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## BoE hires outside counsel

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

### THE GROSSE POINTES

— A two-month process came to a close as the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted to hire independent legal counsel at its meeting Monday, Feb. 27.

Discussion on the matter began at the board's organizational meeting Jan. 4, when Treasurer Sean Cotton introduced a motion to pursue outside counsel with whom the board could consult independent of the two law firms currently representing the district.

Cotton is the owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

The final tally put Collins & Blaha, based in Farmington Hills, on top. The firm has specialized in school law more than 40 years and represents several school districts, charter public schools and community colleges in areas such as teacher tenure, special education issues and student rights.

During a contentious board discussion, two motions — one to delay a vote until March and another to restrict use of the new firm only in matters involving conflict of interest — failed by 4-2 votes. Both of those saw Trustees Valarie St. John and Colleen Worden vot-

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Ice took down a large branch in the 600 block of Lakeshore and when the branch fell on the ground, the ice shattered like broken glass.

## Ice storm pulls power move on Pointes

By Laurel Kraus, Brad Lindberg and Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writers

### THE GROSSE POINTES

— With local radio stations preemptively warning travel would be "nearly impossible" during last Wednesday's ice storm, the end result was more than 2,600 downed power lines left in its wake, which contributed to outages scattered throughout the Pointes.

A half inch of ice accumulation can add 500 pounds to the span of a power line, according to DTE Energy. In a storm update, the organization compared the weight to that of a baby grand piano.

As of press time, scattered small groups of homes throughout the Pointes still were waiting on restored power, as more winter weather rolled into town.

Perhaps the hardest hit among the five cities was Grosse Pointe Farms. By Friday morning, significant portions of the city were without power.



DTE Energy workers make repairs along Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

More than 1,000 homes — from Mack to Lakeshore between Kerby and Moross, as well as spanning Mack to Charlevoix between Kerby and McMillan — were without power as a result of the initial storm, while an additional approximately 800 running along McMillan to Grosse Pointe Boulevard lost power Thursday night, likely as a result of 35 to 45 mph winds battering the icy trees and lines.

Because of the February temperatures and specifically with con-

cern for the elderly population, City Manager Shane Reeside said, the Pier Park community building was offered as a makeshift warming center, where residents were invited to warm up, have a cup of coffee and charge their electronics.

"We've had a couple senior citizens who really have appreciated it," he said, "and we had somebody who had a meeting on the other side of the state today that he couldn't attend and he actually was on his laptop and was in a Zoom meeting, so it's also there

to conduct business because they don't have power or internet at their home."

While the city was prepared to keep the warming center open through the night Thursday, it closed around 10 p.m. as all residents had left by then. The community building reopened from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and remained an option through the weekend, as power was not restored to a large number of residents until late Sunday evening.

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## Henry Ford ENT is first back after fire

### Medical center to fully reopen later this year

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE FARMS

— Although its Kercheval entrance remains closed for ongoing construction, portions of what formerly was known as Pierson Clinic — renamed last year as the south building of Henry Ford Medical Center—Grosse Pointe — are beginning to reopen following a fire on the third-floor decks in August 2021, which caused smoke and water damage throughout the building.

The ear, nose and

throat specialist on the third floor is the first specialty to return and is accessible to patients via the third-story skywalk connected to the parking structure, with a temporary wall separating the office from the construction zone.

Although updated with new finishes, the ENT office space largely was built back the way it was, allowing for its return process to be accelerated compared to other clinic spaces in the building that are being redesigned.

"We have one specialty that's back," said Matt Mastay, director of regional ambulatory operations and manager

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## Chickens a no-go in Woods

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A proposal to allow residents to own a limited number of chickens for obtaining eggs ultimately wasn't everything it was cracked up to be.

After an hour of presentations, discussion and public comment, city council decided

not to pursue the issue further at its meeting Monday, Feb. 27.

Councilman Michael Koester suggested the city's planning consultant draft a model ordinance to consider before voting on the matter, but a straw poll showed a majority of the council would not support the measure.

"I don't support this and would rather not spend the money drafting an ordinance if

it's going to fail," Councilman Thomas Vaughn said. "That can get expensive."

Mayor Art Bryant, along with council members Angela Coletti Brown, Kenn Gafa and Vicki Granger concurred.

Councilman Todd McConaghy said he would have supported the model ordinance, but agreed it wasn't worth pursuing if it was going to be defeated.

Granger said council received numerous emails and telephone calls from residents not in favor

of the idea.

"Doing some research, I found that very few veterinarians know how to treat chickens," she said. "And while they can lay eggs for about three years, they can live 16 years. What do people do with them when they can't lay eggs any longer?"

The idea was presented by Paul Lechner, who also is chairman of the city's tree commission, at the first council meeting

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# Sheriff seeks recruits, pledges cooperation

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The county's top law enforcement official pulled in for recruits last month during a city council meeting.

"Recruiting and retention is very important in law enforcement," Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington told the council Feb. 13. "We're all struggling in law enforcement with recruiting and retention."

Washington and members of his administration appeared at the invitation of Mayor Michele Hodges.

"Partnerships are what enable communities to get stuff done," Hodges said. "We reached out to many of our partners at

an elected level and elsewhere so we can discuss how we work effectively together."

"We're doing everything we can to (assure) our 43 cities and townships of Wayne County that we're there to help them at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office," Washington said.

"It is important that we are working together," Hodges said. "The primary purpose of government is to protect the health, safety and welfare of people and their property. We're committed to that."

## Recruits

Washington said improving department morale was among his top goals when named to replace former Sheriff

Benny Napoleon, a China COVID virus victim, in 2021, and winning a first term in office in the November 2022 election.

"Morale in our agency is very important," Washington said. "It's important for people we're trying to recruit. We've got old jails and old buildings, but we're getting ready to move into a new jail and criminal justice complex. Our staff will feel good about being in a new place."

"Everybody's having trouble recruiting, not just in law enforcement," added Deputy David Felton of the department recruiting office.

"Research shows everybody's having problems recruiting. We are here to offer an opportunity for a career, not just a job. It's

a wonderful experience." "We are hiring no less than 100 deputies this year," recruiting Deputy Mark Diaz said.

He said the drive comes during a time of turnover of officers due, in part, to retirements.

"It sparks the need for us to hire and do what we can to retain," Diaz said.

Efforts to make the job more appealing include improving wages, benefits and working conditions.

"(Labor) negotiations are happening as we speak," Diaz said. "Things are moving in a great direction."

"We think we're going to be able to do some heavy-duty recruiting and be competitive with the sheriff's agencies in Macomb and Washtenaw

counties and the Detroit Police Department, our main competitors," Washington said. "Trying to get young people involved in that is a challenge, but we're doing the best we can."

## Partners

Washington and the deputies endorsed Hodges' spirit of cooperation.

"The mayor talked about how you can help us," Washington told the council. "We're here to help you. We're strong together in law enforcement. We work together and can get it done tougher."

Paul Martinelli, a reserve sheriff's deputy and Farms resident, said, "I worked with Sheriff Napoleon for

about eight years and now with Sheriff Washington. It's been an honor. We help out a lot when the sheriff's department asks. We help anywhere — parades, traffic control. I'm proud to do it. We want to grow a relationship between the sheriff's department and the Grosse Pointes."

"We have a robust reserve unit, as Paul is here to attest," Washington said. "Let us know you need help and I promise you we will be there to help you with whatever you need as it relates to additional enforcement and things you want to do to serve the citizens in your community."

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## STORM:

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Four-way stops along Cadieux while traveling into the City of Grosse Pointe Thursday morning were evidence of around 700 homes without power from Mack to Maumee between Cadieux and University.

While the majority of The Village remained in business, the CVS block lost power, as did the City's public safety building on Mack and city hall complex on Maumee.

"Everything stayed in operation with the help of generators," City Manager Pete Dame reported via email. "City hall was connected to a portable generator that kept the basics going with about half the computers connected and no lights. Court held session (Thursday) morning but with no lights except in the chambers."

Power returned Thursday night for the public safety building and city hall complex. The vast majority of the City was restored by Friday afternoon.

In the Park as well, rather than the usual suspects — fallen trees and limbs — ice was the culprit.

"I think it was ice on the lines because the backyards were all trimmed," said Tom Jenny, Park public works supervisor, referring to summer rear-yard tree trimming and power line clearance efforts in the Park. "We had a combination of both ice and limbs, but I would say more due to ice on the lines."

"In the 1200 block of Yorkshire, a tree on private property fell on a power line in a backyard," said Brian Colter, city forester. "It knocked out power to the whole block."

All the way up Yorkshire to Mack Avenue, houses on the odd-numbered side of the road had power. Even-numbered houses stood dark except in one case. A resident with electrical service rigged an extension cord across the road to a neighbor. A lighted living room lamp testified to the favor.

Shortly before mid-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Several branches fell off a tree on the front lawn at Grosse Pointe South High School. On Friday, the entire tree was taken down.

night Thursday, DTE Energy's power outage map listed service interruptions to nearly 400 Park customers.

Most occurred in clumps along:

- ◆ the length of the City of Grosse Pointe border from Cadieux to Yorkshire and Lake St. Clair to Mack,
- ◆ below Jefferson from Three Mile Drive to the city limits,
- ◆ below Jefferson along Harcourt and Trombley, where during two warm-weather wind storms last year the brittle branches of silver maples fell and snapped overhead lines; and
- ◆ below Jefferson on Middlesex and Lakepointe between Avondale and Windmill Pointe Drive.

Park Councilman Max Wiener was awake when his line failed at 3:30 a.m. Thursday.

"I'm an early bird," he said.

The irony is that Wiener, head of the city's infrastructure committee and its mantra of being proactive, had arranged for a home generator to be installed the following Monday.

"My wife's been asking for a generator," he said.

His power returned Saturday.

"There are a lot of conversations we're having with DTE," Wiener said about the utility's service reliability. "We're trying

to find other possible savings for the city. We have a lot of irons in the fire."

By 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, DTE reported nearly 94 percent of its customers throughout the region back on the grid. Some 142,730 remained in the dark and cold.

By Tuesday morning, Feb. 28, the outage map showed all clear in the Park except for one spot on Grand Marais below Essex and 14 customers in the 1400 block of Buckingham and

Devonshire.

About 430 homes lost power in Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores in an area stretching from Vernier south to Shoreham and from Lakeshore west to Fairway.

"We had a lot of limbs that came down, but there was no major damage or blocked streets," Woods DPW Director Jim Kowalski said. "We put a couple crews out with chipper trucks and scoured the city."

The Woods closed city hall at noon the day of the storm and Lake Front Park was closed for the day after losing power.

In the Shores, DPW Director Mike Way said his staff was able to clean up downed tree limbs without having to call in its regular contractor.

"We were able to clean up what fell on city property and then sent crews around to gather what residents put out," he said. "It was nothing out of the ordinary."

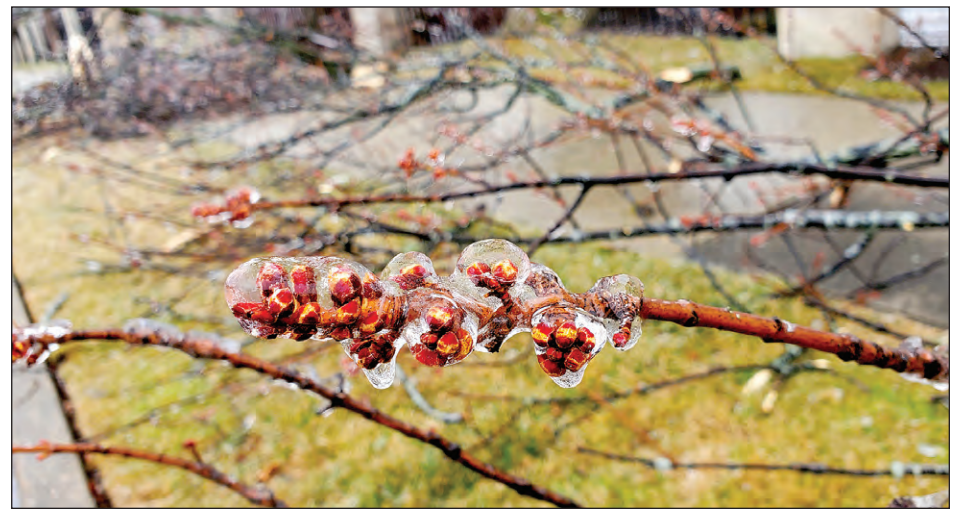


PHOTO BY BRIAN COLTER

Ice-burdened branches toppled a pine tree Brian Colter, city forester, planted 20 years ago at Patterson Park. "The ground around it was super-saturated with water," Colter said.



Left, a robin, normally a sign of spring, flies away from the ice covered tree branches. Below, buds on a branch covered in ice, frozen in time, temporarily.



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# Narduzzi is 2022 officer of the year

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — After his first full year serving with the department, Detective Mike Narduzzi was named the City of Grosse Pointe's 2022 officer of the year.

"I'm very honored that they chose me for that, but we did a lot of good work here and it couldn't have been done without teamwork," Narduzzi said. "Everybody contributed and I'm happy to accept this award on behalf of the Grosse Pointe City detective bureau and the patrol division, who all helped out."

The 25-year veteran of Grosse Pointe Park's public safety department made the switch to the

neighboring Pointe in August 2021.

"It's the equivalent of Tom Brady going from the Patriots to the Bucs, not last year, but the year before," Director of Public Safety John Alcorn said, although noting the credit for the analogy goes to another officer in the City's department. "Mike's at that level."

For his work in 2022, Narduzzi received two commendations, a chief's letter and a unit citation for his part in an all-hands-on-deck effort to contain last year's Cranford Lane condo fire to a single unit without any injuries.

Alongside serving as a member of the City's Seniors and Law Enforcement, or SALE, program and on the

Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods Crisis Intervention Team, Narduzzi also led the department in arrests in 2022.

"Every day Mike shows up with an enthusiasm that would make me scared to be a criminal," Alcorn said. "If you commit a crime in Grosse Pointe City and he gets the case, there's a pretty good chance you're going to jail."

However, it is with patience, Alcorn noted, the detective trains and mentors younger officers, including the department's new youth officers, as well as those in its two new uniformed detective positions.

A family history with firefighting — his grandfather, father and brother all have served as Detroit

firefighters — also lends itself well to the other side of a public safety career. In fact, after working briefly as a Detroit officer at the start of his career, Narduzzi applied for the Park so he also could serve as a firefighter.

"What people don't know about Mike is that although he's a fantastic detective, he's also an incredible firefighter and that runs in his blood," Alcorn said. "That's a family thing. (At the Cranford fire) he was leading those crews into that hot environment, making them feel comfortable, because it's scary when you don't get to do that very often. So Mike takes them in there and guides the way. He's fantastic to have around for both sides of the job."



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Detective Mike Narduzzi, left, is congratulated for the honor by Public Safety Director John Alcorn.

## Public safety officers honored

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Six members of the public safety department were recognized for their actions in a variety of situations during 2022 at city council's meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21.

"This is one of the best parts of the job," Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said. "It's an opportunity to showcase the department to the council and community. This is just a small sample of their hard work."

Sgt. Jason Cook received the Directors Award, which goes to an officer who exceeds expectations and performs at a level not bound by what is expected.

To say Cook had an interesting 2022 is an understatement.

It started in January when he was assisting fellow officers and the St. Clair Shores Police Department in a traffic stop after a chase that

originated in Grosse Pointe Shores. Werenski explained that the chase ended on a dead-end street near 10 Mile between Jefferson and Lake St. Clair.

"As Sgt. Cook approached the vehicle, the driver attempted to flee and run over officers," Werenski said.

"He had to discharge his duty weapon to protect himself and fellow officers. He relied on his training and didn't second guess it."

Sgts. Terry Brown and Ryan Wilson also were involved in the incident and received certificates of merit.

As a member of the

Eastern Wayne Strategic Response Team — a SWAT team made up of officers from the five Pointes and Harper Woods — Cook responded to two fatal incidents in Harper Woods over the summer.

The first, in July, involved a seven-hour standoff with a man who

stabbed his girlfriend and father to death. During the standoff, the man set the house on fire and threw a baby out of a first-floor bedroom window before shooting at officers. Cook grabbed a charged fire hose and extinguished the fire, allowing the other SRT members to continue negotiating with the suspect. The man eventually gave up.

Cook was back in Harper Woods in

September after two people were shot to death during a domestic violence situation. Along with other SRT members, including Lt. Tony Spina from the Shores, Cook entered the home where they encountered the gunman with his weapon in the basement. After deploying a distraction technique, Cook was able to rush the suspect and disarm him.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, Public Safety Director Ken Werenski, Lt. Tony Spina, Sgts. Jason Cook and Ryan Wilson, Officers Paul Morang and Billy Howe, Mayor Ted Kedzierski. Not pictured: Sgt. Terry Brown.

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"The intent is to provide backup services for communities," Diaz said. "We're here in hopes of receiving a partnership, an alliance as we all

move forward to make the county better."

"We want to get information out to senior citizens and young people about gun safety and all those types of things to make sure we're an asset to the community," Felton said.

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of the new year.

Lechner proposed a change to the city's live-stock ordinance that would allow residents to keep a limited number of chickens, citing a growing interest in the farm-to-table movement and the current high cost of eggs.

Bryant at the time asked City Administrator Frank Schulte to work with McKenna Associates, the city's planning and zoning consultants, to gather more information.

Michael Boettcher of McKenna put together a report on cities that allow the practice — including Ann Arbor, Eastpointe, Huntington Woods and others — and what regu-

lations they have in place.

Stipulations ranged from the number of chickens allowed, the types of coops required, the permitting process and minimum lot size requirements.

Aside from Lechner, residents speaking in favor of the idea cited the family aspect of the practice and how it could help teach children responsibility, and said it could attract younger home buyers to the city who would find the option attractive.

Those speaking against the idea said they were concerned about the impact on property values, potential noise and if chickens would attract predators such as rats.

Lechner told council he was not giving up on the idea, calling it a property rights issue.

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### MONDAY, MARCH 6

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7


◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Board of Review meeting, 2 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

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



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# Pointer provides great gift of life

By Anne Gryzenia  
Publisher

For many Grosse Pointers, community often means so much more than just a place to live. Its heartbeat is powered by building relationships, helping those in need and cultivating fellowship with others.

But for lifelong Grosse Pointer Matt Frame, his decision to take community to the next level turned out to be a life-saving one.

"Building relationships and getting to know people is my favorite part of the job," said Frame, who has worked at the Ray Laethem Dodge Jeep Ram dealership for nearly two decades. "I've been selling cars to some customers for 20 years because of the relationships I've made."

As a father, grandfather and friend, Frame has a special appreciation for life and love. But when his friend, Lisa Segletes, with whom he attended Northwood University, needed a life-line, he didn't hesitate. As her kidney disease reached a critical stage, he knew he had to step in and help.

Her situation held extra concern for Frame. Not only was Segletes a dear friend, but she actually introduced Frame to his wife, Melissa. While Segletes gave Frame the gift of love, Frame willingly gave his friend the gift of life in return.

"When I found out that



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN MARTIN

Left, Matt Frame with his daughters, from left, Ellie Frame, Madison McMillan and McKenzie Frame. Top left, Matt and Melissa Frame. Top right, Frame and his granddaughter, Marcie. Bottom right, Matt and Melissa Frame with their daughters.



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Lisa needed a kidney, I didn't hesitate to get tested to see if I was a match," Frame said. "It didn't cross my mind not to help my friend. She became friends with Melissa and after my wife, Marian, passed away, she introduced us."

Unfortunately, Frame wasn't a match for Segletes. After unsuccessful attempts to find a match through family and friends, the University of Michigan reached out to see if

Frame would consider entering their transplant "pairing" program. This unique program helps increase transplant opportunities for those on the kidney waitlist by pairing willing donors with more compatible recipients.

Once again, Frame stepped up. He and Segletes quickly were matched with a donor and recipient in Florida and the transplant surgery took place at U-M in summer 2020.

"On the day of the surgeries, my kidney was flown to Florida, while simultaneously a kidney from a donor in Florida was flown to Michigan for Lisa," Frame said.

Frame said he most definitely would recommend those with healthy kidneys consider donating.

"It was and continues to be a wonderful experience," he said. "Lisa is doing well and I have not had to change anything about my lifestyle to

adapt to having one kidney. To anyone considering donating an organ, I would say do it. My health has not changed and I've been able to help someone else. It is an incredible feeling for all involved."

Frame and his wife, Melissa, live in Grosse Pointe Farms. As his profession in car sales suggests, he is an avid car lover, especially classic muscle cars from the '60s and '70s. He said he enjoys exercising daily at

## March marks National Kidney Month

Did you know more than 100,000 people are awaiting a kidney transplant at any given time? To learn more about how you can help, check out the University of Michigan's paired kidney exchange program at [uofmhealth.org/conditions-treatments/transplant/paired-kidney-exchange](http://uofmhealth.org/conditions-treatments/transplant/paired-kidney-exchange) or visit [kidney.org](http://kidney.org).

the Neighborhood Club, golfing, trap shooting, swimming and spending time on Lake St. Clair.

Melissa Frame has taught in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 28 years, 22 of them as an English teacher at Brownell Middle School. Between them, they have five children and an English springer spaniel named Heathcliff. Frame's eldest daughter, Madison, lives in Grosse Pointe Park with her husband, Chris, and recently welcomed their first child. His middle daughter, McKenzie, lives in Grosse Pointe Park and plans to attend graduate school for social work. His youngest daughter, Ellie, recently graduated from Michigan State University and lives in Chicago. Frame's stepson, Michael, currently serves in the U.S. Army, and Ben is a freshman at Auburn University.

"My favorite thing about Grosse Pointe is how tight knit our community is," Frame said. "No matter where you go in Grosse Pointe, you always run into someone you know."

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"They were within 10 feet of the gunman who was waving his weapon around," Werenski said. "Discharging their weapons would have been justifiable, but they exhibited a great deal of patience."

Spina and Cook received a department

citation for the incident, which is given for an outstanding performance of a difficult task involving personal risk.

Cook, who has been with the department 10 years, said 2022 definitely stands out for him.

"We've had major events over the years, but last year was the busiest in a given year," he said. "All three events were substantial."

Cook has been on the SRT six and a half years and also has received a life-saving award and four unit commendations.

"I enjoy it because you never know what we'll get activated for and it's a chance to use all three of our professions," he said. "It's nice to be triple trained and get a chance to utilize all those skills."

PSOs Paul Morang and Billy Howe were given unit commendations for performing life-saving measures on a resident with an occluded tracheostomy.

"A lot of ambulance services would have just stabilized the person and transported them to the hospital, but they were able to clear this person's airway and directly save a life," Werenski said.



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Public Safety Director Ken Werenski, left, and Sgt. Jason Cook received the Director's Award and a department citation.



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## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Underage theft

A 20-year-old Woods woman was caught by employees when she attempted to conceal a bottle of bourbon in her jacket and steal it from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 3:09 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

Admitting to the theft, she was issued a citation for third-degree retail fraud.

## Quick escalation

After being pulled over for speeding 41 mph on Moross at 3:29 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, a 29-year-old Eastpointe man not only told officers he was aware his driver's license was suspended and the vehicle was uninsured, but also gave them permission to search the vehicle, in which they found suspected drugs.

The man, who said the drugs must be his brother's, also was found to be on active parole for assault with a dangerous weapon, armed robbery and kidnapping.

He was issued a citation for speeding and driving while license suspended.

## Fleeing officers

Because of heavily tinted windows and no

license plate on display, an officer attempted to pull over a vehicle on Mack at 4:35 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at which point it accelerated and began passing cars on the right shoulder.

The pursuit was terminated for the safety of others on the roadway.

## Suspicious purchases

A 45-year-old Farms man was alerted his credit card had fraudulently been used for purchases of \$1,773.22 from downrangetexas.com and \$914.88 from 6tactical.com Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The fraud was reported immediately and found to have a delivery address in Wyandotte.

## Altered check

A 64-year-old Farms woman sent a \$16,842.06 check for the purchase of a generator to the new address of a heating and plumbing company, only to learn it had been fraudulently altered and cashed by an unknown suspect.

## Stolen tools

While a crew was removing a tree from a backyard in the 300 block of Kercheval, various tools were stolen from the company truck parked on the street between noon and 12:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Over the limit

A 51-year-old Detroit woman was arrested after an officer clocked her vehicle going 47 mph around 11:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, on northbound Lakeshore near Deeplands.

The driver was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs, driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and speeding. She was lodged in the Grosse Pointe Woods jail.

— Ted O'Neil  
Report information

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## ID theft

An Elford Court resident filed a complaint around noon Wednesday, Feb. 22, after receiving information about a credit card he did not open.

The man said he left his wallet, which he was unable to recover, in a ride-share vehicle last summer. He believes the driver used his information in the wallet to apply for the card.

## Wrong tab

A 35-year-old Eastpointe woman received several citations after she was pulled over around 10:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, on Mack near Hunt Club when an officer noticed the tab on her vehicle's license plate was from 2022.

The woman was ticketed for driving with a suspended license, no

proof of insurance and the expired registration.

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Quick hands

After a \$5,000 transmitter — belonging to a construction company and used to locate underground facilities — was temporarily placed at Mack and Cadieux, it was stolen between 3:45 and 4:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

## Ice storm

Throughout the night, Wednesday, Feb. 22, officers responded to many calls for power outages, arcing wires, tree branches down and smoke investigations, all caused by the ice storm.

## Not worth it

A woman was seen placing approximately \$9 worth of miscellaneous items in her coat inside a

business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. Upon being confronted by an employee, she fled on foot.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot, 6-inch white woman wearing a long, dark-colored coat.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Suspended license

At 2:35 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, a patrol officer stopped a 26-year-old male motorist from Detroit on Mack just across the Detroit border regarding a defective tail light.

The officer arrested the man for violating a suspended operator's license.

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

## ENT:

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of the project. "Our plan is to continue to have specialties come back as they're completed."

Although, he later added, some specialties may choose to wait until construction is entirely complete, so "it will really depend on their discretion."

With the South building on track to be fully operational in late summer/early fall of this year, the third and first floors are scheduled for completion by summer.

On the first floor, the lab and pharmacy remain in their original footprint, while the Racing for Kids office — which also circumvented the redesign process, was fast-tracked and already has clearance to be in the building — has moved into a vacant space most recently occupied by Bank of America.

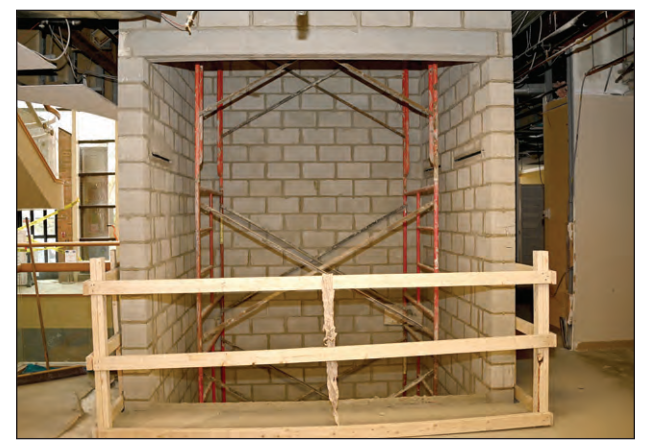
The third floor will continue to house ENT, plastic surgery, wound care, audiology and the Center for Integrative Medicine, while also including the new addition of the pain clinic, which previously was located on the basement level.

"We have moved offices around for either patient convenience or to create pockets of space for future development," Mastay explained.

The other significant move is pediatrics, from the basement to the second floor to be in closer proximity to adult primary care medicine, which will create a continuity within family medicine.

The second floor — to be completed mid- to late-summer — also will include cardiology, nephrology, internal medicine, same-day care, sports, podiatry, general radiology and orthopedics.

With the possible exception of dermatology, which remains undecided, all specialties



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, the redesign of the medical center includes the addition of a second elevator for patient travel. Left, the third-floor ear, nose and throat specialist is the first to reopen to patients following the August 2021 fire.

formerly in Pierson will return to the building, as will the majority of the same doctors and providers.

"Primary care docs will be here," Mastay reported. "Plastic surgeons will all be here. Wound care will be here. There might be some new faces, but by and large it'll be the same crew."

As the relocation of the pain clinic and pediatrics leaves the basement open for further development, the space has been designed for a large ophthalmology practice to take up the entire footprint. Construction on the ophthalmology practice, which previously was not offered at Pierson, will be the last to be completed and potentially handled as a separate project.

Aside from Racing for Kids, all of the tenants unaffiliated with Henry Ford in the former Pierson building made

the choice not to return, Mastay said.

Robert Loomis Insurance — once on the third floor, where the pain clinic now will be — moved up the street to 63 Kercheval, while Bella Cafe has not responded affirmatively to invitations to return.

Dr. Maridel Hernandez — an internal medicine doctor not affiliated with Henry Ford — who once was on the first floor along Kercheval, moved

to St. Clair Shores prior to the fire.

That "is going to be leasable space moving forward," Mastay said, although it is not yet listed. "It's more or less retail since it's going to be on Kercheval."

While the August 2021 fire certainly accelerated plans, designs for redevelopment already had been in the works since 2019, when Henry Ford Health master leased the building, making all

offices subtenants of Henry Ford.

Further improvements to the South building will include the addition of a second elevator for patient travel — the staircase off Kercheval will remain as is — along with new digital signage for wayfinding and self-service check-in, which allows for check-in online via MyChart, at a kiosk or in person.

Specialties also will be outfitted with the capability — it's up to each clinic whether they choose to

use it — to virtually connect from clinic to clinic. For example, if a primary care doctor sees a patient who has a form of dermatitis, a dermatologist can be brought into the conversation without physically being present.

"It's going to be a way better building," Mastay said. "At the end of the day, it's going to be a fantastic place to get care and we're going to have the space that we need to expand and provide all the specialties for the community."



The pain clinic, being moved from its basement space to the third floor, is a completely new build out.

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### OUR VIEW

## Woods cries foul on backyard chicken plan

**O**n Monday night, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council gave a hard no to what some believe is a bird-brained concept proposed in January to allow homeowners to keep and raise a limited number of chickens.

Paul Lechner, who also is chairman of the city's tree commission, presented the idea Monday, Jan. 9.

In the Jan. 26 edition of the Grosse Pointe News ("Coming home to roost," by Ted O'Neil), Lechner said the move comes as many families are embracing "a farm-to-table approach and are eating healthier and want to know more about what they're eating," he said. "Plus, the cost of eggs is through the roof."

After the staff presentation, public comment and discussion, the council was asked at its Feb. 27 meeting if a model ordinance should be drafted to vote on at a future meeting. Community members who spoke that evening seemed to be split down the middle about the idea, with three speaking in support of further exploring an ordinance and three speaking against it.

Ultimately, five of the seven council members said they would not vote in favor of any proposal no matter what, and therefore agreed not to spend money on having McKenna Associates, which oversees the city's code enforcement, draft a model ordinance.

But perhaps the Woods should have considered preparing a concrete ordinance for its residents to consider. In a recent poll conducted by the Grosse Pointe News (see right), 55 percent of you said yes, "lay it on me" to allow neighborhood chickens, while 45 percent of you said "cluck no" to the idea.

The concept of allowing residents to raise chickens is not unheard of around metro Detroit. A few other cities permit the practice, including Royal Oak, Huntington Woods and Warren.

In the city proper, many urban farms raise and care for chickens, including the Georgia Street Community Collective. Located on the east side near Harper and Gratiot, the site is a combination garden and community center that began keeping chickens in 2009. According to planetdetroit.org, the farm's founder, Mark Covington, originally brought chickens to use their manure for compost, but these feathered friends soon became a hit with kids in the neighborhood, too.

Team Chicken enthusiasts claim owning chickens can help with insect control because they eat up bugs. Chickens also consume table scraps, which theoretically equates to less food waste. And of course, chickens are quirky characters families can enjoy and care for, where children can learn responsibility by raising them as unique family pets.

But the main benefit of keeping chickens is that they produce the holy grail on our current food chain — eggs. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the average price of a dozen Grade A eggs has jumped around, ranging from \$4.25 last December, to \$2.54 as of Feb. 24. Both are an increase from January 2021, when a dozen eggs cost \$1.39. The price gouge comes as the result of an outbreak of avian influenza, which has led to the loss of 44 million laying hens at hundreds of faci-



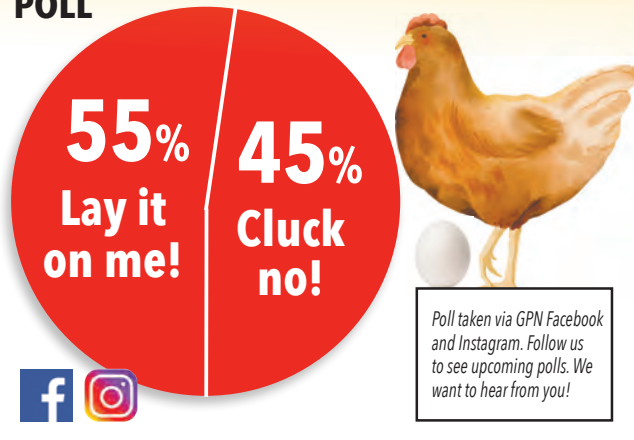
## Pure Grosse Pointe

Did Cinderella's castle make its way to the shores of Lake St. Clair? Actually, this spire peeking out from the steam belongs to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, thanks to an unusually balmy winter day last month. With our recent unwelcome ice storms and power outages, we wish for more fairy tale scenes like this to spring up around town, as we usher in March along with our dreams of warmer, brighter days to come.

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### Grosse Pointe News POINTER POLL

## Should residents be allowed to raise chickens in Grosse Pointe?



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

and want to make sure rules are in place to ensure they are provided for properly.

Chickens do require fresh water, ample food and clean bedding. Ideally, chickens should have room to roam and not live a life cooped up.

Chickens also can get egg-bound, where the eggs get stuck inside of them and without veterinary intervention, they will die. They also can squabble and gang up on a particular hen, in which case owners need extra space to move the bird who is being bullied to a separate coop.

Of course chickens could invite more visits from the Pointes' resident foxes, coyotes, raccoons and hawks. It's a sight few would welcome in their backyards, after which they may have to manage potentially messy outcomes — a loss not only of their investment, but also of what becomes for many a family pet.

Though they can't help it, chickens also stink, which especially in this town, will not win you any points with your neighbors.

For now, the issue lies dormant. We expect the debate to continue, but it appears no one in the Pointes should be counting any chickens before they are hatched.

ties across the country. Increases in the cost of grain feed and shipping add to an egg's price tag.

Chicken naysayers raise some solid arguments, voicing concerns about seed spillage inviting rats and other rodents to the coops. Some Pointers via social media and Letters to the Editor said they are concerned residents won't take good care of their chickens

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## 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.

### Disturbing complaint

**To the Editor:**  
The Board of Education ethics complaint article (Feb. 16) indicates two BoE members have opposing views. Nothing new, as it should be and not surprising, right? What is

disturbing, however, are the actions taken by one of the board members in response. After one board member went into the community, attempting to educate and convince others to agree with and support her position, the second member filed an ethics complaint against her and proposed a resolution to restrict "hostile" or "disdainful" speech, but only as to members of a "protected class." There is no explanation as to why "protected class" people can't experience hostility while such hostility or disdain is apparently OK for non-protected people. And what is "hostile" or "disdainful" speech? How is one to know whether a person is "protected" or not? Should we all be required to wear tags with our identities and/or preferred genders? The endless attempts to classify people is so divisive and unnecessary.

This same board member also wants to impose definitions of words set forth by the Southern Poverty Law Center. If you are unfamiliar with the Southern Law Poverty Center or may wonder why a school system in Michigan should be bound by anything a southern law poverty center says, please read the many on-point articles on the internet.

This stuff has got to stop. There are children to educate in the GPPSS.

MARY CATHERINE RENTZ  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### Nothing is safe

**To the Editor:**  
My son worked and saved for three years

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I SAY By Mike Adzima

# LIV Golf proves money can't buy love



**M**a n y readers may not know this about me, but I'm a pretty big golf fan. My dad and grandpa introduced me to the game as a kid and as I've had the chance to watch and play more over the years, my appreciation for it has grown even more.

Pretty much any golf fan out there knows about the drama that has occurred within the game over the past year or so, regarding the PGA Tour and the emergence of the LIV Tour. LIV Golf is a professional golf tour created by the Saudi Arabian Public Investment Fund. While at first it did not seem like such a threat, some of the biggest names on the PGA Tour have left to join LIV and

competed in the tour's first season last year.

LIV Golf's 2023 season just got underway last week. With that and the release of the new Netflix documentary series "Full Swing," which premiered last month and follows the journey of several PGA Tour players during the season and discusses some of them making the jump to LIV, the controversy is yet again at the forefront of the golf world.

The biggest issue facing LIV is the tour's ties to the Saudi Arabian government. While the Public Investment Fund is technically sovereign and independent of the government, it is controlled by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Bin Salman, who has essentially ruled Saudi Arabia since 2017, and his government have become notorious for allegations of human rights abuses, corruption and more.

Naturally, any golfer who has left the PGA Tour to join the Saudi-backed LIV series faces the scrutiny of joining an

organization that is funded and supported by a group of people with such a controversial past. Pretty much all of them answer with the same generic defections: "I'm here to focus on golf" or "I decided to do what was best for my family."

In reality, they left the true competition of the PGA Tour for large sums of guaranteed money in the tens of millions of dollars to join LIV. When I say true competition, it is because LIV Golf events oftentimes tend to not even feel real.

LIV divides golfers into "teams" with golfers competing individually to earn points for both themselves and their teams in the standings. The whole system feels silly and it is clear that the competition aspect seems to not really matter to the players. If everyone is already getting their guaranteed money for joining the tour, then what incentive is there to win?

If the competition does not feel real to the players, then it certainly does not feel real to the "fans"

either (I'm using quotes because using the term 'fans' here feels generous). All the attention on LIV is focused on the politics and news about which golfers are joining the tour, so there is no discussion about the actual golf.

Last year, LIV operated without a TV contract and instead relied on online streaming to broadcast its events on platforms such as Facebook and YouTube. There are a lot of numbers out there, but the consensus seems to be that LIV events in 2022 averaged anywhere from 40,000 to 140,000 viewers on YouTube. To put that in perspective, just a few weeks ago the PGA Tour's Genesis Invitational averaged around 3.4 million viewers on CBS during the Sunday broadcast.

LIV will be operating this season with a TV contract in the U.S. Albeit, the deal is with The CW, a network that I, and I'm sure many others out there, cannot remember the last time I tuned into.

The point here is that everything about LIV feels so hollow and fake. From the generic, tone-deaf answers the golfers have given to the media to the blatant sports-washing the Saudis are trying to accomplish with this tour. All of their millions of dollars cannot seem to buy them an audience and a fanbase.

In recent weeks, as the start of the LIV season approached, there were even rumors that certain golfers were having a sort of "buyer's remorse" about joining the league. The stories were mainly focused on Brooks Koepka, with rumors saying the former U.S. Open champion is suffering from a bit of a hurt ego and is feeling as if he and the other golfers who left the PGA to join LIV are simply being forgotten about.

I will not be surprised if this becomes true for even more golfers who joined LIV. There simply seems to be no interest. I have not watched a single minute of a LIV Golf broadcast and countless golf fans out there are the

same way. The reasons are listed above. There is no way one can support a league backed by a controversial group like the Saudi government and there is no passion in the actual product to make it even remotely appealing.

LIV is doomed. One could argue it has been from the start. Now that there are rumors that one of the biggest names in golf might be regretting his decision to join them, this could be the beginning of the end. We still have to see if the PGA Tour will let anyone from LIV back into its ranks, which it has adamantly said it likely would not.

How this season shakes out for LIV will play a huge part in determining the league's fate. Now that it will be playing on TV in America, I'm sure the league is hoping more fans will start tuning in. Personally, I don't see myself sitting down on the couch on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon and spending hours watching a LIV Golf event. I do that for PGA Tour events and that is probably all that needs to be said.

GUEST VIEW By John Mogk

## A Detroit senator's major role in establishing freedom, civil rights for African Americans

No one in the history of America has contributed more to establishing the U.S. Constitutional framework abolishing slavery, guaranteeing citizenship for slaves and their right to vote than Michigan lawyer Jacob M. Howard. Yet, there is no permanent monument recognizing him and his commitment to freedom and equality in Michigan or anywhere else.

Born in Vermont and educated in law in Massachusetts, Howard opened a law practice in Detroit in 1832, that included representing runaway slaves being reclaimed under the federal Fugitive Slave Act. In addition to his general practice, Howard served in two other important legal capacities in Michigan. In 1834, Howard was

appointed Attorney for the City of Detroit and later served as Michigan Attorney General from 1855 to 1861.

As many lawyers do, Howard also engaged in elected politics, where his greatest contributions were made to Michigan and the country. He represented Detroit in the state legislature from 1838 to 1840, and in Congress from 1841 to 1843. Then, in 1854, he helped organize the Under the Oaks Convention in Jackson, galvanizing political opposition to slavery and establishing the Republican Party. He had the responsibility for drafting the platform for the newly named Republican Party and his anti-slavery plank read:

"Resolved, that the Institution of slav-

ery, except in punishment of a crime, is a great moral, social and political evil; ... Resolved, that slavery is a violation of the rights of man as man; that law of nature, which is the law of liberty, gives to no man rights superior to those of another; That God and nature have secured to each individual the inalienable right of equality, any violation of which must be the result of superior force."

This powerful creed reflects Howard's character and conviction. He saw African-Americans as men when many in America saw African-Americans as less than human. Howard's words that "slavery is a violation of the rights of man as a man," go to the very essence of the abolitionist movement and the later words of Frederick Douglass in his "I am a Man" speech. Howard recognized the human-

ity and equality of African-Americans and advocated passionately for their equal rights throughout his life.

Following the Civil War, his actions led to the creation of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the U. S. Constitution. His words are those of the 13th Amendment:

Section 1: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

Section 2: "Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

He felt that Congress could enforce the 13th Amendment, which freed all those subjected to slavery. He then con-

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to buy his first car. It took six months to find his 2012 Hemi Charger on COPART and three more to repair it. With a lock bar and an alarm, the car was stolen on Sunday, Jan. 29. Comprehensive insurance for this model was prohibitive. It was parked across Excalibur

on Charlevoix. We lost \$15K and months of labor, but most excruciating was how it was stolen: At 11 p.m. with bar patrons abounds, it took 45 minutes. First, they broke the window and steering column, couldn't start it, pushed it to the middle of Charlevoix by hand and then with a vehicle to Maryland, and across Mack. This did not arouse the slightest sus-

picion from anyone, nor was there a police presence. If criminals can commit such flagrant capital car theft or drive into Howlers and Growlers, rip a heavy cash dispenser from concrete and get away with it, nothing and no one is safe. Moreover, if you miss your tags by a day or leave your car parked

in one spot for more than three, there's a ticket on your window. The Pointes are like a water hole in a desert of thirsty thieves, but not for reasons most suspect. There's nothing here that can't be gotten in the adjoining communities. It's simply safer and easier to steal here. We continue to be victims of

criminals, but more so of our neighbors' apathy and the misappropriation of police resources.

ANDREW KOTLARZ  
Grosse Pointe Park

#### City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council will be considering the following proposed Ordinance amendments for second readings at its meeting scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed Ordinance amendments are available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; DIVISION 2, RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 2-302(a) (2) BY DELETING A PROVISION TO IMPLEMENT AND REFLECT A COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED CHANGE TO THE MULTIPLIER FOR NONCOVERED PSO MEMBERS HIRED AFTER JULY 1, 2011; AND SECTION 2-301(a) BY ADDING A PROVISION TO IMPLEMENT AND REFLECT A COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED CHANGE TO THE MULTIPLIER FOR COVERED TPOAM MEMBERS AND FOR AEMT AND CLERK/DISPATCH MEMBERS.**

Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 3/2/23

#### City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

##### BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2023 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>.

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#### 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.

GPN: February 23, March 2 and March 9, 2023

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# St. Paul celebrates Catholic Schools Week

During Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, at St. Paul Catholic School, students served those who have served the nation.

Students assembled 200 "Comfort Care Kits" for the Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit. Kits included many of the most requested items at the VA Center, including activity books, exercise balls, socks, ChapStick, first-aid kits, snacks, Rosaries and artwork created by students.

St. Paul welcomed Chief Petty Officer Chuck Pierce, a 24-year Navy veteran who was deployed in more than 20 countries. Pierce shared his testimonial about being a veteran and how he "always felt called by God to do something bigger" than himself. He also thanked students for assembling the kits. Students enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the sacrifices millions of veterans make to serve the country.



Officer Pierce is flanked by students, from left, Emma Dombrowski, Anna Groustra, Nico Abuel, Bridgette Schultz, Hadley Tompkins and Arianna Stapleton.

Left, from left, students Emma Topolinski and Stella Hampton interact with Chief Petty Officer Chuck Pierce and his wife, Jennifer Pierce. Right, students created artwork for the Comfort Care Kits.



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## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Ryan McWood** of the City of Grosse Pointe recently earned a certificate degree in sport management from Miami University.

**Ben Bauman** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2022 fall semester. Bauman is in the mechanical engineering technology program.

**Kennedy Goodman** of Grosse Pointe Woods traveled to Singapore in January with Carthage College for a biology and Asian studies course titled "Rooted in Place: History, Biodiversity, and Environment in



Jennifer Crowley Southeast Asia."

**Charles Brandon and Jennifer Crowley** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the John Carroll University College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester.

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## North spring play coming up

Grosse Pointe North High School's spring play, "Lend Me a Tenor," is scheduled for four performances over three days next week at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center.

Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, and Friday, March 10, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for students.

The comedy, written by Ken Ludwig, earned nine Tony Award nominations during its Broadway run in 1989 and won for best actor and best director.

"It's not a very well-known play, but it's hilarious," said Kim Shubik Lutes, a parent volunteer who is helping produce the production, "and the understudies get to perform Friday night's show." Cast members are



COURTESY PHOTO

Cast members rehearse "Lend Me a Tenor" for Grosse Pointe North High School's spring play.

Ryan Lutes, Gavin DeFillippo, Silas Wooten, Lauren Kaled,

Naima Wright, Marisa Licovoli, Sloan O'Neill, William Murray, Willow

Wood, Arianna Reeves, Corey Anderson and Aaron Ihrie.

## COUNSEL:

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President Ahmed Ismail, Vice President Lisa Papas, Secretary Ginny Jeup and Cotton voting no. Trustee David

Brumbaugh did not attend the meeting as he was out of town on business.

St. John and Worden

asked several times, as they have the past few meetings, for clarification about what circumstances would require the board to use independent counsel.

"I just can't see any circumstance where the interests of the board would be different from the interests of the district," Worden said. "We, as the board, are the client for our current attorneys."

St. John asked if the board would follow the

advice of the new counsel, noting the board voted earlier this year to stop a planned health clinic at Grosse Pointe North High School even though attorneys said using sinking fund dollars for the project was acceptable under state law.

"That was an ethical issue, not a legal one," Ismail replied. "We obtained that money for certain uses and one of them was not a joint venture with Beaumont

Hospital. What is legal isn't always ethical."

Jeup said it was obvious St. John and Worden were against the proposal all along and were "stirring the pot." Worden shot back that she takes her fiduciary duties seriously and "I don't appreciate being told I'm stirring the pot for asking questions."

The majority ultimately agreed to amend the resolution using two suggestions from St. John and Worden, those being that the amount spent on outside counsel be capped at \$50,000 per year and all communication with Collins & Blaha would be shared with the entire board. Each individual contact with the firm is capped at a \$5,000 expenditure.

Under the resolution, the board can ask the president to seek advice from the firm and consult with the superintendent whether or not the district has already received legal advice on a particular issue from either of its existing law firms.

### Grosse Pointe News

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# Students win scholarships from SCS Community Chorus

The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus recently awarded its 2023 scholarships.

Grosse Pointe North High School senior Jake Sachs achieved first-place honors with his moving performance of "If Ever I Would Leave You" from "Camelot." Sachs will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and plans to earn a double major of political science and German.

Chippewa Valley High School senior Logan Leitch is the second-place recipient and

he plans to attend Dakota State University to study cyber operations.

University Liggett School senior Dahlia Medvinsky earned the third-place award. She plans to go into musical theater.

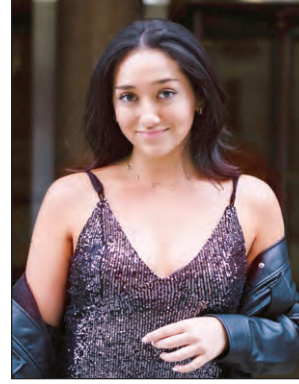
The chorus also awarded a fourth-place scholarship to Grosse Pointe North High School senior Naima Wright, who plans to go into education with a minor in music. The additional fourth-place award was made in memory of longtime chorus member, Rose



Jake Sachs



Logan Leitch



Dahlia Medvinsky



Naima Wright

Marie Sosnowski.

Scholarship recipients will be featured in the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus's "Music from The Hall of Famers" cabaret din-

ner show May 4, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

"The chorus had a very difficult job in selecting this year's

scholarship recipients as all of the applicants were very talented,"

Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 22310 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. For ticket and membership information, visit [scscommunitychorus.org](http://scscommunitychorus.org).

Chorus President Kelli Martin said.

# Kerby goes around the globe

Kerby Elementary School hosted its first diversity event, "Around the Globe," on Jan. 17, featuring food from around the world, including Austria, Afghanistan, France, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Philippines, Poland, Tounis, Nigeria, Brazil,

China, India, United States, Ireland and Italy. Entertainment was provided in person by the Palestinian Debke Dancers. The Kerby PTO, which plans to host the event again next year, thanked event sponsors, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety

Department, Cardiovascular Institute of Michigan and Mohamad Ajjour, M.D., Fun Zonez, Saros Real Estate Services, Lucido Real Estate, Village Palm, Legacy Critical Marketing and Village Market.



Left, Marisa Bennett brought her favorite Polish foods — pierogis and kielbasa — to share. Right, Cora Campbell proudly waves a flag at the event.



Miekea Ibekwe, with her third-grade son, Vincent Ibekwe, hosted a table featuring African masks, wood art and other items from Nigeria.



Kristen Campbell enjoys Middle Eastern food donated by Village Market.



Kerby PTO Vice President Margi Whittingham, left, and PTO President Jessica Safadi helped serve food at the event.



The Zerling family dressed in authentic German attire during "Around the Globe."



There was quite a turnout for the diversity event.

## PRIDES:

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Joelle Reich and Cameron Kaess of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the President's List at the College of Charleston for the fall 2022 semester. Reich is majoring in biology. Kaess is majoring in chemistry.



Joelle Reich

City of Grosse Pointe student Violet Whitmore, a communication arts major at Grove City College, was named to the Dean's List with distinction for the fall 2022 semester. Whitmore is a

2021 graduate of Veritas Scholars Academy.

Hollin Sutherland of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the Dean's List at John Carroll University for the fall 2022 semester.

## Correction

The story, "Questions remain for South IA building," in the Feb. 23 edition, should have said that \$400,000 in architectural and engineering studies on what to do with the building was approved by the Board of Education as part of the districtwide bond project, but incremental spending during the process did not meet the threshold necessary for each step to need board approval.



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# Historic signage, art tour coming to Village in '23

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Among a lengthy list of projects Main Street Grosse Pointe aims to implement in The Village this year is a business incubator space in which multiple micro-businesses would set up shop under one roof.

Comparable to a smaller version of the Rust Belt Market in Ferndale, the intent would be to bring in carefully-vetted individual businesses to provide a brick-and-mortar introduction to the community and potentially serve as a feeder to larger spaces in The Village.

Each would be required to commit to at least a six-month lease, rather than a pop-up or holiday concept; be responsible for staffing their own space; and need to be open regular business hours and participate as part of The Village community.

With a couple businesses already expressing interest, MSGP Director Cindy Willcock said she could see the project coming to fruition in 2023, dependent largely upon finding the right space.

“Although people think we have a lot of vacancies, we really don’t,” she noted, “and oftentimes deals are being worked



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**A Main Street Grosse Pointe project last year was to add lights to the clocktower, which have the ability to change color for different holidays and events.**

on behind the scenes for a really long time — a frustratingly long time — that we can’t say anything about and that the property owners don’t want to put out there publicly.”

A number of such lease deals currently are in the works, as is another project in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society aiming to honor the history of The Village with signage recognizing significant buildings, businesses and moments.

“We don’t have maybe historically significant buildings,” Willcock noted, “but we have historically significant businesses that were housed there or historically significant people.”

With placement of signs potentially on buildings or freestanding, the intent will be to use creative ways to ensure they compliment The Village but don’t blend in.

Examples of signage that may be on the way include the stories of the Jacobson’s building and former city manager Tom Kressbach, after whom Kressbach Place was named.

As the weather gets warmer, this year also is set to see a fundraiser slow-roll community bike ride around The Village and surrounding areas, as well as a public art event during which various types of art will be displayed in Village businesses as part of a

walking tour.

While one of MSGP’s goals last year — implementing Village-wide Wi-Fi — is too costly to currently be in the budget, another similar goal has traveled into this year’s list. Adding music and speakers to The Village is closer to fruition than ever, Willcock reported, with a company having already come out to assess the needed equipment.

“I think music on the street just enhances that sense of place and it puts a pep in your step,” she

said. “Even when you don’t notice it, you notice it, because it acts as that little buffer to drown out the everyday street noise.”

The City of Grosse Pointe Foundation has expressed interest in participating in the funding of the speaker system, as well as the implementation of permanent signage for The Loop Social District.

“We’re fortunate that they partner on a lot of those things that are above and beyond that really add to the fabric,

not just here of course in The Village, but throughout the City of Grosse Pointe,” Willcock said.

Other projects on tap for 2023 include the purchase of additional seating and tables for the plaza areas, along with bike racks; continuing to update holiday decor; working in partnership with the City for the redesign of the CVS lot; and a significant new fall event as “something that hasn’t been done around here,” Willcock said, and which has yet to be announced.

## MOGK:

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sidered the need to protect the rights of all Americans, thus the 14th Amendment, which includes guaranteeing citizenship of those freed from slavery. Like the 13th Amendment, his words are also those of the first sentence of the 14th Amendment:

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.”

Then, Howard led the effort to assure the right to vote for slaves in adopting the 15th Amendment:

Section 1: The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude —

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Howard was one of six U.S. senators to serve on the Joint Commission for Reconstruction. No lawyer since our founding fathers has made such significant changes to the U.S. Constitution.

In his lifetime, Howard wrote state and national laws whose principles and precepts are still observed today. In addition to his monumental anti-slavery contributions, he is responsible for

important Michigan legislation of the 19th Century regulating railroads and investigating “wildcat banks.” Even more importantly, he is responsible for the nation’s first “whistle blower act,” the Lincoln Law.

Howard is recognized as one of the most conscientious, hardworking, sincere and principled men in 19th century America. He deserves honors for his contributions to the laws of the land. As U.S. Senator, he was in a position to help create what America is today.

Howard died April 8, 1871. The words of the 13th Amendment are inscribed on his monument in historic Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit. Howard’s wish was that his grave would be marked with a tall obelisk and that if racial equality had not been achieved by the time of his death that the top of the obelisk be broken, symbolic of his incomplete life’s work. To this day the obelisk remains unfinished.

Grosse Pointe Park resident John Mogk is a distinguished service professor at Wayne State University Law School.

*Editor’s Note: This commentary, which examines the role Michigan U.S. Sen. Jacob Howard, a Detroit resident, played in establishing freedom and civil rights for African Americans, will be used to nominate Howard for a State Bar Michigan Milestone Award.*

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY**

<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Monday February 13, 2023</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros.

Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absence: None.

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2023.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance to allow the construction of an attached garage that encroaches into the rear and side yard setbacks at 115 Lake Shore Road.

The Board of Zoning Appeals approved a variance to allow the construction of a garage roof that exceeds 15' in height at 219 Cloverly Road.

Council approved a consent letter and agreement with AT&T regarding the replacement of City Hall generator at 90 Kerby Road.

Council approved a Mid-Year Budget Amendments for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. Council approved the POLC bargaining agreement.

Council approved an agreement for concessionaire services at Pier Park.

Council approved the Consent Agenda

- Consideration of a request to re-appointment George Small to the Board of Review for a term of three years expiring February 2026.
- Consideration of a request to re-appointment Michael Brown, Stephen Hansen and Sheila O'Hara to the Beautification Advisory Commission for a term of three years expiring February 2026.
- Consideration of a request for partial lane closures for the “5th Annual Run, Walk n Roll 5K for Palliative Care at C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital” on Saturday, June 17, 2023.
- Consideration of a Resolution approving the Plan Year 2023 CDBG Application.
- Receive the 2022 Annual Planning Report and 2023 Work Plan from the City’s planning consultant McKenna & Associates.
- Consideration of a request to approve January 2022 invoices.
- Consideration of a charitable governing resolution for Brownell Middle School PTO.

Council received the January 2023 Public Safety Report.

Council received the Quarterly Financial Report for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2022.

Council held public comment.

City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk**  
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**CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 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, except for Mayor Pro tem Vivian Sawicki and Cheryl A. Costantino

**MOTIONS PASSED**

- 1) to excuse Mayor Pro tem Sawicki from tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 6, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Charter Review Subcommittee meeting held on February 9, 2023 and the Cannabis Subcommittee meeting held on February 9, 2023.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED**

- 1) (1) to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126426 through 126825 in the amount of \$598,775.43 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 in the amount of \$27,390.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with several water main breaks, water shut offs and gate valve repairs at various residential locations. (3) to approve payment to Turf and Timber LLC in the amount of \$13,150.00 for the removal of trees (4) to approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$12,315.00 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments and the purchase of cables in conjunction with the phone installation.
- 2) to approve the “At Will” Employment Agreement between the City of Harper Woods/32A District Court and Tamie Rice to serve as Court Administrator in content and form and further, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement.
- 3) to approve the Modification to the Employment Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and Stephen Lindley, Assistant Director of Economic Development and further to authorize the acting City Manager and the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 5) to approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$4,758.75 for Progress Payment No. 3 (Final) on the 2021 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Investigation, #180-259. to approve payment to Doetsch Environmental Services in the amount of \$7,069.20 for Progress Payment No. 4 (Final) on the 2020 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV

**Valerie Kindle, Mayor**  
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## Stepping up Park teen spearheading sneaker collection

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

When Urania Meyers was in middle school, she volunteered to make sandwiches through Motor City Mitten Mission, a nonprofit dedicated to helping the homeless by providing meals, clothing and blankets, as well as other items and services.

She provided that kindness in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, making 400 sandwiches to feed the homeless — and feeling the immediate impact she made.

More recently, when Meyers came across the website [gotsneakers.com](http://gotsneakers.com), she was struck with

a new idea.

“I was thinking of different ways to help people in the community, certain ways to give back to those who need it,” she said. “I found out about this sneaker drive online and thought it would be cool to do for Motor City Mitten Mission.”

The 15-year-old Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore did some research and enlisted help. In the drive’s first 10 days, donors brought nearly 90 pairs of sneakers to five drop-off locations.

While some of the shoes in excellent condition will go directly to MCM — they’ll be distributed to the homeless

— the rest will be sent to GotSneakers, which financially compensates for every pair donated.

Depending on their condition, athletic shoes sent to GotSneakers fetch anywhere from 25 cents to \$7 per pair. Meyers plans to give all of those funds to MCM.

Her goal is to raise \$1,000.

Meyers’ drive — which she plans to host until Saturday, April 1 — is for athletic shoes only, but she’s accepting all sizes, children through adult. The Grosse Pointe Park resident thanked the businesses serving as drop-off locations for their help.

They include:

♦ Iris Mortgage, 15214 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park

♦ Glitter and Scotch, 16906 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe

♦ Aretae Therapeutic Wellness Spa, 20559 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

♦ Salon Eleni, 21911 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores

Of course, Motor City Mitten Mission, 24623 Harper in St. Clair Shores, also is serving as a drop-off site.

“Helping different people is something I really like doing,” Meyers said. “I learned from my mom about helping others. I saw this as an opportunity, with my mom’s encouragement, to help others. Knowing that I’m helping different families motivates me.”

“I think if you’re will-



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Grosse Pointe Park teen Urania Meyers has organized a sneaker drive in which shoe donations are compensated with cash, which will be donated to Motor City Mitten Mission.



A trunkful of donations will make its way to [gotsneakers.com](http://gotsneakers.com) to be exchanged for cash. The drive continues until Saturday, April 1.

ing to help out, any old sneakers can help,” she added. “If you have old sneakers you’re just holding onto in your house, they’ll be recycled, so it’s not like they’re going to waste.”

### Statistically speaking

According to [gotsneakers.com](http://gotsneakers.com), “most people throw away their used sneakers every 125 to 200 days without thinking about recycling.”

The website further

details that at least 200 million pairs of shoes and sneakers end up in landfills each year. Such shoes can take 30 to 40 years to decompose, emitting harmful chemicals in the soil and air which cause pollution.

Additionally, the process of manufacturing sneakers, the site continues, produces large amounts of carbon dioxide, which seriously affects climate change and global warming.

Through its recycling program, GotSneakers recycles and reuses sneakers to keep them out of landfills and to reduce the need for the manufacture of more shoes and sneakers.

Since its inception, GotSneakers has stopped 75 million pounds of CO2 from entering the atmosphere. It also has recycled and reused 2.5 million pairs of shoes.

Learn more at [gotsneakers.com](http://gotsneakers.com).

## Outreach effort supports women new to treatment

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The members of Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, or SIGP, have been lending a hand to Positive Images Inc., nearly as long as it’s been around.

The Detroit-based recovery center, operating since 1979, “addresses the special needs of adults and families recovering from substance use disorders, mental impairment, social problems, medical issues and/or environmental problems,” by providing intensive substance abuse and mental health treatment, transitional housing, shelter, support services and referrals.

“It’s very grassroots,” said Diana Langlois, SIGP’s membership chair and the club’s Positive Images liaison. “It has no corporate sponsorships or donors. Maisha Kenyatta started it and it’s

completely grant funded. It’s been operating on a shoestring for a number of years.”

Positive Images operates two intake houses on East Grand Boulevard, between Mack and Charlevoix. One sleeps 20, the other 12.

“It’s where they first come when they come into the program, whether the courts ordered them to be there or they came in by themselves,” Langlois said. “... Because it’s all grant-funded, the amount of time they can spend there is limited to 30 days.”

Women who complete the 30 days and would like to continue with the Positive Images program can apply to live in a residential center. That building, located at Coplin and East Warren, includes 32 studio apartments.

“It used to be they could stay there up to two years,” Langlois said. “Since COVID, the government cut back



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Intake welcome kits contain a variety of useful items.

funding and now they can only live there four months. Then they have to pay rent to stay there. They can stay in the Positive Images program through their recovery, then Positive Images helps them find transitional housing.”

During COVID, the population at Positive Images declined, as did the amount of counselors serving the women. Though numbers are back on the rise, Positive Images still has plenty of needs.

SIGP has been volunteering for Positive Images nearly 40 years, Langlois said. Among the services the club offers are an annual six-session class during which women focus on self-esteem activities, nutrition and career opportunities; and an annual Amherst Creative Writing class. The club formerly offered Parenting Life Skills classes, as well as a Clothing Closet, both of which have been discontinued.

As for hands-on service projects, two have been recurring for years: Mother’s Day bags consisting of jewelry, nail polish and files, a magazine, journal and pen, a spring-themed coffee mug and scarf, as well as Christmas baskets for the holidays. Fifty bags and 50 baskets are prepared each year.

This year, a third hands-on service project was spear-

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# Small world

## Reflecting on five decades of life in miniature

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Her whole life, Elizabeth Lubera has loved to make things with her hands. She recalls growing up in New York City and, while shopping with her mother, bringing home leaves and sticks and discarded wallpaper catalogues to use in different projects.

“My mother was very tolerant in that way,” the Grosse Pointe Shores resident said. “I made all kinds of things from those (items).”

Her creative ways further were inspired by a love of miniatures, which also developed during childhood. A dollhouse on display at Macy’s in NYC — and later the Thorne miniature rooms at the Art Institute of Chicago — proved inspirational for Lubera.

“I wanted to get them, but it wasn’t until I was an adult that I took classes and got training and was able to buy things. Miniatures are very expensive.”



It was the 1970s when Lubera, who had moved to Grosse Pointe, saw a miniature display by Grosse Pointe Woods sculptor Dorie Krusze. She and some friends encouraged Krusze to teach them to make miniatures from scratch. Around the same time, she started taking classes at Miniature Makers Workshop in Royal Oak and also joined the Wee Bees, a group of miniature enthusiasts.

“I’ve belonged to this wonderful group since the late ’80s,” she said. “I’m still a member, but not as active anymore.”

Over five decades, Lubera has amassed a sizable miniature portfolio and is as enthusiastic about it now as she was when she started.

“It’s not a hobby,” she said. “Miniatures are my life’s work. I feel very strongly about my artistry. I just love sharing it with others.”

Lubera builds houses and furniture and accessories, adding realistic details to her creations that demonstrate her true dedication to the work.



“With miniatures, I want them to have the illusion that this isn’t a toy house,” she said. “It’s a real house. The doors open. There are electric lights hidden inside. There’s a window ajar so you can look out and see leaves. Floors are pegged with small pieces of cherrywood that are measured to scale.”

Lubera’s first full room was a recreation of a home in Little Compton, R.I., in which her ancestor, John Coe, might have lived. Coe was married to Sarah Paebody, the granddaughter of John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, who traveled on the Mayflower.

The room includes a replica of an actual chair made by Alden — now housed in a Little Compton museum — that Lubera crafted from wood dowels and beads.

“For the seat, Dorie taught me exactly how to rush a chair with a needle and thread,” she said. “When it was all through, the seat looked absolutely like a real chair.”

Other details of the Alden/Coe room include fireplace “bricks” made of individual pieces of wood; fall-colored “leaves” made from painted cereal scattered on a rug in front of an open door; and a miniaturized map of New England at the time, a tribute to Coe, who was a surveyor.



“I love creating the illusion of reality,” Lubera said, “of real people living there. In real life, things fall over, people leave the door open. It’s all part of the story.”

But her magnum opus — dubbed “The Little House on Willow Tree Place” — is a Victorian dollhouse Lubera started building in the 1980s.

“The colors are exact,” she said. “The windows, banding, roof all have to be certain colors to match a Victorian home. The windows really open. I was able to find windows, take out the plastic, add to them cardboard and wood to make them look Victorian.”

A friend cut glass to fit them.

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Elizabeth Lubera, of Grosse Pointe Shores, above, has been making miniatures and memories for half a century. Her intricate creations are more than a hobby, they’re her life’s work. Lubera poses with “Cape May Memories,” which she made for her granddaughter, Sarah. Lubera created “Tea Pot Tea Room,” top, after visiting the Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth with her daughter, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.



A closeup of the living room from Lubera’s “Large Dollhouse,” above, featuring a miniature tea set, book and detailed decor.



Lubera’s tiny doors and windows open and close. Other details abound, such as the autumn leaves made from painted corn flakes.



A full view of the large dollhouse on which Lubera based her book, “Little House on Willow Tree Place.”



## Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

### Request for a few do-overs, please

By Margie Reins Smith  
Special Writer

I have a history of NOT asserting myself and standing up for what I believe is right. It's how I was raised. Girls who grew up in the 1940s and 1950s were taught to:

- \* Be polite.
- \* Don't cause trouble.
- \* Don't confront adults.
- \* Be kind.
- \* Ignore the bad stuff.

No, I don't have a "Me Too" story. Thankfully. But I have several vivid memories of things I'd like to do over.

I remember a misunderstanding I had with an adult — a man — when I was about 10 or 11 years old. My girlfriend's piano teacher was bragging to my friend's mother about his superior method for teaching music theory. I took lessons from a different teacher and he wanted to show my friend's mother that his way was better. My girlfriend and I were seated next to each other at her piano.

He tapped me on the shoulder. "Key of F," he said. "Is it a sharp or a flat key?" "Sharp," I said.

He threw his head back, raised his hands above his head and clapped sharply, then turned toward my girlfriend's mother. "See?" he said.

I knew I was wrong before he ever declared victory. I misunderstood the question. I knew what an F sharp was on the piano, but I had never heard of an F flat. Hence my answer: "Sharp."

Too late, I realized he was talking about key signatures.

I should have stood up immediately and said "I know the key of F has one flat. It's B flat." I should have played the F scale on that piano, right then and there in front of him. Ta daaaa.

I didn't. I was polite. He was a grownup. I was not supposed to correct or confront adults, even when they were wrong. This happened more than 60 years ago and I still remember the humiliation I felt — not only for giving the wrong answer, but also for misunderstanding the question and then NOT standing up for myself and my teacher's methods.

When I was in my 20s, I remember being shocked to hear acquaintances freely use the N word. Some of my acquaintances occasionally spoke about people of different ethnicities, religions and backgrounds using derogatory, degrading terms. I should have spoken up and registered my disgust. I should have protested, should have said, "The N word not only insults a whole group of people, it also insults me because you think I'm willing to allow you to use it in conversations with me."

But no. I was polite. I swallowed my shock. I pretended I didn't hear it.

Of course, the same people continued to use degrading language

about other groups in my presence. Nobody knew my feelings about it. I wish I could go back and voice my complaint. Back then, I didn't think my voice would be heard or that my opinion even mattered.

When I was a young mother, I had an experience that still haunts me. I wish I could rewind a tape and replay this incident so I could stand up for myself and register anger at an indignity aimed my way.

My husband was piloting our boat carefully into a slip at a port somewhere in Lake Huron (I have forgotten the exact place). I was on the bow, ready to toss a line to two men on the dock who were going to help us tie up for the night. My three children, who were 10, 8, and 3, were on the back deck of the boat.

These two men were being helpful. They were standing in front of me, on the dock, ready to catch the line when I tossed it.

They checked out my three beautiful daughters. The taller man turned to his companion. He jerked his head sideways and pointed his chin in my direction. He spoke in a stage whisper out of the side of his mouth.

"She looks like a good breeder," he said, with a smarmy little smirk.

I heard him clearly. What did I do?

Nothing.

I am ashamed of this. It still embarrasses me. I wish I could go back in time, secure that boat, then march over to Mr. Smartass and confront him, face to face.

I would put my hands on my hips and look him in the eyes. "I heard that," I would say. "I am not a horse. I am not a cocker spaniel — although you could call me a b\*\*\*\* for talking to you like this.

"I am a woman. I am the mother of those children and I resent being objectified and referred to as if I were some kind of breeding stock."

It's not 1979 anymore. It's 2023, and attitudes have changed. I hope Mr. Smartass's attitude has changed.

I have changed, too. Ms. Polite doesn't live here anymore. If this incident happened today, I would track this guy down and scold him.

My age — as well as the times — have something to do with the increase in my assertiveness. Now that I'm a senior citizen, I am less polite, not as kind, more confrontational and definitely more troublesome.

Time is short. I can't ignore bad stuff anymore.

*Margie Reins Smith is a former assistant editor for the Grosse Pointe News. Though retired, she enjoys sharing her thoughts and memories with readers. Share your comments on her columns may email editor@grossepointenews.com and she will be sure to receive them.*

## CPR, AED training at The Helm



### Important information to know to save a life

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From 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, The Helm offers hands-on CPR and AED training. A representative from Community First Responder will teach CPR and how to use an AED, as well as provide information about how to act quickly in an emergency. The class is informative, but fun and interactive.

Community First Responder has been providing American Heart Association classes for 20 years and is an AHA-authorized training site, as well as approved by the American Safety & Health Institute.

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# I'm OK

Loss. Abrupt changes. Illness. No one is immune to the serious life challenges that can adversely affect mental health. This especially includes those nearing retirement age or already retired. Though the term “golden years” suggests life in retirement is one sunny day after another, many individuals 60 and older are dealing with emotional issues that affect their wellbeing.

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 15 percent of adults aged 60 and over suffer from some sort of mental disorder. What makes that statistic even more troubling is that the WHO acknowledges it likely doesn't paint the most accurate picture of seniors and mental health, as depression is often undiagnosed among older men and women and untreated because it co-occurs with other issues affecting seniors.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have acknowledged that late-life anxiety has not been readily understood. However, much progress has been made in recent years thanks to a heightened awareness of the problem. That means seniors now have ample resources to use to learn what they can do to safeguard their mental health.

**Recognizing warning signs**

The National Institute of Mental Health notes that recognizing signs is the first step to getting treatment. Mental health issues vary, and individuals with anxiety will likely experience different symptoms than those with depression or physical problems causing a feeling of despondency. But the NIMH notes that the following are some of the warning signs to alert seniors and their loved ones to possible issues that can be helped.

- Changes in mood or energy
- Increase or decrease in appetite
- Feeling flat
- Having trouble feeling positive
- Difficulty sleeping or oversleeping
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling restless, or on edge
- Increased worry or feeling stressed
- Anger, irritability, or aggressiveness
- Headaches, digestive issues, or pain
- Misuse of alcohol or drugs
- Sadness or hopelessness
- Suicidal thoughts
- Engaging in high-risk activities
- Obsessive thinking
- Compulsive behavior
- Interfering thoughts
- Abnormal behavior
- Seeing, hearing, and feeling things that other people do not see, hear, or feel

**Seeking help**

Within the United States, seniors can visit the NIMH Help for Mental Illnesses webpage at [nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help](http://nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help) to access contact information for various groups that help people in times of mental health crises.

**Behaviors that can be beneficial**

The National Institute on Aging notes that many cases of depression cannot be prevented. However, the NIA also notes that healthy lifestyle changes can have long-term benefits of seniors' mental health.

Such changes include:

- Being physically active
- Eating a healthy diet that can reduce risk for diseases that can bring on disability and depression

## How seniors can safeguard mental health

- Getting adequate sleep, which for seniors is between seven to nine hours per night
  - Remaining socially active, regular contact with friends and family
  - Participating in activities you enjoy
  - Sharing mental or physical health issues or concerns with friends, family members and your physician
- More information on maintaining good mental health for seniors is available online at [nimh.nih.gov](http://nimh.nih.gov).



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### Art & Orchids – The Whitcomb Estate



Built in 1915 by Nathaniel Hall Scott. Purchased by the Whitcombs in 1922, it served as a family home and fine art gallery, with the orchid collection in the Conservatory.

In 1891, James Scripps' daughter Anna Virginia Scripps married Edgar Bancroft Whitcomb, a prominent Detroit businessman.

383 Lake Shore Road had been part of land belonging to Theodore Parsons Hall. In the 1880s, he acquired a 63-acre parcel and built his summer house named “Tonnancour.”



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When the house burned down in 1914, the property was subdivided. A portion became part of the Country Club's golf course. Three of Hall's daughters - Marie Hall Fuger, Josephine Hall Irvine, and Nathalie Hall Scott - each built new houses on the divided lake-front sites.

In 1922, Anna and Edgar Whitcomb purchased the Scott house. It was torn down 30 years later by their son James, who built the Spanish-style house which currently occupies the property.

Anna Whitcomb and her head gardener William Crichton cultivated rare and exotic orchids in the greenhouses on her estate. Upon her death in 1953, the 600+ orchids were donated to the Belle Isle Conservatory, which was renamed in her honor in 1955.



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“Every bed — I do not use glue — every bed I have in the house has a mattress, a bottom sheet and a top sheet that you can pull back. Some of the beds also have quilts.”

Another detail of the house is a handmade wingback chair featuring hand-embroidered fabric that took 16 years to complete.

“I carried around the embroidery in the right scale for 16 years,” Lubera said. “It took 16 years to get the nerve to cut it up and put it on the chair.”

A side table with a real marble top — which she made at a class at the International Guild of Miniature Artisans school in Maine — holds the Sherlock Holmes book, “The Five Orange Pips,” printed and bound in miniature. Other accessories include a miniature hand-blown glass lamp — that lights up — made by master craftsman Francis Whittemore and a hand-painted box from La Maison du Poupee in France.

“When I sit down in my family room to my miniature and turn the lights on, I see my old friends and people I worked with, people I bought things from, learned from,” Lubera said. “Many of them are gone, but they live on with me, through me. I tell their story through this house and their miniatures.”

The details are what drive Lubera, who devoted time to her craft when not devoting herself to her children and grandchildren. Though she loves seeing her work completed, she finds joy in crafting each piece — even the difficult ones. Creating a quarter-scale violin, hanging wallpaper to make it seamless, winding up miniature spools of thread and sticking labels to them are among the challenges she’s faced, but all of them were worth the effort.

“My hands were very adept at moving tiny things,” she said. “There are so many things I look at that I’m so glad I did. Like the attic sewing room. I thought I could not possibly do that by myself. ... The work table, the sewing box. I kept it for six years before I got the nerve to make it. The spools of thread, I couldn’t get myself to do them, but finally, I’m glad I did.”

Lubera said she aims for perfection. The artisan works in full, half and quarter scale, though the smallest is her favorite. She works in a variety of media, from wood to metal to textiles, making much of the furniture herself.

“I’m the only one in Wee Bees who does quarter scale,” she said.

Lubera has made miniatures to celebrate each of her six grandchildren. A tea room includes a handmade easel holding a scaled-down photo of her daughter, daughter-in-law and five of her grandchildren.

“We went many times to Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth,” Lubera said. “It was really fun and the kids loved it. I love to document things like that. It was such a big thing in our family.”

Lubera’s love for miniatures is a family affair, not only in what she makes for them, but for the inspiration she shares.

“We’ve all been inspired by it,” her daughter, Deborah Kawsy, said. “My daughter and my niece love to sew and knit. And my father, Dr. Richard Lubera, he was always supporting her doing this. I’m amazed at the way in which she has merged artistry, history, travel, collection. All of it comes together through the medium of miniatures.”

“It’s been fun for the whole family,” she added. “Any time my daughter and I go to Paris, we’ve bought miniatures, like miniature porcelain plates. Pretty much every family mem-

ber has contributed.”

Lubera so loves her creations, she wrote a book, “The Little House on Willow Tree Place,” that takes readers on a tour through her big dollhouse. Over the years, she has shared her book and the story of the people who live in the house with many Grosse Pointe classes. Students and adults alike often could not believe the photos in the book are not of a real house, Kawsy said.

“I view my life’s work as a merging of art and storytelling,” Lubera noted. “I love looking back, but I am now most interested in looking forward to inspire young people in creative endeavors, to give them the thrill of working with their hands. It’s so rewarding.”



**A replica of a John Alden chair, above, from Lubera’s Alden/Coe Room.**



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**Lubera made “Tree Stump House” for her grandson, John. The amazing autumn-inspired creation is replete with a fireplace and a bed with a separate mattress, including upper and lower sheets and a quilt. The table is set and the cabinet stocked with tiny china and serving pieces.**



**A detailed look at the kitchen in the “Large Dollhouse,” right, reveals finely-painted plates, cups and cookware, even in the little pantry. Lubera is wonderfully meticulous in her realistic detail. Here she has added a charming touch — a baking project in progress, including a measuring cup and a cracked egg on the wood plank floor.**

**Navigating long-term care and the ‘look-back’ period**

There are insurance benefits that seem so distant as to be unimportant when just beginning a career or starting out in life. But the need for coverage for things like long-term health care become increasingly in focus as we age.

People quickly find that most healthcare plans do not include provisions for long-term health care, which was designed to pay for nursing facilities. Understanding how health plans work and learning about potential financial reviews for nursing home payment qualification is a good idea for anyone concerned about financing their future health care needs.

**Health care basics**

In the United States, health care is largely privately managed, with most employers offering access to various health coverage plans. Government subsidized plans include Medicare, which is for retirement-age individuals and younger people with disabilities. Medicaid is a joint state-and federally-run government program that provides

health coverage to low-income individuals and families.

Unless an individual meets low-income criteria, nursing home care is paid for by the resident; otherwise, people who qualify for Medicaid can have their nursing home expenditures paid for by that program. To receive Medicaid assistance, applicants should expect a financial review, including a look-back period.

**What is the look-back period?**

The senior health, finance and lifestyle resource Senior Living advises that Medicaid is a “last resort” method of financing nursing home costs. Individuals are expected to use other means of payment first and “spend down” their assets. When financial resources dwindle, Medicaid will kick in to provide coverage.

To ensure that individuals simply do not transfer money out of their accounts to avoid paying for nursing home care by their own means, Medicaid requires a look-back period into applicants’

finances to determine if there were any violations to rules regarding asset transfers.

Most people engage in some sort of long-term planning to protect a portion of their assets so that they can be used to support spouses or children. According to rules, an applicant is permitted to transfer certain monies to his or her spouse, provided the spouse isn’t also applying for long-term care through Medicaid. Most money and tangible asset transfers (check with your state Medicaid office for the most current rules) must have taken place 60 months (5 years) prior to application for Medicaid. Penalties will be instituted when rules are broken, namely gifts or asset transfers that take place within the look-back period. This could delay Medicaid acceptance.

Paying for long-term care can be complicated business with look-back periods and required spend-downs. It is in a person’s best interest to seek the guidance of a financial planner who specializes in elder care to navigate these complex financial waters.

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Dr. Edward George Kane

Dr. Edward George Kane, 89, passed away Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at home after a brief illness, surrounded by his wife and five daughters.

Edward was born Jan. 13, 1934, to John J. and Selma Formell Kane; he grew up in Dearborn. He attended the University of Detroit and was a member of the Alpha Epsilon Delta fraternity. While at U of D, Edward met the love of his life, Suzanne Elizabeth Hurley, and they were married while he was a dental student at Marquette University. After that, he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force for two years as a dental surgeon. He went on to receive a postgraduate degree in orthodontics from the University of Missouri Dental School. Ed and Sue returned to Grosse Pointe to raise their family and set up his private practice in orthodontics.

Ed was an avid sportsman who loved a great game of tennis, downhill and heli-skiing and especially golf. At age 88, he continued to win putting contests, playing against tough competition at his senior living community in Annapolis, Md.

He was a former member of the Country Club of Detroit, The Witenagemot Club and many professional associations, serving as president of the Detroit District Dental Society. He also was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and served as an associate professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

Ed was a dedicated member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms and served as a lector and usher. He was a man of devout faith who regularly attended 6:30 a.m. Mass.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Suzanne; daughters, Suzanne Masters (John), Margaret Kathleen Warren (Thomas), Elizabeth and Jennifer Waters (Jeffrey); 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many

nieces and nephews.

A private funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's in Annapolis. A memorial Mass will be held at a date to be determined, followed by interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit.

Charitable contributions in memory of Ed may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary's Church, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, MD 21401, or [stmarysannapolis.org/giving/give-to-the-parish/parish-contributions](http://stmarysannapolis.org/giving/give-to-the-parish/parish-contributions).

## Richard Scott "Scotty" Gibson

Richard Scott "Scotty" Gibson, 75, of Grosse Pointe Park, died peacefully from complications of a stroke Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at the Martha T. Berry Medical Facility in Mount Clemens.

Richard was born April 2, 1947, at Grosse Pointe Cottage Hospital, to Ruth Ives and Roy Fairlamb. He grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and attended high school at Grosse Pointe High, graduating with the Class of 1965. He enrolled at Alma College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969. He was a devoted alumnus at Alma. He obtained another bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in 1972, and in 1992, obtained his Ed.D degree from the University of Maryland. While living in Washington, D.C., Richard met and married his former wife, Lynn Miller.

While living in Lansing, Richard worked for Rep. Dennis Cawthorne in the Michigan Legislature. Subsequently, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked for the American Red Cross. Richard served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1972, and received the Service Salute award. Richard became certified as a life coach and began his practice as an executive coach for private clients, as well as students at Wayne State University. Upon his

return to Michigan, he opened his practice as a certified spiritual director.

While living in Grosse Pointe, Richard was an active member of Christ Church, where he sang in the Christ Church Chorale, participated in the Stephen Ministry program and played the carillon bells before Sunday services. He also sang in the University of Michigan Choral Union. As an energetic community member, Richard contributed to the Center for Action and Contemplation and was an active sponsor in a variety of 12-step programs.

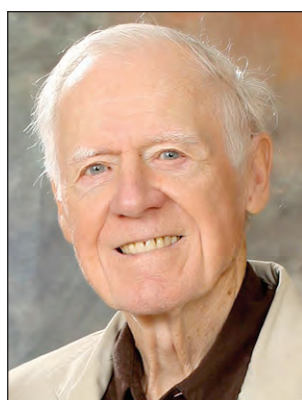
Richard's life was devoted to giving to others. His work in politics, role with the American Red Cross, performance skills with singing and generous contributions to 12-step programs were all focused on him giving to his community. Richard was deeply committed to his Episcopalian beliefs. He nearly always had pets he lovingly cared for and he willingly served as an informal counselor to those who sought his advice and wisdom.

Richard was predeceased by his birth father, Roy Fairlamb; mother, Ruth Gibson (Ives/Fairlamb); and stepfather, Charles "Skip" Gibson Jr. He is survived by his sister, Ruth Gibson Hummel; brother-in-law, Darius; brothers, Mark (Francesca), Chip (Beth) and Soule Gibson (Darlene); and three nephews, two great-nephews and two nieces.

A memorial service for Richard will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The service will be live-streamed at [christchurchgp.org/funeral](http://christchurchgp.org/funeral). His service will end with military honors.

His cremains will be interred at Christ Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org), or the Christ Church Chorale, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



Dr. Edward G. Kane



Richard Scott Gibson



Marilyn Schwartz Olson



Evangeline M. Knox



John Cory



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## Marilyn Schwartz Olson

Marilyn Schwartz Olson, 87, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023. She was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe.

Marilyn was born Feb. 5, 1936, to Frank and Edna Schwartz. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education. She enjoyed skiing, gardening, golf and traveling.

Marilyn was predeceased by her beloved husband, Robert; and her loving brother, Frank Schwartz. Marilyn is survived by her beloved daughters, Joan (Kim) Fisher and Kathy (Matt) Czerkis; and loving granddaughter, Emerson A. Fisher.

The family plans to hold a celebration of Marilyn's life this summer on a date to be determined.

## Evangeline M. Knox

Evangeline M. Knox, 99, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2023.

For Evangeline "Peggy" Knox, "family first" was not a slogan, but a way of life. She was a devoted wife and took great care of her husband in his later years when he became ill. She doted on her grandchildren and loved children in general. This affection led her to teach elementary school students at Wayne Elementary School for 19 years after completing a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Wayne State

University.

Her daughter and son will always remember that both their parents created a wonderful home environment, where there was much love and wonderful support for one another. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was the daughter of Abraham S. and Marie (nee Benner) Goldwater. She was the youngest of six children, not including Mary, who died quite young. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest W. Knox. She is survived by her daughter, Kim C. Schmidt (Donald); son, John E. Knox (Karen); grandchildren, Taryn Simon (Daniel), Tiffany Kuhl (Matthew), Tricia Turpen (Wes), Heather Moore (Jason) and Erik Knox (Laura); and nine great-grandchildren.

## John Cory

Capt. John Cory, 99, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023.

John served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canadian Army during World War II. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1949, with a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering. He worked as an aircraft stress engineer at A.V. Roe, Canada, and as a project development engineer at Chrysler Corp., and Ford Motor Co.

John served in many volunteer roles, including chairman of Boy Scout Troop 1449, president of the Avalon Baseball League, member of the St. Clair Shores Recreation Commission for more than 40 years and member of the St. Clair Shores Older Persons Advisory Committee. John also was a long-time member of Bethel Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores. He enjoyed participating in many sports, including tennis, racquetball, bowling and golf, and was an avid Detroit Tigers and Red Wings fan.

John, a devoted family man, is survived by his loving wife of 76 years, Christina; sister, Mary Cory; daughter, Marilyn Roosen (Warren); sons, Thomas (Colleen), Mark (Holly) and Timothy; grandchildren, Paul, Aaron, Alison, Caitlin, Bradford, Jonathan, Caroline and Joe; and great-grandchildren, Juliana, Liam, Charlotte, Nicholas, Natalie,

Elijah, Caleb and Max.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, April 1, at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, [cskdetroit.org](http://cskdetroit.org).

## Wilma Jean Toth Montle

Wilma Jean Toth Montle, 86, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023.

Born in Big Rapids, Wilma attended Michigan State University and received a degree in elementary education. While teaching in Birmingham, she met and married the love of her life, George Montle. They briefly resided in California and later lived in St. Clair Shores. They had two children, Laura and Steve. They moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, which was her favorite city of all, and she called the city home the rest of her life. She also went on to earn a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University. She worked at the Children's Home of Detroit for several years.

Wilma attended and was an active member of Heritage Presbyterian Church, and later, Living Hope Church. Her hobbies included reading, gardening and piano-playing. She loved spending time with her beloved grandson, Kyle.

Wilma is survived by her loyal and devoted husband, George; daughter, Laura; son, Steve (Terrah); and grandson, Kyle, who was the apple of her eye. She also leaves behind two sisters, Mary Ellen (Shelley) and Carolyn (Eric); brother, Joseph (Tasha Nobue); many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews who she held very near and dear to her heart; as well as dear friends who she considered family. Wilma was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Bertha Toth.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Living Hope Church, 24010 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

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## Janice Marie Devine

ily with her two brothers, where her numerous aunts and uncles got together every Friday night for cards and drinks. After attending St. Bernard High School in Detroit, she went on to Michigan State University where she met Peter R. Devine, a tall and handsome economics student. They married two years later and had two children, Becky and Jeremy.

Janice worked for American Airlines in Detroit before her children were born. She gained a lifelong love for travel that brought her joy and great stories from Mexico, the Caribbean, Mallorca, Ireland, Rome, Egypt and the Holy Land.

In her forties, Janice decided to learn how to play tennis. What started as a casual hobby became a consuming passion; as a longtime USTA League captain,

she assembled a fearsome team at Wimbledon Racquet Club that won numerous state championships. She and Peter also competed in mixed doubles, racking up multiple trophies.

Janice was a doting grandmother to Patrick and Noah; they have fond memories of weekend sleepovers and morning trips to feed horses at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Peter and Janice moved to Florida in 2016, where she enjoyed year-round swimming and pickleball. She fought off ovarian cancer for six years; her faith kept her spirit alive. They moved back to Michigan last September to be closer to family. She enjoyed having nightly cocktails with Becky and Dan. She loved attending Sunday brunch with Jeremy, Bill, Kate and the Tanguays. She savored every day until the very end.

Janice is survived by her husband of 53 years, Peter; children, Becky (Dan Tanguay) and Jeremy; grandsons, Patrick and Noah Tanguay; brothers, Bill (Kate) and Mike (Chris); nephew, Louis; niece, Katherine; and a multitude of cousins. She is reunited in heaven with her parents and the rest of her departed Caton and Ferrari relatives.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Janice's wonderful life. Visitation will take place Monday, March 13 starting at 4 p.m. at A. H. Peters funeral home in Grosse Pointe Woods, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m. She will lie in state at the St. Bonaventure Capuchin Monastery Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, with a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Janice will be interred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Janice Marie Devine, 74, entered the heavenly protection of Our Blessed Mother on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, bathed in love from her family on earth.

Janice was born in Detroit to Louis and Margaret (nee Caton) Ferrari. She grew up in a close-knit fam-



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## David Michael Ruhf

David Michael Ruhf, 76, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, in Detroit.

Although he called Chicago home for six years, Dave was a mainstay on the east side of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park. After early retirement from Traveler's Insurance Co., in 2010, he enjoyed yearly travel to Florida for Detroit Tigers spring training, New Orleans for Jazz Fest and his old neighborhood and regular haunts in Chicago. In recent years he could be found at the Grosse Pointe Park library at least three mornings a week, as he was an avid reader. He also loved to feed the ducks at Angel Park with his grandson, and throw balls and dole out biscuits to his two best four-legged friends, Bo and Jovie, as well as enjoyed a weekly standing dinner date with his love, Cindy, at one of their many favorite local restaurants. Known as "The Chief" to his son's friends, he was loved by all who



David Michael Ruhf

knew him and already is greatly missed.

He is survived by his son, Eli Ruhf; daughter-in-law, Maureen Mahoney-Ruhf; and the light of life, his grandson, Benjamin Ruhf. He spent the last 20 years with his loving companion, Cindy Peck, and was the most caring father figure to her children, Michelle Peck, Jason Peck and Rachael Rodemich (John). He also was "Papa" to Cindy's granddaughter, Alana Peck. David also leaves behind family in Tulsa, Okla., and Texas, namely his brother, Robert Vaughn (Sarah) and sister, Linda McKinney (Larry); as well as many nephews, nieces and cousins. He was predeceased by his beloved sister, Sarah Landers.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Furniture Bank in urgent need of furniture donations

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan urgently seeks donations of gently-used furniture to help more than 100 families waiting for at least 700 items, including mattresses, box springs, dressers, dining sets and sofas. This is double the number of families waiting for furniture compared to the same period a few years ago.

According to Robert Boyle, executive director of the Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan, "The referrals of families needing furniture always increase significantly as we head into the spring. We have seen a rise in the number of families waiting for furniture and this is due to high inflation, which affects families living in poverty harder than most.

"Ninety percent of the households we're help-

ing have annual incomes of \$20,000 or less," he continued. "When you consider that most of these households have children, it's easy to understand why furniture isn't affordable for families struggling to keep up with rent, groceries, utilities and transportation costs. Providing for your family and getting ahead is even more difficult if you aren't getting a good night's rest in a warm bed or living in the comfort and stability of a furnished home."

The Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan provides furniture to families in need, creating a stable living environment and restoring dignity to those facing tough times. The organization serves southeast Michigan and is dedi-

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# 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 [fulllotusyoga.net](http://fulllotusyoga.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: "Curious Garden," 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, March 7 to 28.

◆ Maker Studio: Floral Watercolors, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18. Cost is \$70 for members, \$80 for nonmembers.

◆ Bird Walk, 8 a.m. Sunday, March 19, with Rosann Kovalcik of Wild Birds Unlimited and Bill Rapai, present of Grosse Pointe Audubon. Cost is \$8 for members, \$10 for nonmembers.

◆ Spring Tea and Tour, noon Sunday, March 19, and Thursday, March 23. Admission costs vary.

◆ Reading event: "Hadha Baladuna: Arab American Narratives of Boundary and Belonging," 7 p.m. Thursday, March 23. Admission is \$10 for members, \$12 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 infor-

mation, visit [fordhouse.org](http://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](http://warmemorial.org).

◆ Beginner Ballroom Basics: Waltz and Rumba, 7 to 7:50 p.m. Thursdays, through 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.

◆ Jazz Brunch, featuring jazz pianist Cliff Monear, Sunday, March 19. Brunch begins at 11 a.m., the concert at 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$65 for both, \$40 for the concert only. VIP tickets also are available.

◆ Michigan Flute Orchestra: "A Walk Through the Seasons," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students, \$10 for ages 60 and older.

## 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, 22050 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.

## Library

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

◆ 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.

◆ Storytime with Miss Melissa, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

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

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

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Perler Bead Jewelry, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the DREAM Lab at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 3D Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the DREAM Lab at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ ArtLab: T-Shirt Transformation, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Read Local Author Series, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, with intellectual property attorney Bill Honaker, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Calligraphy Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Fern Michaels Book

Discussion, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The group will discuss "Secrets," by Michaels.

◆ On Writing Well: Creative Non-Fiction, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Recreation Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 10, American House East II, 18760 13 Mile, Roseville.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, Henry Ford Medical Center—Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## The Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods presents "Mindful Movement & Meditation," part of its Community Wellness Series, from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays, March 7 to April 25, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All levels are welcome. To register, email [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

## The Helm

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

◆ Premier World Discovery presents an overview of "Cape Cod and the Islands," 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. The trip takes place July 15 to 22.

◆ The movie "King Richard" is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 7.

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10 a.m. - Bible Study  
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10. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ CPR and AED Training, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 13. Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for nonmembers.

◆ St. Patrick's Day lunch and trivia competition, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, March 17. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

◆ Wise Guys conversation group for men, 9 to 10 a.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 make colorful collage luminaries.

◆ 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.

#### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8. Rachele Wright, digital marketing specialist with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, speaks. Email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.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 [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

◆ "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.

#### Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 21520 Harper, St. Clair Shores, offers a variety of classes and camps. To register, visit [minipicassosstudio.com](http://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.

#### 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](mailto:smurphy@careofsem.com).

#### Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership and French classes information may be found at [afdegrossepointe.org](http://afdegrossepointe.org).

#### 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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Grosse Pointe resident Robert Boyle is the executive director of the Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan

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cated to improving the lives of families in need by providing furniture assistance.

Those interested in making a tax-deductible furniture donation may call (248) 332-1300 or visit [furniture-bank.org/donate/donate-furniture/](http://furniture-bank.org/donate/donate-furniture/) to coordinate free pick up.

The Furniture Bank makes donating furniture easy and will take items from the porch or garage at no charge. For a \$50 fee, trained movers will carefully remove items such as mattresses, box springs, dressers, dining sets and basic living room furniture from the home. The Furniture Bank also will remove items such as china cabinets, desks and armoires for a modest charge.

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headed by a new member.

"We were asked to refresh the Boulevard intake house," Langlois said. "It had been closed and they wanted to reopen it, but it needed paint and artwork. They hired a painter and a group of us also went over and painted."

Club members created a library and computer lab, painted and decorated the dining area, and also secured artwork to hang in bedrooms, "to make them more homey," Langlois said. Members also left behind inspirational sayings like, "There is no shame in beginning again, for you get a chance to build bigger and better than before" and "My recovery must come first so that everything I love in life does not have to come last. Every journey begins with a single step."

Members also cleaned the complex to prepare



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DIANA LANGLOIS

Left, Administrative Assistant Carol Classen, left, and Positive Images CEO and Director Maisha Kenyatta accept 40 gift bags of clothes, toys and games for the children of women in the Positive Images program. Above, from left, SIGP members Diana Langlois, Bette Lepouttre and Mary Ellen Burke assemble gift bags for the children of women in the Positive Images program. Right, SIGP member Bette Lepouttre organizes some of the 50 Mother's Day gift baskets from 2021.

it for reopening. New member Dawn Riddle, who was part of that group, brought up an idea another member had suggested in September.

"The original idea for the (intake welcome kits) was from Mary Ellen Burke," Riddle said, adding that due to time constraints, Burke was unable to spearhead the project.

Riddle, however, not only moved forward with the idea, but came

up with a creative way to create the kits.

"She had these place-mats that she could sew together and make like a bag," Langlois said. "In the bag, we put underwear, a pair of socks, nail polish, a nail file, journal, pen, sticky notes, toothpaste and a

toothbrush. We made a little kit and Dawn sewed them together with these cool buttons."

Twenty intake welcome kits were made and dropped off with Charlotte Hunter, supervisor of the Boulevard House.

"She said the women really like them and they really like the bag they're in," Langlois said. "When they're done using the stuff in the kit, they're going to keep those bags."

The program's posi-



"What I do for the organization is so minor compared to what so many, many other members do. They're so selfless and generous with their time and money. They do so many fundraising projects and activities during the year."

Another new initiative began in January, when SIGP member Lillian Frazier hosted the first of what she hopes will be a regular computer club meeting. The chapter was awarded Chromebooks through a grant and Frazier hopes to teach the women at Positive Images how to use them.

To keep all of its hands-on service project operational, SIGP accepts help from the community. Items for Mother's Day bags and intake welcome bags are appreciated.

"We buy socks and underwear," Langlois said. "The program provides deodorant and sanitary items, but those could be donations from the community, so the program doesn't have to buy them."

For more information, visit [positiveimagesinc.org](http://positiveimagesinc.org).

#### About SIGP

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe is a group of women who strive to make the world a better place for women and girls through fundraising to support college and vocational awards; providing service to Positive Images; raising awareness about human trafficking; and offering a Mentoring for Success program. Meetings take place at 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. For more information, visit [grossepointesoroptimist.org](http://grossepointesoroptimist.org).

#### About Positive Images Inc.

Positive Images is a therapeutic community for addicted adult women and their families who have difficulty functioning due to chemical dependency. It provides substance abuse treatment, childcare, housing and other support services. For more information or to make a donation, visit [positiveimagesinc.org](http://positiveimagesinc.org).

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“Reflections of Time” by Michelle Boggess-Nunley

## ‘Time • Place’ on display until March 18

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts the exhibition “Time • Place,” through Saturday, March 18. The exhibition features 35 local artists’ interpretation of the meaning of time and place, demonstrating a perspective of a time and place in their lives, careers or experiences in this all-media exhibition.

A two-day artist reception takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 2, and Friday, March 3. Visitors may vote for their favorite piece; one

best-in-show winner will receive \$200 toward custom framing and a featured artist spot in the gallery.

Artists participating in “Time • Place” include Angelo Sherman, Brant Maclean, Birgit Huttermann-Holtz, Carolina Bueno, Christa Newing, Cheryl Barill, Christina Towell, Dawud Shabazz, Debbie LaPratt, Dora Kelley, Douglas Stein, Ellen Doyle, Glenn McCullough, Joe Leonard, John Barker, Kate Hanley, John Kilpatrick, Kathleen McNamee, Kathryn

Poremski, Kristen Esch, Laila Kujala, Laura Atkins, Lucy Synk, Nathan Johnson, Pamela Viviano, Robert O’Banner, Sanda Cook, Tim Shoemaker, Toni Sisco, Michelle Boggess-Nunley, Vikas Relan, Vasu Tolia and Will Schippert

Coming next at Posterity is an exhibition featuring artists Jason and Ariana Kimble, which runs Monday, March 20, to Wednesday, April 19.

For more information, email gallery@posterityartgallery.com.

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

## Better to face grief rather than avoid it

The second part of this series focuses on the importance of openly facing the heaviness of grief versus avoiding it, a common coping mechanism that can actually increase anxiety, depression and PTSD symptoms. “It’s Quiet Uptown,” from the musical “Hamilton” is a song about losing a child and expresses the massive weight of grief in the lines:

“There are moments that the words don’t reach  
There is suffering too terrible to name  
You hold your child as tight as you can  
And push away the unimaginable.  
The moments when you’re in so deep  
It feels easier to just swim down”

As natural as it feels to turn away from pain, instead, allow yourself, and encourage your children, to follow the advice of another wonderful song about the helplessness of loss, “Let it Be.”

What that looks like in real life is a mindful practice that might go like this:

- Acknowledge the pain when it arises, even in the most odd or inconvenient moments. If it helps, visualize a wave on a peaceful beach that washes

over you and then dissipates.

- Set time aside, daily, 15 to 30 minutes of quiet to devote to a meditation on loss. Don’t worry about what thoughts arise in your mind. Don’t force anything. Be sure to set a start and end time on a timer. What this does is circumvent the avoidance of sadness by time limiting it and not creating a fear of it “being too much.” If you like, make a playlist to support you in this meditation and near the end, transition to comforting thoughts to re-anchor.

- Finally, join a support group, online or in person. The safety of a holding space within a group of others is extraordinarily comforting and also time limited.

To believe in one’s own ability to feel a range of feelings, including sadness and loss, is to fully participate in what it means to be human. As you become more comfortable with facing these feelings, it will fill out your roadmap with confidence, stability and emotional safety.

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## Ice makes art

Longtime subscriber Debbie Bigham of Grosse Pointe Woods captured these shots after last Wednesday’s freezing rain and snow mix, which wreaked havoc on much of southeast Michigan. “I know this ice storm has been terrible for many, but I do see the beauty of it, as seen in these pictures.”

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

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## Capsule wardrobe tips

**Dear Gabby:** As spring approaches, I'm attempting to build a capsule wardrobe with a handful of quality pieces that I can easily mix and match together. While I don't want to spend a ton of money on new clothing, it's important that each item fits well and will last for years to come! What do you feel are the best items to splurge and save?

— Fashion challenged in the City

**Dear challenged,**

For this question we turned to our resident fashion expert Kelley Muzingo of Adorned by

Kelley. Check out her Instagram and website for more information on her expertise and services! @adornedbykelley and adornedbykelley.com

Spring in Michigan can at times be an extension of winter or an early onset of summer temperatures. Not only will these suggested pieces get you through spring but they will carry you into summer and fall.

This carefully curated capsule wardrobe will help you create many different outfit formulas. There are so many great retailers out there offering these suggestions at all different price ranges

in quality fabrics.

This is a very good time of year to peruse sales in stores. Happy Shopping!

### Key Apparel Pieces:

- Striped tee, preferably white with navy stripes
- White tee
- Crisp white button down blouse
- Blazer in navy — possible splurge
- Neutral Trench — possible splurge
- Classic non-distressed jeans with a mid or high rise waist and straight leg silhouette (classic blue, white and/or cream)

• Tailored trouser in light tan or neutral color (possible splurge)

• A light cashmere/cashmere blend neutral sweater in cream or tan. Color will depend on your skin tone. Silhouette should be easy to wear in different ways and you should be able to layer the white button down blouse under it. (Splurge)

### Capsule Accessories you may already have:

- Goes with everything leather belt
- Leather ballet flats or feminine loafers in black or tan
- Classic neutral sneaker



ers in a court silhouette. Look for your favorite sneaker or clothing designers for inspiration.

- Black or neutral pump in a heel height you are comfortable with
- Neutral solid leather tote or everyday bag in black, tan or taupe
- Neutral leather clutch that can be worn as a

crossbody or clutch

- Classic gold necklace
- Everyday gold hoops

— Kelley Muzingo

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

## Parents need to mind their own business

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a busy physician in a small town. My wife and I have a wonderful marriage, and my practice is thriving. The problem? My parents.

I work 12 hours a day and usually bring work home at night. I barely see my kids, and those few moments I can spend with them are precious to me. My telephone number is unlisted because I do not want to be disturbed when my workday is finished.

Patients who are trying to reach me at night often call my parents, who then track me down and insist I call the patients back right away.

I have asked my folks repeatedly to direct these patients to my office or to the doctor on call for the evening, but they refuse. They say, "We don't want to offend anyone." Well, when they do this to me, I am offended greatly.

I love my parents and am willing to give my patients 100 percent when I'm up at bat, but I need some time for myself and my kids. I feel as if I am suffocating. Please tell me how to deal with this.

— Going Under in Kentucky

**Dear Kentucky:** It may be difficult to retrain your parents, but it's not impossible. Inform them that you will

not return any calls to patients after hours, no matter who gives you the message. Then, keep your word.

If your parents don't want to offend anyone, they should say, "I'm sorry, but our son is not on duty now. Please call his office in the morning and make an appointment. If it's an emergency, go to the hospital immediately."

**Dear Ann Landers:** Will you please say something on behalf of recovering stroke victims? I had a stroke five years ago.

My left side was paralyzed, my speech was unrecognizable and the

prognosis was that I would leave the hospital in a wheelchair. Through sheer determination, I walked out with a cane. My manual dexterity has returned, and my voice and speech have made a major recovery. My legs are still shaky, but I can walk.

People need to know that a stroke can mess up a person's emotions. One tends to laugh at the most inappropriate times and cry at the drop of a hat. Both are uncontrollable.

After my recovery, I had a business making and repairing golf clubs. When I started to deal with strangers, the business

## Classic Ann Landers

went downhill. Recently, a woman at my pharmacy told me she had run into a couple who had been in my shop. They asked what was wrong with me because I sometimes laughed when nothing was funny. Most people think you are mentally incompetent if you do this. I have a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Master of Business Administration. I taught myself to design Web sites

at the age of 70. I am far from being an idiot. Please tell them. — Bill in Illinois

**Dear Bill:** You told them in a way far better than I could have. Thank you for educating millions of people today. They never will look at a stroke victim the same way again. Bless you, Bill.

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## Friend feels abandoned at worst possible time

**DEAR ABBY:** The last two years have been especially tough. I went through a breakup after a four-year relationship, my dog developed cancer and I had to put her to sleep, and I caught COVID and have been dealing with long-haul symptoms ever since. My energy is low because of it, plus I've been depressed with all the events that have happened.

I have two best friends I've known since I was 16. I'm 34 now. I thought they would be there for me through anything. We were close until recently.

They no longer invite me to get-togethers, and they hang out and exclude me. I try to stay in contact, but when I

talk with them, it doesn't progress from small talk. The few times I have seen them, I stayed positive and didn't discuss my problems.

They have children, and I'm single and childless, which may have caused the divide between us. Being excluded hurts.

When I mention it, they say, "You don't have kids. I didn't think you'd want to come."

It feels like a slap in the face. I need my friends more than ever right now because I feel very alone through one of the toughest times of my life.

How do I mend these friendships? Am I unreasonable for being upset?  
— DISAPPOINTED FRIEND IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR FRIEND:** Discuss your feelings with your friends. They may not be trying to isolate you intentionally.

You are in very different phases of your lives right now. They may sincerely believe that being invited to kid parties would bore you, as would their constant chatter about what their precious little ones are doing, saying, etc. (This may seem like blasphemy, but more than a few childless adults feel that way.)

If you explain that you need their emotional support after everything you have been through, they may step forward.

Recognize that your friends with kids are a "package deal." If you

bond with their kids, it might bring you all closer. However, if that doesn't happen, you will have to summon the energy to find new friends whose lives better align with yours.

**DEAR ABBY:** I bought my roommate the most beautiful pair of earrings for her birthday. It has been more than a month, and she still hasn't worn them, not even when I once suggested it, although she has frequently worn a second pair of earrings I previously bought her.

I don't have pierced ears, but the earrings in question could be made into an adorable necklace. I think if she doesn't want them, it would be



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

nice for me to get them back since they were expensive and I like them so much myself.

How can I politely ask if she plans on ever wearing them, and if not, if I can have them back? Or would it work better if I suggest that we can each get one earring made into a necklace so that we can match? — BEJEWELED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

**DEAR BEJEWELED:** Ask your roommate to tell you honestly if she likes the earrings you gave her. Tell her that if she doesn't,

you DO like them — very much — and would be glad to gift her something else of her choosing.

THEN suggest that she might return the earrings to you so you can use them to make matching necklaces. I don't think it would be rude, and neither should she.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



I got my ears pierced at a random mall kiosk when I was 5 years old. I'm pretty sure the 16-year-old who pierced my ears knew nothing about what she was doing and now I'm stuck with ear piercings that are completely misaligned. My left ear piercing is much higher than my right and therefore, the right side is too low and doesn't handle well the weight of heavy earrings.

For years, I avoided large, heavy earrings because my right ear piercing always looked pretty saggy. I know this is a

small problem to have, but we are all about solving problems over here at We Tried It! So, once again, I turned to the internet to solve my issue.

Turns out, more people have saggy earlobes than I realized. There are dozens of listings for earring back lifters on Amazon and various websites. I actually had never heard of this product before and wasn't sure how it was going to help.

Basically, earring

back lifters are adjustable earring backs that are spe-



cially made to handle the weight of heavy earrings.

They are shaped like normal earring backs, but they have a taller top piece to support earrings and keep them in place without pulling on the earlobe.

After receiving them in the mail a few days after placing my order, I tried them out with a pair of my heavier hoop earrings. These things work like a charm! They effectively firm the earlobe area so the earrings hang straight.

It was hard to tell that my ear piercings were misaligned at all.

The earrings and backs were very comfortable to wear and I had zero issues at all wearing the heavy earrings for a night out.

Three pairs of earring back lifters are listed at \$11.99 on Amazon. They come in different finishes like gold, silver or a variety pack of both. For the price, this product is super impressive.

It is a simple solution to a pretty benign problem, but for me, it made all the difference. If you are experiencing this problem

too, try these earring backs out and let us know if they help.

I'm giving this product 5 out of 5 alligators, because they are super comfortable to wear and have a great price point.

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

5 Out Of 5

# Winter comfort

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This week, I'm sharing the ultimate recipe for Shepherd's Pie. I'm not sure I know too many people who don't absolutely love this dish. You just can't go wrong with a really hearty meat and potatoes dish. And, the best part is there is no fork needed. It's just spoonfuls of delicious, home cooked food.

The gravy is rich and flavorful from Guinness Extra Stout. This beer was recommended to me again by a lovely gentleman at Village Market. Just wait until you see what beer we are tackling next week and the recipe that I'm pairing it to.

My preference is to start the beef in an ovenproof skillet so that I don't have to transfer everything to a baking dish when it's

cooked in the oven. But if you want to, by all means do so. This is a heart warming meal for the entire family.

Cheers, Mombeau .

### Shepherd's Pie with Stout

- 1.5 lbs ground beef
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 2 carrots, finely diced
- 2 stalks celery, finely diced
- 2 tbsp flour
- 1 11.2oz bottle of Guinness Extra Stout (roughly 1.5 cups)
- 2 tbsp ketchup
- 3 tbsp worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup frozen peas

⅓ cup parmesan

Begin by browning your meat on the stove in a large oven safe skillet. Once the meat is almost brown, add the onion, carrots and celery.

Cook until the vegetables are soft, about 10 minutes.

Add the flour and stir to combine, until the flour incorporates into the fat from the beef.

Pour in the beer, ketchup and worcestershire sauce and let simmer for another 10 minutes or until the sauce becomes thick. At the last minute, add the peas and turn off the heat. Preheat your oven to 400.

Once the sauce has thickened, spoon over the mashed potatoes. (Recipe included).

Smooth the potatoes out over top and then drag a fork mak-



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

ing an etched pattern. This will create texture and the tops of the potatoes will become browned and golden. To encourage more browning, sprinkle the parmesan cheese over the top as a finishing touch.

Place in the oven for 35

minutes, then broil for three minutes. Best served with a light green salad and a glass of Guinness.

### Mashed Potato Topping

- 4 large russet potatoes
- ¾-1 cup milk
- 3 tbsp butter

Peel and cube the potatoes into one-inch chunks. Add to a pot of cold water and bring to a boil.

Cook until the potatoes are fork tender, 15-20 minutes. Mash together and add the milk and butter.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

## Best regional wines

More places around the world make wine today than ever before, and part of the reason is that global climate change has moderated the temperatures in places than once were so cold in winter that they often led to vines freezing and dying.



Michigan's climate is perfect for varietals such as Riesling and Pinot Grigio that thrive in cooler temperatures.

As temperatures have risen, winter doesn't automatically spell doom for the more traditional grapevines, which has led to far more places focusing on making dry wine that's more traditional than it once was.

Michigan, Wisconsin, Idaho, Minnesota and New Mexico wineries today produce some excellent wines. The only real drawback they face is the historic disparagement that goes with wines from places that previously didn't make much worth drinking. Today, you can find a lot of fine wine in places that once struggled to make anything palatable.

The other benefit is that some of these relatively obscure regions now also produce more than one or two grape varieties that are not only interesting but can be exciting. The problem is, again, locals often do not know how good these wines can be. Here are just a few of the local winners:

**VIRGINIA:** Viognier, cabernet franc and petit verdot now star in the state that Thomas Jefferson always hoped could be wine country. I have tasted several Virginia wines that are world class and compete with the best anywhere, including cabernet sauvignon.

**MINNESOTA:** Many special hybrids, known

locally as the Minnesota varieties, now produce remarkably tasty wines. Included are (whites) La Crescent and Brianna and (reds) Frontenac and Marquette.

**MICHIGAN:** Besides exceptional rieslings of all sweetness levels, Michigan's Upper Peninsula today produces superb reds from Gamay Noir, Blaufrankisch and several other varieties.

**MIDWEST:** Literally two dozen hybrid grape varieties flourish in the U.S. heartland like Vignoles, Norton, Edelweiss, Seyval, Traminette and Vidal.

Some of the more traditional wine-growing locations around the world include some that focus on certain grape varieties that claim dominance. Most wine lovers already know about them, but even here, new varieties are springing up all the time.

**PIEDMONT:** In this northern Italian district, nebbiolo is the unquestioned king of red wines, especially since it pro-

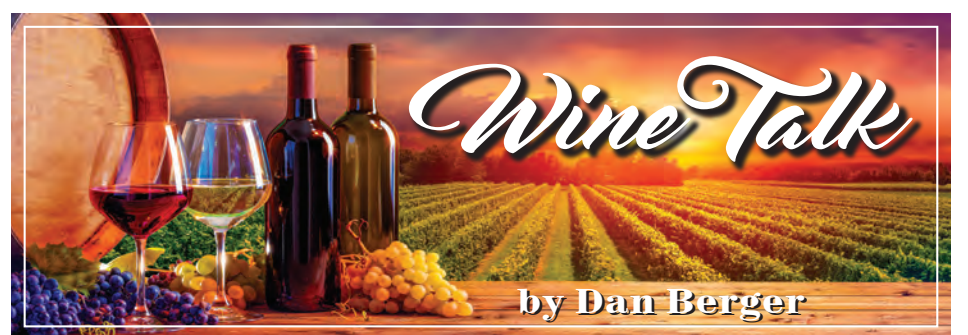
duces one of the most long-lived of reds, Barolo.

However, even when it's made as a lower-priced version, like Langhe nebbiolo, the wine can be special. Now, we are beginning to see a wider selection of Barbera wines from the same district and at fair pricing.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** The widely planted chenin blanc grape makes some of the more interesting wines coming in from South Africa. Also, it's classic and slightly warmer regions also produce exceptional red wines, like cabernet and Pinotage.

**NEW ZEALAND:** Most American wine buyers adore sauvignon blanc from this two-island nation in the Southern Hemisphere, but within the last decade we've begun to see some remarkable NZ pinot noirs from a half dozen different regions. And very soon, cooler climate syrah from New Zealand will play a much more important role for American buyers.

**FRANCE:** This is where great wine began, and most of the world's paradigms are still produced in their original styles here. One truly new thing here is dry rose wines from Provence and other southern French districts,



many of which are now staples in wine stores that specialize in distinctive springtime sipping wines.

**GERMANY:** Almost everyone who loves fine wine appreciates some form of German riesling. One new thing here is that demand for the drier rieslings has risen significantly in the last two or three years. Thus, riesling pricing has risen as well.

Now, however, the latest word is that Germany's slight increase in temperature due to global climate change has given winemakers there an opportunity to make truly magnificent pinot noirs, the best of which are now selling here for elevated prices.

2021 Brancott Sauvignon Blanc, New Zealand "Flight Song" (\$16) — The largest winery in New Zealand began making a low-alcohol, low-calorie sauvignon blanc more than a decade ago and it was quite a success. The company's latest effort is 20 percent

lower in calories than its traditional wine because it has only 9 percent alcohol. It has the traditional herbal aromatics you would expect to find in a New Zealand sauvignon blanc, but the taste is a little lighter and simpler, and

slightly sweet. An appealing alternative in a lower-alcohol style of wine.

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Josh Duhamel as Robert Whiteman in the based on true events 2022 film "Bandit," directed by Allan Ungar.

MOVIE REVIEW  
"Bandit"  
2022 - Rated R  
2 hr 6 min  
★★★★☆

I'm a big fan of bank heist movies. Most of them seem to follow a pattern. A bunch of characters with various backgrounds get together.



Left, Josh Duhamel as Robert and Mel Gibson as Tommy.

They meet in secret and using their individual talents, plot out their plan. They case the joint and then the big day arrives. The tension mounts as they pull off the job, with numerous close calls, and unexpected plot twists. The story ends with them basking on a beach in the Bahamas or some other exotic locale. Well, "Bandit" is nothing at all like that.

It's a light-hearted, keep-you guessing story based on actual events. "Bandit" is an adaptation of the 1996 book "The Flying Bandit: Bringing Down Canada's Most Daring Armed Robber." It stars Josh Duhamel in his best performance to date, Elisha Cuthbert

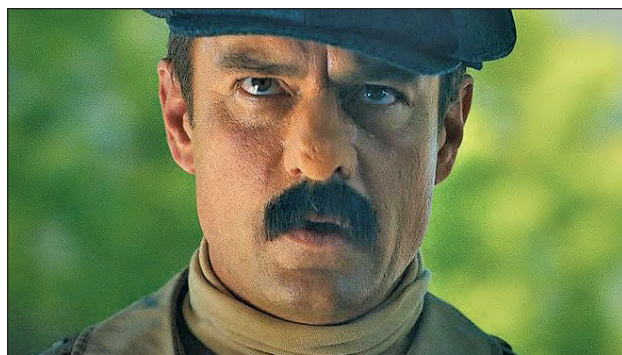
and Mel Gibson. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was pleasantly surprised by what a fun movie this was.

Gilbert Galvan Jr., a.k.a. Robert Whiteman, a.k.a., The Flying Bandit is in a minimum-security prison in Michigan for check fraud. One day he makes a break for it and

local shelter at a church where he meets and falls in love with Andrea (Cuthbert), a worker at the shelter.

They move in together and life seems pretty rosy, with the snag being Robert has no source of income. It's here when he begins his life of crime. His first bank job sets the tone for the rest of the movie. Donning a fake nose and mustache he enters a bank. He walks up to a teller and hands her a note, demanding the cash in her drawer, and warning her not to trigger the silent alarm and no dye packs. She has trouble reading his note. When he realizes he doesn't have a bag for the loot, she happily offers him a cash deposit bag for his money. Before he leaves he asks her how he did. She responds, "Fine, but you need to work on your penmanship." Then she cheerfully wishes him a good day!

When he discovers just how easy it is to pull off the robberies, they become his full-time job.



Above and right, examples of two different disguises that Robert Whiteman used in his bank robberies.

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

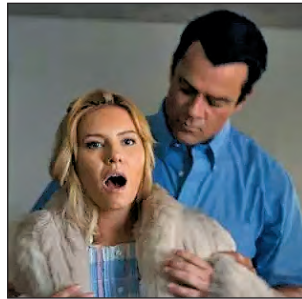


He spends every day, flying to various cities in Canada and relieves a bank or two of their cash, and returns home in time for supper. He's a kind-hearted sort, with a good sense of humor, and it makes for some great fun. Duhamel reminds me a little of Tom Hanks — he's a sweet, likable character and you instantly root for him and hope he never gets nabbed.

Naturally, there has to be a downside to the story. One day he

help fund his trips out of town for a cut of the booty. Two detectives are determined to bust Tommy and are alerted to Robert while investigating him. They're played by Nestor Carbonell and Swen Temmel and add a bit of tension and also humor to the story. You instinctively know they'll eventually succeed, and it's fun watching them in their efforts. Unlike other films where the police are viewed as mean and ruthless, these two are actually portrayed as nice, likeable fellows. They are Canadian, after all.

In the end, Robert became Canada's most notorious bank robber. He pulled off 59 heists in every province except Newfoundland and P.E.I. and raked in \$2.3 million. (Not sure if that's Canadian or U.S.). And what a wild ride he takes us on. I enjoyed every minute of "Bandit," and even though it clocked in at just over two hours, the time seemed to fly by. Note to parents: The



Left, Elisha Cuthbert as Andrea and Josh Duhamel as Robert.

encounters Tommy Kay (Mel Gibson), a notorious local loan shark. The two strike up a partnership where Tommy will



film is rated R for some swearing and a couple topless pole-dancing scenes.

Currently streaming for free on Kanopy.com (with your library card). Also 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. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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- » **Clue: On Stage**  
Parcells Middle School  
20600 Mack Ave, 7:30 p.m.  
http://gpt.org/clue
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6-8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
- » **Read Local Author Series (Parker J. Cole)**  
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

- » **American Romanian Festival - Black Angels**  
The War Memorial,  
7:30-9 p.m.  
32 Lake Shore Drive.
- » **Detroit Whiskey Festival**  
Shed 3, 6-10 p.m.  
2934 Russell St.

- » **Fish Fry**  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
5-7:30 p.m.  
23120 Gratiot Ave.
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Ewald Branch,  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

- » **Calligraphy Saturdays**  
Ewald Branch, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Michael J. Reed & Friends**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11:30 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.

- » **Naima Shamborguer**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6-8:30 p.m.  
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- » **Reader Dog Drop In**  
Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Robot Meet & Greet with Botmasterz**  
Woods Branch, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

- » **American Romanian Festival - Passionate Enescu: An Evening of String Octets**  
The War Memorial, 3-4:30 p.m.  
32 Lake Shore Drive.
- » **The Great American Songbook- One Voice with Paul King & Scott Gwinnell**  
Grosse Pointe South High School, 4 p.m.  
11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard.
- » **The Ugly Duckling**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 3 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

**MONDAY, MARCH 6**

- » **Blues Jam**  
The Cadieux Cafe,  
8-11 p.m.  
4300 Cadieux Rd..
- » **Storytime with Miss Jane**  
Woods Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7**

- » **1st Tuesday Book Group**  
Ewald Branch, 2-3 p.m.  
1540 Woodward Ave.
- » **Read, Rhyme & Play**  
Ewald Branch, 10:30-11 a.m.  
15175 E Jefferson
- » **Storytime with Miss Melissa**  
Ewald Branch, 1:30-2 p.m.  
15175 E Jefferson

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

- » **Teen Creativity Circle: Perler Bead Jewelry**  
Woods Branch, 3 p.m.  
20680 Mack Ave.

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

# Royal Stars

## Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, March 2, 2023:

You are an independent thinker who is loyal to your friends. You have a vision of what you want for yourself. This is a marvelous year to socialize and enjoy life! Nurture the happiness and beauty you have within yourself. Old friends might reappear to rekindle relationships.

**♈ ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)

You will enjoy cocooning at home today by yourself, or you might like a heart-to-heart talk with a family member. Family conversations will be warm and mutually supportive today. Yes, you feel warm and friendly; however, you will welcome some privacy and downtime. Tonight: Cozy family vibes.

**♉ TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)

This is a great day to interact with others, particularly younger people. Get out an be involved with groups and organizations. Share your ideas, because others need to hear your perspective, which will be sympathetic and compassionate. Don't be afraid to speak up. Tonight: Daydreams and fantasies.

**♊ GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)

You make a fabulous impression on others today, which is why bosses, parents and people in authority will be impressed with you. In fact, some are so impressed with you, a romance might blossom! Meanwhile, you might boost your income today. Ka-ching! Tonight: Avoid extravagance.

**♋ CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)

This is a powerful day for you, because the Moon is in your sign dancing with Neptune, while Venus and Jupiter line up at the top of your chart. People see you as benevolent, attractive and successful. (A winning combo!) Meanwhile, tonight you want to party! Tonight: You're sympathetic.

**♌ LEO**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Travel for pleasure appeals to you today. Meanwhile, you might develop a crush or a new romance with someone who is "different." This is a solid day to discuss inheritances and issues regarding shared property, because you will come out laughing all the way to the bank. Tonight: Passion rules!

**♍ VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others, because you are happy to see them and you want the best for them. Naturally, they will warm to your good feelings for them and will want to share good times with you! It's a marvelous evening to have fun and enjoy a date. Tonight: You're popular!

**♎ LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is a productive day. You will accomplish a lot because others are cooperative and helpful. In fact, someone might be so helpful that a new romance or flirtation might begin. Relations with partners and friends are excellent. Share good times with someone this evening. Tonight: You're admired.

**♏ SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Put on your dancing shoes, because it's time to paint the town red! This is a wonderful day to socialize with others. It's also a great day to enjoy fun activities with children, sports events, the arts, the

theater, movies and, above all, romance, romance, romance! Get out the glitter! Tonight: Explore!

**♐ SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You will enjoy entertaining at home today. Certainly, family gatherings will be loving, upbeat and warmhearted. In fact, family members will help each other, especially with home repairs. This is a great day to enjoy kid activities as well. Meanwhile, romance is in the air! Tonight: Check your finances.

**♑ CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A warm, heart-to-heart discussion with a partner or close friend will be a bonding experience for both parties today. In fact, whatever transpires might shift a platonic friendship to a romantic level. Anything is possible, because this is a very romantic day. Tonight: Warm conversations.

**♒ AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If shopping today, you might be tempted to buy something elegant and luxurious. Be cautious about self-indulgence. Nevertheless, social outings will be fun and romantic! "And a good time was had by all." Tonight: People are helpful.

**♓ PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

You are a sensitive romantic. It's important to know that today might be one of the best times to have a romantic date in the entire year! Gifts and goodies might come your way. You feel sociable and eager to reach out to others. You also feel playful, prankish and flirtatious! Tonight: Starry romance.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Daniel Craig (1968), actress Rebel Wilson (1980), singer-songwriter, musician Chris Martin (1977).



## Find the 10 differences



## Contract Bridge

**MORE POINTS SCHMOINTS**

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ 10 6 5  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ A K Q J  
♣ K Q 6

**WEST**

♠ J 2  
♥ A K Q J 10 8  
♦ 7  
♣ A J 10 5

**EAST**

♠ Q  
♥ 7 2  
♦ 9 8 6 4 3  
♣ 9 8 7 3 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 9 8 7 4 3  
♥ 6 4  
♦ 10 5 2  
♣ 4

The bidding:

South West North East

3♠ 4♥ 4♠

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

Marty Bergen's sequel to his popular 1995 book "Points Schmoints!" — aptly titled "More Points Schmoints!" — is primarily a compendium of sage advice on a variety of subjects, just as the first book was. It includes sections on hand evaluation, pre-emptive bidding, and signaling among others, plus a discussion of several popular conventions. Sprinkled throughout are more of the amusing anecdotes and words of wisdom that readers found so entertaining in the original.

Today's deal is taken from the sec-

tion on defensive card play.

"You are West, looking at a terrific hand. You are getting ready to do some serious bidding when South opens three spades. That is kind of annoying but, no choice, you bid the obvious four hearts. The auction continues with four spades by LHO, back around to you. Should you double? Probably not. Should you bid at the five-level all by yourself? No, that is crazy. So you pass.

"It is your lead. How about your singleton? No, that is unilateral. You make the normal lead of the heart ace. Partner signals with the seven. You continue with your king and everyone follows, partner playing the deuce. How do you defend? Think about where you will find the setting trick.

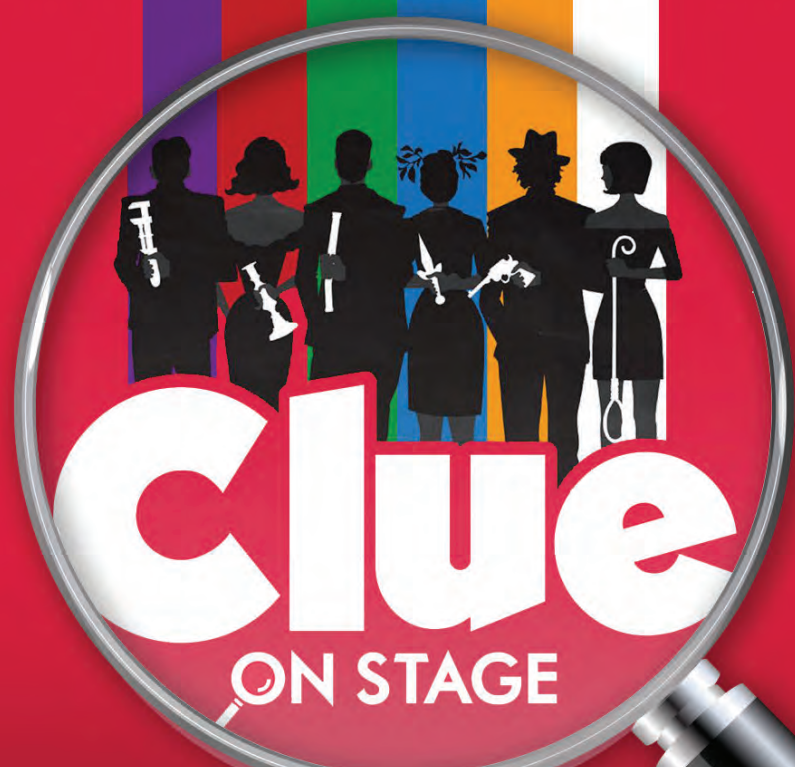
"The winning defense is for West to cash the club ace immediately and continue with the heart eight. It would be wrong for him to lead a heart honor, as this would tell East not to ruff. Leading your lowest heart will make it obvious for partner to ruff with his spade queen. Declarer will be forced to overruff, promoting your jack for the setting trick. This elegant play is called an uppercut.

"It was crucial to cash the club ace first. Suppose you led the eight of hearts at trick three. When partner correctly ruffed with his spade queen, declarer would discard his club loser and easily win all the remaining tricks."

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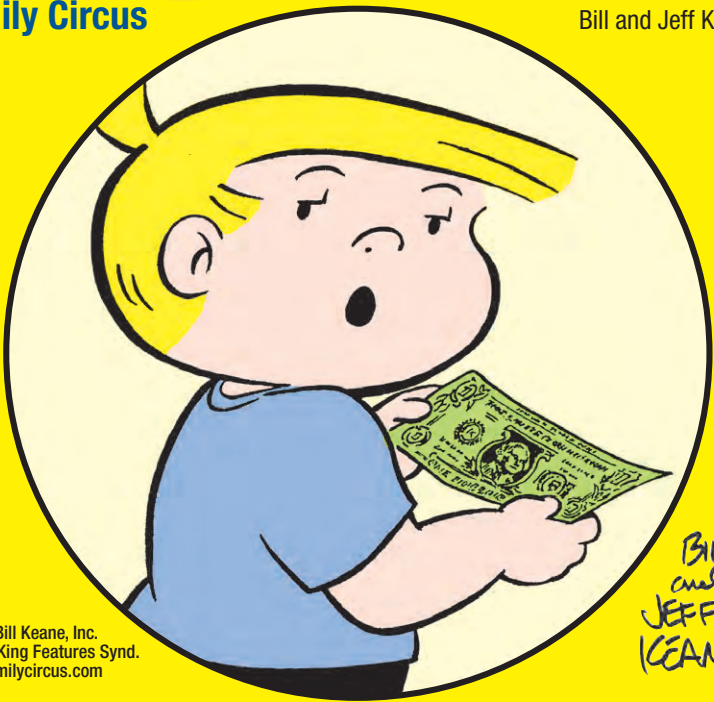


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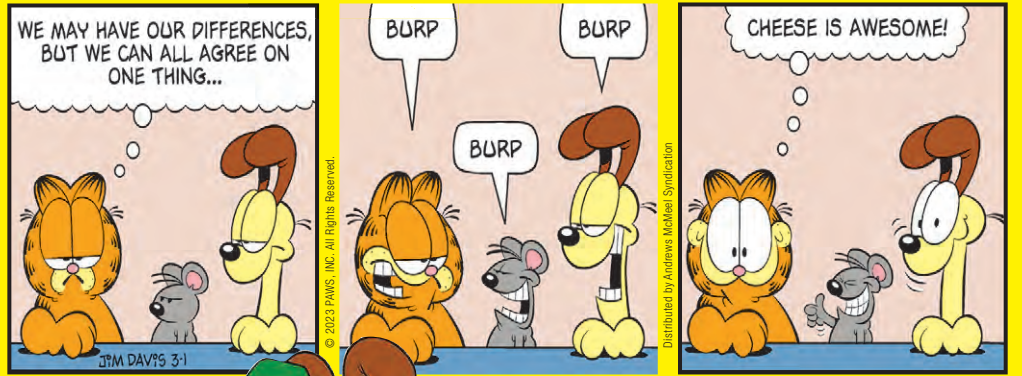
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"I don't think George Washington was very happy. I've never seen a picture of him smiling."

## Garfield

Jim Davis



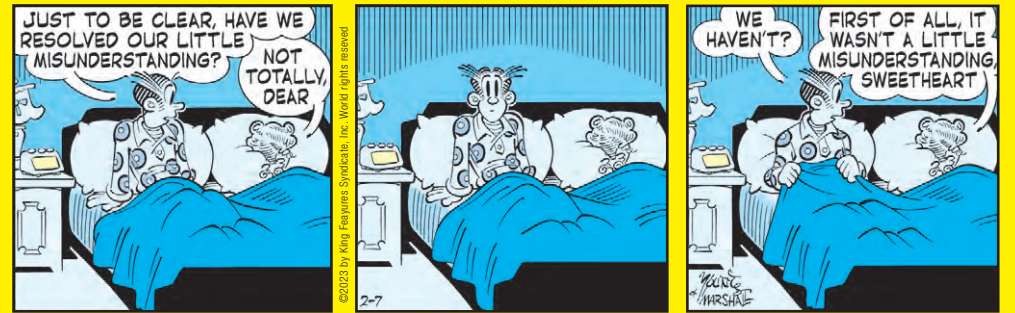
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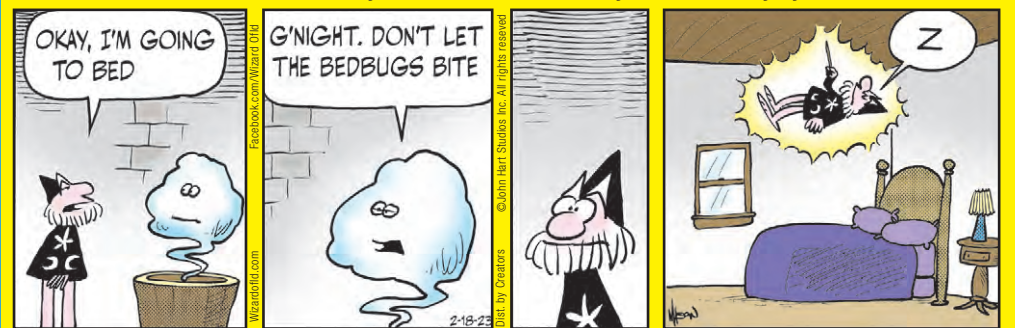
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## Wizard of Id

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



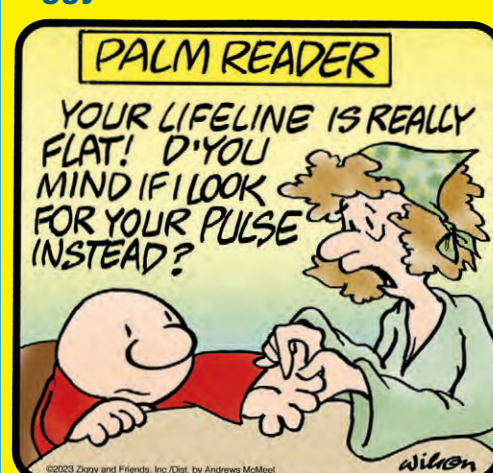
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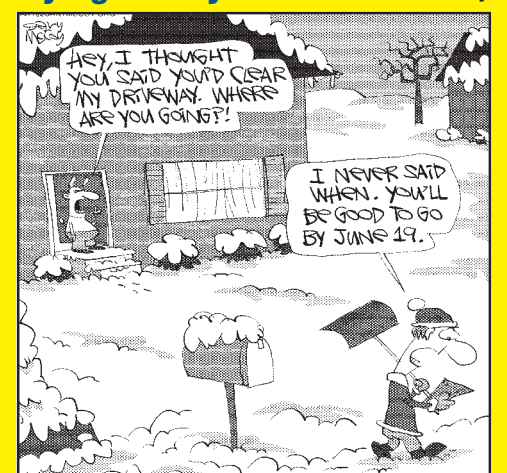
## Ziggy

Tom Wilson



## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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4								
1	8	4	7			2		
	3	8	9					
			3	5	8			

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

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2/23 Solution

## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg March 2, 2023

### ACROSS

- 1 Tens and twenties, e.g. "Freeze!"
- 5 "Cause for many sloppy mistakes"
- 14 First Lady of Jazz
- 15 Gutter locale
- 16 Frequently
- 17 Person with top billing
- 18 Corporate big cheese, for short
- 19 Howled at the moon
- 20 Ant-Man?
- 23 Deep-voiced singers
- 24 Insult by ignoring
- 25 Lawyer's org.
- 28 "Back to the Future" nickname
- 30 Identified on Facebook
- 32 Handle with \_\_\_\_\_
- 35 Aquaman?
- 38 Garment commonly draped in the Nivi style
- 39 Bird of prey's nest
- 40 Causes of overtime
- 41 Iron Man?
- 43 "Well, \_\_\_\_\_ that special!"
- 44 Hazardous
- 45 Angsty punk subgenre
- 47 Popular bread in Jewish delis
- 48 Word in the center bingo square
- 51 Butting heads

- 56 Catwoman?
- 58 Bird in a Poe poem
- 61 "Dagnabbit!"
- 62 Clothing you don't want to be seen in, for short
- 63 Protective cover?
- 64 Speck in the sea
- 65 From scratch
- 66 Tree whose leaf is on Canada's flag
- 67 Fish that can swim backward
- 68 Get cheeky with
- DOWN
- 1 Person being gossiped about on TMZ
- 2 Amazon Echo assistant
- 3 Bed frame strips
- 4 Titular Greek god of an Anais Mitchell musical
- 5 Appear that way
- 6 Subway alternative
- 7 A lot of dough goes into them
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ sandies (nutty cookies)
- 9 Boho-chic purse
- 10 A long way off
- 11 Dump
- 12 Golfer's peg
- 13 Conclusion
- 21 Enjoyed a roller coaster

- 22 Student getting one-on-one help
- 25 "From the top!"
- 26 "Raspberry \_\_\_\_\_" (Prince song)
- 27 Tosses into the mix
- 29 Word after "bass" or "treble"
- 31 Fearlessness
- 32 "Step right up!" shouter
- 33 Came up, like an issue
- 34 Capital of Latvia
- 36 Fury
- 37 Dragons breathe it
- 38 Spike on a cowboy boot
- 39 "Fore!" for one
- 42 "No \_\_\_\_\_!" (words after a diss)
- 43 Smidgen
- 46 Clerics' homes

- 49 Unsettling
- 50 Use the pink side of a pencil
- 52 Largest members of the oceanic dolphin family
- 53 Royal bride of 1981
- 54 Julie Andrews and Judi Dench, e.g.
- 55 Comes down in flurries
- 56 Osso bucco meat
- 57 "\_\_\_\_\_ do" ("Seems good enough")
- 58 L.A.-based NFL player
- 59 Arroz \_\_\_\_\_ cubana
- 60 One getting special treatment, for short

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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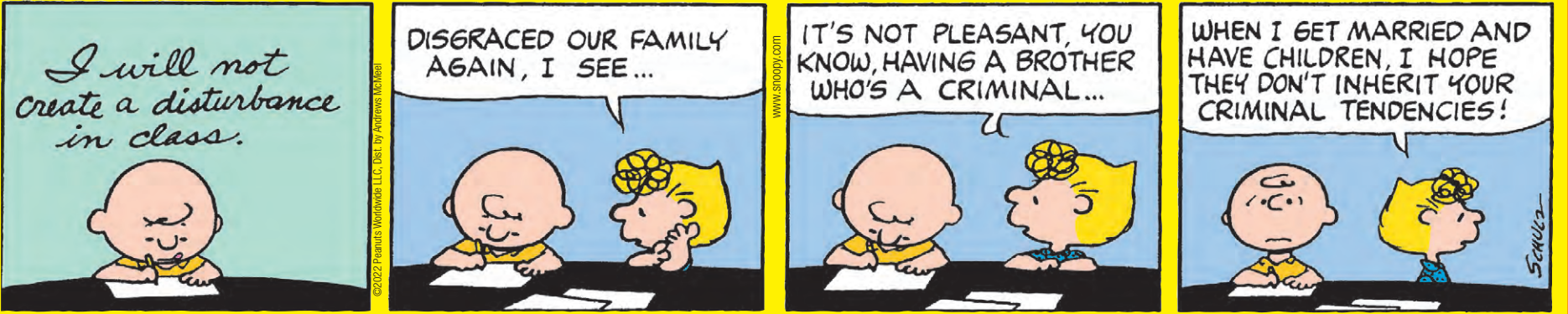
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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz

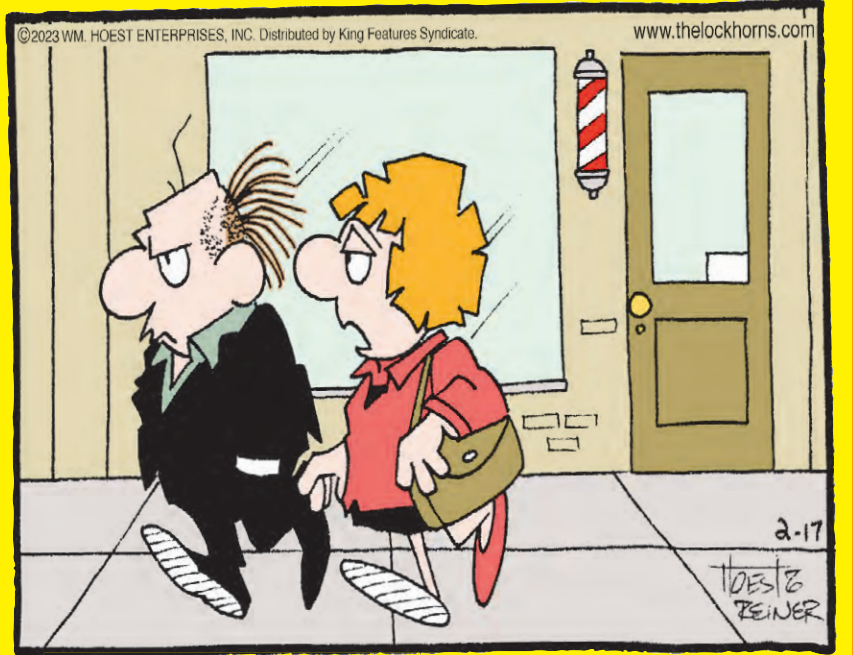
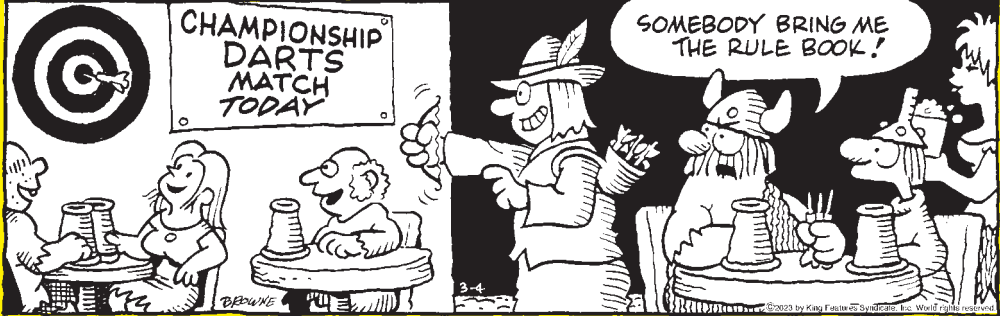


## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne

## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



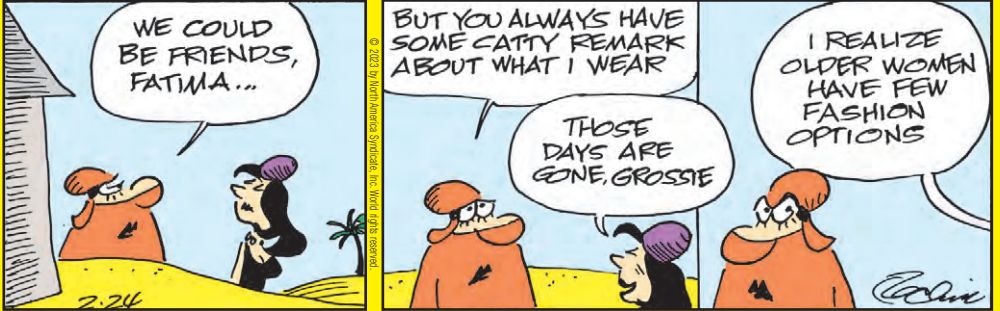
## Crankshaft

Tom Batiuk and Dan Davis



## Crock

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## F Minus

Tony Carrilo



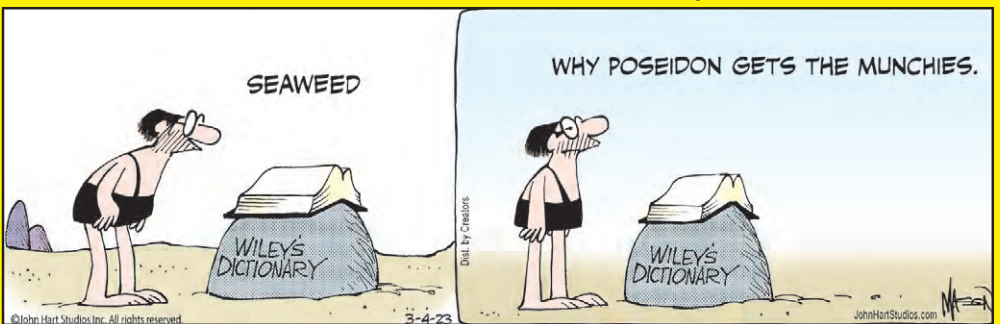
## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



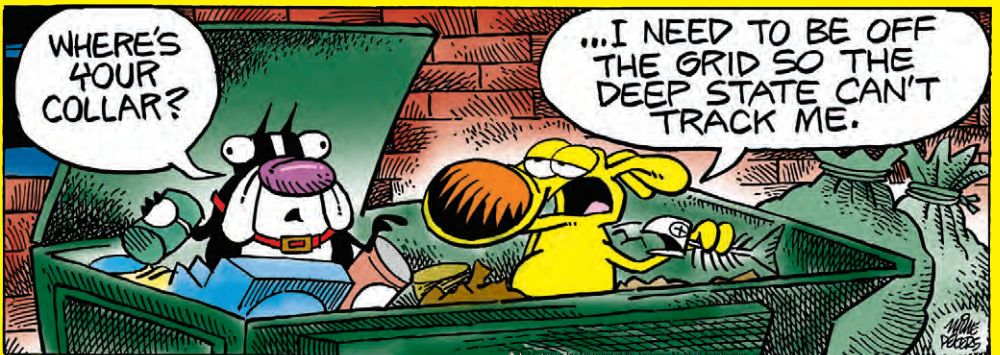
## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond

## Bizarro

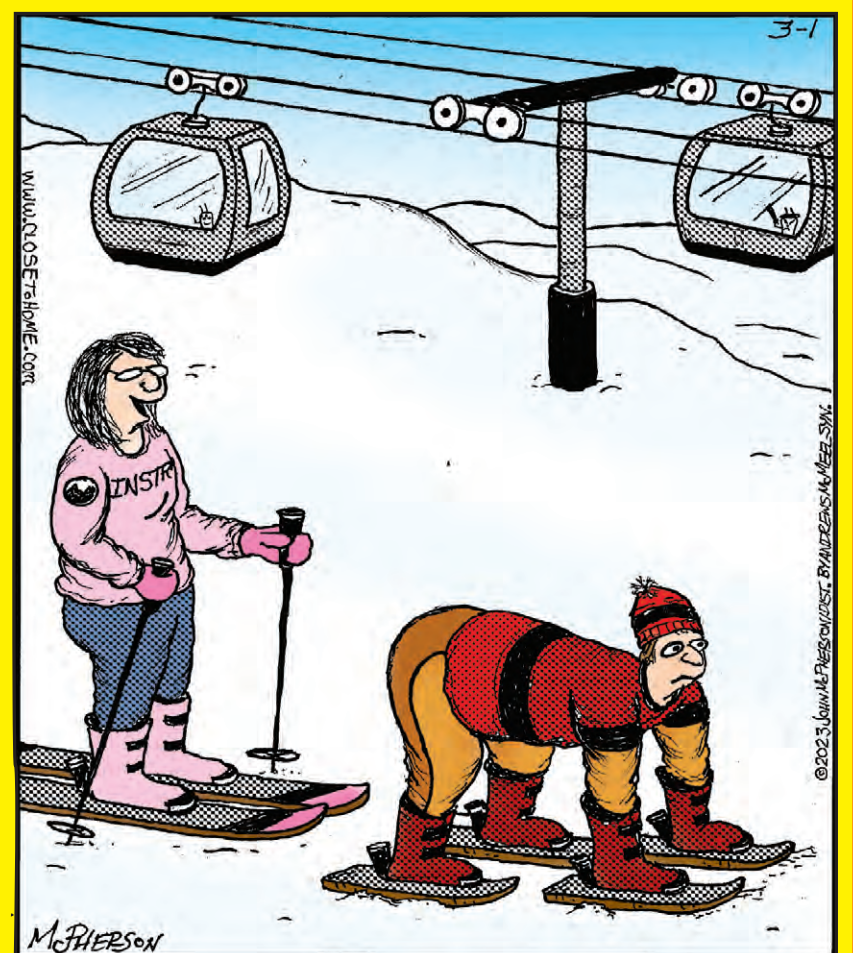
Dan Piraro and Wayno



"WHEN WILL YOU LEARN NOT TO ARGUE POLITICS WITH A BARBER?"

## Close To Home

John McPherson



"Trust me, this is the best way to learn."

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson



"At least he's not sleeping on the bed."

## The Amazing Babe Didrikson Zaharias

Babe Didrikson Zaharias is considered one of the greatest athletes of the last century. Few, if any, have matched her achievements in sports.

Babe was born on June 26, 1911. When she was young, most girls did not participate in sports. Babe loved sports. In her lifetime, she was an Olympic gold medalist in track and field, an All-American basketball player, a champion golfer and an extraordinary baseball player, swimmer, bowler, diver and tennis player.

### A Running Start

When the news of the 1928 Olympic Games filled the newspapers, Babe decided to begin her own training. She practiced hurdles by soaring over seven hedges in her neighborhood. When one of the hedges was a bit too high, she asked the people who lived there to cut it down to the right size, and they did!



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?



### Golfing Great

Babe was an excellent golfer. From 1946-47, Babe won 13 tournaments in a row. Babe would go on to win 113 golf tournaments.

Standards Link: Read biographical text.

## CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY History of Women in Sports

Today, we know that exercise is good for everyone's health — boys and girls, men and women.

Today, girls and women can play sports for fun. They also can compete and become professional athletes. But that was not always the case.

Imagine being told that you can't do something you love to do. Or that you are forced to wear clothing that

makes it difficult to do what you love to do. Or that you can't find anyone to play a sport with you. Or that you aren't allowed on a golf course, a tennis court or other sporting fields.

How would all of that make you feel? Frustrated? Lonely?

That is how girls and women who enjoyed sports felt before the year 1972, a year of important change.

Standards Link: Read informational text in history.



How many differences can you find between these two baseball players from different years?

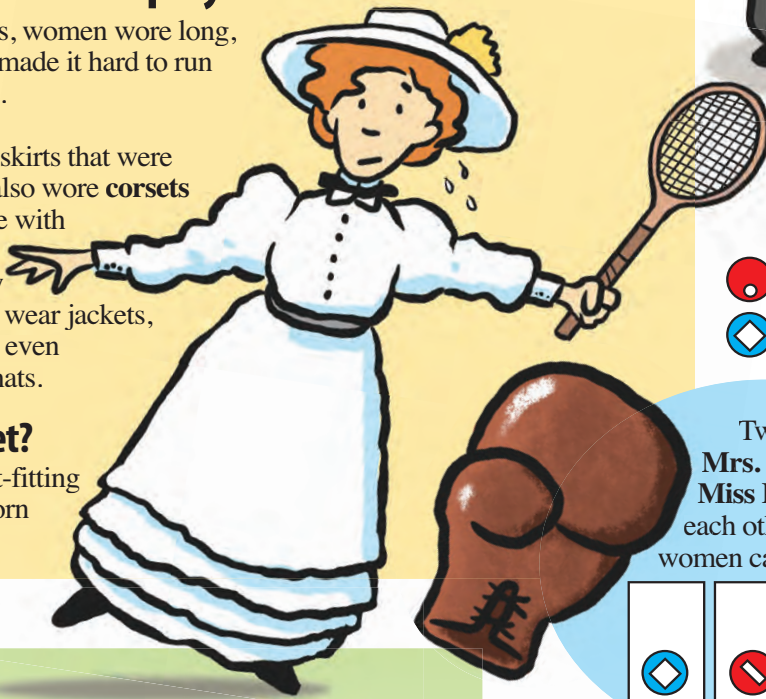
### Would you want to play tennis dressed like this?

In the early 1900s, women wore long, heavy skirts that made it hard to run after a tennis ball.

It wasn't just the skirts that were a problem, they also wore corsets and blouses made with long sleeves and stiff collars. They were expected to wear jackets, heavy shoes, and even broad-brimmed hats.

#### What's a corset?

A corset is a tight-fitting undergarment worn under a blouse.

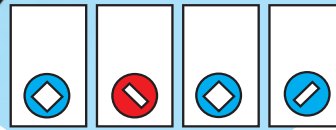


### Women's Sports Moments

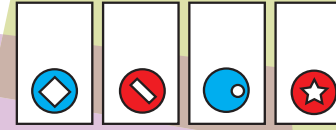
Use the code to discover when each of these important moments happened.

- = 0   ● = 2   ● = 4   ● = 7
- ◆ = 1   ★ = 3   ● = 5   ● = 9

Two women, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Kussin, boxed each other and showed women can throw punches.



Billie Jean King beats the No. 1-ranked men's tennis player, Bobby Riggs, showing women can compete with men.

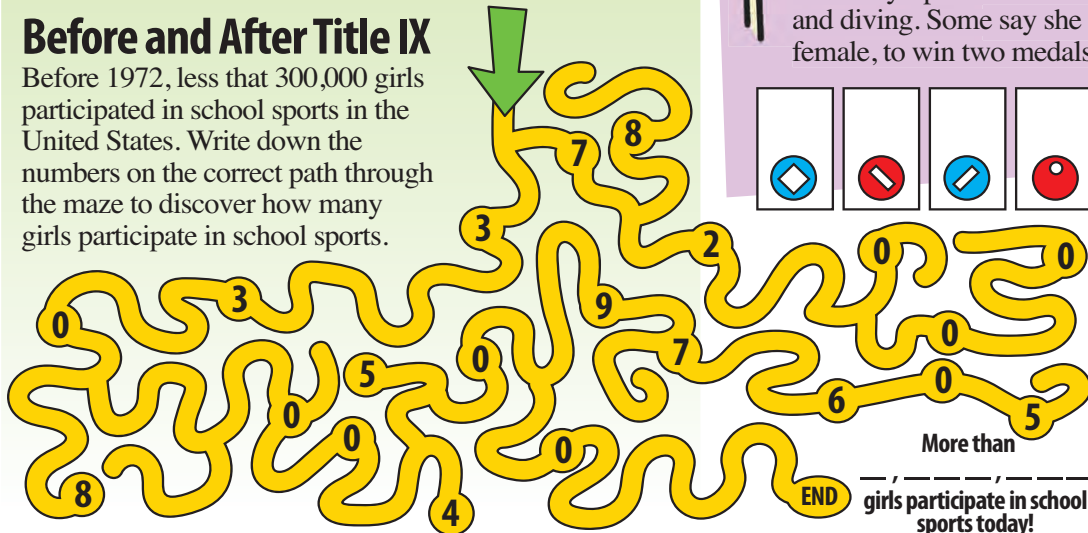


### Title IX Changes Girls' Lives

Today, girls have equal access to playing sports at public schools because in 1972, the United States Congress signed into law that everyone in the United States, regardless of their gender, has equal rights to play sports. This law is called **Title IX**. (*Title IX is the same as Title 9. The number 9 is written in Roman numerals.*)

#### Before and After Title IX

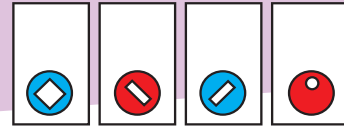
Before 1972, less than 300,000 girls participated in school sports in the United States. Write down the numbers on the correct path through the maze to discover how many girls participate in school sports.



More than \_\_\_\_\_ girls participate in school sports today!



Aileen Riggins became the first female Olympian to win medals in two different sports at the same Olympic Games. She medaled in both swimming and diving. Some say she was the first athlete, male or female, to win two medals in the same Olympic Games.



### Extra! Extra! Roman Numerals

- I = 1   Title IX uses the Roman numerals IX to show the word nine.
- II = 2
- III = 3
- IV = 4
- V = 5
- VI = 6
- VII = 7
- VIII = 8
- IX = 9
- X = 10

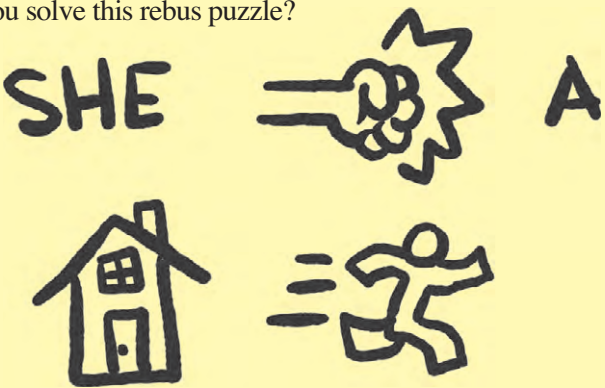
Look through the newspaper for five numbers and rewrite each one as a Roman numeral.

Standards Link: Math: Understand the use and system of Roman numerals.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Picture Puzzles

A rebus is a puzzle that uses pictures to reveal a word or phrase. Can you solve this rebus puzzle?

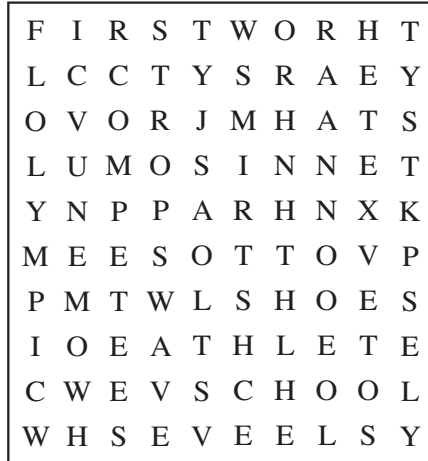


Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

### Double Double Word Search

- ATHLETE
- COMPETE
- FIRST
- HATS
- HEALTH
- OLYMPIC
- SCHOOL
- SHOES
- SLEEVES
- SPORTS
- TENNIS
- THROW
- WOMEN
- WORN
- YEAR

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.

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **ATHLETE**

The noun **athlete** is a person who participates in sports or other physical activity.

Serena Williams is a famous **athlete** who excels in tennis.

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Women in Sports Collage

For one week, look through the newspaper for pictures and articles about women in sports. Cut these out and make a collage with everything you find.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify parts of speech.



What is harder and harder to catch the faster you run?

ANSWER: Your breath!

### Write On!

#### The Woman I Most Admire

Write about a woman you know that inspires you.

"WHEN I SAY TO A PARENT, 'READ TO A CHILD,' I DON'T WANT IT TO SOUND LIKE MEDICINE. I WANT IT TO SOUND LIKE CHOCOLATE."  
-MEM FOX

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2-3D ATHLETES OF THE WEEK | 4D GIRLS HOOPS & BOYS HOCKEY PLAYOFFS | 6D CLASSIFIEDS

## Blue Devils win 25th straight MAC Red title, Norsemen take second place in MAC White

By Meg Leonard  
 Associate Editor

Tradition says that silver marks a 25-year milestone, but for the Grosse Pointe South boys varsity swim and dive team, it's an achievement that is covered in pure blue and gold.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the Blue Devils captured the MAC Red league championship for the 25th consecutive year, an accomplishment that resides in rarified air, not just within the Pointe's athletic programs, but among any high school program — in any sport — in Michigan.

"This accomplishment is a mix of the benefits of having a strong feeder swim program for our high school team," said South's head coach John Fodell. "Twenty-five (consecutive) years also says hard work. It says we have a program with a passed-down tradition.

"Tradition comes from the top down, having leaders take this on year after year and keeping it going."

That tradition is at the heart of the program's



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South boys varsity swim and dive celebrates its 25th consecutive MAC Red league championship Saturday, Feb. 25. The Blue Devils blew away the competition by winning diving, seven of eight individual events and all three relays.

league winning ways, which began in 1998-99, when Fodell, a South graduate, was just a freshman on the team. That season, the Blue Devils edged out archrival and reigning league champs Grosse Pointe North by just three points to win the MAC Red.

Bill Thompson, who served as Fodell's head coach throughout high school, also has remained a constant for the program. He now is an assistant coach for Fodell's boys and girls swim and dive teams, and is an example of why South has become "such a tradition-rich

program," according to Fodell, who added that several program alums came to support the team last weekend.

The Blue Devils used that support, in tandem with strong swims and another diving championship for senior Logan Hepner, to propel them to victory. In addition to

diving, South took first place in seven of eight individual events and all three relays, setting new pool and school records in a championship that could be conservatively described as a resounding success.

"We swam much faster than I expected, especially without much rest," Fodell said. "We are starting to look stronger and things are starting to fill out as we head into states."

South scored 459 points in the championship meet, forming an immense margin of victory from second-place Fraser, who finished the day with 227 points. Macomb Dakota took third with 186 points, while Anchor Bay (150), Chippewa Valley (124) and L'Anse Creuse North (86) finished in fourth, fifth and sixth places, respectively.

Several Blue Devils appear to be peaking at the right time, including Keiran Rahmaan, who was awarded Swimmer of the Meet as determined by NISCA powerpoints. He took first place in the 100 back in 49.91, breaking his own MAC record that he has held for two years as

well as Jacob Montague's 2016 school record of 50.60. He also earned All-American consideration for his speedy swim.

In the 100 fly, Rahmaan's first-place time of 49.61 earned him All-American consideration and set a new MAC record, one that Rahmaan himself has held the last three years.

In the relays, Rahmaan's backstroke in the 200 medley relay set the pace with teammates Ben Bryan, Troy Liu and Adam Johnson, who took first in 1:36.95. In the 400 free relay, Rahmaan, Liu, Bryan and senior Chandler Bower finished first in 3:10.14, which broke the pool record set last year by Ann Arbor Pioneer. The championship swim also set a new MAC record and earned All-American consideration.

Hepner, the state's reigning Division 2 diving champion, earned 621.85 points in his 11-dive event, shattering former Blue Devil Jordan Long's 2009 school and pool records of 588 points. Hepner's

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# Athletes of the Week

On the heels of wildly successful seasons for coed unified varsity basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, it's time to recognize some outstanding athletes from each program.

For the first time since the inception of the Athlete of the Week feature, the Grosse Pointe News is putting a new twist on things by profiling not just one — but four — special athletes from the schools' unified basket-

ball programs.

South co-head coaches Kathy Smith and Steve Zaranek have nominated Blue Devil teammates Sophia Puzzuoli and Titan McKenzie for the honor, while North's head coach

Drew Kisskault nominated Norsemen Shannon Moin and Ethan Clark.

We hope you enjoy reading more about these terrific athletes. They exemplify the true spirit of athletics with their will to

improve and compete, along with their commitment to proudly represent their respective schools and be a good teammate. Head to pages 2D-3D to be inspired by their special stories.



**Titan McKenzie**  
 Grosse Pointe South



**Shannon Moin**  
 Grosse Pointe North



**Sophia Puzzuoli**  
 Grosse Pointe South



**Ethan Clark**  
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## 2D | ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Sophia Puzzuoli, Grosse Pointe South

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

If she doesn't happen to tell you when you first meet her, Sophia Puzzuoli's eyeglasses and stylish outfit of the day will let you know her favorite color is pink.

But don't let her preference for pretty things fool you — this Grosse Pointe South senior is also quite an athlete. Since freshman year, the friendly and social teen has played three sports at South, including cross country, track and field and coed unified varsity basketball. A good distance runner in cross country, she uses track season to compete in the long jump and 100 meter dash. On the basketball court, she likes to focus on defense.

"I like to play defense, but this year I tried dribbling more, taking the ball down the court and taking more shots," she said.

Puzzuoli has played on the school's unified hoops team since its inception four years ago. Kathy Smith, the co-head coach who also teaches Puzzuoli in her adaptive physical education class, said she has seen Puzzuoli's confidence grow on the court.

"She has such a positive attitude and is so excited to be part of this team," Smith said. "As a senior, I have watched her grow as a leader. I love the smiles she brings to practices and she just has a love for everyone."

"I feel like I'm the glue that sticks (our team) together," Puzzuoli said.

With South's unified basketball season entering its final two weeks, Puzzuoli said she already has experienced a few highlights this season, many of which occurred while playing against city rival Grosse Pointe North.

Her first basket of the season came in the team's first game against the Norsemen Jan. 27, with a packed gym cheering on the teams.

"The crowd went crazy," Puzzuoli recalled.

Another highlight has been getting to play against one of her best friends from North and fellow unified athlete, Mckayla Hasting.



Grosse Pointe Unified's Sophia Puzzuoli drives toward the basket during a practice last month.

"They have been friends for a long time," Smith said. "You can see that support on the court."

Puzzuoli's other co-head coach, Steve Zaranek, has nearly four decades of guiding and mentoring Grosse Pointe athletes in track and field, cross country and basketball. He said he has had the pleasure of coaching Puzzuoli in all three sports since her freshman year.

"Sophia is a rare three-sport, high school athlete," the hall-of-fame coach said. "It would be difficult to find a young lady with all the amazing traits that Sophia possesses. She is kind, respectful and fully understands the value of commitment."

Zaranek said she also is a consummate teammate.

"She is a superb teammate who fully supports (everyone) around her. Sophia works hard every single day," he said. "She loves representing South and our community, and does so with grace and a beautiful smile."

"It has been a pleasure to be her coach throughout her high school years."

### Titan McKenzie, Grosse Pointe South

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

The enthusiasm and confidence with which Titan McKenzie enters a basketball game is contagious.

When the senior gets word he is heading into game action, he flexes his arms above his shoulders and declares: "It's show-time!"

McKenzie, who is in his fourth season playing on Grosse Pointe South's coed unified varsity basketball team, uses this belief in himself to remain steady on the court and works hard to never let his nerves get the best of him.

Even in the season's biggest moments, including losing on a buzzer-beater in South's first game against Grosse Pointe North Jan. 27, McKenzie tries to keep his cool.

"Titan's best attribute is that he keeps his head in the game no matter what," said his co-head coach Kathy Smith. "He always continues to play good defense and truly stays in the game."

McKenzie admitted that this season's last-second loss to the Norsemen stung, but was quick to report the results of the rematch two weeks later between the archrivals.

"I was so angry (losing to North)," he said. "... But it felt so good to (come back) and beat (them)," he said of the Blue Devils 50-45 win Feb. 7.

McKenzie not only is a strong defensive player, but is one of the team's key offensive contributors. Though the team does not keep official stats, Smith said McKenzie likely is the team's highest scorer.

"Titan is really fast and he knows how to run right to the key to get the pass and shoot," Smith said. "He has a nose for the basket."

McKenzie said he appreciates how Smith helps the players stay positive.

"She cheers us on," he said, adding that Smith encourages them to play hard, have fun and be a good teammate.

McKenzie, who regularly attends South football games with his dad, said he enjoys several aspects of playing unified basketball. First and foremost, he said he loves wearing the team's uniform. Secondly, he likes playing alongside his student partners, sophomores Matthew Agnone and Sam Craparotta.

"Titan is always trying to do his job on offense and defense to help his team win," Craparotta said. "He loves to score and is always proud of his teammates when they score as well."

Smith said she is incredibly appreciative of McKenzie's effort.

"He is all in — he gives 100 percent," she said. "He never slows down or hangs his head. He hustles back on defense and is not afraid to get a rebound. He's ambitious on the court."

Co-head coach Steve Zaranek agreed.

"Titan has a 'never quit' attitude. He works extremely hard and always wants to be at his best," he said. "His excitement is



One team, one dream: Grosse Pointe South's boys varsity basketball team takes time out during a recent practice to celebrate fellow Blue Devil ballers Titan McKenzie, (front row, left) and Sophia Puzzuoli, (front row, right), for their Athlete of the Week nominations.

genuine and his commitment is genuine.

"He not only loves the game, he loves the team."

That love for the team is evident. Much like the enthusiastic way McKenzie enters a game, he expresses his feelings at the end of every game, win or lose, with a vigorous, cheerful reminder: "It's a great day to be a Blue Devil!"



Sophia Puzzuoli, left, and Titan McKenzie sport their team spirit in their unified basketball team T-shirts.

Photos by Renee Landuyt

#### 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](http://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.

G.P.N.: Publishing Dates  
2/23/23, 3/2/23, 3/9/23

Paul Antolin  
City Clerk

#### City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 7:00 PM.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm for the City Council to consider an application of Sidecar Grosse Pointe, LLC for transfer of an existing Class C and an SDM License from another community permitting the sale of liquor, beer and wine for consumption on premises, including a full Sunday Sales Permit for both AM and PM and Outdoor Service Area Permit at 17047-51 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI.

Said hearing will be held in person at the City Council chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on March 20, 2023. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall or sent via email to [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org). If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

Christopher M. Hardenbrook,  
City Clerk

GPN: 3/2/23

## Ethan Clark, Grosse Pointe North

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Who has not fallen in love with a sport by watching the best in the world play the game? And who has not wanted to be just like their heroes and try playing the game themselves? That timeless story is exactly how Grosse Pointe North's Ethan Clark first got onto the court.

"I always watched NBA players playing and after that I just wanted to try," he said. "That's why I joined the basketball team so I can experience how NBA players play like."

Clark has been an NBA fan for years and watches countless games, including his favorite team, the Memphis Grizzlies. So, it only makes sense that he joined the unified varsity basketball team at North a couple of years ago to get on the court and show off his own skills.

Any fan in the stands might notice Clark as one of North's biggest players on the court, and his coaches know his strengths when it comes to getting rebounds and blocks. However, what some might not always notice is just how much Clark sees basketball as a team game.

"It's great to have fun on the court with everyone else," Clark said. "I'm happy to help out my teammates to get their points up and after, if there's enough time for me, I can get my points up too."

That selfless mindset on the court makes Clark a truly great player for North to have on its team. In his two years with the team, Clark's coaches have noticed how dedicated he is to helping the team as a whole.

Sometimes this means working on his own improvement. In practice and in games, Clark is always looking for ways to make both himself and his teammates better.

"My coaches always tell me what I need to practice on and what I can do to help my



COURTESY OF DREW KISSKALT

Ethan Clark from North leads the charge on offense in a game against Grosse Pointe South.

teammates to get open and get baskets," he said.

The dedication he shows to his squad's overall success might make Clark the ultimate teammate. That quality has certainly not gone unnoticed by the coaches who have been along for the ride during Clark's basketball journey.

"(Ethan) has improved his defensive play coming up with huge blocks and rebounds when it matters most," North unified basketball coach Drew Kisskalt said. "He's also very aware of his team on the court and will help get everyone involved."

In the true fashion of a great teammate, Clark's favorite moment from his basketball career so far has not even been one of his own achievements. Instead, Clark will always remember being able to celebrate with his team after his fellow Norsemen James Ware hit the buzzer-beater game-winning shot to defeat Grosse Pointe South this season.

## Shannon Moin, Grosse Pointe North

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

From the moment North's coed varsity unified basketball team came to be, Shannon Moin has been there from the start. Her parents, Kimberly and Wilson, were advocates for getting the program started, and now enjoy every chance they get to see their daughter play. They also enjoy the fact that so many others have wanted to get in on cheering for the team as well.

"It's always so uplifting to see the support," said Wilson Moin, who especially enjoys the North-South rivalry matchups every year.

In a family that loves sports, including older brothers who were varsity athletes at North, Shannon Moin got herself involved in sports long before her time on the unified basketball team. She started with soccer at the Neighborhood Club and also spent years as a cheerleader for the Grosse Pointe Red Barons football club.

For the last three years, Moin has taken the court every winter with her unified teammates at North. Those three years have been filled with great moments and memories, with every time her team has beaten South among Moin's favorite highlights. She also enjoys the days where she gets to work with her coaches to improve her skills for the next game.

"I really enjoy betting better at every practice," Moin said.

Moin's improvements have stood out to her coaches with each passing season. From the time when she and the team were just getting started to today, Moin's coaches can see just how far she has come along in both her playing skills and her confidence on the court.

"(Shannon) has improved her range and can shoot with confidence now," Kisskalt said. "She can also dribble down the court and dish a solid pass."

Moin has become an athlete who is not afraid to take a shot or pass the ball off to a teammate in any situation. Like her teammate Ethan, Moin has also taken team chemistry to heart and spends a lot of time working to help North's



COURTESY OF DREW KISSKALT

Shannon Moin high fives North unified basketball coach Drew Kisskalt before taking the court.

team as a whole. In her years of playing basketball, that has perhaps been what she has learned the most.

"I've learned a lot about teamwork and love getting to cheer on teammates," Moin said.

### City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 7:00 PM.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm for the Planning Commission to consider text amendments to CHAPTER 14 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 58 – SIGNS, AND CHAPTER 90 – ZONING of the City of Grosse Pointe Ordinances to clarify and streamline the site plan review process by defining minor projects that can be reviewed by staff and more substantial projects that require planning commission review as well as other related changes to site plan review requirements.

Said hearing will be held in person at the City Council chambers, 17145 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on March 20, 2023. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall or sent via email to [city@grossepointecity.org](mailto:city@grossepointecity.org). If further information is needed, please contact Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

**Christopher M. Hardenbrook,**  
City Clerk



### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY

Regular Meeting	Monday January 9, 2023	7:00 p.m.
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros.

Present: Mayor Louis Theros Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Beth Konrad-Wilberding, Neil Sroka and Lev Wood. Absent: Councilmember Joe Ricci. (EXCUSED)

Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2022.

Council approved the Consent Agenda

a) Consideration of a request to approve December 2022 invoices.

Council received the December 2022 Public Safety Report.

Council passed a resolution honoring the passing of Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gretchen Valade.

Council held public comment.

City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk**

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4D | SPORTS

# South, Liggett hoops victorious in playoff openers

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Girls basketball play-offs tipped off on Monday, Feb. 27 with Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett both opening the postseason with first round district games in Division 1 and Division 3, respectively. Both teams punched their tickets to the district semifinals with dominant wins.

South headed across town to Grosse Pointe North, this year's district host, to take on Roseville. The Blue Devils had little trouble taking care of the Panthers, using a big first-half lead to bring home a 54-30 win.

Everything seemed to be going right for South, especially early on. The Blue Devils' defense gave Roseville headaches and held the Panthers to single digits for the entire first half. Meanwhile, South's

offense looked like it could hardly miss. By the time halftime rolled around, South found itself up on the scoreboard 41-9.

Leading by more than 30 points at halftime made the second half relatively easy for the Blue Devils. Roseville picked things up a bit, but the early advantage South had built was simply too much to overcome.

One of Monday night's biggest highlights from South's playoff win was sophomore Madison Benard breaking South's single-season steals record. Benard notched her 138th steal of the season, bringing her average this year to just over 13 steals per game.

South's win moved the team on to the district semifinal round. This meant a crosstown showdown with Grosse Pointe North played on Wednesday, March 1 after press time. The dis-

trict final is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 3 at Grosse Pointe North.

Liggett traveled to Detroit Osborn Monday night for its first-round district matchup against Detroit Pershing. The Knights, like the Blue Devils, were in charge the whole way and even scored the exact same amount of points as South in a 54-14 victory.

A pair of juniors led the way for the Knights. Hallie Marcero ended the night with a team-high 14 points. Olivia Jacque had eight points in a night where the starters did not see the floor much in the second half with the game already well in hand.

The Knights moved on to the district semifinals where they took on Osborn on Wednesday, March 1 after press time. That bracket's district final is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, March 3 at Osborn.



COURTESY PHOTO

Downey will serve as a captain of the Blue Devils' track and field team this spring and was a captain of South's boys cross country team during the fall season.

## South's Downey wins Scholar Athlete Award

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South senior Brendan Downey has been able to call himself a lot of things over his high school career. An all-league athlete, a two-sport captain, and now, as of last week, an MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award winner.

"It made me feel like all of the work I've put in over four years has been all worth it in both school and in my sport," Downey said. "The feeling was very rewarding."

The MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award is rewarded to certain athletes throughout the state who have a grade

point average of 3.5 or above, have earned a varsity letter in at least one sport, take part in community service activities and submit an essay for the competition. Downey is one of 32 athletes in Michigan to receive the award.

Downey has been a varsity athlete on South's track and field and cross country teams for four years now. He served as a captain of the Blue Devils' cross country team last fall and will be a captain of the track and field team this coming spring season.

"Being on the team for all four years and experiencing the varsity level as a freshman let me grow up with the team,"

he said. "Becoming the captain, I was able to make so many more connections while leading the team instead of just being part of it. You get to learn so much more about your teammates when you're leading them and feel like you have more purpose."

After graduating from South in the spring, Downey plans on attending the University of Michigan where he wants to major in public policy. Downey and the other MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award Winners will be honored during a ceremony at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on Saturday, March 25 during the boys basketball state finals.

# Fortunes differ as boys hockey playoffs begin

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The winter season winding down means one thing — playoff hockey. High school boys hockey playoffs began last week and Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett all began their journey toward a spot in the final four at USA Hockey Arena. For two teams, the journey was short-lived, while another earned a big win to make it to the next round.

After seeing North fall 6-3 to St. Clair Shores Unified, South took on the Lakers in the Division 2 regional semifinals Thursday, Feb. 23. The

Blue Devils looked to avoid the same fate they had last season when they suffered an early exit from the playoffs. However, a bevy of missed opportunities sent South home sooner than expected yet again.

Thursday's semifinal game hit a fast start. St. Clair Shores scored the first goal less than 90 seconds after the opening puck drop to take an early lead. About 20 seconds later, the Blue Devils answered with a goal from Brenden Polek to bring the game back to even. South out-played the Lakers for much of the first period, and another Polek goal put the Blue Devils up 2-1 at the first

intermission.

Only one tally was added to the scoreboard in the second period and it was in favor of St. Clair Shores. The game went into the third period tied at 2-2, leaving both sides with just 17 minutes to extend their seasons.

Just over five minutes into the final frame, the Lakers struck again to take a 3-2 advantage. The rest of the third period saw South get several chances to tie the game once again but letting each one slip by. The Blue Devils even got an attempt at a penalty shot late in the game, but William Rauh was unable to take advantage.

"Too many missed opportunities and wide

open nets and so many quality scoring chances," South boys hockey head

coach Brandon Contratto said. "We probably had 20-plus grade A scoring

chances and just couldn't finish."

The 3-2 loss brought South's season to an end early in the postseason once again. The Blue Devils finish the season with a final record of 13-11.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Brenden Polek scored twice in the team's loss to St. Clair Shores Unified last Thursday.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan  
**NOTICE TO BIDDERS - DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS AND DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND MULCH THROUGHOUT THE CITY:**  
 Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing the following services: Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch and Injection of Mulch in Landscape Beds Throughout the City and Installation of Engineered Wood Fiber Playground Much at various locations in City Parks. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
 Paul Antolin  
 City Clerk  
 G.P.N.: 3/2/2023

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
 BOARD OF REVIEW  
 MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
 HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225  
 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2023 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 13, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 27, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor's office or on line at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) or [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes); Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 27, 2023, until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

Agricultural .....	50.00%
Commercial .....	50.55%
Industrial .....	50.07%
Residential .....	44.27%
Timber-Cutover .....	50.00%
Developmental .....	50.00%
Personal Property .....	50.00%

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
**Leslie M. Frank,**  
 City Clerk  
 Posted: February 8, 2023  
 Published: February 16, 23, March 2, 2023



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Vince Vachon prepares to take a shot from beyond the arc in last Saturday's MAC tournament championship. Vachon finished the day with 17 points.

# Blue Devils upset in MAC tourney final

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

When MAC Red Division champions Grosse Pointe South boys basketball took the court last Saturday afternoon against MAC White underdog Eisenhower, it was no secret that many expected a big win for the Blue Devils. But the MAC tournament is always full of surprises, and its Red/White Tournament Championship was no different as the Eagles prevailed over South in an entertaining battle 64-56.

Eisenhower, the fourth place finisher in the MAC White regular season, started the game with an early run, as the Blue Devils took a few minutes to get things rolling on offense. Neither side put up huge numbers in

the first quarter, but it set up for what would be a back and forth affair with the Eagles up 14-10 after the opening eight minutes.

South came out looking more explosive in the second quarter. Shots started to fall in bunches for the Blue Devils as they eventually overtook Eisenhower and went into the locker room for halftime with a five-point, 30-25 lead.

The game slowed back down a bit in the third. South held all the momentum at halftime, but the Eagles were quick to gain it back. A run helped Eisenhower retake the advantage and carry a slim one-point lead into the final quarter.

Eisenhower's hold on the momentum only got stronger. The Blue Devils found it hard to get key shots to fall and

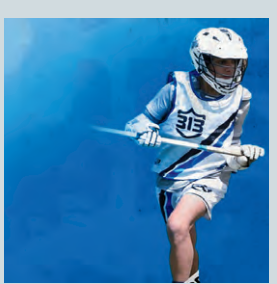
the Eagles took advantage of South's missed opportunities. The game remained within single digits in the closing minutes, but South's attempt at a comeback ended up short.

Sophomore Vince Vachon was at the top of the stat sheet for the Blue Devils after the loss with 17 points, including four shots made from three-point range. Noah Stiyr had 11, while Karter Richards finished with nine.

South has its final game of the regular season at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2 on the road at Chelsea. Then, it is on to the playoffs for the Blue Devils, with their first playoff game in the district semifinal round at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 at Grosse Pointe North against either Lakeview or Roseville.

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## SWIM:

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closest competition came from teammate Troy Richards, who came in second with 327.40 points. A University of Michigan signee, Hepner is the first diver from South's boys team to commit to a college program since Erik Romer in 2015.

Other meet highlights include Drew Rulison's state-qualifying time in the 200 free in 1:49.48 (earned in the prelim heats) and Flynn Mackrell's state cut in the 100 back in 56.64.

"We are swinging for the fences (at states)," Fodell said. "We had totally different expectations going into the season, but we got some kids going who started getting in the swims we needed."

"We are on the outside looking in at a Top 4 (finish)," he added. "We are still a little bit away, but it's within reach."

South hosted a "Last Chance" meet for swimmers who are close to state cut Tuesday after press time. State qualifiers will compete in the D2 state final meet Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at the Holland Aquatic Center in Holland, Mich.

### North

Grosse Pointe North boys varsity swim and dive hosted the MAC White championship meet last weekend, earning several new state cuts and relay wins on their way to a second-place finish out of six teams competing for the league title Feb. 24 and 25.

North's 233 points were second only to Utica Henry Ford II's 268 championship total. Lakeview (229), Stevenson (172), St. Clair (169) and Marysville (150) finished third, fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

The Norsemen took the "need for speed" mantra to heart, winning two out of three relays. The 200 medley team of Connor McMahon, Tommy Moreland, James Jewell



PHOTO BY PAM RAHMAAN

South swimmers take off from the starting blocks at the MAC Red championship meet last weekend.

and James Gusmano took first place in 1:40.72, beating Utica Ford's time of 1:46.59 by nearly six seconds.

The 200 free relay team of Keegan Wettstein, McMahon, Gusmano and Moreland stood atop the podium with a time of 1:31.51, besting second place Ford (1:35.57) and third place St. Clair (1:37.42).

Moreland earned two Division 2 state cuts on the day, taking second in the 200 free in 1:46.79 and winning the 500 free in a lightning-fast, personal-best time of 4:54.43. Moreland far outpaced Utica Ford's Joey Melagrani, who finished second in 5:09.53.

Gusmano won the 50 free with a fast time of 22.79, beating Lakeview's Keith

Wright, who took second in 23.19.

McMahon grabbed first place in the 100 breast (1:00.26) and a second-place finish in the 100 free (48.44). Both swims earned McMahon D2 state cuts for each event.

Freshman Jewell took second in the 100 back in 1:02.79.

North's state qualifiers will compete in the D2 state final meet Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at the Holland Aquatic Center in Holland, Mich.

### ULS

Diving into its final Catholic League High School meet of the season short-handed due to illness, the University Liggett School boys swim team fell in a tri-meet against the united

team from Ann Arbor Greenhills/Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard/Whitmore Lake (AAGH) and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood Friday, Feb. 24, at Whitmore Lake High School.

The Knights lost to Cranbrook-Kingswood 140-18 and AAGH 124-24, despite the challenge of competing with just three swimmers and not entering relays.

Freshman Charlie Bronk led the Knights with a first-place finish in the 200 IM, earning a

personal best time of 2:13.50. He took second place in the 100 back with yet another personal best time of 59.27, but fell just shy of a Division 3 state cut by .08 seconds.

Freshman Zach Rabbani had a season-best time, placing fifth in the 200 free in 2:17.98. He also finished fifth in the 100 breast in 1:20.30. Sophomore Michael Darlington took eighth place on his way to achieving personal bests in the 50 free

(33.07) and 100 free (1:16.06), a three-second drop from his previous best time.

This weekend, the Knights compete in the Catholic League championship meet, with prelims set for 5 p.m. Friday, March 3, and finals beginning at noon Saturday, March 4, at Waterford Kettering High School. With hopes of being back at full strength, the team will compete in the 200 medley and 400 free relays. Each swimmer will enter two events.

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### 2023 March Board of Review

The 2023 March Board of Review will convene in the City Hall at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The meeting is scheduled as follows:

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

March 20, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

#### APPEAL HEARINGS

March 20, 2023 @ 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM

March 21, 2023 @ 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 885-5800.

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## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council will be considering the following proposed Ordinance amendment for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center. The proposed Ordinance amendment is available for public inspection at the Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; DIVISION 2, RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 2-304 TO RATIFY THE BENEFITS CALCULATED AND PROVIDED TO A MEMBER AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS WHO RETIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1992 AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023.**

Paul P. Antolin  
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