joey Melargani's second-place time of 5:24.46. Moreland also qualified for the state final in the 100 fly earlier this season.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BART BRONK

Liggett's Charlie Bronk and University of Detroit Jesuit's Matt Garza take their marks before competing in the 200 free.

North next hosts the MAC White championship this weekend. Prelims begin at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. The championship round starts at noon Saturday, Feb. 25.

South hosts the MAC Red swim and dive championships beginning with the diving round at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Blue Devil senior diver Logan Hepner will compete to defend his 2022 MAC Red title. Swimmers from throughout the league begin with a prelim round at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. The championship round begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

South outlasts Dakota to open MAC tourney

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A perfect 10-0 regular season record in the MAC Red division would certainly make Grosse Pointe South boys varsity basketball the team to beat in the MAC Tournament. As the top seed, the Blue Devils hosted Dakota last Thursday night in a contentious game that ended in a 64-47 win for South.

The Blue Devils controlled much of the game despite Dakota keeping it close at times. South led by five after the first quarter in the midst of an explosive first half offensively. The team scored nearly 40 points in the opening

two quarters, with a last-second three by Karter Richards making it 36-25 going into halftime.

Dakota slowed down the Blue Devils' offense coming out of halftime. The Cougars made their best effort to pull closer, but South stayed in control and was still ahead by ten going into the fourth quarter.

Tensions in the stands spilled over onto the court briefly early in the final quarter. At that point Dakota pulled the game back to within single digits. However, the Blue Devils seized momentum back and left the game with an uneventful ending and a convincing 17-point route.

"We were really flying around playing defense," South boys basketball head coach Steve Benard said about his team's winning effort. "That was the Blue Devil team I've been looking for. We went back to the way we had been doing things earlier in the year and it was good to see."

South's backcourt duo put on a show in the league tournament opener. Richards led all scorers with 24 points while Anthony Benard also surpassed the 20-point mark with 22.

The win puts the Blue Devils into the semifinal of the MAC Tournament. In the next round, South hosted New Haven on Tuesday, Feb. 21 after press time.



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Knights' U.P. trip a success

The University Liggett boys hockey team traveled to the Upper Peninsula last week for a pair of games against some of the top teams the northern part of the state has to offer. Playing both games at the Calumet Colosseum, the oldest indoor ice arena in America, the Knights defeated Painsdale-Jeffers 4-3 on Friday, Feb. 17, with two goals scored by Stephen Wheatley. The next day, Gary Stacy scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win over Calumet. Those games concluded Liggett's regular season, and the team takes the ice again on Monday, Feb. 27, in the opening round of regional playoffs. The Knights will take on Marysville in a game hosted at Wallace Ice Arena in Bloomfield Hills.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan
2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will meet in the Council Chambers at City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:			
Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 14, 2023	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 14, 2023	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
March 21, 2023	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
March 28, 2023	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2023 Board of Review Petitions are required and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in-person before the Board of Review is end of day Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper. All board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act." If you have any questions please contact the Assessor's Office at (313)343-2452.

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Paul Antolin
City Clerk

GPUG:

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ished runner up on vault, took third on bars and fourth on beam to earn more league hardware.

North's Madi Lucido earned the beam championship in D2. She also took third on her floor routine and eighth on vault, which helped her finish fifth all-around. Other GPUG gymnastics

who finished on the podium at the league meet include:

- Maddie LoPorto** (GP North, Division 2)
 - Beam - 2nd place
 - Floor - 2nd place
 - All-Around - 2nd place
 - Vault - 3rd place
 - Bars - 4th place
- Ainsley Tanghe** (GP North, Division 2)
 - Vault - 4th place
 - Beam - 6th place
- Lucy Tull** (GP South, Division 2)
 - Beam - 3rd place
 - Bars - 9th place

- Brooke Lezotte** (GP South, Division 2)
 - Floor - 4th place

GPUG competed against Canton Tuesday, Feb. 21, after press time. The team hosts a "last chance" meet for teams and individual gymnasts aiming to qualify for the state meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Grosse Pointe North.

Net wins

Grosse Pointe travel hockey players and youth basketball teams are wrapping up their seasons around metro Detroit this month. Several Pointers helped their teams bring home the hardware over the last few weeks of tournament and district play.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CZARNIK FAMILY

Adam Czarnik, of the 2007 AAA Oakland Junior Grizzlies, shows off his medal after his team won the Grinder Meltdown tournament in Novi.



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Top, the St. Paul Varsity Grade 8 boys basketball team earned the CYO division championship after building a 9-1 record throughout the season. It is the team's first division title since 2020, and it now looks to make a run at its first CYO playoff championship since 1962.

Bottom, the Varsity Boys basketball team at The Grosse Pointe Academy completed its 14-0 season with a 63-15 victory over University Liggett. Pictured left to right are William Winans, Codey Bush, Nolan Gross, Kingston Money, Jack Green, Drew Hess, Kooper Richards, Head Coach Kevin Richards and Korver Richards.

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:

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Grosse Pointe South softball is hosting its 10th annual Little League Softball Clinic on March 18 in the South main gym. The clinic is open to players in kindergarten through 6th grade. Interested families should contact coach Bill Fleming at sanflem1@sbcglobal.net for more information on how to register.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Grosse Pointe North boys basketball took on L'Anse Creuse North on Thursday, Feb. 16 in the opening round of the MAC Tournament consolation bracket. The Norsemen fell 49-40, and faced Stevenson in the next round of the bracket on Tuesday, Feb. 21 after press time.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University Liggett girls basketball went on the road to Riverview Gabriel Richard last Thursday, Feb. 16 and lost 44-37.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Grosse Pointe South boys swim and dive hosted both Liggett and Fraser on Senior Night, as well as a special honor for former South swimmer Brian Fraser who tragically passed away in the Feb. 13 campus shooting at MSU. South dominated the meet, often placing 1, 2, 3 in events.



Champs

The 2010 Oakland Junior Grizzlies AA team is all smiles after an OT win against St. Clair Shores in the district championship.

COURTESY PHOTO

GIRLS HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe South girls hockey defeated Mercy 3-0 on Friday, Feb. 17. Gabby Vosburg, Giada Cavaliere and Ruby Lenhard all scored for the Blue Devils.

BOYS HOCKEY

Grosse Pointe South boys hockey made a trip to the west side of the state last week. The Blue Devils lost to Bay Reps 2-1 on Tuesday, Feb. 14 but bounced back the next day to defeat Big Rapids 6-3.

BOYS BASKETBALL

University Liggett boys basketball won on Saturday, Feb. 18 in the opening round of the CHSL tournament, defeating Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 49-37. Solomon Spann had 14 points and Josh Pierce scored 11 in the win.

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.

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.

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK BY REPEALING, REPLACING, AND MOVING SECTION 9-1 OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CITY CODE TO CHAPTER 2 TO CONFORM WITH STATE LAW AND THE CITY CHARTER AND REPEALING CODE CHAPTERS 19—SECONDHAND GOODS AND CHAPTER 25—VEHICLES FOR HIRE.

On February 13, 2023, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park enacted an Ordinance to Amend the City Code, to become effective March 5, 2023, which Ordinance provides for the repeal of Chapter 19 – “Secondhand Goods” and Chapter 25 – “Vehicles for Hire”. Further, Chapter 2 – “Administration” of the City Code is amended to now include an Article VII – Elections. Chapter 9 of the City Code is amended to now be Chapter 2, Article VII, Section 2-271 of the City code and provides that precincts shall be determined by Resolution of the Election Commission.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference in such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan
2023 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2023 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting
March 14, 2023 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings
March 14, 2023 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM
March 28, 2023 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. In person hearings are by appointment only and write in petitions will be accepted. COMPLETED 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS (L-4035 FORMS) ARE NECESSARY, and must be filled out entirely prior to your appointment or petition drop off. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by a taxpayer representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by the Assessor's office end of day Tuesday, March 28, 2023 to be reviewed by the Board. **Postmarks are not accepted.**

More information on Board of Review, dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the City website.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the “Open Meetings Act”.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200.

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