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## Papas recall petition rejected

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

### THE GROSSE POINTES

— The Wayne County Election Commission rejected recall petition language filed against a member of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools Board of Education over a vote that was held more than eight months ago.

The clarity hearing, held Wednesday, March 22, lasted less than 20 minutes and resulted in a unanimous 3-0 vote.

Board Vice President Lisa Papas was the target of the recall because she was the lone “no” vote on a resolution regarding gun safety and safe gun storage, which passed 6-1 at the board’s meeting June 27, 2022.

The petition was filed by Je Donna Dinges Thursday, March 2. Dinges declined to com-

ment when contacted by the Grosse Pointe News at the time, saying “I don’t like the Grosse Pointe News and I don’t want to talk to the Grosse Pointe News.”

Dinges has 10 days to file an appeal with the Wayne County Circuit Court, which then has 40 days to render a final decision, or she could choose to file a new petition with different language.

“That does NOT mean we give up,” Dinges posted on social media. “That just means we go back to square one.”

Papas said during the hearing that the intent of the resolution was to hand out information about gun safety and safe gun storage.

“If you hand out information to people, they have to read it and implement it for there to

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## Job cut in public safety command

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The first in a series of cost-saving actions which Mayor Michele Hodges forecast earlier this month came this week with a job cut in senior public safety administration.

Public Safety Department Director Bryan Jarrell, hired in

spring 2021 to, in part, prepare the deputy director for the top job, is being replaced by Deputy Director Jim Bostock at the end of this fiscal year, June 30.

Upon Bostock’s promotion, the job of deputy director is eliminated.

The elimination leaves the Farms as the only Grosse Pointe to have a deputy director.

Jarrell, out of the coun-

try on vacation, was unavailable for comment.

Bostock is a 20-year veteran of the department. He also played shortstop for the Spokane Indians, at the time a minor league affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

City Manager Nick Sizeland made the change one week after Hodges said the city’s



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## GPPSS credit rating downgraded

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

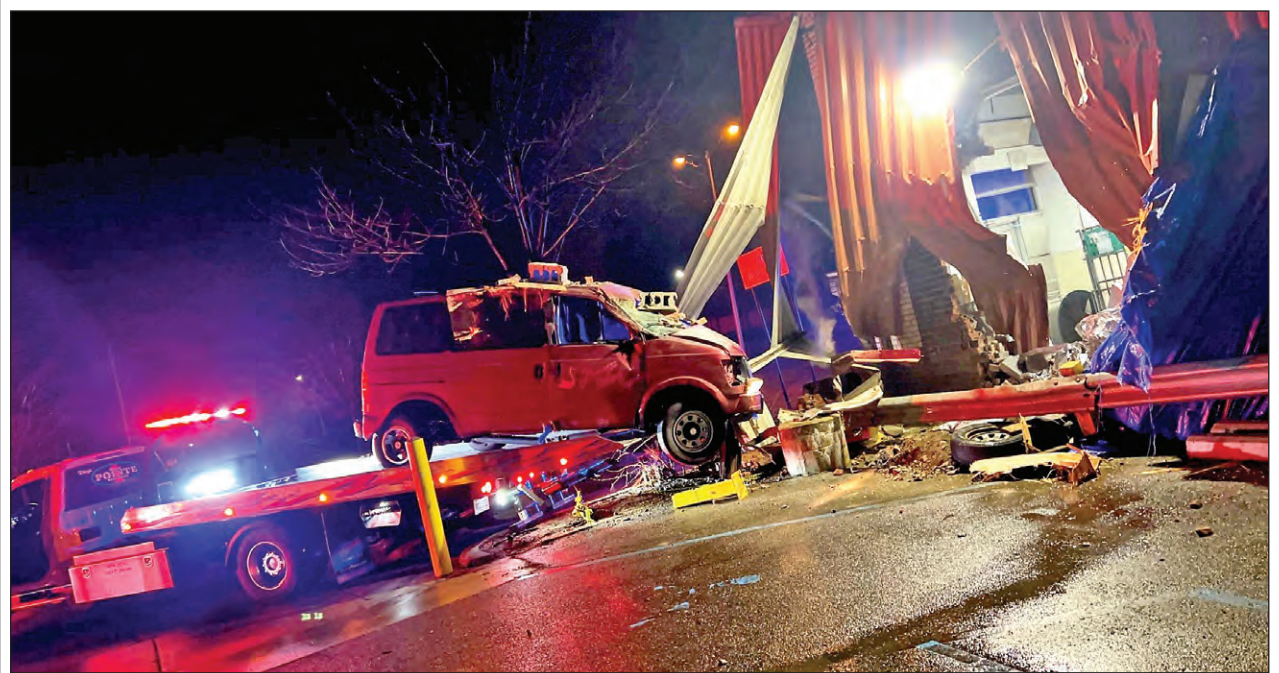
### THE GROSSE POINTES

— Moody’s Investors Service announced Wednesday, March 22, it downgraded the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s general obligation unlimited tax rating from Aa3 to A1.

According to Moody’s, ratings in the Aa category, the second highest level, are “judged to be of high quality and subject to very low credit risk.” The A category, in third place, “are considered upper medium grade and subject to low credit risk.” The district was assigned the Aa3 rating in 2021.

In a statement on its website, Moody’s said the change was, “because the district’s reserves and liquidity materially narrowed, driven by negative revenue variances, contin-

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COURTESY PHOTO

Officers shut off gas and water to the Mack post office building before it was safe to remove the van that crashed into it around 2 a.m. Thursday, March 23.

## Van crashes inside Mack post office

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

### GROSSE POINTE FARMS

— A Gordon Food Service truck driver cruised past a fully-intact United States Postal Service office at Mack and East Warren on his way to deliver stock to the local Chipotle Mexican Grill around 2 a.m. Thursday, March 23.

On his return trip up

Mack less than a half hour later, however, it was a different story.

Sgt. Tim Harris was working the midnight shift finishing some paperwork in the supervisor’s office when the delivery driver’s call came at 2:24 a.m., reporting a vehicle had crashed into the post office for the second time in less than a year.

“I was (thinking), ‘Oh,

please tell me it’s not in the building,’” Harris said, “but it sure was.”

The 1990 red GMC Safari van had gone so far into the southwest corner of the building that only a couple inches of the hatch remained visible.

The extent of the impact is, at least in part, attributable to the lack of proper repair — the sergeant cited plywood and a tarp at the scene — after a

man experiencing a seizure came off East Warren and drove into the same section of building last July.

A medical emergency wasn’t the case Thursday, Harris said.

With a response time of less than a minute, the first officer on scene found the 44-year-old Detroit driver had gotten

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## Village parking structure to waive 90 minute fees

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

### CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— Validation from Trader Joe’s soon won’t be the only way to secure a period of free parking in The Village parking structure.

To help offset the inconvenience as recon-

struction of the CVS lot kicks off after Easter, the City will begin allowing up to 90 minutes of free parking in the structure. The project is anticipated to last approximately three months.

“A lot of accommodations are going to have to take place, (because

it’s one of the busiest parking lots,” City Manager Pete Dame said of the CVS lot. “It’s almost always full, so it’s going to cause some havoc, so what we’re requesting (of council) is a waiver of fees to help ease the pain a bit.”

For the provision, the City’s parking fund will

take an anticipated monthly hit of \$10,000 in lost parking revenue.

With notices sent out last week to all businesses in the affected area, as well as to parking garage permit holders, a select number in the latter group will be

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# Lyngbya; by any other name, muck

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## THE GROSSE POINTES

— A lot of clever people are having a hard time describing the malodorous stench of festering aquatic vegetation that clogs portions of the Lake St. Clair shoreline during warm weather seasons.

Suffice it to say there's something rotten in the state of Michigan.

And Ohio. And Florida and Georgia. And in any number of otherwise picturesque, toe-dipping places where relatively clear, shallow fresh water contains an overabundance of nutrients that brew funk known scientifically as Lyngbya.

"We just call it muck," said Candice Miller, public works commissioner of Macomb County and former seven-term member of Congress. "And it's expanding."

Of the nearly 3,300 miles of Michigan shoreline, it is from within Macomb's 32-mile section that commissioners partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to split the cost of a \$400,000, two-year study to determine the cause, prevention and possible health risks of Lyngbya.

"I'm not going to just sit here and say too bad we have it all over our beaches, too bad boat wells and canals are no longer usable," Miller said. "No. We have to figure it out."

Results of the study are expected to provide a foundation on which to build a strategy for prevention, remediation — anything but accepting the status quo of shore-

lines commandeered by smelly mats of organic quicksand several feet deep.

"Once we know what's in it and we think we know what's causing it, we can start to have a plan of action for eradicating it or doing whatever we have to do," Miller said. "Is it because of climate change? Is it because of zebra mussels? Is it because of combined sewer overflows? Is it catching E.coli along the shoreline? That's what we're looking for from the study — what's causing it?"

"The answer," said ecology professor Dr. Thomas Bridgeman, director of the University of Toledo Lake Erie Center, "to any of these kind of algae — whether Lyngbya or other kinds of cyanobacteria — is almost always to reduce nutrient runoff from the land, whether that's from farms, failing septic systems, municipal wastewater treatment plants. Whatever it's coming from, reducing it is usually the only real solution."

Bridgeman has been studying Lyngbya for the past several years. In a way, he didn't have a choice.

"We had a big problem with it about 15 years ago," he said. "We had masses of it four-feet thick piling up in front of my office at the Lake Erie Center."

The center is west of Maumee State Park on Maumee Bay in Ohio.

Bridgeman described the encroachment in the March 2010 Journal of Great Lakes Research:

"A storm deposited large mats of Lyngbya wollei in coves along the south shore of Maumee Bay. These mats remained intact over winter and new growth was observed along the margins (the following spring). Mats ranged in thickness (up) to 1.2 meters. We estimated that one 100-meter stretch of shoreline was covered with approximately 200 metric tons."

"It was amazing," Bridgeman said. "It still appears, but we haven't had huge mats of it since then."

Lyngbya's irregular comings and goings at varying levels of intensity heighten the degree of frustration it causes as a nuisance species.

"Two or three years ago, we had a period during which it was coming ashore," said Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms, which has a beach at municipal Pier Park. "The whole beach was raked and spotless. The parks crew worked on it for most of the day. The next day, it looked like they'd never been there."

The annual build-up of muck delays opening the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Spillway boat launch site off Jefferson Avenue in Harrison Township until crews with heavy equipment clear the area, according to Miller.

The same, or worse, with residents and their private boat slips and canals.

"One private property owner spent almost \$30,000 dredging this out behind his house," Miller

said. "Guess what? Next year, it looked like he didn't even touch it."

"It is a spreading problem in the U.S.," Bridgeman said. "In the south, like Georgia and Florida, they're really having problems with Lyngbya. It has to do in general with too many nutrients getting into the waterways."

Bridgeman has the self-deprecating manner of a scientist who knows that research often generates more questions than answers.

"To the extent there are answers about Lyngbya, I probably know as much as anybody," he said. "But that doesn't mean I know a lot."

Specifically, Lyngbya is a bottom-dwelling, bottom-growing cyanobacteria.

"It doesn't have roots," he said. "It is able to get nutrients — phosphorus and nitrogen — from bottom sediments. It tends to grow in waters shallow enough to get enough light."

Deeper water where sunlight doesn't penetrate is free of Lyngbya.

"At times it will release from the bottom, like it's time to go," Bridgeman said. "Big masses almost like a carpet come up. Then it just moves around. Wherever the wind blows, it ends up on shore somewhere."

Relatively slow-moving water in shallow places like Macomb County's Anchor Bay and Maumee Bay in western Lake Erie — areas adjacent to or downstream from a lot of urban wastewater and agricultural stormwater runoff — are excellent

breeding grounds.

"This is my personal theory," Miller said. "This exists in areas where the water is not flowing, where it's stagnant. Otherwise, it keeps moving down the lake."

Her observation is seconded by Chad Craig, supervisor of parks in Grosse Pointe Park.

It is off the Park where Lake St. Clair funnels into the Detroit River. Three- to four-knot currents challenge sailboat skippers, but constantly flush flotsam and jetsam downstream.

"I haven't had many issues at the Patterson Park launch or Windmill Pointe marina," Craig said of organic material. "I think our current is so strong that not too much gets in and causes an issue."

"Lyngbya is an indicator of too much runoff," Bridgeman said. "I hate to call phosphorus and nitrogen pollutants. They're not really pollutants except where they become so concentrated, they grow things you don't want to grow. It's a symptom of over-fertilization of our lakes."

Lyngbya's role in nature is undetermined, other than being an opportunistic tag-along.

"It does not seem to be good food for tiny critters," Bridgeman said. "It probably is just filling a vacuum. There's nutrients available, light is available, the temperature is right and for whatever reason it's not a place where other aquatic vegetation grows very well."

In the Farms, the role of Lyngbya and other

seaweeds is to fill the beds of trash haulers.

"When that muck was upon our shores, it was gathered and dried so we could haul it away for composting," Reeside said.

"In the south, they use some kind of harvesting equipment to scoop the stuff up and bury it," Bridgeman said. "Other than mechanically harvesting and scooping this stuff off the shoreline, I don't know that people do a lot with it."

"I've lived on that lake my whole life," Miller said. "Something has changed in a very delicate ecosystem."

The change is ingrained in terms of the phosphorus and nitrogen which makes Lyngbya tick.

"Lyngbya can get nutrients from bottom sediment," Bridgeman said. "Those nutrients are already in the bottom. It's not like you're going to get an instant fix by reducing nutrients coming in because they're using what's called 'legacy nutrients' that are already in the bottom."

Harvesting is a huge job. Treating an entire lake with algaecide isn't practical from an environmental perspective.

"So, whenever we talk about larger bodies of water, the only real solution is to prevent the growth in the first place by reducing the runoff of nutrients," Bridgeman said.

He's no better than anyone at describing the odor.

"I don't have a good phrase for the way the stuff smells," Bridgeman said.

## Shores public safety by the numbers

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Despite a 24 percent staffing shortage,

the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department responded to 10 percent more calls — 3,099 — in 2022, compared to the previous year.

"At the end of the year we look at the total number of reports generated on calls for service," Director Ken Werenski told city council at its meeting Tuesday, March 21. "That could be anything from breaking-and-entering alarms to EMS runs to coyote sightings."

Werenski's annual report noted, "Most of these responses are minor in nature and only require some guidance from the public safety department to resolve the issue."

The staffing shortage came about due to two

retirements and one officer leaving to take a job with the Michigan State Police Fire Division.

"Despite that, we do respond and we do it with pride," Werenski said. "That's what our residents deserve."

Two new officers were hired in 2022, and two more are close to joining once they complete academy training.

One example of that pride Werenski mentioned is a resident who needs assistance getting in and out of his car to attend chemotherapy treatments.

"He doesn't have any-

body to help him, so our guys show up every time and they're happy to do it," he noted.

Although it didn't occur in 2022, Werenski shared another story about the department's dedication.

"We got a call a few weeks ago, the day of the last snowfall, for a gentleman who was out shoveling snow and went into full cardiac arrest," he said. "We spent 35 minutes on the scene and brought him back. That's a long time to do chest compressions."

One officer, who already had a knee injury, suffered a torn meniscus

during the call.

"He was on his hands and knees the whole time with the guy," Werenski said. "That's dedication."

EMS calls, along with both categories of crime departments are required to report to the FBI, were down in 2022, compared to 2021. EMS responded to 143 calls for service, down from 148 the previous year, a 3 percent drop. Of those calls, 67 percent were cardiac related and 76 percent were for people age 61 and older.

Part I crimes, categorized as the most serious such as homicide, arson and larceny, saw a 60 percent decrease, from 21 in

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# Rollover accident on Lakeshore

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A 60-year-old Eastpointe woman was taken to the hospital around 3 p.m. Monday, March 27, after a rollover accident on northbound Lakeshore south of Vernier.

According to Public Safety Director Ken Werenski, dispatch notified departments of a reckless driver heading north on Lakeshore from Moross.

"She was all over the road, going from curb to curb and weaving in and out of traffic," Werenski said. "She went up on the median and hit a tree, then started rolling



COURTESY PHOTO

**This single-vehicle accident on Lakeshore Monday afternoon sent one woman to the hospital.**

toward the lake."

The gold Jeep hit the eastern curb and landed upright where officers

discovered the driver unconscious. As of press time, officers were awaiting results of a blood test before deciding on any charges.

— Ted O'Neil

# 42 years is enough

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The city's outgoing, all-in-one clerk, finance director and treasurer, Jane Blahut, is credited with keeping track of the city's dollars while making sense.

"She'd chase nickels and dimes and find thousands of dollars," resident Dick Schroede said. "That is something you can't replace."

He gave her a floral arrangement during her final city council meeting March 13.

"She will be very much missed," Mayor Michele Hodges said. "She's core to our DNA as an organization."

Blahut credits her 42-year career with the

city, beginning as a 19-year-old cashier, to doing her job while leaving elected officials to do theirs.

"I stayed out of politics," Blahut said.

Her last day is Friday, March 31.

"I'm going to be here right to the end," she said.

From there, everywhere.

In April she and her husband of 40 years, John, begin a Florida vacation.

"In June, I'm going to Europe for three weeks," Blahut said. "In August, I'm going to Colorado."

Her daughter lives there.

"We're going to Florida again in September, Colorado again in October," Blahut said.

"We'll be kind of busy. If I



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

**Jane Blahut with a gift of flowers on her desk during her final days at work.**

get bored, I'll find a part-time job."

But not at Park city hall.

"There will be a new person here," she said. "She'll have her own way of doing things. I'm fine with that."

She compared the city to a wheel.

"A lot of people jump on

and a lot of people jump off, but the wheel keeps moving," Blahut said. "Everything is changing, but that's how it always is."

She reported to six mayors and dozens of council members.

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response to a projected \$1,076,000 deficit next year includes cost cutting through "adjustments to staffing."

"We've been looking at ways to save money and find efficiencies," Sizeland said. "The city has made attrition cuts of personnel in all departments."

He said when hiring Jarrell 24 months ago it was "probably the most important decision I've made in my short career as city manager."

Likewise, Sizeland said it was the hardest decision to cut short Jarrell's career with the Park.

"I had to make a tough business decision," Sizeland said. "It's nothing personal at all because he's a good man. It just came down to the budget. Bryan did his job, which included training Jim Bostock. He (Jarrell) knew this day would come. Unfortunately, with the budget, it came a little sooner than anticipated."

Prior to accepting the job in the Park, Jarrell was chief of police in Prescott Valley, Ariz. Before that, he was with the Southfield police department 28 years, including 10 years as deputy chief.

"I'm not going to be the kind of chief who sits in the office all day and waits for things to happen," Jarrell said at the time of his hiring. "I'm going to be out in the community, meeting people and holding town hall events. I want to hear what the people have to say. It's important for us

to listen to what they expect, have open dialogue and try to come to a mutual understanding."

He followed through on it all.

Sizeland said, "Bryan initiated the Public Safety Advisory Committee, a group of residents and business owners; numerous town hall, public safety open house and faith in blue events; created the public safety Facebook page and organized the Grosse Pointe chiefs to meet on a regular basis."

"Bryan saw the importance of diversifying our department, hired two highly qualified female officers and revamped our hiring practices to bring the best and brightest talent to Grosse Pointe Park."

Jarrell's highlights also consist of bringing a "new perspective to our department, reviewing internal policies and initiating changes, working with the philanthropic community to secure essential equipment updates to outfit officers, a revamped workout facility and new locker rooms and bathrooms," Sizeland said.

He said the decision wasn't based on job performance.

"This is simply a budget matter," Sizeland said. "Bryan is such a good guy; I'd love to see him land somewhere else because he deserves it."

Hodges said last week the city's deficit reduction plan is being implemented over the next several years and includes "labor negotiations that don't compromise service delivery but also respect our budget

limitations."

"We're looking at cost saving in other areas as well," Sizeland said.

The Park council recently retained a real estate broker to market roughly \$1.4 million worth of city-owned land in Detroit, including commercial property on Alter.

The Park already shares a building inspec-

tor and city forester with the City and Farms.

Future sharing may consist of jointly bidding infrastructure projects, such as roadwork.

"You're going to see more and more ways of how the five Grosse Pointes can all help each other while giving our residents the best customer service," Sizeland said.

# Cranford, Neff up for construction

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As the first scheduled roadwork in the City of Grosse Pointe this year, Cranford Lane not only will see total reconstruction, but also will be transitioned to a one-way street — traveling from Notre Dame toward Cadieux — and widened by a foot.

"That will help keep some of those side-view mirrors from getting sheared off," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted, before city council during its March meeting approved a \$2,586,806 bid to VIL Construction, which also was the subcontractor for last year's Rivard roadwork.

Also included in the bid is the resurfacing of Neff Road from St. Paul

to Charlevoix, which extends past work done from Maumee to St. Paul.

The city is lining up its annual road construction schedule with needed sewer upgrades, this year incorporating replacement of the Cranford water main; replacement of a six-inch water main along Neff with an eight-inch water main between Maumee and St. Paul, as well as from Kercheval to Charlevoix; transfer of water services for homes on Neff between St. Paul and Kercheval from a six-inch water main to an already existing 12-inch water main; and the replacement of all lead water services in their entirety along both streets, as the City is required to replace 5

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2021, to nine in 2022. Those included seven larcenies and two vehicle thefts.

Part II crimes, considered less serious, dropped 35 percent, from 139 incidents in 2021, to 90 in 2022. Those included 53 drunken driving arrests,

down from 80 the previous year, and 14 cases of

fraud or identity theft, up from 10.

The fire division saw a 34 percent increase in runs, up from 58 to 78. That included seven structure fires, primarily providing mutual aid to other communities, 34 false alarms and 11 grass or leaf fires.

"Overall it was a pretty successful year," Werenski said. "We got a lot done and we hired some really good people."

# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, APRIL 3

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores park party reservations open, 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Spring Beautification meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Community Tree Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- ◆ Good Friday
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# Planner plans for Belle Isle sawmill

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Fred Rottach managed Detroit Tiger Stadium through its death throes and he knows where some of the skeletons are buried.

“Sports Illustrated called me while I was managing the stadium,” Rottach said. “They wanted to do a special on the home run Reggie Jackson hit into the light fixture in right field.”

The hit remains the highlight of the 1971 All-Star game.

Jackson stepped to the plate in the third inning with one runner on first and nobody out. First pitch outside. Ball one. Second pitch:

“There’s a long drive,” NBC TV announcer Curt Gowdy said.

He spoke faster the farther the ball flew:

“That one is going way up. It is — off the roof. That hit the transformer up there. A tremendous smash. Only eight players have hit the ball over the roof here in Detroit.”

“The guy from Sports Illustrated was interested in the distance the home run actually went,” Rottach said. “He measured from home plate to the center field wall.”

The dark green wall was labeled in big white numbers “440” feet.

“He measured it twice with a laser,” Rottach said. “It came out to 407 feet.”

Rottach chalked up the discrepancy to the team owner having a streak of P.T. Barnum.

“Everybody raved



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINGBERG

The century-old sawmill on Belle Isle will see better days when the Arboriculture Society of Michigan Foundation raises enough money to renovate it into a working museum.

about how deep Tiger Stadium was in center field,” Rottach said. “If it was 440, it really would have been deep. But, it was only 407.”

Then there’s the side hustle operated out of an office behind stands along the third base line.

“In that office were all these baseballs,” Rottach said. “They were autographed by players. A guy sold them on the side.”

Hundreds of players’ autographs also covered one of the room’s walls.

“There was pretty high demand for autographed balls,” Rottach said. “When he ran out, he copied the autographs and sold balls on the side. They weren’t autographed by the players.”

Rottach, 72, of Grosse Pointe Park, is retired as the City of Detroit’s director of real estate. His wife of 42 years is Giuseppina Darlofi, a

retired Detroit public school teacher. They have two children, Robert, an attorney for Oakland County; and Nicole, working locally for a medical company based in California.

Rottach managed the stadium for a decade starting in 1999, the last year the Tigers played there before moving to Comerica Park, until after it was torn down in 2008.

“We should have saved that wall,” he said, remembering all those autographs. “Al Kaline, Dick McAuliffe, Norm Cash. You name it.”

Rottach grew up on Detroit’s east side.

During summer breaks from Servite Catholic High School and through earning a master’s degree in urban planning at Wayne State University, he worked in the city’s forestry department. Duties not only consisted of trimming and cutting down trees, but also manning a sawmill on Belle Isle.

“On Belle Isle they had a carpentry shop,” Rottach said. “Furniture at the City-County Building downtown, like desks and tables, were made at the Belle Isle carpentry shop. Wood at the carpentry shop came from the sawmill.”

So did picnic tables in municipal parks all over town.

Physical labor made fond memories of crewmates who depended on each other and of foremen nicknamed Fat Jack and Whiskey.

“The funny part was Whiskey didn’t drink,” Rottach said.

Tiger Stadium, as radio announcer Ernie Harwell described home runs, is long gone.

The sawmill survives. It is visible through wire gates off Loiter Way, behind the giant slide north of Inselruhe Avenue.

Although more than 100 years old and dormant since at least the early 1980s, it has sturdy walls of brick and stone, a serviceable roof with eyebrow dormer for panache.

Rottach rates it a fixer-upper.

He and other members of the Arboriculture Society of Michigan Foundation are fundraising to restore the mill as a working museum.

“It’s our mission to have the sawmill as an educational facility used by kids from grade school through high school so they can see where furniture comes from,” said Rottach, a member of the foundation’s board of directors.

“Chairs don’t just happen. They have to be harvested as wood, shaved, trimmed and

“The Detroit area is a hotbed for urban forestry history,” said fellow Arboriculture board member Brain Colter, also city forester in the Park, City of Grosse Pointe and Farms. “The sawmill is going to be a museum to pay homage to the history of urban forestry and how it evolved. We have hundreds and hundreds of artifacts — old-fashioned chainsaws, two-handed saws from the 19th century.”

Details about the foundation and how to donate are available at [arboriculturesocietymichigan.org](http://arboriculturesocietymichigan.org) under “Donations & Support.”

Rottach also has a family tie to the island.

“My father was the engineer that ran Belle



Fred Rottach, 72, helped a construction crew install steel support beams during the renovation of his house.

treated. A lot of people in the country used to make their own furniture.”

“We are very grateful for the effort to restore the sawmill, which is one of the island’s more interesting and historic spaces,” said Michele Hodges, president and chief executive officer of the Belle Isle Conservancy and also mayor of the Park. “Belle Isle wouldn’t be Belle Isle without the exceptional volunteers who give of their time and treasure so generously.”

Isle back in the ’50s and ’60s,” he said. “If you walk around Scott Fountain, you’ll see a set of double doors that go down under.”

They lead to his father’s old office.

“There were light switches in there that controlled the color of the fountain,” he said. “I’d go to work with him sometimes. Every half hour, he’d let me change the colors of the fountain. It’s still the hub of running the fountain, but now it’s all done by electronics.”

## CRASH:

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out of his van and was wandering inside the post office.

Following a predicament getting to the man, who was inside the locked building with the van

plugging the entrance he had created — officers crawled through the van’s back hatch and out its front doors to walk him out of the building — field sobriety tests led to a reasonable belief of his intoxication.

A preliminary breath test finding of 0.18 percent solidified the suspicion.

Due to the magnitude of the accident, paramedics were called and declared the man uninjured, allowing for his immediate arrest.

A LEIN search found he had no warrants or previous operating while intoxicated convictions, although he additionally was cited for not having vehicle insurance.

“He wanted to know if we could get his car for him, so he could go home,” Harris said. “He wanted to keep driving. He was like, ‘Can I get my car tonight?’ I’m like, ‘I don’t think you’re ever going to see this car again, man.’”

Similar to past incidents, the accident report shows the driver came off East Warren and failed to make the turn onto Mack. He told officers he was coming from his cousin’s birthday party and traveling 40 mph.

Because last summer’s seizure-induced accident occurred mid-morning, bystanders then received minor injuries caused by bricks raining down into the parking lot and a filing cabinet falling onto a postal worker inside the building.

This time around, the post office was unoccupied.

“But they get there around 3 a.m.,” Harris noted of employees, “so they narrowly missed it.”

As the brick wall bordering the post office along Mack has been deteriorated by a number of similar collisions over the years, the sergeant strongly recommends the postal service place yellow pylons along its property to prevent future repetition.

A manager at the location stated, “We will be changing the layout of the building. That’s all the information I have at the moment.”

Despite a gaping hole in its southern wall and a crack protruding from it along the ceiling, the location was back to business as usual the next day, including full-service retail operations, customer access to P.O. Box mail in the lobby and delivery operations.

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## City of Grosse Pointe

## Check fraud

A Delaware resident reported an unknown person cashed a \$6,450 fraudulent check in her name at a bank on St. Clair Friday, Feb. 17.

## Unruly patients

Officers twice responded to a local hospital for patients who became unruly and made threats toward staff at 1:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, and 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 22.

## Wind storm

Officers responded to multiple calls of wires down during the wind storm Saturday, March 25.

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

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Nearly there

An unknown woman took a bag of cosmetics and shampoos that had been scanned, but not yet paid for, from a business in the 100 block of

Kercheval at 8:21 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

She is described as a 5-foot, 5-inch black woman wearing a puffy, black winter coat and black jeans.

She left in a black Ford F-250, which was spotted at Chalfonte and Fisher, but fled attempts to pull it over.

## Phone fraud

A 37-year-old Farms woman last week received a call from T-Mobile requesting verification that she had applied to open a new phone line. Although she reported it as fraud, the next day she received two voicemails from the carrier requesting verification to open a new phone line, with a third call the following day stating the account was created.

## Patient criminal

A 76-year-old Farms man's daughter recently discovered approximately \$24,000 had been taken from his Fifth Third Bank account in small increments over

the last 10 months.

## Buy one, get one

After purchasing a soft drink from a business in the 18000 block of Mack at 1:58 p.m. Thursday, March 23, an unknown man grabbed a \$50 bottle of alcohol from an end-cap near the door on his way out.

He is described as an approximately 30-year-old black man with a short beard and wearing a gray T-shirt and jeans.

## Bad parenting

A 37-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over on Lakeshore at 7:03 p.m. Saturday, March 25, for speeding 50 mph, swerving and striking curbs, with her 9-year-old son in the backseat.

A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.28 percent and she was arrested for a second offense of child endangerment, second offense of operating under the influence, probation violation and driving while license suspended.

## Telling time

A 61-year-old Eastpointe woman told officers she wasn't aware she was driving on her vehicle's rim when she was pulled over at Moross and Mack at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, March 25.

When asked how long ago she consumed alcohol, she said, "Two streets ago."

A preliminary breath test showed a blood alcohol content of 0.19 percent, for which she was arrested.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Grab and go

After being confronted by an employee at a business in the 20400 block of Mack around 1 p.m. Thursday, March 23, while trying to leave without paying for his merchandise, a suspect grabbed crab legs and

laundry detergent from his cart and left.

The loss is estimated at \$100. The suspect was described as a black man in his 60s.

## On the edge

An edger valued at \$250 was taken from a garage in the 1800 block of Stanhope around 4 a.m. Friday, March 25.

The resident was awakened by an alarm on her cellphone indicating her garage entry door was opened. She looked outside to see the suspect riding away on a bike.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## No license

After she was pulled over on Lakeshore for driving without headlights around 1:15 a.m. Sunday, March 26, a 31-year-old Clinton Township woman was

ticketed for not having bothered to apply for a driver license.

She and her passenger were released to a relative and the vehicle was impounded.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Auto break-ins

Criminals entered multiple unlocked vehicles parked overnight Thursday, March 23, on Lakepointe and Beaconsfield.

"Limited items were taken," according to police. "It appears the suspects are looking for keys and or key fobs in the vehicles."

Police again cautioned residents to lock parked vehicles.

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

## FEES:

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impacted more so than only experiencing an added struggle to find a parking space.

"Our plan is to move as many of the permit holders from the garage into Lots 2 and 3, many of which actually work on the north side of Kercheval," Dame noted. "All the Kroger employees are in the garage, so they're definitely moving out. We're going to take volunteers as well."

The City also hopes to conduct a stormwater sewer improvement project along Kercheval Place at some point this summer, at which time it also will waive parking fees for Lot 6, as it sits behind the street and across from the municipal parking garage. This allowance would be expected to cost the city's parking fund \$1,200 per month.

City council approved the waivers 6-0, with Councilman Chris Walsh absent, during its March meeting.

## Deliveries

Another difficult consideration during the reconstruction of Lot 4 is how CVS and Panera Bread semi-trucks will drop off supplies.

The alley will be the first portion of Lot 4 completed — with a duration estimate of one month — during which the trucks will have to load off Kercheval.

"We told them to get their deliveries done in the morning before 9 a.m.," Dame reported, "so they're not disrupting customer traffic during the day time."

## ROADS:

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percent each year.

"We just resurfaced (Neff) from Maumee to St. Paul, so that road's not going to be touched because the water main's going to be going underneath the sidewalk," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo clarified.

While start dates and duration of construction are yet to be determined, work on Cranford will be up first.

"Every residence on the affected blocks will receive a notice prior to

the start of the construction outlining the planned schedule and disruptions to traffic and parking," City Manager Pete Dame noted via email. "They also receive weekly updates, as with all of our projects, distributed by hand, email and via the city website."

Some parking will be allowed on Notre Dame during the Cranford project, although the intent also is to only work on half of the street at a time.

"Not the whole street's going to be affected all at one time, except for when they actually do

the final paving," Randazzo noted. "We have to work extra when it comes to Cranford with the project, because it is such a tight street."

The roadwork cost will be covered by the City's

road millage along with a small portion of its capital projects fund, while the water and sewer work will require the future authorization of bonds for underground infrastructure.

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### OUR VIEW

## Quick takes on hot topics

**N**ews stories from around town are keeping the Pointes buzzing. Here's our take on just a few of the latest local hot topics recently covered on the pages of the Grosse Pointe News:

◆ **Mack Avenue's business boom:** Diners, delight! New food options arriving along Mack are giving Pointers some exciting new choices to tantalize their taste buds along the road's nearly 5.5-mile stretch. Additions like Bucharest Grill and Crispelli's Bakery and Pizzeria in Grosse Pointe Woods, as well as Cloverleaf Pizza in the City of Grosse Pointe are upping our neighborhood food game. With plans to add fast food favorites like Taco Bell and a Chick-fil-A on the Detroit side of the street in the City, this food infusion is fun for our palates. It's also great to see the restaurant industry booming on Mack Avenue and flourishing post-pandemic.

◆ **Hooked on Fishissippi:** Speaking of post-pandemic comebacks, we were delighted to see the return of Fishissippi Coney Island at Ferry Elementary School March 16, after a five-year hiatus. Teacher James Fisher once again led the charge, this time for his 3-4 magnet class for the pop-up restaurant, an idea he came up with to teach business skills and economics as part of his social studies curriculum. A shout out also goes out to Grace Keros, a third-generation owner of American Coney Island in Detroit, who prepared and donated the delicious Greek salads, coney dogs, hot dogs, drinks and ice cream floats available for customers to purchase. As hands-on as it gets, this lesson incorporated math, technology, problem solving and social skills. To top it off, all of the class's earnings went to a charity, Autism Alliance of Michigan.

Thank you, Mr. Fisher for exemplifying the excellence that is so present among our teachers in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. You are applying your know-how and enthusiasm to educate our kids through one of the best (and tastiest) ways we have seen in some time. We can't wait for next year!

◆ **Sinking middle school pools:** Given what financial straits the Grosse Pointe Public School System currently is navigating, the decision to close the pool at Parcels Middle School and "mothball" those aquatic facilities at Brownell and Pierce middle schools is understandable, but disappointing. At \$780,000, it is by far the most fiscally responsible option. But this tough decision also brings discouragement that we have to shut them down at all and, in the case of Parcels, demolish it.

Our middle school physical education classes will no longer have swimming as part of the curriculum. Community swim programs, practices for the middle school swim league (a program created by an Eagle Scout in the district) and lifeguard training can no longer take place at our middle schools.

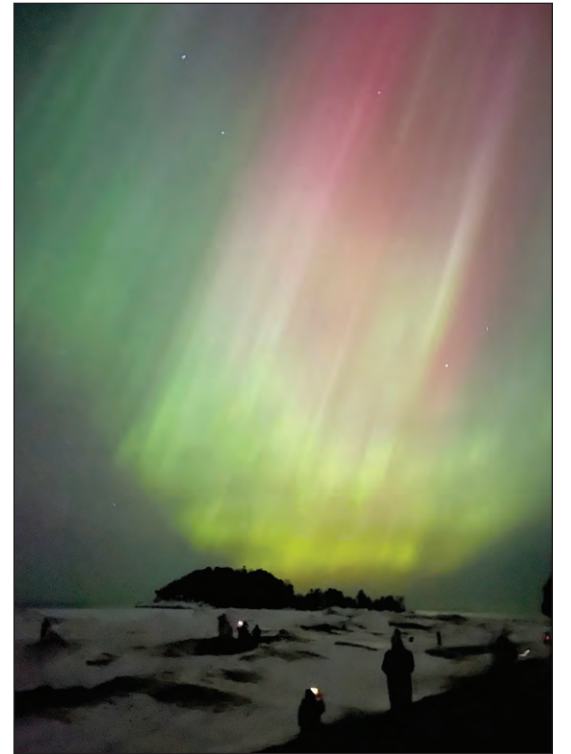
As a community, we will adjust, but these three pools were just one example of our school system's many fantastic resources and also served as a reflection of our overall financial health. Unfortunately these closings are among many of the difficult decisions to come for our district — and this latest tough decision is one we don't have to like in order to understand.

◆ **Failed recall:** In a unanimous 3-0 vote, the Wayne County Election Commission rejected language included in a recall petition filed against sitting Board of Education member Lisa Papas during a clarity hearing Wednesday, March 22. The commission took 20 minutes to render its decision on the petition, which was based on Papas's "no" vote on a



## Light display

Grosse Pointe resident John Steininger recently spent some time in Marquette, where he captured the beauty of the aurora borealis, also known as the northern lights, the evening of March 23. These luminous colors are visible when the earth's magnetic fields interact with charged particles from the sun. The northern lights occur year round, but are better observed during winter.



COURTESY PHOTOS BY JOHN STEININGER

### GUEST VIEW

By Jean Buhler

## Run it up the flagpole

*(Editor's note: Jean Buhler, a lifelong Grosse Pointe resident, shared a story with readers in April 2021, about her memories of growing up in the area. She submitted this after the Grosse Pointe News asked for school news.)*

**T**his story takes me back to the 1940s when Brownell Junior High (now Brownell Middle School on Chalfonte) was housed in the east wing at Grosse Pointe High School.

I was not allowed to ride my bike to school as we lived a very short distance and I could walk the three blocks. I was in the eighth grade at the time and my older brother, Jack, was a junior.

This particular day I remember my mom and her friend were going shopping in downtown Detroit and this gave me a chance to ride my bike to school after eating lunch at home. I didn't see Jack but, alas, he was playing touch football and saw me lock up my bike in the bike rack when I arrived.

When school was dismissed I searched everywhere and asked everyone if they (office staff, janitor, etc.) had seen my bike. No one saw it. Who wouldn't notice a black and white Schwin with white-wall tires?

When seated at the dinner table my father commented about not seeing my bike in its usual spot in the garage.

"Where?" he asked.

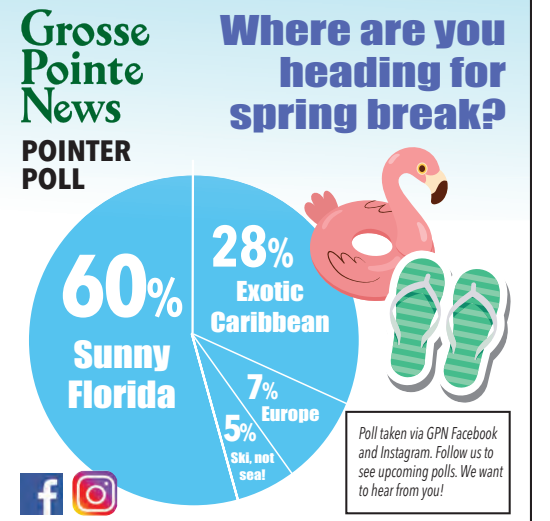
"I don't know," I replied.

My mother quickly turned to me but my father asked Jack if he knew anything about it.

"Well, we were just fooling around and someone suggested ..."

They had hoisted my bike up the empty flagpole on campus. We were sent back to school to retrieve my bike, without dinner, and begin our two weeks of solitary confinement!

Jean Buhler is a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe.



resolution that took place more than eight months ago on June 27, 2022. The resolution in question passed.

The petitioner's filer, a former BoE candidate in last November's election, has 10 days to appeal the decision with the Wayne County Circuit Court. The court then has 40 days to render a final decision on the matter. The former candidate also could file a new petition with different language. This is likely not the end of the story, so we will stay tuned. However, we stand by our position that this petition was retaliatory and weak at its core, and was doomed from the start. But it garnered the attention the filer likely sought. Overall, we love to see our democracy in action.

## 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.

### Quick response receives heartfelt gratitude

To the Editor:

My neighbor found a small owl in my flower bed appearing to be injured. Having no experience with owls, I called Wild Birds Unlimited for advice. The owner, Rosanne Kovalcik, immediately drove to my home to pick up the little bird and took him to one of her many contacts with bird rehabilitators. The owl unfortunately died, apparently from ingesting a poisoned rodent.

Rosanne's immediate actions are indeed commendable and she is a very valuable asset to the community.

NANCY GUTIERREZ  
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

# Navajo Code Talkers: Warriors and heroes



**T**hey were told to forget their language when they were forced into boarding schools as children, then, as adults, they were called into the military to become what would be known as Code Talkers. They are the Navajo, they are warriors and their code was unbreakable.

In service to their country, 29 Navajo men were recruited into the U.S. Marines, becoming a weapon of sorts during World War II, using their

language as a code which turned out to be too difficult for the Germans and Japanese to break. The Navajo language was the perfect choice because it was unwritten, guttural and no one outside of the Navajo people knew how to speak it.

Code Talkers were able to create a language that was understood by those who knew the code, but unintelligible to those who did not. To make it even harder to break, the Navajo encoded their language with word substitution for military tactics and key phrases and, in doing so, created an unbreakable code.

Maj. Howard Connor, communications officer for the 5th Marine Division, said, "Without the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima."

During wartime, sending and receiving codes without the enemy being able to decipher them required hours of encrypting and decrypting the code. The Code Talkers initiative was created to find a more secure way to send and receive code.

The first military message sent over the radio by Chester Nez, one of the original Navajo Code Talkers, was: "Anaai (Enemy) naatsosi (Japanese) beeldooh alhaa dildoni (machine gun) nishnaajigo nahdi kadgo (on your right flank). Diiltaah (Destroy)."

Once U.S. troops received that message, they were able to eliminate the threat.

By the time the war was over, 461 Navajos served as Code Talkers;

13 were killed in action. Code Talkers saved countless lives and made a sacrifice for a nation that did terrible things to their people. They did it anyway, proudly and in a unique way to achieve victory for the U.S. and make history, successfully transmitting more than 800 messages without error during the month-long battle for Iwo Jima.

The Navajo Code Talkers brought honor to their nation and service to their country. And they have my utmost respect. They were proud of their work and their service. I don't know them, but I am proud of them, too. In 2023, there are only three Navajo Code Talkers left on this Earth. I would love to meet them.

There were 20 other

tribes, such as the Choctaw and the Sioux, who had Code Talkers, but the Navajo were the most famous. For more than 25 years, their WWII mission was kept quiet as "top secret" and "classified." Because it was classified, they were ordered to keep their wartime contributions a secret. When they were honorably discharged from the military, they were told to tell no one, not even family, about their mission. It took more than 40 years for them to be recognized.

The Navajo Code Talkers program was declassified in 1968. Once the program was declassified and people began to learn about their contribution, they realized the importance of the Code Talkers' achievement. In 2000,

Congress passed legislation to honor the Navajo Code Talkers, providing them with Congressional gold and silver medals. The initial 29 Navajos who developed the code received gold medals July 26, 2001, and those who served after them received silver medals. Congress passed the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008, to officially recognize all Native Americans who served as Code Talkers during World War I and World War II.

To the Code Talkers who have left this earth and the three who are still here, thank you for your service. You are truly deserving of our nation's pride.

Sources: Google, intelligence.gov, national archives and us.org.

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1948

75 years ago this week

**JEFFERSON REPAVING DEMANDED:** Definite needs have been started toward getting a new pavement on East Jefferson Avenue. At the meeting of the Park Village Board of Commissioners and at a Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, resolutions were passed unanimously, which were identical in their meaning and almost in their wording, calling on the County Board of Road Commissioners to proceed with a new pavement on the avenue. The arguments were advanced at both meetings that the present pavement has so deteriorated that it was unsatisfactory and impractical to longer maintain this important highway by any temporary patchwork.

**PARK TO BE SET FOR SWIM SEASON DESPITE POLLUTION:** The contract for the dredging of the Park's

swimming pool was let to Leigh C. Merrill of Algonac at a price of \$3 per cubic yard on an estimated bulk of 1,400 yards. The work is to start at once and the whole job of placing the pool in readiness for the swimming season this year will be completed in time.

### 1973

50 years ago this week

**COURT SAYS OKAY TO SELL DODGE ESTATE:** Rose Terrace, the 60-room Dodge mansion, 12 Lakeshore Road, can now be sold. Permission for the sale was granted by Wayne County Probate Judge Frank Szymanski. The sale price for the home of the late Anne Thomson Dodge, widow of the late auto magnate, Horace S. Dodge, and its last occupant, is \$650,000. The mansion was constructed in 1934 at a cost of \$4 million.

**PARKING IN 'FREE' STRIP TO BE THING OF THE PAST:** As of Monday, April 2, signs will be

posted to inform parkers using the municipal parking lot at the rear of The Hill business district that the "free" parking will be only for authorized persons who have leased spaces. There are approximately 75 to 90 marked car spaces in the strip at the rear of the Muir property line, and each business place applying has been allocated a given number of spots for employers and employees.

### 1998

25 years ago this week

**SUMBERA TO ENTER HALL OF FAME:** Grosse Pointe North football coach Frank Sumbera is among this year's inductees into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**NATIONAL QUALIFIERS:** Five Pointe Aquatic swimmers qualified for the United States Junior Swimming Championships: John McLellan, Carly Piper, Kammy Miller, Cortney

Piper and Rachele Atrasz. Cortney Piper and Atrasz are seniors at Grosse Pointe North, while Carly Piper is a freshman at North. McLellan is a junior at Grosse Pointe South and Miller is in the eighth grade at Parcels Middle School.

### 2013

10 years ago this week

**PARK, CITY MERGER APPROVED:** Grosse Pointe Park will officially take over the public safety dispatch operation for the City of Grosse Pointe following contract approval by the Park city council at a March 25 meeting. The agreement could take effect as early as July 1, but the Park's director of Public Safety David Hiller said Sept. 1 is more likely.

**HISTORIC ORGAN RESCUED:** A 1928 Skinner Organ neglected and damaged is getting a new life. With the help of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, the organ is being refurbished and is to be playing music by

June 15, in the Grosse Pointe Woods church. Exposed to a leaky roof and heavily damaged in the now-closed St. Columba Episcopal Church in Detroit, the organ was dismantled and relocated to the Muller Organ Company in Croton, Ohio, in 2009. St. Michael's congregation committed to raise \$425,000. The church's Skinner Organ Fund Committee, through fundraising, writing grants, gathering pledges and other efforts, have managed to shrink the projected cost to around \$36,000.

**BENEDETTI UP FOR MR. BASEBALL:** Grosse Pointe South senior Carmen Benedetti earned the prestigious Louisville Slugger Preseason All-American honor this winter. The two-time member of the state Dream Team and All-State First Team Division 1 first basemen is ready to enjoy his final year of high school baseball before hitting the college level at the University of Michigan. He also enters his final year of high school as a Mr. Baseball candidate.

## OUR VIEW

### Pointes of pride

**A** new listicle by Niche ranks the 25 best places to live in Michigan based on things like school performance, property values and crime rates. And while we're certainly proud that three of the Pointes made the list, we're also puzzled that only three of the Pointes made the list.

Grosse Pointe Park came in at No. 8, with the Farms at No. 16 and the City at No. 22. That's it. No Woods or Shores. We're as shocked as you are.

In a separate ranking of the best places in Michigan to raise a family, the Park (14), Farms (15) and City (17) again made the cut, but there's no love for the Woods or Shores.

Maybe Niche thinks those two started a separate school district or saw a big jump in crime. But despite the clickbait nature of the lists, we know — and our readers know — the Pointes are in a class of their own.

## LETTERS:

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### For the future

#### To the Editor:

About one in every five residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods is age 65 and older. By 2035, that number is expected to be one in four. How old will you or your parents be in 10 years?

As the primary provider of services and resources for older adults in the area, The Helm is spearheading an initiative to obtain support for a senior services millage. This is not a millage for The Helm, but for all senior services in our community.

In 2022 alone, The Helm answered thousands of calls regarding care providers, minor home chores, rides to medical appointments, help with Medicare, wellness checks and general assistance with aging-related issues; provided opportunities and services in the areas

of health, education and recreation through 2,800-plus classes, health screenings, gatherings, movies, games and more involving more than 21,000 participants; provided over 1,500 pieces of medical equipment and hygiene products to nearly 400 people; and delivered more than

20,000 meals to homebound seniors through Meals on Wheels.

As a nonprofit organization, The Helm did all of that on a budget overwhelmingly comprised of donations, grants and program fees. No more than 25 percent of our funding cascades through to us from gov-

ernment entities. That amount varies year to year and is never guaranteed. This type of funding is not sustainable for the future when demand for these services and more is expected to increase. A senior services millage is needed to secure funding.

If you aren't familiar with The Helm, please take the time to learn what we do and why what we do is invaluable to older adults in our community and those who care about them. A community is only as strong as its residents. We are a community where you can — and

want to — grow up and grow older. Providing for residents of every age group makes us that desirable community in which to live.

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# Chick-fil-A set for Mack location

DETROIT — Drawing mixed reviews on social media in recent weeks was the announcement a Chick-fil-A location will be established near Mack and Marseilles along the border with the City of Grosse Pointe.

Although Chick-fil-A declined to confirm the new establishment is on its way, the project was presented for input from Detroit residents during a monthly meeting of the East English Village Association. Technically, the location is in Cornerstone Village.

Verus Development Group — which also

brought in the nearby Mack Starbucks and Chipotle locations — confirmed the Chick-fil-A location is incoming, but would not yet provide further details.

“We are excited about the continued growth and development on Mack Ave.,” said Frank Arcori, with Verus Development, via email. “At this time we have a great amount of legwork to get done before we start speaking to the final plans.”

However, in a recent East English Village meeting, it was reported the intention is for the



access point to the property to be off Marseilles Street, to prevent traffic driving in and out from

Mack.

The presentation also alleged the operation would be a drive-thru

only — two lanes with a capacity of 40 cars — establishment, with no dine-in aside from an

outdoor patio during summer months.

“It sounds like they’re trying to fast track it,” said Ron Otto, president of East English Village Association. However, he added, “they don’t have an operator yet.”

Chick-fil-A is a fast-food chain known for its chicken sandwiches, waffle potato fries and sweet tea.

A Taco Bell location also is on its way to East Warren and Mack, occupying the space where the Bank of America building once sat.

— Laurel Kraus

## Sidecar & Shift restaurants outdoor dining approved

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Receiving liquor license and outdoor seating approval from city council Monday night, Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen and Cocktails is on track to open late May or early June at 17015 Kercheval, in the former Marais Market space.

The dual restaurant concept, planning to operate 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, will bring two additional dining platforms to The Village. To date, City Kitchen has been the only Village establishment to take advantage of the City’s outdoor dining platform allowance, operating one on Kercheval Place which has been removed for the winter.

“This is exactly what we want to see,” City Planner John Jackson said of the coming outside offerings. “Expanding the pedestrian area, making better use of it, especially in an area where there’s

a lot of activity going on in The Village at this intersection. We’re happy to see it.”

One outdoor dining area, about 43.5 by 8 feet, will run along St. Clair from the edge of the building to the inside edge of the Kressbach Place columns, which will help serve as a barrier.

An ADA-accessible dining platform, about 41 by 12 feet, also will be constructed in the two Kercheval parallel parking spaces directly in front of the building. To make space for the platform, the City has agreed to move a bench and garbage can that currently rest in the area, but will require the establishment to build around an existing tree and lamppost. Awaiting approval from the U.S. Postal Service, it is likely the mailbox in front of the building will be relocated as well.

“The applicant has indicated they did not intend to use it in the winter,” City Manager Pete Dame said of the Kercheval dining plat-

form.

The draft license indicates it will operate April through November, outside of which it will be deconstructed and removed.

Per the city, outdoor seating areas cannot be operated between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

“Their background is impressive,” Jackson noted. “They are operating a similar concept in Birmingham, as well as Lansing and they’ve proven successful in their operations.”

Offering 180 indoor and 72 seasonal outdoor seats, Sidecar Slider Bar and Shift Kitchen and Cocktails is expected to bring in about 45 employees.

“Sidecar is treated as a family sports bar,” owner Stephen Simon explained. “There’s a lot of TVs to watch a game. Lots of good food. (It’s) built for all ages, from an early dinner with family and friends, to a date night later, to (meeting with) friends to watch the Michigan State game or Detroit Lions game, so we kind of appeal to everybody.”

To match the theme, its menu features tiny, gourmet burgers; shareable items such as coconut shrimp and pierogi; pub-friendly fare like hot dogs, pitas and loaded tots; and barrel-aged cocktails and craft beers.

Sharing a kitchen with its counterpart, Shift Cocktails on the other hand boasts an upscale cocktail and



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## New business

**Body Matrix by Margo**, 19798 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, is a wellness and fitness studio for women that offers personal training, group classes and infrared sauna spa rooms, all led by professional personal trainer Margo Stentz. For more information, visit [bodymatrixbymargo.com](http://bodymatrixbymargo.com), call (313) 921-5551 or email [info@bodymatrixbymargo.com](mailto:info@bodymatrixbymargo.com).

To welcome Body Matrix to the community, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon-cutting event Saturday, March 18. Pictured, from left, are Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher, Body Matrix co-owners Jeff Blume and Crystal Sitar, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Arthur Bryant, Body Matrix co-owner Margo Stentz, Chamber Treasurer Bryan Ruhmor, Woods City Administrator Frank Schulte and Chamber Membership and Events Coordinator Abigail Turnbull.

wine bar with shared-plates concept. On its menu, patrons will find the likes of goat cheese figs, salmon croquettes and beef carpaccio.

The dual concept was born at the chain’s Birmingham location in 2020, and will see a Plymouth location opening in the next month, as well.

“A lot of big restaurants had been failing and we needed a space to relocate where we were down there already,” Simon explained. “We had an 8,000-square-foot building that used to be a Mitchell’s (Fish Market) that we took over and we knew we couldn’t fill 300 seats with one con-

cept, so our team started thinking of ideas (on) how to take over these large spaces that are becoming more frequently available in our area, to be able to utilize them and do a dual concept.”

Construction and restoration of the former Marais building is likely to begin in April.

## BLAHUT:

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The worst of times included the national financial crisis of 2008.

“We experienced our worst fund balance surplus in 2009,” Blahut said. “We were down to about \$259,000, or 2 percent of requirement. Then, we

started building it back up.”

The figure currently is 37 percent, according to the latest audit.

Blahut built her career from the bottom up. She enrolled at Central Michigan University and became city treasurer in the late 1980s, clerk in the early ’90s and finance director in 2000.

“I really enjoyed working here,” she said. “We have a lot of nice residents.”

“We worked together over 32 years,” said former city manager Dale Krajniak, retired in 2019. “She never hesitated to take on more responsibility. She was great at multitasking. She surrounded herself with good people who were responsive, courteous and hardworking. The city will have a difficult time replacing someone who provided so much skill and dedication for so many years.”

“I worked with such nice people,” Blahut said. “I’ll miss them. I really will.”

With Blahut’s departure, City Manager Nick Sizeland becomes city hall’s veteran administrator with seven years’ experience.

He started in 2016, as the manager’s assistant and became manager in 2019.

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# South students present 'Mamma Mia!' April 20-22

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's an obvious excitement in the air among cast members of Grosse Pointe South High School's upcoming spring production, "Mamma Mia!"

The plot follows a young bride-to-be who invites three men to her upcoming wedding, with the possibility that any of them could be her father. It is based on the songs of the pop group, ABBA, including "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me," "Voulez-Vous" and "The Winner Takes it All," as well as the titular, "Mamma Mia!"

During a recent rehearsal, students huddled offstage in small groups, not-so-quietly running lines, barely containing their enthusiasm for the performances — four shows over three days, April 20 to 22.

While director Meaghan Dunham kept an eye on the handful of actors standing center stage, dishing out instruction when needed, music director Vince Matia led them in a spirited rendition of "Money, Money, Money."

Settled just behind and to the left of Dunham were her stage manager and student director, Ella Johnson and Sage Porter, watching carefully and taking notes that will be helpful as showtime nears.

"I've been doing stage crew since middle school," Johnson said while students executed vocal exercises to warm up their voices. "I'm into productions and what goes in to making a show. ... I can't sing, so this is what I can do. It's just fun. I still get to be part of it, but in a larger role."

Johnson and Porter are tasked with making Dunham's job easier, if such a thing is possible. They keep actors, set pieces and props organized throughout each rehearsal and will do the same backstage for each performance.

It's old hat for Johnson, but something new for Porter, a first-time student director.

"Next year, I want to direct a one-act play, so I'm doing this because I want to get an idea of what a director actually does in a production," Porter said.

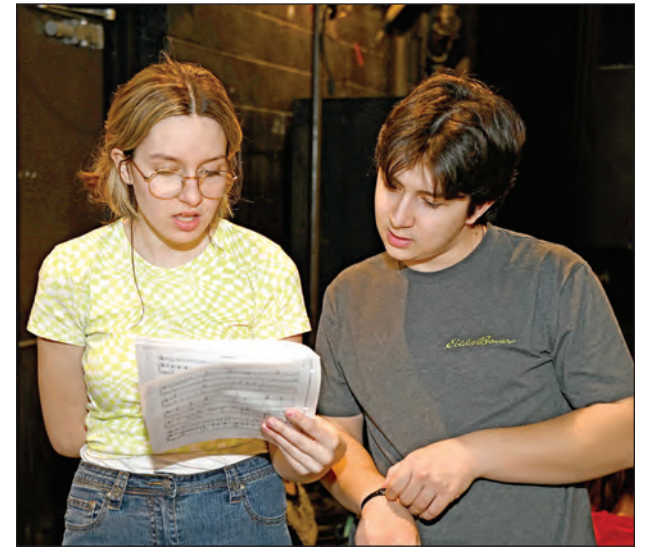
Though getting involved was the priority for both juniors, the selection was a boon for Porter.

"I like ABBA," she said. "It's fun, so that was a bonus."

The pair are just two of the talented teens filling out the "Mamma Mia!" roster. Rehearsals started in January and moved to the stage at Grosse Pointe North High School two weeks ago. The high-energy, lighthearted musical was selected to entice students to audition, as well as audiences to attend the shows.

"Since COVID, our numbers have been chopped, which is the same story across the board in all of Grosse Pointe," Dunham said. "We have fewer young people in our schools."

"We noticed last year — our first production since COVID — a lower turnout for auditions than we would have liked," added Katie Parent, the show's pro-



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Above, Mari Muller, part of the ensemble, goes over lines with Ashton Fell, who plays Sky. Left, Braden Vogel, in the role of Sam, and Stella Maes, who plays Sophie, rehearse a scene.

ducer. "This is a great show, a great cast. We wanted a show that would not only draw a lot of kids to audition, but also draw a lot of people to the audience. ... We picked this show because we knew people would get excited about it and get back into the theater again."

Dunham and Parent got what they were looking for with students seeking roles. Four lead roles were double cast, offering more opportunities.

Stella Maes and Jolina Huchingson share the role of Sophie Sheridan; Spencer Yonkus and Braden Vogel share the role of Sam Carmichael; Sebastian Moncivais and Dylan DeMarco share the role of Bill Austin; and Alex Cline and Ashton Fell share the role of Sky.

The cast is rounded out with Lillian Hunwick as Donna Sheridan, Julian Leo as Harry Bright, Rebecca Dral as Tanya, Gabrielle Dust as Rosie, Grace Euper as Lisa, Zoe Acker as Ali, Avery Barbour as Pepper and Christian Yonkus as

Eddie.

Additionally, the women's ensemble features Shea Dolle, Ashley Majni, Mari Mueller, Allison Novak, Aliana Ritter, Ellie Sahutske, Allison Thomas, Char Van Arragon, Meryn Vick, Nicole Vogler and Olivia Walton.

Brady Barbour and Jarif Rashid will fill out the men's ensemble, which also includes Avery Barbour, Cline, DeMarco, Fell, Vogel and Christian and Spencer Yonkus.

Dral also serves as choreographer, while Vogel is the show's dance captain.

"The music is amazing," Dunham added. "We've never done a jukebox musical, ever. There's no real book, no real story. Somebody just decided to put this random group of songs together so it works — and it works, sometimes."

"The songs are glorious," she continued. "It's the '70s. Old people love it and kids can relate to it. ... I think it's going to be so much fun. If you can be dancing and on your feet at the end of a high

school musical, you know it works."

Added Parent, "Who doesn't love ABBA music? It's upbeat. It's a lighthearted show. We hope everyone leaves the show singing and dancing. It's two hours of

fun."

"Mamma Mia!" Will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21, as well as 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22. All shows take place at the Christian A.

Fenton Performing Arts Center at Grosse Pointe North, 77 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$20 and may be purchased online at bit.ly/3THBLqL.



Several roles were double cast, including the role of Bill, played by Dylan DeMarco, left, and Sebastian Moncivais.

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From left, Rebecca Dral as Tania; Lily Hunwick as Donna and Gabby Duso as Rosie.

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ued enrollment declines and a board decision to use fund balance to maintain programming and staffing levels.”

Moody's added, “The district benefits from strong resident income and full value per capita ratios.” As for enrollment, the statement said, “although enrollment is declining, the district is well regarded and strongly competitive even though it does not participate in the state's schools of choice program.”

GPSS reduced its fund equity balance from \$15 million three years ago to the current \$9.6 million by using the money to balance yearly spending.

“This is proof positive that the course we're on is unsustainable,” Board of Education President Ahmed Ismail said. “As far as I'm concerned, Moody's has brought attention to issues this board has brought up. We have to do two things, either cut overhead or increase enrollment, aka income.”

While setting budget parameters earlier this year, board Treasurer Sean Cotton said he wants to see the district spend the revenue it takes in and nothing more.

“It was past actions that got us to where we are,” Cotton said. “There were a lot of guideposts along the way, but we can attack the problem. We have the right team in place and we have the administration talking about it.”

While such ratings impact the interest rate

a bond issuer pays, the district would be re-rated should it seek to issue more bonds.

“It's like a personal credit score,” Superintendent Jon Dean said. “You can know your credit score today, but if you decide to buy a house in three weeks, they recalculate it.”

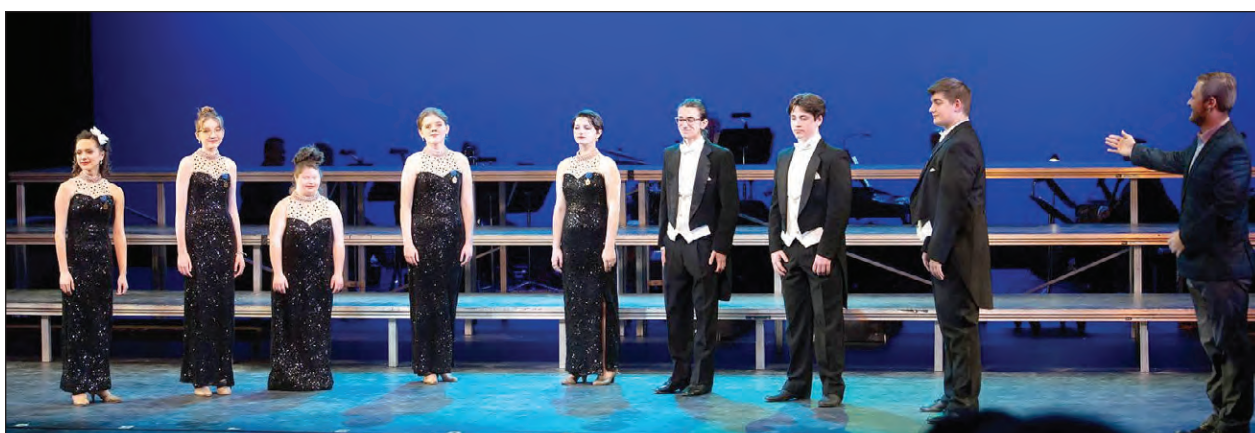
Moody's said the district's rating could be upgraded by showing an increase in enrollment and a sustained increase in fund balance, or it could be further downgraded by “accelerated” enrollment declines and narrowing in fund balance.

The district's current enrollment is 6,485, down from 6,600 last year. There were 8,390 students in 2010, and 8,005 in 2015. Plante Moran CRESA projects a loss of another 600 students by 2026.

Voters in 2018 approved a critical needs bond worth \$111 million. The two-series, 20-year bonds were issued at a coupon rate of 5 percent through 2031, then 3 percent through 2041. Dean said moving industrial arts classes from the IA building at Grosse Pointe South High School into the main building will just about spend the last of those dollars.

Plante Moran CRESA identified \$250 million in building upgrades the district has to address over the next decade.

“We know we have critical needs the board will have to address,” Dean said. “That could be done with a future bond, a sinking fund millage renewal or deferred maintenance.”



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## 1st Division rating

Grosse Pointe South High School choir's Rhapsody in Blue received a 1st division rating at the recent state solo and ensemble festival, sponsored by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association.

Selga Jansons, Dylan DeMarco and Gabriella Kish-Salkovski received 1st division ratings for their solo performances, while Mae Mathis Baliatico took home a 2nd division rating. DeMarco was one of just 12 students statewide chosen by judges to compete in the state finals in May.

Tickets for the choir's Spring Fling, scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, are on sale. Visit [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org) for details.



Lilly Lois Geer

## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Lilly Lois Geer of Grosse Pointe Park, a 2022 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was awarded the William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize at the 100th convocation ceremony at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor. The award is given to freshmen who are in the upper 5 percent of their class. It was created in 1960 by William Branstrom, a philan-

thropist from Fremont, to elevate excellence in education.

Geer also was one of 18 students accepted to the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theatre and Dance. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theater performance, as well as a dual degree at U-M's Ross School of Business.

## RECALL:

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be any effect,” she said. “This (the recall petition) gives the idea that had the resolution not passed there would have been gun violence.”

Dinges was one of 10 candidates who ran for three open seats on the board last November. She finished seventh, with 3,724 votes, just shy of 5 percent of the total. The three open seats

were won by Sean Cotton, Valarie St. John and Ginny Jeup.

Papas first was elected to the board in 2020 to a four-year term. Michigan law does not allow for a recall attempt in the first or last year of an elected official serving more than a two-year term.

“I don't feel as though it has very good teeth,” Papas said at the time the petition was filed. “It doesn't make sense to recall someone over how they voted. That's why

we have elections.”

Under Michigan law, the election commission decides if the wording on a recall petition is factual and clear enough to understand for those who would potentially sign it. The law also states the commission “does not have the authority to rule on whether the petition includes good reasons for the recall, as only the clarity and factual nature of the recall language is subject to the commission's review.”

At the time of the resolution vote last June, Papas said while she supported the resolution in general, she felt language in it about the district working with nonprofit organizations and mental health agencies was too broad.

Papas added at the end of the meeting that if there was any indication the resolution was going to fail as a result of her “no” vote, she would have voted in favor of it.

## CAOD: Left untreated, blocked arteries can lead to stroke

Cerebral artery occlusive disease (CAOD) is a serious condition that affects blood vessels in the brain, yet some people go undiagnosed until it's too late. It occurs when fatty deposits, called plaque, build up on blood vessel walls, a process known as atherosclerosis. Over time, the deposits get bigger, limiting blood flow to the brain. This can cause a range of troubling issues and can even lead to stroke.

The symptoms of CAOD can vary depending on the severity of the blockage and the location of the affected blood vessels. Common symptoms include:

- ◆ Weakness or numbness in the arms or legs
- ◆ Difficulty speaking or understanding speech
- ◆ Vision problems
- ◆ Memory loss or confusion
- ◆ Loss of coordination or balance
- ◆ Dizziness

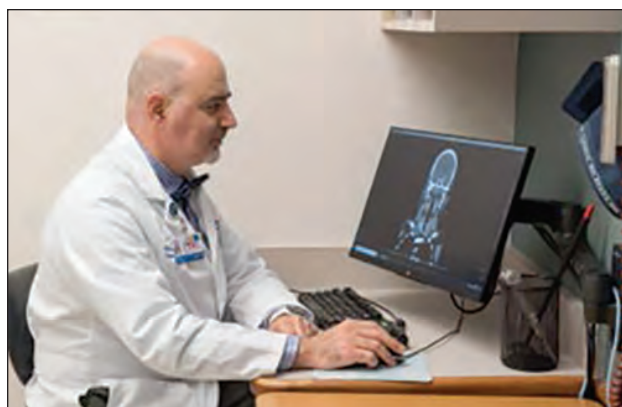
Alex Chebl, M.D., a vascular and interventional neurologist and Director of the Henry Ford Comprehensive Stroke Center, specializes in treating patients with CAOD. He explains some of the proven methods for addressing this condition.

“We always start with prevention, so helping patients consider lifestyle changes like quitting smoking, controlling blood pressure, increasing exercise and eating a healthy diet can go a long way in managing the disease.” In most



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Above, from left, Drs. Chebl, Kole and Marin head up Henry Ford's Cerebrovascular Occlusion Clinic. Left, Dr. Kole, center, treats a patient in Henry Ford's interventional radiology lab.



Dr. Chebl reviews a patient's brain image.

cases, medications such as blood thinners or cholesterol-lowering drugs may be prescribed, he adds.

In more severe cases of CAOD, surgical intervention may be needed. Procedures such as angioplasty, endarterectomy or bypass surgery are sometimes performed to restore blood flow to the affected area. At Henry Ford's Cerebrovascular Clinic,

Dr. Chebl works alongside colleagues Max Kole, M.D., a cerebrovascular neurosurgeon, and Horia Marin, M.D., an interventional neuro-radiologist.

Given the depth of their combined expertise, “We're able to handle very complex cases, including those that in the past, may have been considered ‘untreatable,’” Dr. Chebl adds. This includes patients

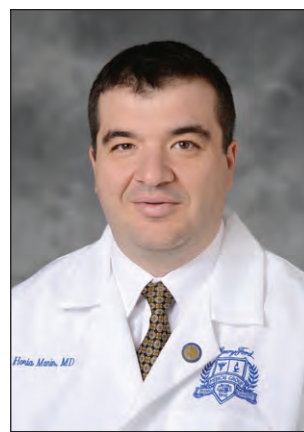


Dr. Max Kole, left, and Dr. Horia Marin.

who may have a complete 100% blockage of the carotid artery.

Patients with that degree of cerebrovascular disease may experience recurring TIAs (transient ischemic attacks, sometimes called “warning strokes”) or repeated strokes.

The Henry Ford team helped pioneer a landmark procedure to clear



through the blockage,” Dr. Chebl explains. After carefully dissecting and then rebuilding the affected artery, normal healthy blood flow to the brain can be restored.

“It's deeply rewarding to give these patients hope and help return them to health,” Dr. Chebl says. “We're fortunate to have the most advanced technology available to aid us in performing these potentially life-saving procedures, along with the research experience that helps guide our approach to managing patients with varying degrees of cerebrovascular disease.”

To learn more about the signs of stroke and the symptoms of arterial occlusive disease, visit [henryford.com/stroke](http://henryford.com/stroke)



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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Above, paintings and digital artwork created by Jason Kimble are on display at Posterity Gallery, along with a collection of puppets created by his daughter, Ariana Fate. Right, this pair of posable puppets gardens together, Fate said. "One's older and a little grumpy. The other one's younger, but he drinks too much and talks too much, but he works hard."

## 'Visual Confections & Childhood Toys'

Sci-fi themed exhibition displayed through April 19

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

"Fantastical" is one word to describe the works of Jason Kimble and Ariana Fate, the father-daughter duo whose art will be displayed at Posterity Gallery through Wednesday, April 19.

Kimble's and Fate's "Visual Confections & Childhood Toys" includes more than 60 eye-catching, science-fiction-themed works of art, ranging from his "creature people" portraits to her stop-motion puppets.

Kimble describes his work as "visual confections," hence, the name of the show.

"There's no terribly deep meaning; it's just eye candy," he said. "I do art because it looks cool."

Posterity Gallery owner Michelle Boggess-Nunley was introduced to the pair during last year's Art Collaboration Project, which paired artists in different genres to create something together.

The piece that caught her eye was their collaboration, "What's Your Angle?," which Fate drew and Kimble painted. Given their talent, inviting them for an exhibition in her gallery was a no-brainer.

A tattoo artist, comic book creator and professional illustrator, Kimble tried his hand at animation and short films, but now enjoys creating portraiture.

"Creature people are my favorite things to paint," he said.

For his 30-plus pieces displayed at Posterity, he worked in digital, acrylic and oil, but also uses



Top left, Fate's Flapjack, the first puppet she created. Right, Fate and Kimble stand in front of "What's Your Angle?" which they created together ahead of last year's Art Collaboration Project. Bottom left, one of Kimble's paintings.

watercolor and pen and ink.

"If I didn't have art, I'd be begging for alms on the street," he joked.

Kimble struggled with dyslexia as a child and turned to comic books, where drawings add color to pages, words appear in thought bubbles and their messages are tight and concise. The genre deeply inspired his art.

"It's innate," he said. "I want to be part of the echelon I was inspired by as a kid: Ray Harryhausen, who did

'Clash of the Titans,' or Rick Baker, who did special effects.

"I hope people like it," he said of the Posterity exhibition. "I want to be intriguing to people. I get a lot of, 'That looks creepy,' but I never see it as creepy. I see it as whimsical and fun. People say there's a dark element to it, but it's all colorful to me."

Possibly the most colorful of his displayed work is a 44-by-44-inch digitally created mandala, which took Kimble 100 hours over three

years to complete. He worked on it in sections, seeing the final full-scale version the first time when he hung it at Posterity.

"It's my journey from lockdown until now," he said.

Kimble is noticeably proud to share the art show with his daughter, whose own imagination and creativity are evident in her pieces.

"It's fun to work with her," Kimble said, noting he wasn't terribly pleased when she decided to follow in his artistic foot-

steps. "It's a hard life to choose to be an artist, but she's done really well. She's taken it very seriously. She's more advanced than I was when I was 30. ... She's shown me it wasn't a bad choice for her."

This isn't the first time the father and daughter, who live in Highland, have teamed up in the name of art; however, of her own 30-plus pieces, this is the first time Fate's stop-motion puppet collection has been made public.

"I made my first one,

Flapjack, because polymer clay was half off at Michaels," Fate said. "I fell in love. I really like trinkets and the weight of things and holding things. I just really love toys and monsters and creatures, but I could never find the kind of toys I wanted, so all of these are for me. They all have stories behind them. They're characters on paper first."

Fate shares the backstories of her puppets as if she's reading them from a book. She literally knows them inside and out.

"This one originally was a space frog," she said, "but now he works on outboard motors with (Dick Van Dyke's character) from 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' They're best friends."

Then there's Anita, a cactus/seamstress/pin cushion; Slug and Grub, who are in love; Little Monster, who will always have your back; a hairless cat named Solomon Grundy, based on the English nursery rhyme; and a Muay Thai fighter/spider who has a pet fly named Dog.

"My favorite story is the birds," Fate said. "I've written up their characters as quadruplets."

Trivy and Trifle are the all-knowing conjoined twins with one body and two heads; Privy is the aggressive four-winged bird; and Othello, who has four eyes, is all-seeing.

What's more, they can be posed in different positions.

"I was originally making them out of polymer clay, which is lightweight and you can bake it in the oven," Fate said. "Then I

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# Memorial Church, War Memorial partner to feed hungry

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Nearly 500 volunteers of all ages gathered March 18, to do their part to combat hunger.

Led by Michael Burwell of Kids Coalition Against Hunger, 450 community volunteers were joined by around 20 Boy Scouts from Troop 96 and 10 members of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Outreach Council to package more than 75,000 meals.

“GPMC is becoming a church that is known for its outreach to the community,” said Sue Acton, coordinator of outreach ministries at Memorial Church. “And most of the time our volunteers work in Detroit at partner food pantries, churches and other organizations. With this event, we are also contributing to the hungry locally. One-third of these meals will end up in local pantries. We are also contributing overseas and toward disaster relief as the remainder is split between these. We are grateful for the wide community support to make this event happen.”

Volunteers lined tables and measured out ingredients for packages of food containing vitamin-fortified crushed soy, dehydrated vegetables, chicken-flavored vitamin powder and white long-stem rice. Each meal offers all nine essential amino acids required for complete nutrition and is simple to prepare, requiring only six cups of boil-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Louisa Pietrowsky helps stack the sealed packets for boxing up. Right, William Sayar was serious about being precise with the amount of rice needed to fill the bag.



ing water to complete.

Organizers welcomed volunteers ages 5 and older to participate.

“We know we had many elementary schools and teenaged workers,” Acton said. “We love that families, scouts, youth groups and service clubs of all ages join in.”

This marked the eighth year Memorial Church has hosted the event, its first in partnership with The War Memorial.

“The new community room at The War Memorial proved to be a terrific location for this event,” Acton said. “It’s bigger than our fellowship hall at GPMC and has a much easier layout for unpacking and repacking the Kids Coalition Against Hunger truck.”

The location wasn’t the only bonus for volun-

teers.

“‘Bazinga’ is the loud shoutout we get from any table that achieves an accurate package weight without adding or subtracting grains of rice,” Acton explained. “It was a ‘bazinga’ kind of day. (There was) great energy from all who came. The War Memorial was a terrific partner.”

Memorial Church first hosted a Kids Coalition Against Hunger event in 2014, packaging 10,000 meals. The following year, Memorial Church’s 150th anniversary, 150,000 meals were packaged over two days.

“From 2016 to 2020, this was an annual event for us,” Acton said. “We packed 75,000 each year. Our last packing date was the Saturday before the state shut down for COVID in March 2020. This was our first year back since then.”

According to Burwell, who has led every packing day at Memorial Church, the March 18 event saw 75,473 meals measured out, sealed and packaged for delivery over six hours.

In addition to the Kids Coalition Against Hunger event, during the month of March, Memorial Church partnered with The Helm to raise funds and awareness of The Helm’s Meals on Wheels program.

“This year, our March

Hunger Offering raised funds and our Makers@Memorial group raised the visibility of the program,” Acton said, adding that Meals on Wheels clients will receive a surprise from the Makers@Memorial group in April.



Girl Scout Troop 77044 out of Kerby Elementary School, along with troop leaders Lindsey Schwieger and Kristina Kean, helped bag packets of food for hungry kids.



Above, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Pastor Jeff Lincicome, his wife Kristi Lincicome and parishioner Heidi Black were thrilled with the amount of people who showed up to participate. Left, Michael Burwell, with Kids Coalition Against Hunger, stands near a stack of boxes loaded with packaged food.

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## 37th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is May 4

In observance of National Day of Prayer, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts the 37th annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C., for the purpose of praying for our city, state and national leaders.

This year's speaker is JT “Jester” Mestdagh, of Grosse Pointe Farms, who was born with VATER/VACTERL syndrome, a serious, life-threatening disorder that affects many of the body's systems. He also was diagnosed with extreme dyslexia and short-term memory loss. Even when he was told he would never learn to read or write, he refused to be limited by these challenges.

A graduate of High Point University, Mestdagh is now an

inspirational speaker, podcaster and philanthropist, as well as an experienced mountaineer, extreme skier and adventurer. He established the JT Mestdagh Foundation to bring encouragement, joy and laughter to people with physical and learning disabilities and their families.

Mestdagh is author of “Untether,” “No Bad Days: How to Find Joy in Any Circumstance” and “How the Sailfish Got Its Name.” His inspirational stories

encourage people to move past their limitations and live full, passionate lives. To purchase his books, visit [jtjester.com/store/](http://jtjester.com/store/)

The Mayors' Prayer Breakfast brings dignitaries and local citizens together for a meal, prayer and a motivational speech. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Tickets may be purchased at the chamber, 106 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, by calling (313) 881-4722 or online at [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com).

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# ENGAGEMENTS



Stephen Ireland and Alison Landau

## Landau—Ireland

Charley and Cindy Ireland of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their son, Stephen Curtiss Ireland, to Alison King Landau, the daughter of Claudia Vocino of Ann Arbor and Richard Landau of Ann Arbor.

Dr. Ireland earned a Ph.D. in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology from the University of Michigan. He is a scientist at AstraZeneca.

Miss Landau earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Northeastern University. She is a human resources manager.

A June 2023 wedding is planned.



Kathryn LaLonde and Matthew Yablansky

## LaLonde—Yablansky

Dr. Thomas and Mary Jane LaLonde of Grosse Pointe Shores announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn LaLonde, to Matthew Yablansky, the son of Dr. Michael and Denise Yablansky of Long Island, N.Y.

Miss LaLonde graduated from University Liggett School in 2011, and from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She is an MBA candidate at New York University and a buyer for TJX Europe.

Mr. Yablansky earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a concentration in Business and Economics from the University of Michigan. He is vice president of business development for Kensington Vanguard National Land Services.

A September 2023 wedding is planned in Lake Oconee, Ga.

# WEDDING



Kathryn and William O'Keefe, with Andi and Patti Poirier.

## Anderson—O'Keefe

Kathryn Marie Anderson and William Reed O'Keefe were married Dec. 17, 2022, at the Detroit Yacht Club. The Dr. Rev. Eddie Bray officiated the ceremony, which was followed by a reception at the same venue.

Miss Anderson is the daughter of James and Patricia Anderson of Grosse Pointe Shores. Mr. O'Keefe is the son of N. William and Dianne O'Keefe of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The bride wore a white satin gown with a satin-trimmed veil. She wore her mother's borrowed 40th anniversary ruby jewelry, as well as her tennis bracelet. Her shoes matched the groom's Stewart plaid tuxedo jacket. She carried a bouquet of white tulips, roses and hydrangeas wrapped in a Stewart plaid ribbon.

The bride's friend, Courtney Drummy, served as matron of honor. The bride's niece, Ella Davis, served as junior bridesmaid, and the bride's daughters, Andi and Patti Poirier, served as flower girls.

The matron of honor wore a hunter green, heavy silk gown. The junior bridesmaid and flower girls wore white gowns, each wrapped with a crystal sash. Their flowers coordinated with the bride's ensemble.

The groom's friend, Brad Drummy, served as best man. Ushers were the groom's fraternity brothers, William Albrecht and Jason Hanawalt, and his friends, Dominic Paluzzi and Peter Panagopoulos. The bride's nephew, Wilson Davis, served as junior groomsman.

Readings were performed by the groom's nieces, Courtney and Christina Calcaterra, and his fraternity brother, Michael Naughton.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University and a Master of Education degree in mathematics from DePaul University. She is a teacher.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Western Michigan University and is a corporate trainer at Centene.

For their honeymoon, the family went on a Disney cruise. They live in Grosse Pointe Shores.



Alexander Mahoney and Daniel Brennan

## Brennan—Mahoney

Mr. Vincent and the Hon. Megan Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, Daniel Richard Brennan, to Alexander Colleen Mahoney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Mahoney of Raleigh, N.C.

Mr. Brennan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration-finance and a Master of Science degree in business management from Fordham University. He is an associate with The Carlyle Group.

Miss Mahoney earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Washington and Lee University. She is a second-year law student at New York University Law School.

An August 2023 wedding is planned.



Kimberly Sisitka and John-Paul "JP" Lang

## Sisitka—Lang

Paul Lang and Mary Treder Lang of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their son, John-Paul "JP" Lang, to Kimberly Sisitka, the daughter of Cynthia Sisitka and the late John Sisitka of Warren.

Mr. Lang graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2008, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton. He is an engineering manager at Healthmark Industries.

Miss Sisitka graduated from Warren Woods Tower High School in 2007, and earned an Associate of Business Administration degree from Macomb Community College and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in international business from Davenport University. She is a human resources business partner.

An October 2023 wedding is planned.

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After nearly two years of renovations and redesign, The Helm recently announced new additions to the facility.

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The additional space in

the lower level opened up space on the first floor for a fitness center. Opening in April, this room con-

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## BEAUTIFUL BEGINNINGS

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## WEDDING STYLE

By Donna Zetterlund  
Special Writer

For Amy Peterson, a walk through a Detroit neighborhood in search of inspiration landed a genius idea. Taking in the plentiful street art, murals and spray can masterpieces that adorn many structures in the city, she couldn't help but notice the scattering of colorful chips of layered paint on the ground that peeled from the expansive artworks over time. Picking up a selection of the mosaic-like pieces and intrigued by what she held in her hand, she said to herself, "I can do something with this."

And she has. Peterson has developed her unique jewelry company, Rebel Nell, around creating beautiful one-of-a-kind jewelry from repurposing the fallen graffiti. But there's more. She has also found a way to blend her inventive idea with work opportunities for women in need of a fresh chance in life. Rebel Nell has blossomed into a business that has provided dozens of local women employment, equitable opportunity and wraparound support for those who have experienced barriers to traditional employment.

The work is creative and fulfilling, as each piece the women make preserves a little slice of Detroit while it shapes lasting memories through jewelry.

"We love to do custom bridal work," Peterson said recently. Rebel Nell's graffiti jewelry makes the ultimate Detroit wedding statement for local brides and grooms. "It's an extra special way to bring Detroit to your destination wedding," Peterson added.

The team at Rebel Nell will use found pieces of graffiti in a bride's chosen wedding theme colors to fashion great gifts for the whole bridal party or even into a unique piece for the bride or groom to wear. Paint chips are found across every color palette, so it's no problem to match even the most unique colors. From necklaces and earrings to golf markers and key chains, there is truly something for everyone.

The Nicole necklace, left, is set in beautiful sterling silver, featuring material from a mural by Detroit artist Delicious Gold (aka Quinn Taylor). The Nicole necklace is available in gold as well, in a variety of colors.

The Kelly necklace, right, is accentuated with a playful tassel and comes in a full line of dramatic colors from white to red, emerald green, purple and a spectrum of blues. It's a lovely wedding keepsake gift for the mother of the bride or groom.



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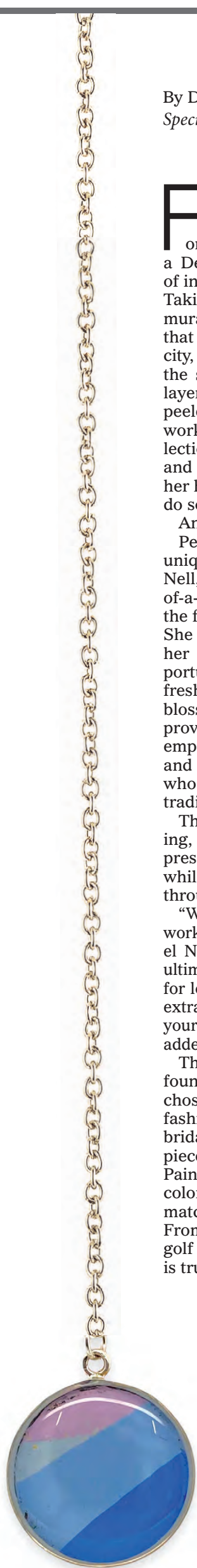


Patricia necklace, above.



The Sam necklace, top, features a graffiti centerpiece with stylish mixed-metal chain. The 18-inch stunner will be a conversation starter in whatever color you choose.

The Jasmine earring set, above, are made from Detroit graffiti. They look delicate but have a sturdy







## FOR SWIZZLE

The marble-like look of the layered paint from graffiti is created by a “secret process” developed by the team at Rebel Nell. No two items will ever be alike. The results are the elegant and stylish look of this set of four drink stirrers that would be a highlight of any home bar.

## HEARTS AFIRE

Here comes the bride, wearing her Cindy necklace in flaming reds from Rebel Nell’s Love Collection. The heart shape is also featured in the pretty Donna earring set.

Rebel Nell has a whole line of design collections that inspire the human spirit, like Confident, Alluring, Conquering, Strong and more. They also partner with local artists, deriving jewelry materials from the murals of artists like Quizi (aka Louise Jones) who also offers a 5-by-5-inch print of the original mural with each purchase of a Quizi piece.



“Rebel Nell can also customize jewelry for your special day using meaningful keepsake materials or fabrics of your own. We can incorporate a swatch of fabric from the bride’s mother’s dress or veil, flower petals from grandma’s bouquet or a piece of grandpa’s favorite tie,” Peterson said. The possibilities are endless and Rebel Nell always does their best to work heirloom or other personal items into the design so that precious memories will be part of your big day.

Peterson and her team offer exciting private events too, such as jewelry-designing parties, team-building meetings, trunk shows and mural-making experiences for adults as well as mommy and me outings and jewelry-making parties for kids.

Rebel Nell is devoted to being a sustainable shop, dedicated to social causes and creating better communities. Their downtown Detroit retail store is located at 1435 Farmer Street. Phone them at (313) 288-8825 or visit rebelnell.com online to see what’s in store — or learn more about the Rebel Nell story and mission.



## KEY PEOPLE

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## ALL IN A NAME

The Delores bracelet, above, is made with 18k gold-plated sterling silver and graffiti from Detroit. The bracelet is named for a woman described as “a gentle soul that will always go out of her way to help others.” The jewelry line features items named for the actual women who inspired the creation.

## TO A TEE

The handsome divot tools for golfers are a great groomsmen’s gift for the guys in your party. They can hold their spot with this attractive marker and repair the green with the handy spikes. The metal alloy tools feature a stunning array of graffiti colors, some even from the campus rocks of several top Michigan colleges. Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Albion College are all represented. If your guys have college ties, it’s a meaningful gift





## 6B | OBITUARIES

# 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.

## Dorothy C. McRill

Dorothy C. "Dot" McRill, 93, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods and Sterling Heights, died peacefully in her sleep Monday, March 20, 2023, at Pomeroy Living — Sterling Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation.

Dorothy was born March 13, 1930, in Paducah, Ky., to Charles and Mary (Vessels) Garnett. For a short time following the death of her father when she was 13 years old, she was raised by nuns in an orphanage in Vincennes, Ind., and remained a devoted Catholic all her life.

The family reunited and at the age of 14, Dorothy, her mother and siblings moved to Detroit to be near extended family. As a young adult, she worked in the Hudson Department Store cafeteria. She met her husband, Richard McRill, at the former Roosevelt Lounge, a popular country music bar on Mack Avenue on Detroit's east side. They married May 8, 1954, in Detroit, and enjoyed 57 years together before his death in 2011.

After briefly moving to California, Dorothy and Richard returned to Michigan, settling in Roseville, where they raised their two daughters, Terry and Kristine.

A member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Dorothy enjoyed

attending Mass and the weekly outdoor Rosary sessions in the summer.

Besides listening to country music, Dorothy enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Matlock." A homemaker, she loved ironing, washing dishes and scorned the dishwasher. Her favorite pastimes were praying the Rosary, scratching lottery tickets and playing keno at the casino. She was devoted to her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a quick wit and great sense of humor.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband; brothers, Joseph, Eugene, Charles, James and William; and sister, JoAnn. She is survived by her daughters, Terry Minnis (John) and Kristine Beaver (Walter); granddaughters, Lauren McGregor (Corey) and Lindsay Demsky (Benjamin); grandson, Matthew Beaver (Kristen); great-grandchildren, Graham, Ben, Maggie and Noah; brothers, John and Edward; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Family will greet guests from 9 to 10 a.m. prior to Mass.

She will be laid to rest

at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Arrangements were made by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Homes Inc.

The family would like to thank the Pomeroy Sterling staff and administrators for their kind and professional care of Dorothy during her time at their facility.

## Caroll June Frye

Caroll June Frye, 92, passed away peacefully Sunday, March 19, 2023, in Kansas City, Mo. She was formerly of Grosse Pointe, Traverse City and Elk Rapids.

Caroll was born April 16, 1930, in Grosse Pointe, to Dr. Charles Henry and Ellen Adeline (nee Potratz) Sharrer, both now deceased. On April 4, 1953, she married the love of her life, Gary R. Frye. They shared many wonderful memories — including living in Europe for three years — during their 60 years of marriage, before his death in 2013.

Caroll was a gifted ballet dancer and performed with the Ballet Theatre of America and Detroit Civic Light Opera. She also danced professionally in Baltimore, New Orleans and Washington, D.C. Her notable memories included performing in Detroit's first live ballet



Dorothy C. McRill



Caroll June Frye



Mary Morse Sullivan

television broadcast in 1947, and with Russian dancer Andre Eglevsky in 1952.

Caroll had an enduring interest in the arts, including her enjoyment of painting and needlework, and later, following Elvis tribute artist Jake Slater. Caroll also was a passionate lifelong volunteer, most recently for Habitat for Humanity, The Music House Museum, Yuba Historical Society and, during the Gulf War, the Yellow Ribbon campaign.

Above all else, Caroll cherished her family and friends and will be dearly missed. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband, Gary; her son, Pieter G. Frye; her sisters, Suzanne, Sally and Merry; their husbands, Alex Mann, Jim Engle and Fred Miller; sister-in-law, Mary Jo; and Mary Jo's husband, Harold "Red" Johnson. She is survived by her son, Eric Frye (Sibley); Pieter's wife, Kathy; grandchildren, Mike (Felicia), Allison and Elizabeth; great-granddaughter, Penelope; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating her life will take place on a future date at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

## Mary Morse Sullivan

Mary Morse Sullivan, 92, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in Dallas, Texas. Mary was born Aug. 15, 1930, in Lansing, to Robert and Eleanor Morse (nee Finucan). A devoted wife and loving mother to seven children and nine grandchildren, Mary was raised in East Lansing with marvelous, memorable summers spent at the family cottage, "Skunk Gulch," on Lake Charlevoix; she shared the gift of summers up north with her family and friends throughout her life.

Mary earned a BA degree from Michigan State University, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi sorority and upon graduation was a stewardess with Capital Airlines. Married to the love of her life, Daniel W. Sullivan, in 1954, they raised their seven children in Grosse Pointe City. Mary moved to Charlevoix full time after Daniel's passing in 1983, with a final move to Dallas, Texas, in 2013.

Mary was well-known for her quick-witted humor and generous spirit, participating as an active member of the Junior League of Detroit and Christ Child Society of Detroit for many years. She also enjoyed volunteering at a thrift shop in Charlevoix.

She had a fierce determination to continue her education and earned an MA degree in English from Oakland University, taking evening classes

while raising her family. She was an avid reader, tennis player, superb duplicate bridge player and could always spin a great story. She was a wonderful cook and hostess and loved entertaining and celebrating milestones with family, friends and neighbors in her Grosse Pointe and Charlevoix homes.

Mary is survived by her children, Matt Sullivan of Williamsburg; Ellie Johnson (Bob) of McKinney, Texas; Bridget Sullivan of Anna, Texas; Dan Sullivan (Roxanne) of Woodburn, Ore.; and Tim Sullivan of Grosse Pointe; grandchildren, Luke Sullivan, Gabriella Sullivan, Daniel Sullivan, Sam Johnson, Nick Johnson, Mary Johnson, Samantha Bussey Edwards (Jake), Bridget Bussey and Katie Sullivan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel W. Sullivan Sr.; son, Michael Sullivan; daughter, Cathy Bussey (Tim); brother, William Morse; brother-in-law, Charles C. Sullivan; and sister-in-law, Ann Sullivan Kay.

A memorial Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, [osvhub.com/stmarycharlevoix/giving/funds](http://osvhub.com/stmarycharlevoix/giving/funds).

## Dr. William Dallas Coats

Dr. William Dallas Coats, 84, passed away Monday, March 20, 2023. He resided in Okemos, Mich., and Phoenix, Ariz.

Bill was born Jan. 17, 1939, in Lima, Ohio, to Ora Jennings and Hazel Leona Coats. He attended Lima Senior High School, where he met his beloved wife, Beverly (nee Reed). The high school sweethearts were going to celebrate 62 years of marriage this June. After graduation, he continued his education and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio University, a Master of Arts degree in educational psychology and a Ph.D. in research design and data analysis in education from the University of Michigan.

Bill worked with great passion and integrity to improve public education throughout his career as a school superintendent in Grosse Pointe and Kalamazoo, as well as Anchorage, Alaska, and Fort Wayne, Ind. He also worked as a university professor, consultant, director of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, president of the Michigan Partnership for New Education, and publisher, founder and chief executive officer of The Leona Group, LLC, established in Michigan in 1996. Through The Leona Group, he was able to allow parents



Dr. William Dallas Coats

freedom and choice, empower teachers and staff and promote the idea that all children can learn. One of Bill's main purposes in life was to do what he could to improve life's chances for other people.

Throughout his professional successes, Bill always put his family first. He thrived when he was surrounded by "his people" and cherished his time with family at Torch Lake. He was an incredible husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and loved his family more than life itself.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Beverly; five daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy Mestdagh (Bill), Christine Warren (Dave), Camilla Kaess (Chuck), Caraline Coats-Wildner (Kevin) and Courtney Schnelker (Adam); 17 grandchildren, Billy Mestdagh (Lauren), Lindsey Oliver (Mike), Courtney Mestdagh, Allie Giorgio (Frank), Max Warren, Jack Warren, Abigail Warren, Freddie Kaess, Janie Kaess (fiance Tommy Cetina), Ellie Kaess, Caylie Kaess, Michael Wildner, Nicholas Wildner, William Schnelker, Henry Schnelker, Elizabeth Schnelker and Andrew Jack Schnelker; and one great-grandchild, Brooks Oliver. He will be remembered by those who knew him for his intense efforts to help create an equal opportunity for all, as well as his deep love and value for family.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 3, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The family will receive friends prior for visitation starting at 10:30 a.m. A celebration of life will follow at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that all donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, [alz.org](http://alz.org), in honor of Beverly K. Coats; the American Heart Association, [heart.org](http://heart.org), in memory of William D. Coats; or to the National Center for Children in Poverty, [nccp.org](http://nccp.org), in honor of Dr. Coats' mission to "improve life's chances."

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at [wujukcalcaterra.com](http://wujukcalcaterra.com).

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# John Osler, Jr.

After 87 years of vibrant life, John Osler of Grosse Pointe Shores died on Saturday, March 25, in the wake of a heart attack. Up to the moment of the cardiac arrest, his days were full of activity: painting a portrait, cutting up wood in the yard, hauling Forgotten Harvest food boxes at Crossroads East, advising his grandchildren and enjoying the day with his wife of 62 years, Phyllis. He had friends everywhere, from the vineyards of Provence to the Boundary Waters of Canada to the streets of Detroit's East side. His paintings portrayed jazz musicians famous and not; the disempowered and marginalized and members of Congress; young people and old; and he imbued love and meaning into them all. Bassist Ron Carter saw him as a fellow traveler, writing that John Osler's work "celebrates, as I do, the symbiosis of music and art." The poet Reginald Dwayne Betts said that "he gets folks in these moments that give them real dignity."

Born the child of artists, John grew up in the Detroit area and studied engineering at Cornell University, a course of study that included a summer working on the launch stages for the Mercury space exploration project. He began his career in commercial art working for a studio founded by his father, and later represented photographers and became a founder and principal with Mid-Coast studios in Troy. There, he and his colleagues developed a lighting system, derived from an existing

film technology, that revolutionized commercial still photography. During this period, he sometimes collaborated with his lifelong friends, art directors Jack Frakes and Dennis Plansker.

In his early 50's, John left Mid-Coast studios to focus on his own painting and photography. It was thrilling to watch him paint. He wrote this about his process: "Sometimes when someone I have spent time with emerges from a canvas I will stop and raise a toast to welcome him. At that moment I am most alive." He painted people he met in homeless shelters, those in the back row of a tiny church, market preachers, winemakers, and others. After spending time with civil rights legend and Congressman John Lewis, he painted Lewis with a mantle of courage and solidity, echoing a much earlier portrait he had done of Winston Churchill. He became the house artist for the Dirty Dog Jazz Café, where some of his work adorns the wall just as it does in homes and businesses across the country. His photographs and paintings of musicians became prominent among his work.

John was the center of gravity for an extended and loving family that produced seven grandchildren who each embraced his interests (ranging from engineering to social justice), like light refracting through a prism: Lily Osler (Sara), John Shipman Osler III, Benjamin Nesbit, Alexa Osler Easter, Griffin Nesbit, Luke Osler and Stephen Osler Easter. A man who would stop the



car on a family trip so all could take in the beauty of the light at dusk playing on the side of a barn, John and his wife Phyllis raised three children who loved him dearly: Mark (Anne), Will (Kim), and Kathy (Bryan). He is also survived by his older sister, Elizabeth (Betsie) Robinson, nephew John Robinson and niece Elizabeth Robinson.

In keeping with his core ethic of "people before stuff," a donation to Forgotten Harvest or Doctors Without Borders would be more appropriate than flowers; this was a man whose ancient, creaking Toyota was often jammed full of items he was taking from a donor to those in need. A celebration of his life will be held in late Spring. It's certain that those coming to remember him will include some who think of him as a hockey coach, others who engaged him as a mentor in the arts, a few who knew him as a child, and a mob of others who at least once drew close to his big heart and keen mind, all of them knowing what a loss his death is to this world.



## OBITS:

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## Elizabeth M. Ross

Elizabeth M. Ross, 88, died Thursday, March 23, 2023, in Troy.

She was the beloved wife of the late James Ross, and is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass took place Monday, March 27, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, MI 48025, michiganhumane.org/donate-now; or Paws With A Cause, 4646 Division, Wayland, MI 49348, bit.ly/40lxY4U.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Stephen Laird Kinsley

Stephen Laird Kinsley, 82, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023, in Grosse Pointe.

Stephen was born Dec. 22, 1940, in Philadelphia, to Aleen (nee Morrison) and Lewis Kinsley, both now deceased. He attended Albion College, the Detroit College of Law and Michigan State University. He then worked for Kluczynski, Girtz, Zamler and McCubbrey, PC, in Southfield.

Stephen was an avid golfer, loved to travel and listen to old music, and enjoyed practicing law until his time of death. He was a former member of the Detroit Golf Club and Detroit Athletic Club. At his time of death, he was a member of Gowanie Golf Club and Bayview Yacht Club.

Stephen will be remembered by those who knew him for his great smile and constantly positive attitude. He was witty, intelligent and level-headed, loved to tell jokes and discuss his work. He loved his family and dear friends and was always there when someone needed him. He always put his family first.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Karen Koerber Kinsley; sons, Stephen (Kym) and Daniel (Kelly); grandchildren, Ailey, Saylor and Parker



Elizabeth M. Ross



Stephen Laird Kinsley



Joan B. Warren



Edward A. Franco



Cleo Joyce Book

Kinsley, and Paige Jordan (fiance Taylor Wright).

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, jdrf.org.

## Joan B. Warren

Joan B. Warren, 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 11, 2023, at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was surrounded in love by her children and grandchildren, whom she adored.

Joan was an impressive woman with a warm, loving presence. She will be remembered by those who knew her for her caring and kindness to others and her indomitable spirit. She dove into life regardless of the obstacles. Her grit and strength were inspiring. Joan made unimaginable challenges look easy and tackled life with grace, humor and a powerful optimism. She truly loved helping others and could always be counted on to step up when there was a need.

Joan was a leader in the Detroit community and a volunteer for many of its charitable causes. She gave back to the community with enthusiasm, commitment and integrity. She was a powerhouse fundraiser, helping raise more than \$40 million for organizations such as the American Red Cross, United Way of Southeast Michigan and Children's Hospital and Rehabilitation Institute. Her past positions include being appointed to the Board of Governors of the American National Red Cross in 1982, and Board of Directors of the United Foundation of Detroit from 1976-85. She also was a charter

board member of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan and served as a trustee for 25 years. She was presented numerous awards in her lifetime, including the Heart of Gold from the United Foundation of Detroit and the Harriman Award from the American National Red Cross. She also was active within the Grosse Pointe Public School System, serving as chairman of the PTA and president of the Mother's Club. A member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, she also served as a church school teacher, parish leader and elder.

Joan was known for the love she brought into the family home, especially in the kitchen. Whether dishing up impromptu lunches, family dinners or celebrating the holidays, good food could always be expected. Joan also had a love of flowers and was surrounded by them no matter the season. She was an avid gardener and longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club. She and her husband, Jerry, truly loved their home and cherished their time together tending to and dining in the garden.

Joan was born Aug. 26, 1930, in Bristol, Conn., the only child of Edna and Raymond Bordner. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Olivet College in 1952, and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1955.

For 61 years, she was the wife of her beloved Gerald E. Warren, who predeceased her in 2018. She is survived by her children, Susan Warren of St. Clair Shores, Barbara Warren (Christopher Hale) of Chicago, David Warren (Christy) of Grosse Pointe Farms and Christopher Warren (Elizabeth) of Boca

Raton, Fla.; and their children, Allie Giorgio (Frank), Max, Jack, Abigail and Rachel Yi (Nicholas), and Grace and Christopher Warren.

A memorial service and interment will take place at a later date at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Joan B. and Gerald E. Warren Disaster Relief Fund, CFSEM.org/warren.

## Edward A. Franco

Edward A. Franco, 90, died peacefully Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at home in Minneapolis, Minn. Ed was formerly of Grosse Pointe Park and Herkimer, N.Y.

Ed taught Spanish at Grosse Pointe South High School for 28 years and was chair of the foreign language department for 25 years. He was a beloved teacher of many and a mentor to foreign students studying abroad at the high school. He had close relationships with many students, some of which continued until his passing. He advanced the program by developing and implementing curriculum for higher-level Spanish classes. He served as an evaluator and grader for Spanish Language Advanced Placement exams for the Educational Testing Service. After retiring, he taught English to middle schoolers at St. Juliana School in Detroit for several years.

Ed and his wife, Anne, traveled the world. He was never happier than when planning his next trip, starting in 1955, when he left the U.S. for the first time to visit Turkey as a community ambassador. He shared his love of travel his whole life by leading student groups and later, groups of friends, to Europe, sending his

own children to study in Spain and then his grandchildren on cultural and language immersion trips while in high school. He wanted everyone to appreciate the wonderful variety of cultures in the world.

Everywhere Ed went, he talked to people about where they were from, what life was like for them and how beautiful their home country was — because he usually had been there. Everyone who knew him loved and will remember him.

Ed grew up in an Italian immigrant family in Herkimer, N.Y. Although he lived most of his adult life in Michigan, he never forgot his roots. His hometown, extended family and Italian heritage were of central importance in his life.

Ed and Anne were longtime members of the St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. In recent years, they moved to Minneapolis to be closer to their children and grandchildren, which was a blessing for his family and friends. He was caring, kind and compassionate, and will be missed by many.

Ed was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, teacher and friend. He is survived by Anne (nee Fenech), his wife of 60 years; children, Libby Weil (Bob), Anne Rodriguez (Aaron) and Peter Franco; grandchildren, Ben, Claire and Laura Weil, and Sara, Christopher and Nicholas Rodriguez; brothers, Rocco (Rosemarie), John (Roseann) and Peter Franco; sister, Mary Franco; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

A funeral Mass of Christian Burial takes place Monday, April 17, at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Minneapolis. Consult

the funeral chapel for specific details at (952) 926-1615 or gearty-delmore.com. Memorials are preferred to the donor's preference.

Arrangements were made by Gearty-Delmore Park Funeral Chapel.

## Cleo Joyce Barnard Book

Cleo Joyce Barnard Book, 94, passed away peacefully Monday, March 20, 2023.

Cleo was born Oct. 14, 1928, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is survived by her sons, William Book and Randall Book, and their half-brother, Frank Book. She worked at Detroit College of Law for 30 years.

Cleo lived an extraordinary life filled with adventures and passions. She met her husband while working as a flight attendant on American Airlines. She loved playing tennis, fly fishing and riding horseback at the family's ranch in Montana. Cleo had a zest for life that was contagious and she enjoyed traveling. She loved dressing up and singing in front of people. She had a vibrant personality and drew people to her wherever she went. Cleo loved entertaining; nightly cocktails with friends and family always were memorable occasions.

Cleo's life was filled with many adventures, but her greatest passion was her family. She was a devoted mother and wonderful friend to all. Her spirit and courage will continue to inspire all who knew her.

A private family memorial service will be held at a future date. Donations may be made to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, 3517 Rochester, Royal Oak, MI 48073, gildasclubdetroit.org/get-involved/donate.

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# Holy Week at St. Paul on the Lake

All are welcome to join St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church during Holy Week for special liturgies and events. Palm Sunday Masses are at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, as well as 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, April 2. The Sacrament of Confession is available from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4. The Mass of the Lord's Supper is at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Good Friday, April 7, the church will have Stations of the Cross starting at 12:15 p.m., followed by the Liturgy of the

Lord's Passion and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The movie, "Passion of the Christ," will be shown Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Canfield Center. Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m. is the Blessing of the Food and the Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses take place at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and noon Sunday, April 9. For details regarding Holy Week, other opportunities and information about St. Paul on the Lake, visit [stpaulonthelake.org](http://stpaulonthelake.org).

## Music at Memorial presents 'Journey to Jerusalem' April 6

As Holy Week and Easter Sunday approach, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church invites the community to walk with Jesus during the final days by participating in Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at GPMC, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Church musicians will lead a "Journey to Jerusalem" with their one-of-a-kind musical drama at 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 6. On Good Friday, the church keeps solemn vigil near the cross with a Tenebrae service, also at 7:30 p.m. Jesus' triumphant resurrection Easter Sunday will be celebrated with joyous music for choir, congregation, brass, timpani and organ at 9 and 11 a.m. services. Those who plan to attend should arrive early to hear a 15-minute extended musical prelude that morning.

## CHURCH BRIEF

### Congregational

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes select members of the Detroit Opera Company for a free concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2. The public is welcome. Call (313) 884-3075.

## HELM:

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tains three PhysioStep incumbent bikes, a treadmill, rowing machine, elliptical, light weights and bands.

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cards, games, coffee or other social activities. Why have bridge club at home when the club can meet at The Helm, where the coffee is fresh and the environment inviting?

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# The Good News

Join us as we walk through Holy Week together at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church!

**Thursday, April 6 – Maundy Thursday**

7:30 pm: "Journey to Jerusalem" Musical Drama

**Friday, April 7 – Good Friday**

12 and 7:30 pm: Tenebrae Service

12 pm: PRAYground Kids Program

**Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday**

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9:00 and 11 am: Worship Service (childcare available)

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Top, Kimble's latest digital piece, which took three years to create. Above, Fate's Little Monster and right, Solomon Grundy.

## TOYS:

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started using ceramics and stoneware, which gives it a different look, but it's heavy.

"I also started getting into creating a wire form inside of them and using copper frames, so they're totally posable. Now they're alive."

Fate studied metals and crafts at College for Creative Studies, which helped her breath new life into her creations.

"I brought my 2-D art into more functional art, 3-D art, which led to more collaborating with (Kimble)," she said, noting each of the outfits her characters wear she has dyed and sewn herself.

"I feel a big need to express myself," Fate said. "Even little things, like I'm grumpy today, lead to me telling huge stories to express myself. It's not to impress people; it's an intimate thing."

As for collaborating with her father, Fate said she appreciates their similarities, including why and how they create.

"I grew up with my dad doing art. Our house was a studio. There were



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Fate cradles Anita, a cactus/seamstress/pin cushion puppet. Below, Kimble and Fate stand before several of Kimble's paintings.

always sets up and it smelled like oil paint. It's been really cool."

Posterity Gallery is located at 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe

An artists reception takes place 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30. For more information, call (313) 884-8105 or visit [posterityframegallery.com](http://posterityframegallery.com).





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## 'GREEN' exhibition alive at GPAA gallery

Those longing for the fresh, fragile green of spring that holds so much promise of things to come are invited to visit the "GREEN" exhibition, currently on display in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association gallery at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Each artist offers a very personal interpretation of "GREEN." The messages range from growth, harmony, fertility and freshness to envy and concerns about the environment.

For instance, Mary Taitt introduces "Lillian the Green-Eyed Lizard Lady," a homeless person she met on her travels.

Kelly Burke remembers a cross-country road trip through the Flint Hills in Kansas with her mom. She says it was like driving into heaven's gate.

In a field of daffodils, John Bolden finds the "physical and spiritual



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**"The Greening of Spring" by John Bolden.** "Green reflects rebirth and a peaceful state, where one feels connected to the universe," Bolden noted. "In this instance, green is a physical space and a spiritual space for recalibration of self."

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Roger Garrett, art chair for the Moross Greenway Project, was the juror for the show. He sorted through 200 pieces by 80 artists and made choices to fit the show into the

gallery space.

"It was very difficult," he remarked as he evaluated each piece on relevance to the theme, creativity and technique. "The quality is exceptional."

Following his rankings,

the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's exhibition committee, led by Nobuko Yamasaki, was able to include 60 pieces.

The variety of the show, the creativity of the artists and their storytelling abilities provide a welcome taste of spring.

"I just visited the show again. It is an especially beautiful show. One of the best," Judith LeBeau wrote.

After basking in the "GREEN" show, visitors

are welcome to take in "Listen to the Music," in the adjacent guest gallery. It is a solo show by



**"Rise above your situation" by Ashley Menth.** "Belle Isle aquarium's ornate architecture is a wonder to children and invokes a feeling of wonder and homecoming for me," Menth noted. "The theme of this painting is 'rise above your situation.' The aquarium's fish are depicted swimming above the aquarium, their situation. The message is meant to inspire a feeling of freedom of the situations we find ourselves in. We are never confined or can we be defined by our situation."

Susan Eatmon, who won first place in the recent GPAA exhibition, "Sight and Sound."

Both shows may be previewed on the Grosse Pointe Artists Association website, [grossepointeart-center.org](http://grossepointeart-center.org).

The gallery is open for in-person viewing 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except Thursday, when it is open until 7 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.



**"Hines Park Painting" by Renee Dempsey.** "Painted with mostly green paint in the field that sits beside Hines Drive in Northville, MI," Dempsey said.

### ASK THE EXPERTS By Ed Lazar

#### Keep student athletes engaged, not overbooked

Busy is good. Too busy is just painful.

Having coached student athletes at every level of competition in track and cross country, being the father of four and grandfather of eight, I certainly appreciate busy family schedules! Families like ours, and those I've coached, often struggle with balancing academics, athletics and family time.

Families that struggle the most are those whose student athletes compete in two or more sports at a time AND participate in another school activity. Also struggling are families whose student athletes compete on teams for 12 consecutive months with little or no time off.

Of course, we want our children to be fully engaged in academics, athletics and other school activities, but when we overload their bodies and minds, the perceived benefits devolve into family chaos and stress. Trying too hard to get everyone to their practices, competitions and activities requires timing to the

minute with no allowances for food, fun or being together as a family.

Here are three guiding thoughts to help keep student athlete family lives in balance:

◆ Set high goals, certainly, but keep reality in mind. Only a tiny percentage of student athletes will be recruited to play college sports and even fewer into professional sports. The goal of creating strong, well-balanced individuals is far more noble, attainable and lasting. In fact, recruiters look for well-balanced individuals over simply superior performers.

◆ Days go quickly, so make academics and family life the top two priorities. Though some days feel longer, the truth is that school days while families are growing up go by quickly. Once they are done, they are done. Making the most of every day means allowing time for learning and family growth.

◆ Limit participation in sports to only one sport per competitive season, with a maximum of three

seasons per school year. Two is even better.

"Hey, Coach, can my child run cross country and play \_\_\_\_, too? They have \_\_ practice four nights per week at 5:30, and early Saturday morning so I think I can get them there on time if your practice is over by 5! Oh, yeah, we may be able to make some Saturday meets, but not all."

Whoa! Slow this down! In this case, "Can they" is a scheduling question when the more important question is "Should they?" That answer is a simple, NO! Do not fear that word! Use it wisely! Pick one, stick with one, make time for another extracurricular and call it good. Leave time for homework, dinner together and rest.

This is part one of a two-part series.

Ed Lazar is head coach and president of East Metro Athletics, located at 18350 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. He can be reached at [coach@edlazar.com](mailto:coach@edlazar.com) or (313) 515-0700.

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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Mom time with the kids may give dad a break

**Dear Gabby:** My school-aged children are a bit of a nightmare at bedtime. Everyone is suddenly hungry, wanting to joke around and generally hyper when it's time to sleep.

My husband is so outraged and grumpified by this, that he puts all of us in a bad mood and kind of ruins the night.

The problem for me is that although I realize this is not great behavior, the kids all get along for once and are genuinely having fun together. They even talk to me and tell me things they normally would not.

I can see both sides, but I can't seem to solve the problem. Any suggestions?

— Conflicted in the City

**Dear Conflicted,**

That's a tough spot

to be in for all of you, but let's take a look and see where to find the win-win situation.

I love that you and the kids find your vibe at this time of day and you're spot on (as an attuned mom) that this is a perfect time to have unique, lovely, intimate interactions with the kids.

These are moments that come when they come and we should take them when they do.

For you, these are the moments you'll look back and remember as snapshots in time and for the kids, it's doing the hard job of emotional development within the safety of a healthy parenting relationship. So as to that part, if you and the kids are fine with the current shape of it, don't

change a thing there.

Now as to Dad, as I see it, he's allowed to have his experience, too, and bedtime might be the time of day he needs to wind down and have a sense of quiet and order after a long workday.

I wonder if something to try, in that case, is for there to be an understanding that at this time of day, kids and Mom have this time together and Dad enjoys some time alone? This can be a time where he goes for a solo walk, retires to read for an hour or maybe takes on the Zen task of making lunches for the next day?

The conflict in this situation is the idea there has to be only one way to handle bedtime, when this is not the case.

Finding the adaptation that works for your family within reason will hopefully solve the bedtime bedlam, but also provide a meta view into finding solutions that work for your particular family.

A last thought: As the mom of now 20-year-old twins, all of those chaotic moments of childhood that can zap you in the moment will be over in a flash.

There will be a time when a little one appears for the 12th time asking for a glass of water or to tell you "one more thing" will be your heart's greatest desire, which allows for space to treasure more and resent less.

— Lynn Walsh



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For their own Op'ning Day April 6th they make haste.  
To battle with Boston they take on the Sox  
In a soon-to-be, sure-to-be, season that rocks.  
To prove to the Red Sox within their own hub  
The Roar of the Tiger, the pow'r of the Club.  
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The rooters and stomper commanding, "Play ball!"  
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The AL has won it 9 years in a row!)  
Then, August the 20th, back in PA,  
WORLD SERIES for LITTLE LEAGUE comes into play!  
And, suddenly, most of it's finalized when  
All 30 teams play at the same time again  
To signal the end of the hot dogs and beer;  
Last day of the regular season is here!  
No use for the playoffs this season have we;  
It's all about winning for you and for me  
So, let's give it everything, all that we've got  
To bring home the pennant the way that we ought  
To make sure we're overall A #1!  
To do things up right and to get the job done,  
And on to the "Series," triumphant we'll go;  
I'm not funnin' you — we can do it, you know.  
We did it before; we can do it again,  
Get back to the days we remember back when  
Our Tigers were champions, couldn't be beat;  
Go, Tigers! The scent of a triumph is sweet!  
The voice of the umpire is heard off the wall  
Commanding this last time the players "Play Ball!"  
The clapping of hands and the stomping of feet  
One more time "Let's go Tigers!" Ain't victory sweet?!

Joan LeGro Bushnell



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

## Gym relationship harder to quit than membership

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a healthy, single, 76-year-old man. I spend lots of time at a local gym. I met a woman there two years ago, and we went out for coffee. She's a few years younger than I am. She told me she was married, but it was a "complex" marriage. What started as a friendship morphed into an intimate affair.

We have many common interests and spend as much time as we can together, given the circumstances. I know she will never get divorced. I've

fallen in love with her, but I have never pressured her to divorce. She has grown children, and she doesn't want to upset them. I get it. There are also financial considerations and entanglements.

Over the last six months, our relationship has become strained. It has turned into a push-pull type of situation. I know it's unhealthy for both of us, but I can't seem to let her go. We've come to the brink several times, but we always have talked through it, and we

keep limping along. I don't know how to stop loving her. Even thinking about it causes me great mental distress. I'm looking for suggestions to ease the pain and figure out how to move on. — LOVING A MARRIED WOMAN IN MAINE

**DEAR LOVING:** Because thinking about it causes you great mental distress, go cold turkey. You deserve more than to be someone's side dish, but in order to find a more fulfilling relationship, you must let this woman go and allow her to focus on her "complex" marriage.

Then, keep yourself busy, join another gym, avoid places where the two of you used to hang out and get back into the swing of life.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been with my boyfriend for six years. He is wonderful. We became engaged last year. His family has been nice to me, but on holidays, I dread bringing a dish or dessert because none of them touch whatever I bring. It's insulting and hurtful. I end up upset and toss it in the trash.

See DEAR ABBY, page 3C

## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

I have decided I am not waiting until next fall to figure out my winter gear. I am the queen of leaving a problem for my future self to figure out and guess what? That mentality never works out.

My future self is left with raggedy UGG boots, a lost hat and one glove when she tries to find her stuff next fall. I am setting myself up for success, right here, right now!

So, as the winter weather turns to spring and we are packing away our cold weather gear, here's a trick that is definitely worth trying: Replace those UGG insoles! I think it is absolutely helpful when it comes to storing things.

I've had the same pair of UGG boots for at least three years. It could be longer than that, but I can't even keep track.

They are pretty worn but they are still warm and cozy, so I'll keep wearing them.

One thing I can't stand about these boots though is how worn the insoles are. The fur

is completely matted and uncomfortable. I actually have little sticks and rocks stuck in the fur at the bottom of my boots that I try to ignore.



A simple Amazon search led me to find replacement UGG insoles. What?! I ordered them, ripped out the old ones (it took pliers to get mine out) and replaced them with soft, luxe, brand new, cozy insoles. They

feel like new boots and I know I'll be so grateful I solved that problem come next fall.

After doing this, I washed my winter jacket, clipped my gloves together and put my hat into my winter coat pocket. I am fully ready for next winter and it's only spring. Who knew new insoles could make me feel this accomplished? On to the next thing to try!

The insoles were less than \$30 — a huge discount from buying a new pair of UGGs. And if you know, you know — many UGG styles have been sold out all winter long — so it's a good call to rehab your old ones. We are giving this 4.5 alligators.

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](mailto:media@grossepointenews.com).



4.5 Out Of 5



# A smart and simple crowd pleaser

## Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This recipe is so elegant looking and so delicious. Smoked ham, Swiss Gruyere and dijon are classic combinations and especially good tucked inside flaky, buttery puff pastry.

I've made this recipe countless times because everyone loves it. Little do they know how easy it is to put together. It's a recipe inspired by Ina Garten, the queen of tasteful, refined and simple food.

I will say that I have burned it before because I cooked it on the lower rack of the oven. The top

looked beautiful, but the bottom was black. The middle rack is essential and checking the bottom, at the 25 minute mark, ensures that you won't burn it. It's just as good at room temperature or reheated the next day.

I used to make this for Friday playdates with kids and adults. There was never a crumb left.

Customize to your liking — you could add caramelized onions or even sauteed spinach. Lunch, dinner or for snacking, this is a win. Just check the bottom!

### Ham and Cheese Puff Pastry

2 sheets of puff pastry, thawed

2 tbsp dijon mustard

¼ lb smoked, sliced ham

½ lb sliced Swiss cheese such as Gruyere

1 egg, plus 1 tbsp of water

Thaw the pastry on the counter for an hour or in the fridge overnight. Preheat the oven to 425.

On a floured surface, roll one piece of the dough out to an approximately 10x12 inch rectangle. Place it on a parchment paper lined baking sheet.

Start by brushing the mustard all over, leaving a one inch border around the edges, so the top crust will stick. Next, layer on the ham and then the cheese. Mix together the egg and water and brush along the edge that has no mustard. Roll out the top pastry exactly the same as the first and lay over the ham and cheese.

Use a fork and go around the edge pressing to seal the two pieces



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together. Brush the top with the remaining egg and cut three, long slits in the top so the steam from the inside can escape. Bake for 25-30 minutes on the middle

rack so that the bottom does not burn. My advice is to check that the bottom is browned at the 25 minute mark. Let sit for 10 minutes and then slice into squares.



## Wine true or false

There are a lot of sayings about wine that simply aren't true. However, a few are true even though no one really ever tells you which is which.

Usually, when we ask an expert, we end up getting a correct answer but without the proper explanation. Here are a few common ones.

• Red wine is better with age.

Occasionally true. But the way wine is being made these days, it is less likely to be. One rule of thumb is to drink most

wines young because they offer the most fruit.

However, certain wines that are made to be aged are truly magnificent when they have been properly stored and served at an optimal moment. These are specialty wines, and they don't come along often. When they do, they're usually expensive, which makes them appealing only to those who have developed a taste for them.

• Cabernet sauvignon is tannic, bitter and astringent.

Mainly true. But the way it is being produced these days, many such wines are softer and easier to enjoy when they're young. Some people still find cabernet to be too astringent, and they opt for the softer approach you typically get in a merlot.

• All rieslings are sweet.

False. We all detect sweetness differently, so what might be dry to you could be sweet to me. But more and more these days, we're finding rieslings that are dry. Germany, the spiritual home of the grape variety, produces many wines designated as "trocken," which have enough acidity to be called dry and are great with food.

• Champagne and other sparkling wine should be served very

cold.

True, although some wine lovers prefer such wines just slightly cooler than cellar temperature. Most sparklings have a small amount of sugar added, helping to moderate the high acid content. Chilling them well helps make them a little more enjoyable.

• Drink most rose wines as young as possible.

True. Roses are a special kind of white wine with a slight amount of color that indicates a higher level of fruit should be visible. But aging them rarely gives them enough added complexity to justify the loss of fruit.

• All great white wines are crystal clear with nothing floating around in the bottle.

Pristine, crystal clear

white wines are the goal of every winemaker, but not every wine is at its best when it's so clear. All the processes winemakers use to keep white wines crystal clear are potentially likely to detract from aroma or flavor.

I know many winemakers who worry about such things and are happy to release wines with stuff floating around in them as long as they know that making it clear would harm the aroma or taste.

Indeed, if you see crystals in a bottle of chardonnay, that's an indication of a high qual-

ity wine that the winemaker simply refused to process to remove the crystals because he or she knew that to do so would harm it.

• The more you pay for a bottle of wine, the better it is.

False. The factors that lead to a wine's high price often have little to do with its quality.

The 2021 vintage is reportedly just as good. Often seen at \$15 or less.

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## DEAR ABBY:

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I come from a large family. My parents immigrated from the Philippines, and I look forward to our family holiday celebrations. We all cook, appreciate and enjoy each dish or dessert we bring. I don't know if my fiancée's family is afraid to try my cooking even though I make common, simple, American dishes.

He doesn't see the big deal when I raise the subject with him. My sisters all say I should stop bringing anything. Am I too sensitive? Is it worth taking anything to these gatherings? — HURT COOK IN KENTUCKY

DEAR COOK: Ask whoever is hosting these family get-togethers what the problem may be. It may have nothing to do with your cooking, and more to do with the fact they are set in their ways when it comes to holiday celebrations. I have to say I agree with your sisters. Rather than waste the food, give it to a friend or relative who might enjoy it, keep it for yourself and your fiancée, or bring nothing more than a little "host" gift with you. Assorted nuts come to mind.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a medical student. I don't have kids or a family of my own yet, but I'd like it to happen one day. When I have kids of my own, I intend to push

them to be the very best in whatever they want to do. I will ingrain in them "tough love" and demand excellence from them.

My classmates, friends and I grew up similarly. We did well enough in high school to get into a good college and have successful lives after that. My friends and I did all the same things in college we did in high school. We joined clubs, volunteered, took leadership roles, earned good grades and got good recommendation letters in order to outcompete our peers and get where we wanted to go.

When I have kids, I want them to emulate

what I did, achieve the same way academically and succeed. Am I wrong? I know it will be challenging to raise kids to outcompete their peers for things they want to do or are passionate about. I know I won't have complete control over them because they are human beings and not robots. Maybe I won't have kids at all. I'm not sure yet. Any thoughts? — EYE ON FUTURE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR EYE: There may be some variables you aren't taking into consideration. If and when you finally meet someone and embark upon starting a family,

you will find it to be a joint effort. You cannot dictate someone else's parenting style.

Also, children do not all learn in the same way. Some thrive by being pushed by a demanding parent. Others rebel or wilt. It's fine to use your own upbringing as a model, but allow some flexibility because, as you stated, children are not robots. Remember that.

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## EASTER ENTERTAINING

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# Easter at home

Get the party started with Party Adventure. Spring has sprung at the popular store with enough charming bunny, floral and Easter egg tableware, above, to overflow your basket. Coordinating disposable tablecloths, napkins and plates set the scene while making cleanup easy so you can hunt for eggs too!



Fleurette set of five scented candles in an attractive gift box, above, sets the perfect ambiance for entertaining with the lovely floral aromas of spring. Caspari triple-ply Bandol Stripe paper napkins in petal pink and Peek A Boo Bunny napkins, both at left, are striking in design and durable in function to beautifully elevate the style factor of your Easter table. Find them all at The League Shop.



Easter rings in the spring season, in all its fresh green splendor. Soon the buds will be bursting with the pinks, yellows and blues of springtime flowers.

Set a table inspired by the natural beauty of daffodils, tulips and hyacinths with the help of some of your favorite local merchants.

Party Adventure, located at 23400 Greater Mack Ave., St. Clair Shores, is chock full of the paper goods that make Easter brunch a breeze. Reach them online at [partyadventureusa.com](http://partyadventureusa.com).

Stock up on decor and tiny treasures to delight the little ones on your guest list. Over at The League Shop, everything Easter is in bloom from Caspari paper goods in the cutest holiday designs to pretty tea towels to bring a holiday flair to your kitchen. The League Shop also has a wonderful line of Herend, Waterford and other brands of luxury giftware in precious Easter-themed designs. Herend porcelain animals like

bunnies, chicks and ducks make lovely hostess gifts for someone special. Salt and pepper shakers, toothpick holders and other table extras add to the fun and festivity to delight your guests.

The League Shop is at 16847 Kercheval Ave., in Grosse Pointe or [theleagueshop.com](http://theleagueshop.com) online.

Small Favors has an incredible assortment of the cutest Easter baskets in store that make practical and affordable decor and serving baskets. Small Favors is located at 17112 Kercheval Ave., in Grosse Pointe or [shopsmallfavors.com](http://shopsmallfavors.com).

For a casual yet elegant centerpiece, fill glass bowls with your preferred cut flowers from a local florist like Viviano Flower Shop, 20087 Mack, Ave., St. Clair Shores. Visit online at [viviano.com](http://viviano.com).

Scatter smaller bowls with one or two blooms throughout the table settings or cluster several flower arrangements of varying heights in the center.



### Sweet tulip bunny



The elegant Herend Blossom Bunny in blue (available in various colors) is a great addition to your collection of holiday decor — or to enjoy all year round. It's a lovely gift for mom, sis or wife to commemorate the Easter season. At The League Shop.

### Just ducky!



The Herend Standing Duck is decked out in his Easter finery with a cheery raspberry-colored bow. The little quacker is also available with a bow in several other colors to match your home decor. From The League Shop.

### Reason for the season



The stunning Waterford Clare Cross from The League Shop is a beautiful statement of faith for the home throughout the Holy Season or all through the year. See The League Shop's amazing collection of heirloom Waterford crystal figurines and serving ware.

### Basket of goodies



Every Easter dinner table needs this cute toothpick holder! This little bunny has a basket full of 20 pretty multi-colored flower picks for your guests. Just the darling touch your place settings need to set the mood. By Two's Company, from The League Shop.

### Golden egg buddies



The Baby Chick with Egg by Herend is a golden gift that will delight someone special this holiday. Award-winning Herend porcelain specializes in luxury hand-painted and gilded Hungarian porcelain. From The League Shop.

### Tea towels for two



Bunnies and blue willows decorate this sweet set of towels by Two's Company. A lovely hostess gift or useful in your own kitchen this Easter, this delft blue and white duo is big on charm with pretty tassels and plenty of spacious thirsty fabric to dry hands. From The League Shop.



Be creative with adorable rabbit Easter baskets from Small Favors, above. Display them throughout the home to serve chips or arrange at the table as a centerpiece or to hold napkins, flatware or rolls.

Caspari napkins, left, with a field of bunnies, from The League Shop.

### A table full of happiness!



Two darling Pewter Chicks in Eggs, left, make up this dainty salt and pepper set by Vagabond House. Imagine the delight from all ages when someone asks to "pass the salt" at your table! From The League Shop.

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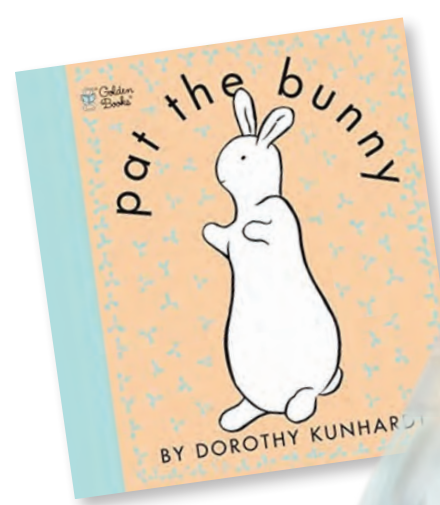
# Happily ever Easter

The perfect Easter holiday doesn't have to be make-believe. Get everyone ready to shine for springtime egg-hunting and more!

## BUNNY AND ME



This adorable pink frock, above, has delicate shirring and detailed dimensional embroidery (detail at left.) With puff sleeves, it's the epitome of Easter elegance for toddler girls. Easter book from Coreander's. The light and airy pastel rainbow dress, right, has a handkerchief hem and braided metallic waistline. Dresses and hair bows from Connie's Children's Shop. Jellycat plush animals from Small Favors.



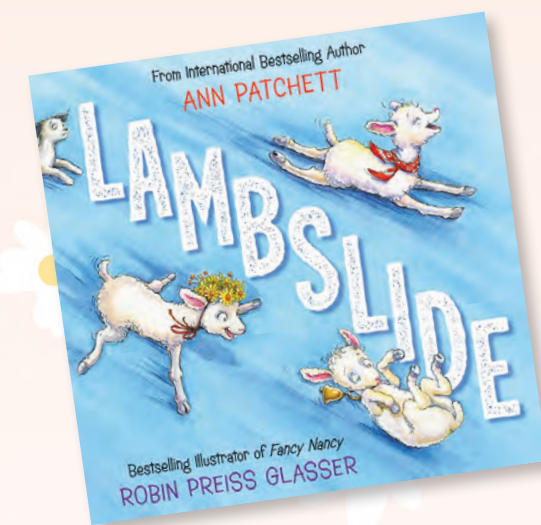
Once upon a time, in the magical land of the Grosse Pointes, sweet little children took delight in celebrating Easter with their families. Nearby, in beautiful St. Clair Shores, there was an enchanting shop created especially for these little ones, a captivating place called Connie's Children's Shop. The shop had all kinds of wonderful Easter outfits and year-round dressing that had the sweet children looking extra special for Easter services or brunch at Grandma's house. It was and is a wonderland of all the cutest quality fashions for kids — and babies too!

Connie's Children's Shop is an award-winning family business that has been dressing local children to look their very best for over 25 years and they are ready for Easter with all the latest children's fashions in the quality brands you've grown to love. They're located at 23240 Mack Ave. and can be contacted at (586) 777-8720 or shopconnies.com.

The spring lineup features adorable boy's jumpers and girl's pastel dresses with a variety of shirring, intricate embroidery and adorable appliques. Connie's is ready to don kids in complete Easter style from head to toe, as they also carry top shoe brands like Stride Rite, Saucony, Skechers, Florsheim and more. For sweet dreams, see their selection of comfy pajamas, nightgowns and robes for kids.

## TUTU CUTE!

Mayoral sustainable cotton baby bodysuit, above, has an embroidered ruffled collar and snaps at the back for easy on and off. It's paired with a showstopping layered tutu skirt by Sparkle Sisters, featuring sequined bunny appliques that will be sure to draw oohs and ahhs. Separates and blue bunny hair bow from Connie's Children's Shop.



## LITTLE BOY BLUE

Blue and white seersucker romper, left, features a cute bow tie rabbit applique. The white shirt has blue edging on the collar to match the suit. By Petit Ami.

Bestselling American author Ann Patchett has entered the world of children's books with her first release of "Lambslide." This and her second children's book, "Escape Goat," are available at Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe.

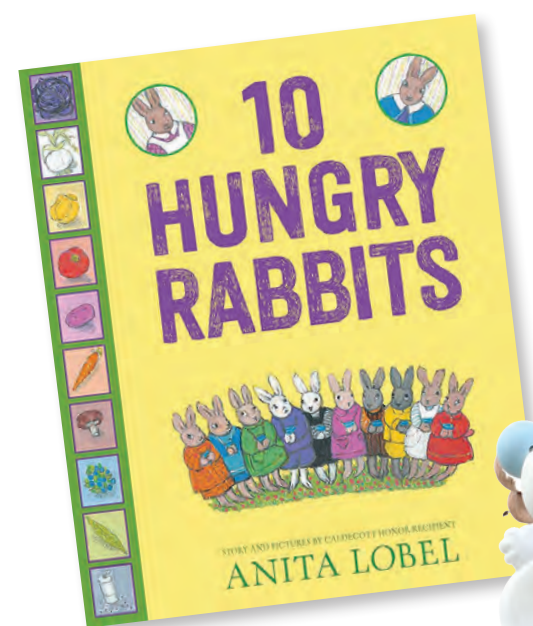
## HOP ONTO THE BED

Toddlers can say, "nighty night!" in these comfy PJs by Mud Pie left. Adorned with leaping bunnies, kids will want to jump right into bed when they're wearing these! Child safety compliant and made from bamboo viscose and spandex. From Connie's.

Blue bunny silicone teether, far left, by Mud Pie, is dishwasher safe and cute as can be for the littlest Easter celebrants. From Connie's.

Easter books from Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe.

Ganz daisy chick, bottom, from Connie's.



Sleep time means bedtime stories, and Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe is standing by with every kid's book of their dreams.

They're getting in on the Easter fun too with books children will love to read over and over again this season. Classics like "Pat the Bunny" by Dorothy Kunhardt is a perfect first book for the tiniest tots, while more recent treasures like "10 Hungry Rabbits" by Anita Lobel (ages 1-3) and "Finding Bunny," (ages 2-5) by Renee Bolla and will keep slightly older children entertained long after the jelly beans are gone. Easter-themed books are a smart choice for Easter baskets and egg hunt prizes that keep on giving joy and creating holiday memories. Stop in with or without the kids to peruse everything new in this delightfully cozy and welcoming shop. You're sure to find something to love.

Coreander's is a local treasure that has found a home in the heart of the community at 15118 Kercheval Ave. in Grosse Pointe Park. Contact them at (313) 514-7999 or on Instagram @coreandersbookshoppe.

For your favorite Easter stuffies, Small Favors has oodles of irresistible soft and cuddly Jellycat bunnies of every color, lambs, llamas, spring butterflies and more to add to baskets or for becoming best friends. They've also got lots of toys, games, puzzles and craft kits to keep the fun rolling.

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Handy egg hunt bags, below, come in blue yellow and lavender and are big enough to carry all their Easter finds.

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# Kids' Easter Coloring Contest



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Left, Adelaide Clemens as Carey and Patrick J. Adams as Simon in the movie "The Swearing Jar," written by Kate Hewlett and based on her play "The Swearing Jar," directed by Lindsay MacKay.

## Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

MOVIE REVIEW  
"The Swearing Jar"  
2022 - Rated R  
1 hr 50 min  
★★★★★

The Wonder from Down Under. That's my nickname for the Australian actor Adelaide Clemens. If you haven't heard of her, I'm not surprised. The entire film seems to be largely ignored by American audiences. Ms. Clemens has been acting in TV and films in her home country since she was in her teens. More recently, she's been making movies in the U.S. and Canada.

She reminds me a little of Michelle Williams, another one of my favorite actors. I first noticed her in the 2012 movie "Camilla Dickinson," a coming of age film set in late 1940s New York City. She also played a young Jewish virtuoso violinist, struggling to survive Nazi German in "I Will Find You." While Clemens was phenomenal in both movies, I feel she's really come into her own in her latest film "The Swearing Jar." It's absolutely her finest performance to date. And it's a remarkable piece of filmmaking as well.

"The Swearing Jar" is based on the play by the same name by Kate Hewlett, who also wrote the screenplay. It's the sophomore outing for director Lindsay MacKay, who's crafted a gorgeous film that should have garnered much more attention.

The soundtrack features a number of beautiful ballads and I was surprised to learn that Clemens did all her own singing in the movie.

Prepare yourself for some emotional movie watching. This isn't a rom-com as much as it's a rom-dram, as I like to call it.

Carey (Clemens) and Simon (Patrick J. Adams) are a couple. Not just a couple, but true soul mates. They're perfectly in synch with each other, which you can tell by the way they interact, and seem to complete each other's sentences. They've been married for several years and are trying to have a baby. One day, just as Simon is about to share some news, Carey announces she's pregnant. Simon is overjoyed and he stuffs the note he's carrying into his pocket. We won't find out what his news is until much later in the film.

It's such a pleasure to

see Clemens' performance. She's so totally believable, it almost feels like the couple could be married in real life. One aspect of her acting I particularly enjoy is her laugh. You've no doubt heard the phrase "infectious laughter." Well when I heard her laughing, which she does often, I couldn't help myself — I just had to laugh along with her. It made the movie that much more engaging.

This is the type of film I absolutely love. It's told in three segments that jump back and forth in time, and the whole story isn't resolved until the closing moments of the movie. The first part is about Simon and Carey. Right after the big announcement, they decide they shouldn't swear around the baby to be. And they do happen to cuss a lot. So every time they do, they have to put money into the swearing jar. This is the start of an educational fund for the baby's college tuition. The jar fills up rather quickly!

Another storyline is Carey's relationship with Owen (Douglas Smith). She walks into a bookstore one day and is approached by a young sales clerk, Owen, who's totally smitten with her.



Douglas Smith as Owen.

He starts to flirt with her, and she doesn't exactly discourage him. It turns out he's a musician who works at the store to survive — music is really his first love. I found myself saying, "Carey, what are you doing? You're already married to the love of your life!" Is it possible to have two soul mates? All will be revealed in good time, dear reader.

Interspersed within these segments are scenes of Carey on stage, singing in front of an audience in a bar. Owen happens to be the guitarist, and the two perform some tender indie-folk numbers. As mentioned earlier, Clemens does her own singing, and what an incredible voice she has. Unfortunately, I couldn't



find the soundtrack anywhere. That's a shame because I'd buy it in a New York minute!

Rounding out the film is a sprinkling of the always delightful Kathleen Turner. She's Simon's mother and she hasn't been a part of their lives, basically since they were married. She reappears and while their encounters are a bit on the cold side, she offers a lot of sage advice to the couple. It's always great to see Ms. Turner, and I really don't know why she isn't in more films. What a talent.



Kathleen Turner as Bev.

So if you're looking for a solid movie that'll leave you emotionally drained, give "The Swearing Jar" a watch. You'll be richly rewarded. Warning, be sure to have some tissues handy, it's some pretty powerful viewing.

Note to parents: While the film is unrated, there's a liberal amount of swearing in it, and some brief, tasteful nudity.

Currently streaming on Hoopla.com (with your library card). Also on Starz and available to rent on Prime Video.

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.*

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## Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

**Moon Alert: Caution:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 9:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. EDT today (6:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Cancer into Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, March 30, 2023:

You are genuine, confident and courageous. You work hard for your personal goals, which can make you look selfish, but you aren't. This year is the time to create solid foundations in your life, which means simplicity is key. Work to build structures physically and within yourself.

**ARIES**  
(March 21-April 19)

Today you might experience a sudden windfall. You might have an excellent moneymaking idea. You might suddenly buy something high-tech or very modern that pleases you. You might get an unexpected raise. Whatever happens will be an advantage or a material benefit. Tonight: Good news.

**TAURUS**  
(April 20-May 20)

This is a lovely day. Venus is in your sign lined up with unpredictable Uranus, which means today is full of unexpected events, excitement and new experiences. A new relationship might begin. You might experience a sudden financial gain. Do something different! Tonight: Romance!

**GEMINI**  
(May 21-June 20)

Something pleasant and unexpected might occur to you that is quiet and behind the scenes. It might even be a secret that is revealed to you. But whatever happens, you will be pleased. Admittedly, it might make you a bit excitable or restless. Tonight: Pleasant solitude.

**CANCER**  
(June 21-July 22)

Today you might meet a real character — someone who is different, avant-garde or bohemian. Or possibly someone you already know will do something that surprises you. You also might be amazed by the stance that a group takes. (It's not a boring day.) Tonight: Warm friendships.

**LEO**  
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Discussions with bosses, parents, and the police will go well today. They might unexpectedly do something that favors you. It could be a promotion, or perhaps praise, a gift or a favor. Similarly, something might suddenly prompt you to change your direction in a way that brings more freedom. Tonight: You are admired.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Sudden opportunities to travel might materialize. Keep a bag packed at the door. However, travel plans also might suddenly change today. Meanwhile, unexpected news from a foreign country or at a far distance might surprise you. Changes to a medical or legal situation are also likely. Tonight: Fun changes.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is an interesting day. You might have an unexpected financial benefit related to inheritances, wills, estates, money back from the government, insurance or shared property. Stay on top of these issues to make sure you know what's happening. Tonight: An advantage.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might establish a new relationship with someone who is radically different from anybody else you know. Possibly, a friend or partner will do something that you didn't expect. Even people in the general

public might catch you off guard in some way or surprise you. Tonight: Romantic times.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Unexpected favors and assistance from co-workers will please you today. You might receive new high-tech equipment or scientific advice. Some of you will get a raise or even praise from a boss. Basically, today is full of pleasant surprises, possibly related to your health. Stay tuned! Tonight: Happy news.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A surprise invitation might come your way today. Dress well so you can quickly respond to an unexpected but exciting event. Be ready to act in an instant. Parents need to be vigilant, because this could be an accident-prone day for their kids. Tonight: Socialize!

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stock the fridge, because you might entertain at home. Someone might drop by. A family member might have exciting news. Or possibly someone in the family has done something outlandish. You also might buy something unusual, modern or high-tech for your home. Tonight: Relax.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Your daily routine will change today. This is the classic day to meet new faces, see new places and hear new ideas that are exciting, modern and futuristic. A detour might take you on an interesting trip. Nevertheless, pay attention to everything you say and do to avoid accidents. Tonight: Variety.

**BORN TODAY**

Singer, performer Celine Dion (1968), guitarist Eric Clapton (1945), singer-songwriter Tracy Chapman (1964).

## Contract Bridge

### THE LONG-TERM VIEW

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

#### NORTH

♠ 6 3  
♥ Q 8 7  
♦ Q 10 9 6 3  
♣ A K Q

#### WEST

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

#### EAST

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

#### SOUTH

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	4♠	

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

Let's say you're declarer at four spades, and West leads the ten of clubs. You win with dummy's queen, East playing the seven, and lead a trump to the king, which also wins.

The correct play at this point is the four of diamonds, and if you make this play, you make the contract. In order to appreciate the importance of the diamond play, let's assume instead that you cross to dummy with a club

at trick three in order to lead another trump toward your queen.

In that case, East would go up with the ace and return a diamond to West's ace. West, having observed his partner's high-low in clubs to show a doubleton, would return a club for East to ruff. East would then play the king of diamonds, which you would ruff, but you'd eventually lose a heart to East's king for down one.

If you lead a diamond at trick three, however, you forestall the club ruff. The purpose of the diamond play is to break East-West communication in that suit before a ruffing situation in clubs can develop.

Once you lead the diamond, the defense is helpless. East probably wins the trick and returns the deuce of clubs, completing his high-low, but he then has no way to put West on lead later for a third round of clubs.

It might seem, at first blush, that the early diamond play is pointless. However, it's the kind of play that any declarer who recognizes the impending threat to his contract should make. To plunge ahead without trying to head off the potential club ruff amounts to giving the play something less than a maximum effort.

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by Steve Becker







# Comics

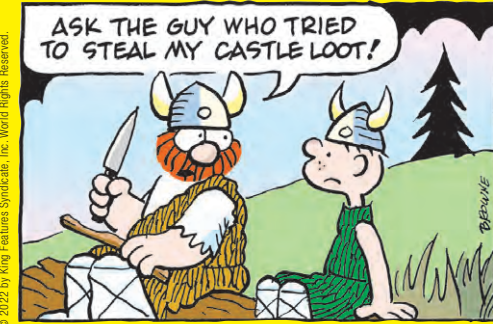
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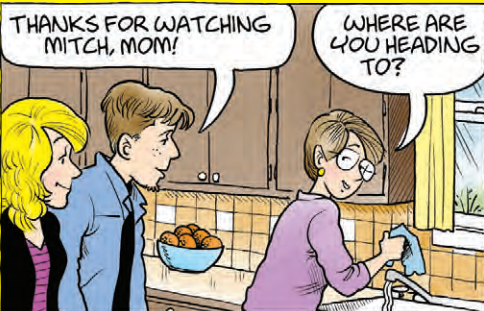
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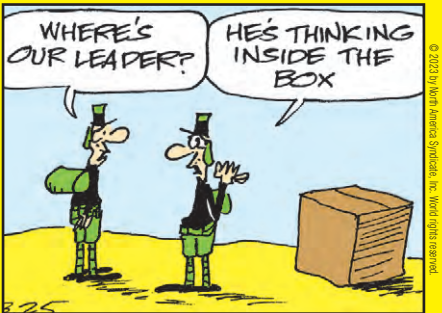
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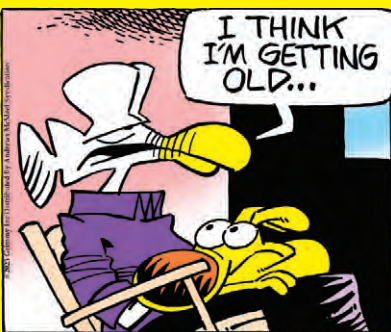
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## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



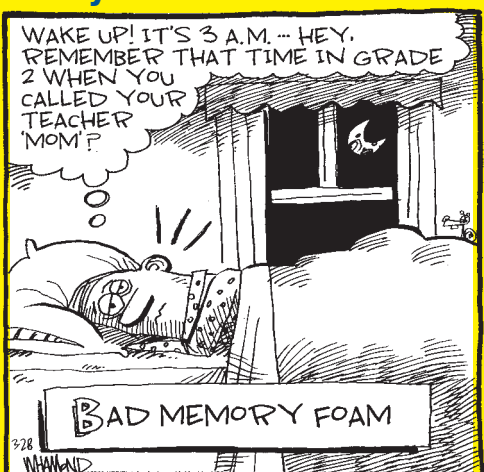
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Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



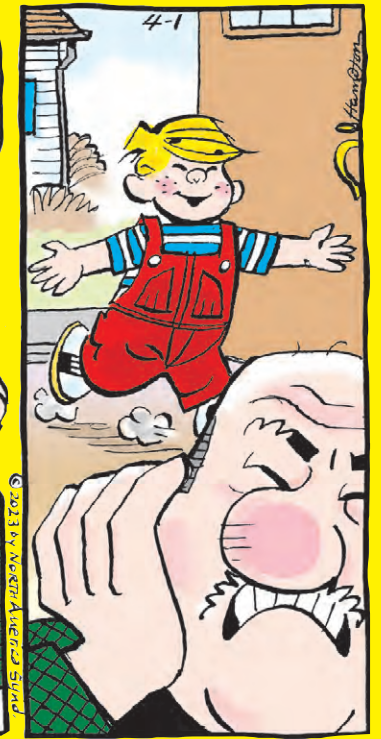
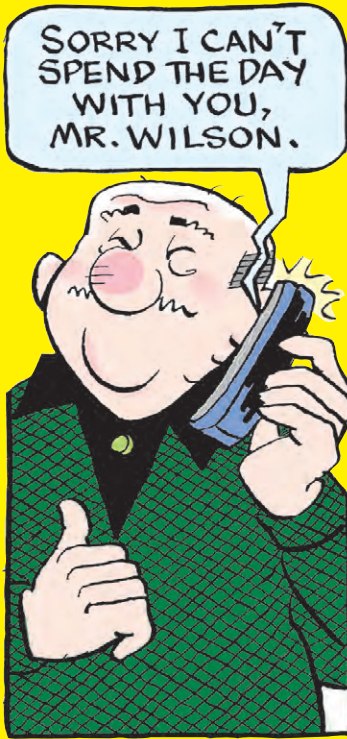
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Dan Piraro and Wayne



## Dennis the Menace

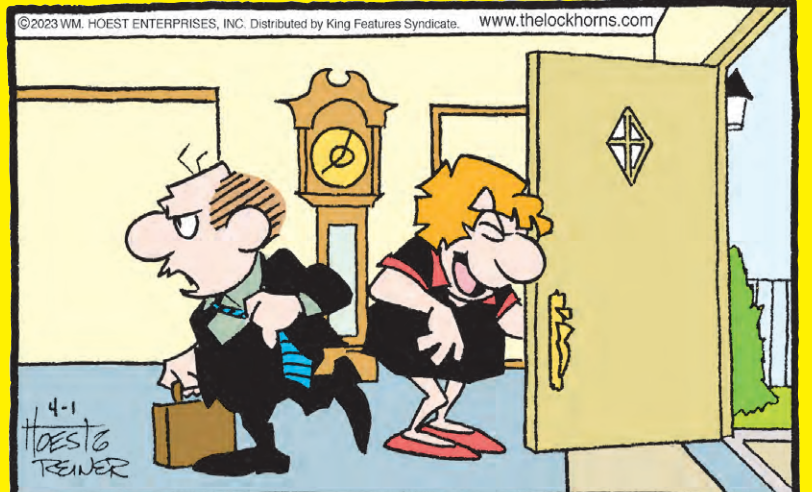
Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



"APRIL FOOL!"

## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



"SETTING THE CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR IS NOT A FUNNY APRIL FOOLS' DAY JOKE, LORETTA!"

## Close To Home

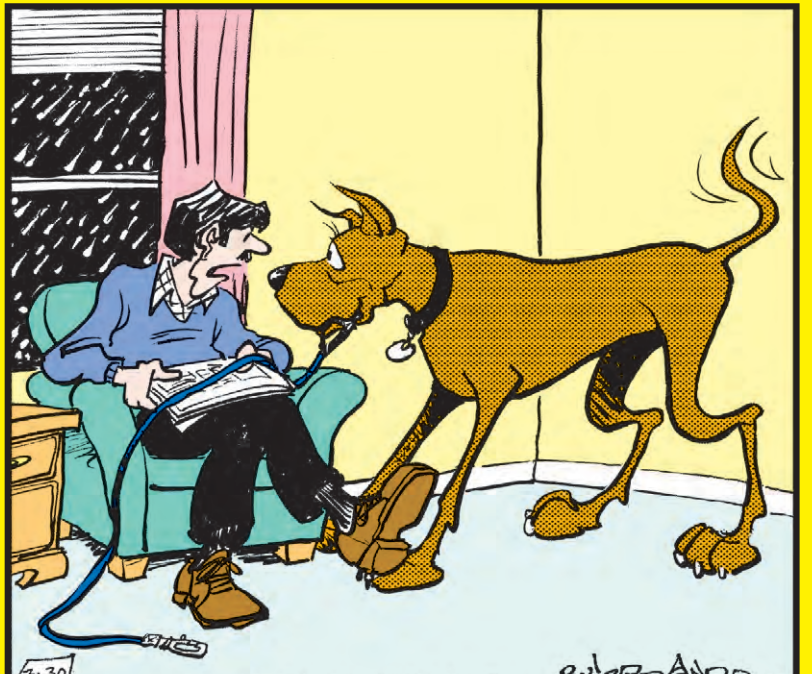
John McPherson



"Why those \$\$\$ #@\$%! It says: 'Archaeology is for losers!'"

## Marmaduke

Paul & Brad Anderson

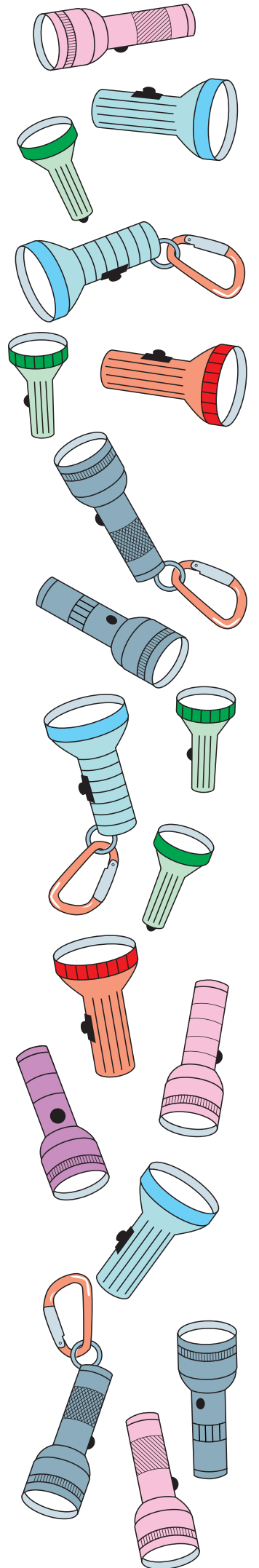


"How about we get in the van, drive around for a bit and then go to Burger Heaven?"



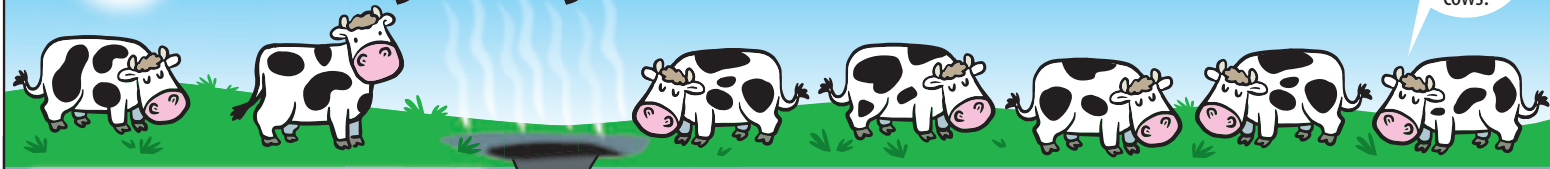
# Lookalike Lights

All but one of these flashlights has an identical twin. Can you match each pair and reveal the one unique flashlight? Have a family member try!



# The Mystery of Farmer Howe's Cows

Can you find the two identical cows?



**Hot.** That was the best word to describe May 1842 in New York.

**Strange.** Farmer Howe's cows were standing out in the sun instead of the shade.

Farmer Howe walked over to his cows. When he got there, he felt cool air. Surprised, he looked around and found a hole in the ground. His cows were standing around the hole. Cool air was coming out of the hole in the ground!

**Cool!** Farmer Howe looked down the hole and discovered it was an opening to an underground cave.

Follow the maze to see what became of Farmer Howe's cave.

## What is a Cave?

A cave is an opening in the Earth that is large enough to hold a person. Most caves are formed in rocks that dissolve, or get eaten away, like limestone.

When water soaks into limestone, the stone dissolves and holes start to form underground. These holes are called caves. Caves grow very, very slowly.

It takes about 100,000 years for a cave to grow large enough for people to fit inside.

## Cave or Cavern?

A cavern is a type of cave. They tend to be larger. Caverns can be made of smaller caves connected by tunnels.

A person who explores and studies caves is called a spelunker.

## Stalactites

Stalactites hang down from cavern ceilings like icicles made of mineral deposits. As water drips from the cave ceiling, some of it evaporates and the minerals dissolved in the water remain. It takes thousands of years for stalactites to form.

## Stalagmites

Stalagmites form on cavern floors and grow up toward the ceilings. Water drops from a stalactite land on the floor of the cave, evaporate and leave behind minerals. As more minerals are left behind, a stalagmite starts to grow upwards.

## Columns

Columns form when a stalactite and a stalagmite meet and grow together.

The deepest cave discovered so far is the Voronya Cave in Abkhazia, Georgia. It is 7,208 feet (2,197 meters) deep.

## Natural Air Conditioning

Farmer Howe built a hotel over the hole. Cool air from the cave air-conditioned the original hotel. Farmer Howe's hotel and cave became very famous. Circle every other letter to discover its name.

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

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## Extra! Extra!

## Shape Search!

How many shapes can you find in the newspaper? Look for triangles, squares, rectangles, circles and more.

Standards Link: Use visual cues to understand points of view.

Caves cannot go down more than 9,800 feet (3,000 meters). Deeper than that, the pressure from the rocks becomes too much and the cave collapses.

Standards Link: Display data in graphs.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

### Waves Make Caves!

Sea caves are created by waves hitting rock cliffs over a long period of time, causing erosion.

Write the letter that comes before each letter in the alphabet to reveal another name for sea caves.

L I \_ \_ \_ \_  
M J U U P S B M  
\_ \_ \_ \_  
D B W F T

Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

## Double Double Word Search

- CAVE
- CAVERN
- COLUMN
- COOL
- COW
- DEEP
- EARTH
- FORM
- HOLE
- SLOWLY
- STONE
- STUDIES
- TUNNELS
- WATER
- YEARS

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

H O L E B F C S F F  
S E I D U T S O O A  
T U N N E L S R O T  
S R A E Y X M E W L  
W A T E R H C C D D  
Q E Z D T E A O E E  
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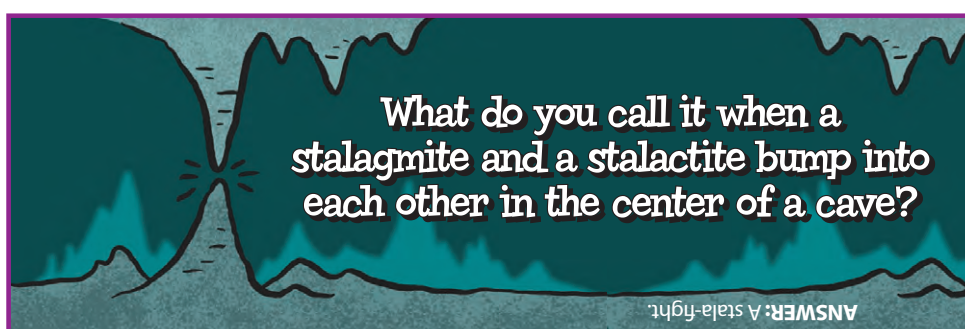
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Dress for Spelunking

Find the forecasted high for the day in your newspaper. The temperature in the Howe Caverns are around 52 degrees year-round. Is your local high temperature warmer or cooler? What would you wear to visit Howe Caverns?

Standards Link: Compare and contrast points of view.



ANSWER: A stala-fight.

## Write On!

### If I Lived Underground

Imagine that you lived in an underground cave. What would it be like? Write about it!

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## Winter athletes leave season in good hands with All-State honors

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter  
Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Winter sports have reached an end, but as the transition to spring begins there are plenty of athletes across the state being recognized for their efforts over the winter season. Some of those athletes are from the Pointes and have received All-State honors in their respective sports.

### Girls Hockey

The Pointes were perhaps the biggest focus in all of Michigan this winter when it came to girls hockey. Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School went head to head in the Division 1 championship game, with Liggett winning its third consecutive title, while Grosse Pointe North also played for the Division 2 championship.

With all of that success throughout the season for those three teams, a number of players from each squad earned some of the sport's highest honors in the state.



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

South goalie Rosie Smith was named Division 1 First-Team All-State by the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League.

Two Blue Devils, forward Gia Cavaliere and goalie Rosie Smith, were named First-Team All-State in Division 1 by the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League. Liggett goalie Brooklyn Peshl was named to the All-State Second Team for Division 1 as well.

Sophia Reynolds, Ruby Lenhard and Ryleigh O'Donoghue from South received All-State Honorable Mentions.

Five Liggett players also received Honorable Mention: Allie Roth, Sullivan Estes, Elle Quinlan, Giuliana Lutfy and Morgan Hamilton.

In Division 2, North goalie Olivia Palacio, defenseman Grace Cueter and forward Josie Cueter all were named First-Team All-State. Their teammates, Ella Dobbs and Alyssa Burney, received Second-Team All-State

honors.

### Boys Hockey

For the second straight year, the University Liggett boys hockey team advanced as far as the regional final. While the team's season ended in that regional final round, the Knights still had a strong enough year to see a few of their members earn statewide recognition.

Three Knights were

recognized on the All-State lists in Division 3 by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches' Association. Forward Stephen Wheatley and defenseman Michael Eugenio were named Second-Team All-State, while forward and senior captain Ian Gudenau was among the Honorable Mentions.

### Boys Swim & Dive

It was another memorable season for the Grosse Pointe South boys swim and dive team. The Blue Devils extended their league crown streak of 25 consecutive MAC Red titles and earned a top-five finish at the Division 2 state finals.

Swimmer Keiran Rahman and diver Logan Hepner both were named to the MISCA 2023 Dream Team, making South the only school to have multiple athletes on this year's Dream Team. Both also received All-State honors, Hepner in diving and Rahman in the 100 fly and 100 backstroke.

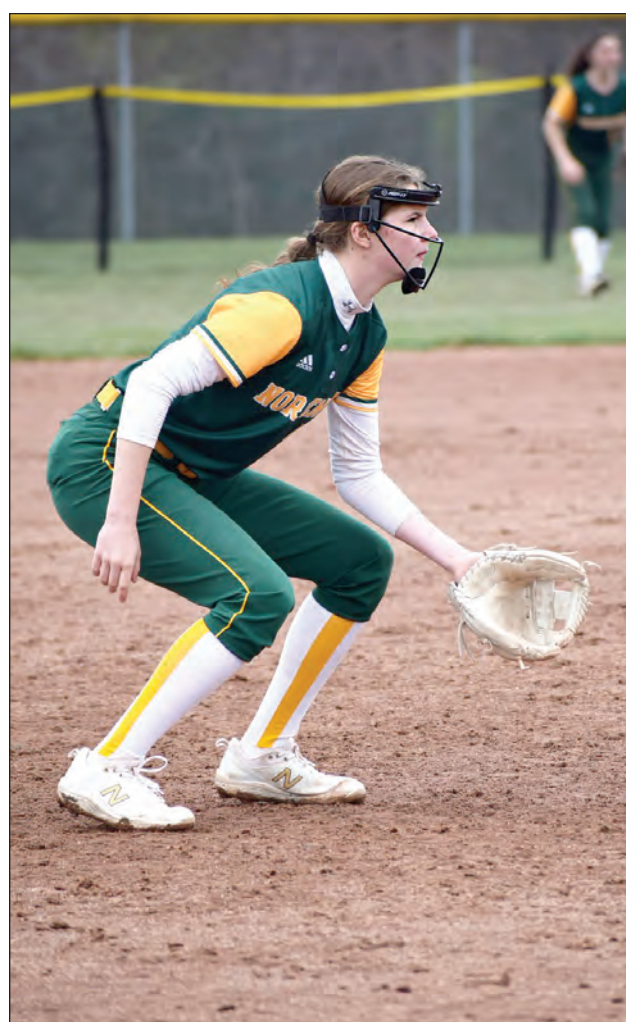
Rahman also was All-

State in the 400 freestyle relay along with teammates Troy Liu, Ben Bryan and Chandler Bower. Liu earned All-State in the 50 free, Bryan in 200 IM and Eugenio in the 200 free. Liu, Bryan, Rahman and fellow Blue Devil Adam Johnson also made All-State for their performance in the 200 medley relay.

### Gymnastics

Three athletes from Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics (GPUG) earned All-State honors for the season. Ava Rogowski placed seventh (9.00) on beam and ninth (9.300) on floor. Madi Lucido and Maddie LoPorto tied for 10th (8.875) on beam.

In addition to GPUG's athletic achievements this season, five individual gymnasts also earned All-State academic honors. LoPorto, Lucido and Rogowski, as well as Ainsley Tanghe and Brook Lezotte were named to the All-State All-Academic team, based on their cumulative GPAs.



COURTESY PHOTO

Natalie Babcock will take the diamond this spring as the starting shortstop for North softball.

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The name Babcock always carries some weight when referring to Grosse Pointe North athletics. With her dad and brother both leaving their marks on the school's sporting history, North junior Natalie Babcock is doing just the same.

Babcock has been playing for the Norsemen's varsity girls basketball and softball teams since her freshman year. She has now become a fixture in the starting lineups for both teams over the last couple of seasons. What has helped Babcock burst onto the scene is the strong drive to work hard and compete that any good athlete possesses, and she knows a big part of that comes from making the kinds of plays that do not always show up on the stat sheet.

"I always bring energy and am a big competitor," Babcock said. "I want to always hustle for the ball and run the floor, play good defense and be a good teammate. I compete really well and

want to bring energy into the game in case there's a time when we need a little pick up."

That said, Babcock still put together some impressive numbers dur-

This year's North team was led by a starting group of established junior and senior players, Babcock included. It was a close group, with plenty of chemistry built

"It came easy for us, because we had already played together all of us last year," she said. "We knew what we were going to get out of each other. The base was already set. It was just a matter of going out there and doing it."

The time of year has come for Babcock to swap her basketball shoes for softball cleats and return to the diamond and her role as North's starting shortstop. Last spring, she led the team with three home runs while also tallying four triples, six stolen bases and 18 RBI. The goal for Babcock this year is simple: build on last year and keep getting better with every game.

"Hitting is something I really want to take to the next level," she said. "Last year, I led the team in home runs, but I really want to go over the top in that and have more ... and just have a higher batting average overall. Now that we have turf, I want to keep up my defense and really try to keep errors down."

While there is always

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Grosse Pointe News  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**  
Natalie Babcock  
School: Grosse Pointe North  
Sport: Basketball, Softball  
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ing this most recent basketball season. She averaged 12 points, three assists and four rebounds per game while helping the Norsemen make a deep playoff run to the Division 1 state quarterfinals.

over years of being teammates and growing together. Babcock won't forget being part of that group and still has one more basketball season to go, because of how naturally their success on the court came together.



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## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

# QUICK HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

The Pointes are always action-packed on the sports front, and last week was no exception. Some quick hits and highlights include:

### BOYS LACROSSE

North boys lacrosse lost its opening game of the season 14-1 to Stoney Creek Wednesday, March 22. Ethan Michalski scored the lone goal for the Norsemen in the second quarter.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

South lacrosse began its season with back to back games last Wednesday and Thursday. The Blue Devils lost the first game on the road to Divine Child 10-7 on March 22 before returning home the next night and defeating Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 8-5. Lily Petz scored seven goals across the two games.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

North's girls lacrosse team went on the road Thursday, March 23 for its season opener, a 14-0 loss to Stoney Creek.

### BOYS LACROSSE

The Blue Devils boys lacrosse team opened the season on Wednesday, March 22 hosting Ann Arbor Pioneer. South lost a close game 10-9.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Girls soccer season began for North Thursday night, March 23 with a 1-0 home loss to L'Anse Creuse.

### BOYS TRACK & FIELD

The boys track and field team from South had its first meet Saturday, March 25 at the EMU Huron Relays. The Blue Devils got some solid results in the field events, including both Jacob Page and Donovan Moody setting personal records in shot put while finishing in the top 15. Sam Morandini placed sixth in high jumps and Luke Michaud was fourth in pole vault.

Does your team have a newsworthy quick hit or highlight from the week to share? Send it along to [mleonard@grossepointenews.com](mailto:mleonard@grossepointenews.com).

## S P O R T S C A L E N D A R

# APRIL 20-23



> ULS baseball @ De La Salle - 11am

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NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

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> GPS girls lax @ Mercy - 4:30pm  
> GPS baseball vs. De La Salle - 4:30pm  
> GPS girls soccer @ PH - 4:30pm

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> GPS boys + girls track & field vs. Warren Mott - 4pm  
> GPS baseball vs. Marysville - 4:30pm  
> GPN boys lax vs. ND Prep - 6pm  
> GPN girls lax @ N. Farmington - 7pm  
> ULS softball @ OLL - 4pm

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> GPS softball vs. Athens - 4:30pm  
> GPN softball vs. West Bloomfield - 4:30pm  
> ULS baseball @ OLSM - 4pm  
> ULS girls lax vs. Regina - 4:30pm  
> ULS boys lax vs. FGR - 5pm  
> GPN @ GPS girls soccer - 7:30pm

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> GPS @ ULS softball- 4:30pm  
> GPS baseball vs. Lamphere - 4:30pm  
> GPS girls lax @ Cranbrook - 6:15pm  
> GPS boys lax vs. UD Jesuit - 7:30pm  
> GPN baseball @ Adams - 4:30pm  
> GPN boys lax @ Cass Tech - 5pm  
> GPN girls lax vs. Athens- 7pm

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NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

> GPS girls tennis @ Grosse Ile - 8am  
> GPS boys track & field @ Lincoln - 8am  
> GPS @ GPN baseball (DH) - 11am  
> GPN softball vs. Franklin (DH) - 10am

8



NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

9

> GPN boys lax @ Grosse Ile - 5pm  
> GPN girls lax vs. Bedford - 5pm

10

> ULS boys golf @ Greenhills - 3:30pm  
> ULS boys + girls track & field @ Algonac - 4pm  
> ULS softball vs. Southfield Christian - 4:30pm  
> ULS girls tennis vs. Greenhills - 4:30pm  
> ULS girls lax @ Eisenhower - 5:30pm  
> ULS girls soccer @ Lenawee Christian - 6pm  
> GPS girls tennis @ N. Farmington - 4pm  
> GPS baseball vs. Fraser - 4:30pm  
> GPS girls soccer @ CV - 7pm  
> GPN girls tennis vs. Berkely - 4pm  
> GPN softball @ Eisenhower - 4:30pm  
> GPN girls soccer @ Country Day - 6pm  
> GPN girls lax vs. Country Day - 7pm

11

> ULS boys lax @ Greenhills - 5pm  
> GPS boys + girls track & field @ Anchor Bay - 4pm  
> GPS baseball vs. Brother Rice - 4:30pm  
> GPS boys lax @ Country Day - 7pm  
> GPN boys golf vs. Cass Tech - 3pm  
> GPN boys + girls track & field @ CV - 4pm  
> GPN boys lax @ LCN - 7pm

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> GPS baseball vs. Anchor Bay - 4:30pm  
> GPS softball vs. PHN - 4:30pm  
> GPN @ GPS girls lax - 7:30pm  
> GPS girls tennis vs. Dakota - 4pm  
> GPN baseball vs. Ford II - 4:30pm  
> ULS @ GPN girls soccer - 6pm  
> ULS baseball vs. Plymouth Christian - 4pm  
> ULS girls lax vs. Royal Oak - 4:30pm  
> ULS softball @ Cranbrook - 4:30pm  
> ULS girls tennis vs. Country Day - 4:30pm

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> GPS girls lax @ N. Farmington - 7pm  
> GPS girls soccer vs. Stevenson - 7:30pm  
> GPN boys golf tri-meet (Twin Lakes) - 3pm  
> GPN boys lax vs. CV - 6pm

14

> ULS boys golf @ Greenhills - 9am  
> ULS @ GPN baseball (DH) - 11am  
> ULS boys + girls track & field @ GPN - 11am  
> ULS boys lax vs. Cass Tech - 1:30pm  
> GPN softball @ Lake Orion - 9am  
> GPS boys + girls track & field @ Allen Park - 9am  
> GPS softball (Round Robin Tourney) - 10am  
> GPS girls tennis @ GPN - 12pm  
> GPS baseball vs. Roseville (DH) - 11am  
> GPS boys lax vs. Adams - 3pm

15



NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

16

> GPN @ GPS girls tennis - 4pm  
> GPN @ GPS softball - 4:30pm  
> GPS girls lax @ Farmington - 7pm  
> GPS girls soccer vs. LC - 7:30pm  
> GPN baseball vs. LCN - 4:30pm  
> GPN girls soccer @ LCN - 6:30pm  
> ULS golf vs. Shrine - 3pm  
> ULS girls soccer vs. Royal Oak - 4:30pm  
> ULS boys lax @ St. Clair - 6:30pm

17

> GPN @ GPS boys + girls track & field - 4pm  
> GPS softball @ Berkely (DH) - 4:30pm  
> GPS baseball vs. Ford II - 4:30pm  
> GPN softball vs. Romeo - 4:30pm  
> GPN girls lax vs. Seaholm - 7pm  
> ULS softball vs. Cabrini - 4pm  
> ULS baseball vs. Shrine - 4:30pm  
> ULS girls soccer vs. Cranbrook - 4:30pm  
> ULS girls tennis @ FGR - 4:30pm

18

> GPS boys golf (Tri-match @ Gowaine) - 2pm  
> GPS girls tennis @ Eisenhower - 4pm  
> GPS girls soccer @ Fraser - 7pm  
> GPS girls lax @ Northville - 7pm  
> GPN @ GPS boys lax - 7:30pm  
> ULS @ GPN boys golf - 3pm  
> GPN girls tennis vs. Romeo - 4pm  
> GPN baseball @ LCN - 4pm  
> GPN girls soccer vs. Eisenhower - 7pm  
> ULS baseball @ UD Jesuit - TBD  
> ULS girls lax vs. DC - 4:30pm  
> ULS boys lax @ Bishop Foley - 5pm

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> GPS baseball @ Ford II - 4pm  
> GPS softball vs. PH - 4:30pm  
> GPN boys golf @ Eisenhower - 2pm  
> GPN girls tennis vs. Groves - 4pm  
> GPN softball @ Anchor Bay - 4:30pm  
> GPN baseball vs. LCN - 4:30pm  
> GPN girls lax vs. ND Prep - 7pm  
> ULS girls tennis @ Regina - 4pm  
> ULS boys + girls track & field (CHSL Meet) - 4pm  
> ULS girls soccer vs. St. Catherine - 4:30pm

20

> GPS boys golf @ DLS - TBD  
> GPS baseball vs. Ford II - 4:30pm  
> GPS @ GPN girls soccer - 6pm  
> GPS boys lax @ Farmington - 7pm  
> ULS girls lax vs. Sacred Heart - 4pm  
> ULS softball @ Marian - 4:30pm  
> ULS boys lax vs. PH - 5pm

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> ULS girls tennis quad - 8am  
> ULS baseball vs. CC - 11am  
> ULS girls lax vs. FGR - 12pm  
> GPS girls tennis quad - 8am  
> GPS boys track & field @ Dexter - 9am  
> GPS Softball (Round Robin Tourney) - 10am  
> GPS boys lax @ Novi - 1pm  
> GPS baseball vs. TBD (@Comerica) - 4pm  
> GPN girls tennis @ Groves - TBD  
> GPN boys + girls track & field @ Woodhaven - 9pm  
> GPN softball @ Lake Orion - 10am  
> GPN boys lax @ Bishop Foley - 4pm  
> GPN baseball vs. Lake Shore (@Comerica) - 7pm

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NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

> GPS & GPN boys golf @ Indianwood Invite - 12pm  
> GPS girls tennis @ PH - 4pm  
> GPS girls soccer @ Ford II - 7pm  
> GPS boys lax @ Dakota - 7pm  
> GPS girls lax vs. CV - 7:30pm  
> GPN girls tennis vs. Eisenhower - 4pm  
> GPN girls lax @ Cranbrook - 4pm  
> GPN baseball vs. CV - 4:30pm  
> GPN girls soccer vs. Dakota - 6pm

24

> GPS boys + girls track & field @ Romeo - 4pm  
> GPS baseball @ Stevenson - 4:30pm  
> GPS softball @ Marine City - 4:30pm  
> GPS girls lax vs. Seaholm - 7:30pm  
> GPN boys + girls track & field @ Dakota - 4pm  
> GPN softball vs. Dakota - 4:30pm  
> GPN boys lax vs. PH - 6pm  
> ULS softball @ Bishop Foley - 4pm  
> ULS girls tennis @ Sacred Heart - 4:30pm  
> ULS girls lax vs. FGR - 5:30pm  
> ULS girls soccer @ OLSM - 7pm

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> GPN @ GPS boys golf - 2pm  
> GPS girls tennis vs. Rochester - 4pm  
> GPS softball vs. Renaissance - 4:30pm  
> GPS boys lax @ ND Prep - 7pm  
> GPS girls soccer vs. Utica - 7:30pm  
> GPN girls tennis @ PHN - 4pm  
> GPN baseball @ CV - 4:30pm  
> GPN girls lax @ Cass Tech - 7pm  
> ULS baseball @ Brother Rice - 4pm  
> ULS girls lax vs. St. Catherine - 4:30pm  
> ULS boys lax @ GR - 5pm

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> GPS baseball vs. Stevenson - 4:30pm  
> GPS softball vs. Cousino - 4:30pm  
> GPS boys lax @ PH - 7pm  
> GPN @ ULS girls tennis - 4pm  
> GPN softball @ CV - 4:30pm  
> GPN baseball vs. CV - 4:30pm  
> GPN boys lax vs. Eisenhower - 6pm  
> ULS boys golf @ Austin Catholic - 3pm  
> ULS girls soccer vs. Greenhills - 4:30pm  
> ULS softball vs. Lakeview - 4:30pm  
> ULS boys + girls track & field @ Greenhills - 4:30pm

27

> GPS baseball @ Stevenson - 4:30pm  
> GPS girls lax @ Eisenhower - 7pm  
> GPN boys golf @ Gil Evans Tourney - 8am  
> GPN boys + girls track & field @ Franklin - 3:30pm  
> GPN girls lax @ Sacred Heart - 4:30pm  
> GPN boys lax vs. LC - 6pm  
> GPN girls soccer @ Stevenson - 7pm  
> GPN girls lax @ St. Catherine - 5:30pm  
> ULS boys lax @ Anchor Bay - 7pm

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> GPS softball @ Holland Tourney - TBD  
> GPS girls tennis @ FHN - 8pm  
> GPS boys + girls track & field @ Warren Mott - 9:30am  
> GPS baseball vs. LC (DH) - 11am  
> GPN girls tennis @ Grosse Ile - 9am  
> GPN softball vs. Algonac - 10am  
> GPN baseball vs. Eisenhower (DH) - 11am  
> ULS baseball vs. DLS - 11am  
> ULS softball @ OLL - 11am

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NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

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# South's Hampton to give her best shot at Augusta

By Meg Leonard  
Associate Editor

Forget Tiger Woods or Jordan Spieth. A freshman from Grosse Pointe South has a real shot to raise a trophy at Augusta National Golf Club in April.

Blue Devils varsity golfer Lyla Hampton will hit the hallowed links Sunday, April 2, for the Drive, Chip and Putt competition in Augusta, Ga., just days before the world's best golfers compete in the 2023 Masters Tournament, the year's first of four men's major golf championships.

Hampton is one of 80 junior golfers from 29 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces in the tournament. She qualified for the event last August after winning the competition's

regional round at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, with a compiled score of 165. She won the regional on the strength of two holed putts and a made chip shot.

She will compete in the girls 14-15 division.

On Monday, April 3, after her tournament, Hampton and her family are invited to watch the PGA players' practice round. It's a dream come true for her and her dad and coach, Shaun Hampton.

"I have been applying to get Masters tickets since I was 18 years old," he said. "And now it turns out my 14-year-old is who gets us there."

He said his daughter has worked hard in the off-season and will give the competition her best shot.

"Her putting is good and her drive is good. She just needs to rotate through her chip," he said.

But as both her coach and father, will he be able to enjoy the moment?

"Historically, I am more nervous than she is," he quipped.

Drive, Chip and Putt is a joint initiative founded in 2013 by the Masters Tournament, United States Golf Association and The PGA of America. According to organizers, It is a free, nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at "growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf."

Drive, Chip and Putt will be broadcast live starting at 9 a.m. on the Golf Channel and also will stream on Peacock.



PHOTO BY SHAUN HAMPTON

Grosse Pointe South varsity golfer Lyla Hampton shows off her first-place medal after winning the Drive, Chip and Putt regional round last August, which qualified her to play in the championship round at Augusta National Sunday, April 2.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Babcock averaged 12 points, three assists and four rebounds this season while helping the North girls basketball team win MAC Red, Mac Tournament, district and regional championships.

## ATHLETE:

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room to improve, Babcock has already reached a level of performance high enough to get herself to the next level. With her junior and senior softball seasons still to play, Babcock is committed to play Division I college softball at University of

Detroit Mercy.

Her abilities at the plate have helped her reach future Division I status; however, her skills defensively in the field likely have impressed anybody who has watched her play shortstop.

"Her range is as good as anybody I've ever coached," North varsity softball head coach Ron Smith said. "... She plays

shortstop better than anyone, because she has the head for it and anticipates well. Her range is unbelievable and her arm, she has a fantastic arm from the hole and can get anything hit in the outfield from shortstop."

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit [grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week](http://grossepointenews.com/athlete-of-the-week).

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION MONDAY APRIL 17, 2023

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that the Grosse Pointe Planning Commission will hold a public hearing as noticed above at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Planning Commission will consider a modification of the conditions for the amendment to the Conditional Rezoning Agreement approved on November 15, 2021 for the following parcel of land:

Parcel 3700204005000 - 389 St. Clair Avenue

The proposed modifications include alterations to the façade and parking lot.

The approved Conditional Rezoning Agreement rezoned the property from R1-B - Single Family Residential District to T - Transition District and the proposed façade modifications will bring the eight approved townhomes into conformity with nearby buildings, including the former Grosse Pointe School District Administration Building, which has been approved for up to 18 residential units as part of the Conditional Zoning Agreement.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on April 17, 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: 3/30/23

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program Water Main Replacement Program

The City of Grosse Pointe will hold a public hearing on the proposed Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Water Main Replacement Program for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

Public comments regarding this proposed project will be heard during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Grosse Pointe City Council scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00pm, in the City Council chambers, located in the Grosse Pointe Municipal Court Building adjacent to City Hall, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230.

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace aging water mains that are undersized or experience frequent breaks and to replace lead and galvanized water services, from the water main to the water meter, within the residence. The lead and galvanized service lines are being replaced to comply with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Lead and Copper Rule.

Project construction will involve the installation of new water mains and abandonment of existing water mains at several locations throughout the city. In addition, the project will involve the replacement of lead and galvanized water services with new copper water services. The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is expected to be no greater than \$7.5 million dollars utilizing a low-interest loan over a 20-year period.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project will be available for inspection at the Grosse Pointe City Hall, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230. The plan will be available beginning on Friday, March 31, 2023.

Written comments received before the public hearing concludes on Monday, April 17, 2023, will be considered. Written comments should be sent to the city's consulting engineer preparing the final project plan. Direct written comments to Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, ATTN: R. Ryan Kern, Senior Project Engineer, 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315 or by e-mail at [rkern@aeawinc.com](mailto:rkern@aeawinc.com). 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,  
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## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvement Program

The City of Grosse Pointe will hold a public hearing on the proposed Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Sanitary and Storm Sewer Improvement Program for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

Public comments regarding this proposed project will be heard during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Grosse Pointe City Council scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the City Council chambers, located in the Grosse Pointe Municipal Court Building adjacent to City Hall, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan 48230.

The purpose of the proposed project is to rehabilitate sanitary and storm sewers throughout the City that have been identified to be in poor structural condition based upon recent sewer cleaning and television investigation programs and to install new sewers to separate wastewater and storm water throughout the City where combined sewers currently exist. Structural defects identified include cracked or broken pipe, offset pipe joints and interior surface deterioration. Rehabilitation will include sectional removal and replacement of defective sewers and installation of cured-in-place liners. The estimated cost to users for the proposed project is expected to be approximately \$29.7 million dollars utilizing a low-interest loan over a 20-year period.

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Written comments received before the public hearing concludes on Monday, April 17, 2023, will be considered. Written comments should be sent to the City's consulting engineer preparing the final project plan. Direct written comments to Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, ATTN: R. Ryan Kern, Project Manager, 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315 or by e-mail at [rkern@aeawinc.com](mailto:rkern@aeawinc.com). 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.

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