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The future of Trombly

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— The Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Park are holding a second round of talks to figure out the future of the former Trombly Elementary School.

Board of Education President Ahmed Ismail appointed an ad hoc committee of trustees Ginny Jeup, David Brumbaugh and Sean Cotton to meet with Park Mayor Michele Hodges and City Manager Nick Sizeland.

“Even though it is our property, we want to partner with the city to

make this decision,” Superintendent Jon Dean told the board at its meeting Monday, March 13. “The last conversations were about 14 months ago, so we felt it was time to re-engage with them.”

Trustee Valarie St. John asked why the matter wasn't assigned to the board's Finance and Facilities Committee.

“The previous discussions were handled by an ad hoc committee, so we decided to go that route again,” Ismail explained.

Dean said the administration also has had talks with a variety of non-profit organizations that

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Dame leaving the City for hometown

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— The City of Grosse Pointe had never received a federal grant for resurfacing its roads before City Manager Pete Dame arrived in 2006.

Millions of dollars secured in infrastructure grants later — and just two days before his 17th anniversary with the City — Dame will begin a new position as chief of development for the city of Portage April 24.

Last summer saw Dame

as the unofficial runner-up in Portage's city manager search in his pursuit to live near his aging parents, who still reside in the family home where they've lived since 1962. Citing an obligation to return the good upbringing he was given, Dame

said he would not be leaving Grosse Pointe if not for his parents needing his help; however, the timing also is ideal in his own home — with his daughter, Shannon, off to college after graduating

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No exception for anchor store

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— The Kroger Co. of Michigan has been sent back to the drawing board in a year-long variance standoff between the chain and Grosse Pointe city council.

The issue dates back to last year when the store was cited by the city for violating a variance by blocking its Kercheval-facing windows with tall, refrigerated display cases as part of a total store redesign.

Tracing back more than a decade, in 2010, city council granted the

variance — required of storefronts in The Village is transparent windows making up 70 percent of the facade between one foot above ground and up to 8 feet high — allowing Kroger 861 square feet of window frontage rather than the required 1,000 square feet.

“Marketing for small businesses is critical and having those storefront windows is critical, and it adds to the sense of vibrancy in downtown and economic success of a downtown,” City Planner John Jackson explained. “This is a stan-

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Struggling to get bids

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

— With flooding prevention top of mind, the City is hoping this year to:

- ◆ expand and extend the 30-inch Kercheval Place storm sewer from Notre Dame to Cadieux to better collect stormwater gathering in The Village;

- ◆ place a new water main on Kercheval Place;

- ◆ reline sanitary pipes along with sanitary relocations to accommodate the storm sewer upgrades;

- ◆ and improve catch basin drainage at the intersection at Kercheval and Cadieux — which is notorious for past flooding in heavy rains — as well as Kercheval and Notre Dame.

However, finding a contractor interested in conducting the work is proving to be difficult.

After going out to bid with an engineer's estimate of \$627,506, the City received a singular bid from Pamar Enterprises in New Haven for \$1,551,106.60 — close to \$1 million more than the estimate.

“That was a little bit more than we can afford,” Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said.

At the recommendation of the city's engineer — Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick — council voted in March to reject the bid and rebid the project, potentially allowing more time to complete the project to accommodate the high volume of projects currently being conducted in the region.

“It could be starting later,” Randazzo noted. “It could be extending

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Not something you see every day!

A pony named Honey visited the circulation desk of the Central Annex branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library during a recent visit to Grosse Pointe Farms. Danielle Douglass, the pony's human companion, made the rounds with Honey March 29. People who saw her were surprised, and some startled, to see a pony on The Hill, but everyone was thrilled. Find more photos from Honey's visit on page 2A.

Rain garden grant OK'd; SEMCOG designs garden for free

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Partnership by municipal boards won the city a nearly \$54,000 grant to transform a de facto runoff pond interfering with the entrance to city hall into a permeable rain garden or bioswale.

The location at city

hall is strategic and tactical.

Strategic because backers hope campus visitors are inspired to follow suit with similar runoff-catchers on their own properties.

Tactical because it makes the area safer for pedestrians now that city hall downspouts are disconnected and roof run-

off tends to pool outside the building's main entrance.

Severing downspouts from sewers reduces the amount of rain and snowmelt entering the storm system, which flooded two summers ago during thunderstorms.

“We had to obey our ordinance and discon-

nect our own downspouts,” said Brian Colter, city forester and member of the Park Beautification Commission.

The unintended result was rain water routinely flooding a brick-topped pedestrian area outside the entrance to city hall.

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Park upgrades recommended

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — With work to begin soon at Chene-Trombley Park, the Citizens' Recreation Commission took a look at the city's three other parks to determine what upgrades they need.

Focusing on deficiencies and safety concerns, the commission presented its recommendations at council's meeting Monday, March 6.

"It's basically them providing us with a blueprint for moving forward," City Administrator Frank Schulte said. "Some things are short term and some things are longer term."

In a memo accompanying the report, the commission said parks lack toddler-age-appropriate equipment, space for large gatherings other than Lake Front Park and activities for adolescents and young adults.

At Ghesquiere Park, for example, the report recommends safety upgrades of replacing wood chips with a rubber mat on the playground and adding a sign that would say "no batting practice permitted near playground."

Enhancement includes adding a pavilion with picnic tables and a walking path around the perimeter of the park.

The commission also recommended building a dog park in front of city hall, something council

has discussed in the past. Schulte noted recent improvements to Ghesquiere the commission previously suggested include updated bathrooms, a new concession stand and the addition of four pickleball courts in the ice rink.

At Lake Front, the commission made the same safety recommendation for the playground and suggested adding umbrellas to the benches along the mini golf course for shade.

Future enhancements would be adding a splash pad, installing more barbecue grills around the park and resurfacing the bocce ball and shuffleboard courts.

Sweeney Park also should have a rubber mat for the playground and toddler equipment should be added.

"We're trying to do some of these things as part of our budget process," Schulte said. "They do a great job analyzing the parks and if we take a couple bites at it every year, we'll see what we can do."

Council late last year approved spending \$102,000 on new equipment for Chene-Trombley. Within the park will be an area for younger children named the Phyllis A. DeMars Tot Lot, named for the longtime resident and teacher who passed away a year ago February.

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Abigail Turnbull, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce membership and event coordinator, invited Honey inside the office for a visit and treat.

Kay Agney, owner of Higbie, Maxon, Agney Realtors, was delighted to meet Honey; Danielle Douglass invited Agney to pet and give Honey a treat.



PHOTOS BY RENE LANDUYT



Left, Honey made it all the way to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department on Kerby to say hello and pose with Grosse Pointe Farms Deputy Director Andy Rogers, Director of Public Safety John Hutchins and Firefighter Amber Hazelton by the fire truck. Right, Grosse Pointe Farms Fire Inspector Ray Krause met Honey while making his rounds to businesses on The Hill.



Horseplay on The Hill

A pony named Honey visited The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms March 29, making her way to various businesses and the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department. Danielle Douglass, the pony's human companion, hoped to spread the word about riding lessons.

Douglass also plans to get Honey certified as a therapy pony later this year. To be certified, Honey will have to be able to interact with other animals, have no history of aggression, may not be fed a raw meat diet, must pass through a room without knocking down furniture and demonstrate good behavior, among other criteria.

There also is criteria for the handler to meet, including not jerking on the reins, directing the animal without raising their voice, advocating for the well being and safety of the animal and reading the animal's body language, among other criteria.

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dard marketing best practice for successful downtowns."

Essentially compelled to come back before council for its non-compliance, Kroger representatives offered a compromise — notably

which would leave the tall display cases as they are — to the City in February.

Proposed was a shallow window display in front of the refrigerated units, backdropped by a colorful graphic and including items such as a mannequin wearing an apron; hanging cardboard cutouts of wine

bottles; wine cases storing actual bottles of wine; and three-dimensional crates holding artificial produce.

"As a (grocery) store, I can't put clothes or toys and we have to be careful with branding, so they'll bulge — I hate to use the term plastic fruit because that makes you think of my kid's toy plastic kitchen — but very artistically done fake fruit, because obviously real fruit would spoil," said Jason Canvasser, the attorney representing Kroger Co. of Michigan.

Calling the hanging fruit, "not that exciting," "a half-baked effort," and "elementary" — to the agreement of fellow council members — Councilman Chris Walsh

also noted drawn blinds currently are blacking out Kroger's entire Kercheval frontage.

"It's not what they sold us," Councilman Don Parthum said of the presented compromise. "I feel like we've been bullied into this and I don't like that."

Canvasser explained Kroger's position in that it is a unique location being such a small footprint.

"With Kroger big box stores, it's easy to move things around and meet ordinances more readily," he said. "Here we have a smaller footprint and so to be able to offer the full selection of products to the customers, we have to fit a lot in a small place. And here, we do have some cases that are

obstructing the windows so that we can offer products."

Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak questioned why the display cases have to be along the Kercheval windows, considering both the windows facing Notre Dame and the parking lot are unobstructed.

Removal or relocation of the tall cases may not be feasible, Canvasser claimed, because the entire store was redesigned.

"It was redesigned without taking into account the agreed-upon plan and what it needed to look like fronting Kercheval," Tomkowiak replied. "The redesign was done in a vacuum for what was better for Kroger to sell more prod-

uct, not in keeping with what was agreed to, in violation of what was a contract."

The attorney respectfully disagreed, citing the recent parking lot reconstruction and funding of a fence separating it from the Maire Elementary School playground in his argument that, "Kroger has done everything the city has asked and then substantially more."

"So we agreed to open windows and right now we have black shades," Walsh spelled out. "Do you think that's in agreement?"

"No, that piece is not in agreement," Canvasser admitted, after previously denying twice that the corporation was not in compliance with the agreed-upon variance.

Council voted 6-0, with Councilman Seth Krupp absent, to table the discussion until Kroger either complies with the variance or brings forward a better design compromise for consideration.

"It's not a big footprint store out in the middle of nowhere with a parking lot all around it," Tomkowiak noted. "It is in an upscale downtown that we're working really hard to make even more upscale."

"And when we take (small businesses) in that district and hold their feet to the fire and hold them to those standards ... whether they want to spend the money or not, and then big Kroger walks in and we say, 'Oh yeah, you can do whatever you want,' that just doesn't feel fair."

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Burn baby burn

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — No, it wasn't a disco inferno at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House last month causing all that smoke. It was a controlled burn to tame vegetation.

"It's a great management tool to control invasive species and put nutrients back into the soil," according to Karl Koto, director of land-

scape at the estate. "Our ecosystem has evolved with fires over thousands of years, mostly due to lightning strikes."

The burn was done by Ann Arbor-based Restoring Nature with Fire Wednesday, March 22, just ahead of heavy rains the following day.

"We definitely got lucky with the weather," Koto laughed. "We did our first burn in 2021, but had bad luck with the timing last year."

The burn covered about 1.5 acres on the island and berm.

"We'd like to do it every year or at least every other year," Koto said. "It depends on what the landscaping is."

David Borneman, owner of the company hired for the project, said the process involves several steps.

"First, we use weed whips to create a burn break where we don't want the fire to jump," he said. "Then, we spray water to create a wet line and remove larger, woody debris from the area to be burned."

Crews use drift torches filled with diesel, because it burns slowly, to start the fires, with a bit of gasoline added to help them light better. They also wear flame-retardant suits and carry water backpacks to spray any embers that jump the break lines.

"I've been doing this for 23 years, so the more experience you have the



Fire specialists begin one part of the controlled burn on the berm along the fence-line of the Ford House property.

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RENEE
LANDUYT



A fire specialist sprays diesel fuel mixed with gasoline on the brush, creating a firebreak, or blackline, for the fire to burn into itself, thus putting itself out.

better prepared you are," Borneman said. "There's always the possibility of something happening."

Borneman said he does 75 to 80 burns per year, primarily from March through April.

"I've done burns every month of the year, but we try to avoid summer because everything greens up," he added. "That creates more smoke and the heat is tough on the crew."

Once the burn is complete, the crew goes back to relight any areas that didn't catch and then spray everything down to put out embers.

The burn lasted about three hours.

"We only did a half acre on the berm, but that took

the longest," Koto said. "It's long and narrow so the edges had to be clearly defined."



A fire specialist creates a head fire and monitors the sides of the burn, making sure it is contained in the controlled burn area.

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Grosse Pointe South High School last year, with honors among Channel 7's Best and Brightest — as well as professionally.

"My personal (life) and professional career have come full circle to the extent that I'll be working for the community that I was raised in and have such good memories of," Dame said. "I've accomplished in Grosse Pointe all the things the council wanted me to accomplish. We've met all the goals successive councils have set and we've addressed all of the unexpected challenges along the way."

Not the least of which was the great recession, which began shortly after Dame's arrival and during which the community lost 50 percent of its residential home value in assessments.

"The challenge of dealing with falling revenues and trying to reduce expenses to what the new level of revenues were, while doing it with the least impact on the services to the community, was probably the biggest challenge," Dame recalled, "and I would say perhaps the biggest success, because most people probably didn't feel much impact in the difference in the level of service."

Flipping the situation on its head, in fact, the City entered the economic downturn without being AAA bond rated and emerged on the other side among approximately 10 Michigan cities to boast the highest bond rating.

Dame's last days as city manager, the week of April 17, inspire a look back at the top priority he was tasked with during his first days on the job: redevelopment of the Kercheval Jacobson's building, which sat vacant a couple of years following the chain's bankruptcy.

Dame not only successfully led a redevelopment agreement to transform the space into a mixed-use building with retail on the ground floor and offices on the second, but also included in the project the replacement of



Pete Dame

The Village parking structure — at no cost to taxpayers, instead developing a fee structure where users of the parking system essentially would back pay — which at the time was closed due to safety concerns and deterioration.

"There was a lot of concern in the community about, 'Does this mean The Village is dying forever and will never come back?'" Dame recalled. "... It was the thing that was the biggest hindrance to redeveloping the Jacobson's building and the thing that everyone in the community had been stuck on how to do.

"... We did not touch any property tax revenue, and to this day we're still paying the bond back, but we're doing it with parking revenue."

Fitting for his new role as Portage's chief of development — the position "plays to his skills beautifully," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak noted — Dame was integral in a

City manager search

The City is likely to discuss an interim city manager during the April 17 council meeting, Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak reported.

A subcommittee made up of Tomkowiak and council members Chris Walsh and Terrance Thomas currently is interviewing search firms, for which it also may bring a recommendation to council this month.

Once the chosen search firm identifies candidates, council will vote on the new city manager.

"We'll do special meetings as needed to keep this moving," Tomkowiak said. "... We have a really good staff, which is going to make this transition much easier."

number of notable large-scale developments over the years, more recently including the new public works and public safety buildings, as well as the total reconstruction of The Neighborhood Club.

The latter process took six years after Dame suggested to then-Executive Director John Bruce, who was considering a redesign, that he should start from scratch and build an entirely new facility.

Nearly two decades at the helm of a city offers a great deal of time for a great many accomplishments, but some of Dame's other chart-toppers include:

- ◆ instituting the voter-approved 15-year road improvement program, which currently is in year nine,

- ◆ having a hand in hiring or promoting nearly all the current public safety personnel into their current positions

- ◆ and coordinating the creation of the downtown development authority in 2008 — requiring negotiation with the county to establish, because at the time there was a policy

not to create more DDAs — while acting as its director until it transitioned to Main Street Grosse Pointe in 2020, an effort he also coordinated.

"We would not have the effort and energy going into The Village if he did not come here," Tomkowiak noted. "... He's done a lot and he has left us with a ton of great stuff teed up and ready to be completed. I think he should be very proud of his time here. He just very quietly, without any fanfare, gets stuff done and I'm going to miss him."

The city manager will be honored for his time and efforts with a proclamation during the April 17 city council meeting.

"I've been here 17 years," he said. "I brought certain talents and I think whoever they hire — they'll get someone really good because it's a great community — they'll come in with a fresh approach. They'll have strengths that I don't have and they'll accomplish things that I never would have."

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

◆ Easter

MONDAY, APRIL 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods offices closed.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms project planning public meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- ◆ Hazardous waste pick-up, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods DPW yard, 1200 Parkway. For Woods residents only.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores marina opens for the season.



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Young musician collecting honors

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

Most everyone knows the joke. A tourist in New York City gets lost, so he asks a person carrying a violin case how to get to Carnegie Hall. The response is, "Practice, practice, practice."

Well, Ben Graham practices. A lot. And now he's going to Carnegie Hall.

Graham, a 17-year-old junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, is the only musician from Michigan named to Carnegie Hall's 2023 National Youth Orchestra.

"I practice about two hours a day," the violist said, "in addition to orchestra class each day at school."

Graham said he chose viola in fifth grade at Ferry Elementary School for a variety of reasons.

"My older sister (Sophia) played the flute, so I wanted to try a string instrument," he recalled. "I thought the violin was too high pitched and screechy and I didn't want to carry a cello case around in middle



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North High School's Ben Graham and his viola will be on stage at Carnegie Hall in July.

school."

His decision paid off. According to a press release from Carnegie Hall, 109 musicians ages 16 to 19 from 31 states and Puerto Rico were chosen to participate, "following a comprehensive and highly selective audition process."

Graham said the video audition included several steps.

"We had to record some short excerpts and then do a solo piece," he said. "We also had to include an essay about ourselves and what we enjoy other than music. Any audition you go through, the first thing they look for is hitting the right notes and the right rhythm and then the expression of what you're trying to say with your playing."

The Woods resident is a member of North's Student Association and has been active with the school's musicals. He recently played Lumiere in "Beauty and the Beast."

He started taking piano lessons at age 4 and last year picked up the mellophone to join

the school marching band.

"Music has always been a big part of my life," he said.

The NYO will travel to upstate New York in early July for a two-week training residency at SUNY-Purchase before giving a concert at Carnegie Hall July 14.

"I think everyone will pick up on the music pretty fast," Graham said. "The rehearsals will help us get used to playing with each other."

After that concert comes a North American tour with shows in Massachusetts, Quebec, Texas, Wyoming and California.

Graham said he's already looking forward to trying out for the NYO again next year and has plans to pursue a music major in college.

"I wouldn't mind teaching, but my ultimate dream is to play with a professional orchestra," he said.

In addition to the NYO, Graham in January was named to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All-State high school

orchestra. Last month Graham, along with Lillian Wodzisz, Daniel Gross and Joseph Stapleton — all from Grosse Pointe South High School — won first place playing as the Balfour String Quartet at the Michigan American String Teachers Association Chamber Music Competition. He also plays with the Detroit Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Graham said he was encouraged to audition for the NYO by another Grosse Pointer, Amelia Abouljoud, from whom he has taken private lessons and who played with the NYO in 2018. He added that he also is thankful to Caroline Coade, his private teacher, as well as Noah Zogas and James Gross, the orchestra teachers at North and South, respectively.

"They've all helped me prepare and grow and have been super encouraging," he said. "And I need to thank my parents (Angela and Robert) for everything. Especially driving me around all those years."

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"During winter, it iced up," Colter said. "Last winter, we had part of the front of city hall taped off with caution tape due to ice."

Members of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, which now has the task of promoting environmental sustainability throughout city operations, worked parallel to the Downtown Development Authority, which oversees the city hall district, in carrying out City Manager Nick Sizeland's idea of fixing the runoff problem in an environmentally forward-thinking manner.

"Going to sustainable measures in Grosse Pointe Park, we're looking at what we can do when it comes to rain gardens and bioswales," Sizeland said.

The DDA set aside \$10,000 last year toward construction of the garden while Sizeland applied for a grant from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' (SEMCOG) \$900,000

war chest available through the Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Park officials learned last week SEMCOG awarded them \$53,885 for the project.

"Brian and I both have a passion for green infrastructure," Sizeland said. "Working with Brian and the beautification commission is how the idea morphed. Credit goes to Brian, the beautification commission and the Downtown Development Authority for supporting this project. We hope this expands residents' knowledge of green infrastructure."

"We couldn't have done it without Beautification Commissioner Lisa Kyle under the short deadline we had to reach," Colter said.

"Brian and I wrote the grant together," Kyle said. "I gathered all the supporting documents and entered and uploaded everything to the grant application and submitted it."

The grant took the long route to city hall.

"We were not funded at first," Sizeland said. "However, SEMCOG had money left over and provided the Park a concept design at no cost."

A rendering prepared by the Center for Watershed Protection, in Maryland, for SEMCOG shows a roughly 8-by-50-foot strip of native plantings atop nearly five feet of buried gravel and an underdrain.

The DDA's \$10,000 gave the application leverage, he said.

"We let SEMCOG know, as a little bit of a carrot, that we have this funding available," Colter said.

"There was some discourse about the appearance of the front of city hall on the internet," said Beautification Commission Chairman Ben Wixson. "When I saw this (proposal), I thought this is going to make everything look a lot better."

"We'll have signs explaining how it's a useful tool," Colter said. "The location may inspire residents to do the same thing at their homes."

Prompt the police, provoke a penalty

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — About a decade ago in Grosse Pointe Farms a case of domestic violence dragged on for months to no effect except frustration and a waste of city resources.

A wife had sought police rescue from her allegedly gun-toting, abusive husband. But, when push came to shove in municipal court, she wouldn't follow through with charges.

In Grosse Pointe Park this month, new assistant city prosecutor Jake Mertes proposed to members of the ordinance committee a way of getting around witness intransigence and more.

Mertes made his case to the committee March 7, to recommend the city council amend the city code allowing prosecution of someone for the civil, not criminal, offense of causing a police response.

The council agreed and adopted the policy March 13, in the form of Ordinance 238 of the city code.

"Causing a police response is not a chargeable offense by itself," Mertes said. "It cannot be charged by police on scene at the time. It's a secondary offense."

"We usually offer the plea to a first-time offender where it's merited," said City Attorney Dan Kelly. "The result would be a fine, but no criminal offense. It's used by the prosecutor's office in those unique cases where we have a complaining witness who is unlikely to go forward with it (and) to avoid an expensive trial."

"You can't be charged with causing a police response," Mertes said. "You can only plead down to it. It's more of a tool."

Being a civil infraction with a maximum fine of \$250 and no jail time, the option of pleading guilty to causing a police response is anticipated to be more attractive to suspects than risking losing a defense in court.

The amendment also lowers the prosecution's standard of proof.

"This allows us to move forward with a

charge if the witness doesn't show up," Mertes said. "A domestic violence situation is where someone won't show up."

He also cited the example of a bar fight after which participants are unwilling to press charges and it is almost impossible for police to develop a sober account of what occurred.

"Something needs to happen to show there's ramifications for these things," Mertes said. "It serves as a warning type thing. This is reserved more for the lesser offense or attempt-type situations. It allows for plea negotiations, too."

"Your example of a bar fight makes sense," committee Chairman Tom Caulfield said. "The amendment's wording cites a financial element: 'To regulate conduct to limit the use of law enforcement and recoup costs of the city when criminal conduct requires a police response.'"

Caulfield suggested the plea option could help quell neighbor disputes.

"(The city) can take them to court and say, look, don't do it again, here is a lesser plea, stop being idiots," Caulfield said.

"That is a great, clear example," Mertes said.

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Unruly patient

A patient was escorted out of a local hospital at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, after threatening the nursing staff.

Container thief

The suspect who stole a package containing \$200 worth of storage containers from a porch in the 500 block of St. Clair at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, left the scene in a white Chrysler 200.

Bank fraud

An online bank account with Vive Financial was fraudulently opened in a Grosse Pointe resident's name Wednesday, March 29, after which \$4,200 was charged to a fraudulent credit card.

Pay advance

A 28-year-old former employee of a Grosse Pointe man was reported Wednesday, March 29, for stealing a check and cashing it for \$500. The investigation is ongoing.

—Laurel Kraus
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Loose lips

When officers approached a vehicle parked but running on Moross with both driver's side tires damaged at 2:43 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, the 50-year-old Detroit driver told them he might have hit a pothole or the curb when he turned off Lakeshore.

Alcohol was found under the driver's seat and a preliminary breath test showed the man's blood alcohol content was 0.113 percent.

Already under arrest and being transported back to the station, the man voluntarily told someone on the phone, "I had my car running to keep warm and no matter what, I'm in there and my keys were in the

ignition, I'm operating the vehicle while under the influence."

Decluttered

A 27-year-old Grosse Pointe woman running a cleaning business and who is a self-proclaimed recovering addict, is suspected of having stolen \$7,925 worth of David Yurman and Tiffany jewelry, one pair of Air Jordan shoes and approximately five oxycodone prescription pills from a Hall Place home she had been employed to clean.

Obituary scam

After her husband passed away in early March and his full name and date of birth were published in an obituary, a 76-year-old Farms woman received a fraudulent letter from Fifth Third Bank notifying her of a verification change, which she did not authorize.

Upon further discov-

ery, it was found the bank put a nearly \$300,000 negative balance on all five of her bank accounts.

Alcohol thief

An unknown suspect who previously stole bottles of liquor from the same business, stole a bottle worth \$31.99 off the register counter of a business in the 18000 block of Mack before running out of the store at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1.

The suspect is described as an approximately 40-year-old black man wearing white shoes, blue jeans and a navy hooded sweatshirt with red and white stripes along each arm.

Risky car theft

A gray 2022 Dodge Charger Scat Pack Widebody with an orange stripe was stolen from a driveway on Kerby — the same street that houses the public safety depart-

ment — at approximately 4 a.m. Sunday, April 2.

While the owner was in possession of both keys for the vehicle, no broken glass was noticed on the driveway.

—Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Yet again

In what is becoming nearly a monthly occurrence, a catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle in the Ascension St. John Hospital parking lot, this time between 3

and 5 p.m. Thursday, March 30.

It was there

A vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a house in the 19000 block of Raymond between 12:30 and 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 31.

The complainant said her doorbell camera showed the vehicle was there at 12:30 a.m. but gone an hour later. The camera did not record the theft.

—Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Nothing to report per dispatch.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Arrested for attempt

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

—As reporters on the cops and courts beat learn quickly, defendants charged with possession of stolen property often are suspected of the greater charge of theft, which prosecutors relinquish due to lacking proof.

When police can't gather sufficient evidence that a man with a screwdriver and slim jim in his pockets actually stole the stolen car he's driving from the scene of a reported car theft, they can settle for nabbing him for possessing the stolen property.

Members of the city council agreed with their municipal prosecutors Monday, March 13, to extend the practice to people suspected of committing lesser offenses of the misdemeanor kind.

"Attempt" is a prosecutor's tool to reduce a charge in a similar circumstance where a misdemeanor charge is probably

warranted," said Jake Mertes, assistant city prosecutor. "The big one is where someone is about to steal something, but the police show up and stop them from actually taking the thing. We can piece

Any person who shall attempt to commit an offense prohibited by law ... but shall fail in the perpetration ... is guilty of a misdemeanor

together what happened."

"The person was inches away from committing a misdemeanor and justice needs to be served," said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager.

The lesser charge of 'attempt' also may be employed to scare straight criminal neophytes in cases lacking significant victimization.

"An 18-year-old being dumb," Councilman Tom Caulfield said. "We have to charge him."

"It wasn't the crime of the century," Mertes said. "We want to cut this guy a

break but, at the same time, you can't drop the misdemeanor charge because there's clearly criminal activity."

"The 'attempted crime' would reduce the penalties to \$500 and 45 days in jail," City Attorney Dan Kelly said.

The new Ordinance 238 amends the city code: "Any person who shall attempt to commit an offense prohibited by law ... but shall fail in the perpetration ... is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable for not more than 45 days or a fine of not more than \$500."

Normal misdemeanors carry 93-day maximum sentences.

"It only applies to 90-day misdemeanors," Kelly said. "It does not apply to alcohol and driving offenses."

"You put 'attempt' in front of whatever the other crime was and it reduces the jail time in half," Mertes said. "'Attempt' sounds far less than actually doing the crime."

DPW to ease burden with contract laborers

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE—The City's Department of Public Works publicly sounded the alarm earlier this year on a series of employee retention and sustainable service struggles under the weight of which it has been bowing behind the scenes for two years.

The long and short of the interwoven issues is that full-time employees aren't sticking around, causing heavy burdens on loyal supervisors, because their jobs — traditionally incorporating a well-rounded offering of grass cutting, city maintenance, etc. — are now that of essentially a glorified garbage man. While the job on the back of the garbage truck used to be filled by contract workers from a temporary labor agency, the City ceased said partnership during the pandemic because of its unreliability.

"We did use Professional Recruiters Group in the past and it was hit or miss with the employees that were coming," Public Services Director Pete Randazzo explained. "Sometimes they'd never show up. Sometimes they'd come in late."

Putting more money on the line, the City now is choosing to take its chances returning to the temporary labor pool by taking the more expensive route.

"Going on the fact that the Farms is using them successfully," City Manager Pete Dame noted, city council agreed in March to a contract with Labor Max in Center Line for two employees throughout compost season at a rate of \$25 per hour, per person.

If all goes well, the contract — which only sets the rate of pay and does not lock in the city for a set amount of time — will cost the city \$19,200 for the remainder of this year and \$51,200 for next.

"It's going to cost more," Dame acknowledged, "but essentially we're going back to the way that we used to do it and there's really no choice but to do it, because we've been losing our people to unproductive work that could have been done by less costly laborers."

The City did budget \$11,500 this fiscal year to hire part-time workers, but has been unable to find anyone interested.

"Nobody that goes to high school wants to pick up (garbage)," Randazzo replied to one suggestion to seek local students to fill the role.

The City's DPW will, however, be offering two part-time grass-cutting positions to high school students this summer.

—Laurel Kraus

BIDS:

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the time it takes to finish the project. It could be a combination of both. We don't want it to extend further, because we don't want to hinder businesses more than we have to, but at the same time, we have to be financially responsible."

But how much give-and-take is the city willing to offer with its timeline to secure a competitive bid?

"The sooner the better," Randazzo said of when he'd like to see the work done. "It's been like this 60, 70 years, it's been flooding. So, obviously, we don't want it to go any further than this year."

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OUR VIEW

Cheers to that! Grosse Pointers have plenty of reasons to applaud this week

Happy feelings abound during the month of April when many families around metro Detroit gather to celebrate a collection of cheerful events. Whether you mark spring through Easter, Passover, Ramadan or even the Detroit Tigers home opener, there's a sense of hope and renewal in the air and so are the good, positive vibes that come with it.

This collective celebratory mood got us thinking about all of the things that are giving Grosse Pointers a reason to cheer. Here are just some of those we think deserve a round or two of applause:

◆ **From North to NYC:** On page 4A of today's Grosse Pointe News, you will read about Ben Graham, a 17-year-old junior at Grosse Pointe North High School, who is the only musician from Michigan named to Carnegie Hall's 2023 National Youth Orchestra. He will travel with the NYO to upstate New York in early July for a two-week training residency at SUNY-Purchase before giving a concert July 14, at the hallowed Carnegie Hall. After that concert comes a North American tour with shows in Massachusetts, Quebec, Texas, Wyoming and California. A standing O is in order for that level of talent and commitment.

◆ **High School choirs:** We can't sing the praises loud enough for our local choirs from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South. Two North seniors recently competed in the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus scholarship competition, with one of the Norsemen finishing first. That win marked the second consecutive year a North student has won this competition. North also has a finalist in the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan's Italian Songs and Arias Vocal Competition, who will compete for the \$1,000 grand prize April 30. In addition, North singing ensembles AcaFella, CounterPointe and Pointe Chorale, along with eight soloists, received a top rating of 1 at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) State High School Solo and Ensemble Festival March 18.

More cheers go out to our community's stellar voices, including South's newest choir, Rhapsody in Blue, which received a 1st division rating at the recent state solo and ensemble festival. Four South soloists received 1st division ratings for their superior solo performances and one received a 2nd division rating as well.

Another South soloist was one of only 12 singers in the state selected by MSVMA judges to compete in the state finals. He also will sing at the MSVMA Recital of Outstanding Soloists at Michigan State University in mid-May.

◆ **All-State athletes:** Fans, clap your hands for the 28 varsity student-athletes who earned All-State honors for the 2022-23 winter sports season. Sixteen girls hockey players (five from North, five from South and six from University Liggett), three players from ULS boys hockey team, five swimmers and one diver from South boys swim and dive, as well as three gymnasts from Grosse Pointe United took home these elite state honors. Five gymnasts from the team, a combined group of athletes from North and South, also were named to the All-State All-Academic team.

◆ **Detroit Tigers home opener:** Admittedly, things haven't looked so great for the Detroit Tigers in the first week of the Major League Baseball season. But hope springs eternal in the "D," despite Vegas oddsmakers having the Tigers' season win total in the low 70s. The team has a new president of operations, Scott Harris, who came from the San Francisco Giants. He has the chance to observe what's working and what's not this season to hopefully nail his hire for general manager. Names to look out for? There's of course Miggy, but there's also the continued devel-



CARTOON BY KEN SCHOP

GUEST VIEW By Brian A. Brenner

GPP border discussion group

As a participant in the recently convened group tasked with discussing the Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border I would like to shed some light on this group. In response to recent questions, assertions and implications, I would like to be as clear and objective as possible in a brief description of who this group is, what we are not, why you haven't officially heard from us, what we have done and why we are addressing this topic. This is my personal perspective. I'm not a spokesperson for the group. Others may describe or have seen the meetings differently, but I will attempt to be as transparent and objective as possible in my descriptions.

Who are we? Most simply put, we are a modest-sized (roughly 15) group that is getting together to discuss the myriad topics surrounding the Grosse Pointe Park-Detroit border. The initial emails were from Mayor Michele Hodges, Jamie Meyers and Frank Joyce. Mayor Hodges has largely run the meetings. Additionally from Grosse Pointe Park, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Caulfield, City Manager Nick Sizeland, Grosse Pointe Park Chief of Public Safety Bryan Jarrell and myself have been to all or some of the meetings. The group is otherwise composed of residents of both sides of the border including some past GPP officials.

What are we not? We are not a subcommittee of Grosse Pointe Park Council, nor do we carry any official endorsement from council. We have no authority to act beyond that which any group of residents congregating to discuss a topic would have. We are not a group convened with the explicit goal of removing physical barriers at border points. As an aside, it seems to me the removal of

traffic barriers is not consistent with goals laid out in our master plan directing us to make GPP more walkable, pedestrian and bike friendly. Additionally, among the most frequent requests from residents is for more traffic control measures (stop signs, speed bumps, use of the speed detector trailer) not less. Lastly, and to be crystal clear, our parks are not a part of this discussion.

Why haven't you heard from this group? The answer lies in part in the omission of a "What are we?" section to this piece. This hasn't been publicized because, quite frankly, there isn't much to share. We remain a group with no elucidated goals beyond the vague "addressing our border issues," of which there are certainly several, and I might hope that through discussion ideas will emerge toward upgrading our border and building connections with our neighbors. But as of now, there are no clearly stated goals and, as such, little to report. My general sense is that there was hesitance to publicize the group until it had its legs underneath a bit and a better sense of its goals and desired outcomes. Publicizing meetings hasn't been much a topic of discussion, but we clearly need to be open and transparent.

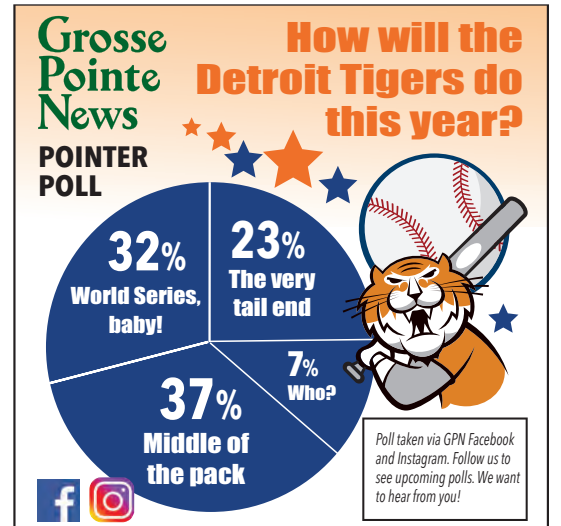
What have we done? The group has met three times. The first meeting was at Gathering Pointe (formerly Cabbage Patch Café) and was strictly introductions — literally nothing beyond each individual introducing themselves to the group. The second meeting was at Eastside Community Network and was largely a free form sharing of personal experiences relating to the GPP-Detroit border. To be frank (and others will

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opment of Spencer Torkelson and Riley Greene. Storylines? Will Javier Báez begin to live up to his \$77 million contract? Is the talent that was promised a few years ago in our starting pitching? Or will the trade deadline serve as our season's biggest highlight?

Just a few days before the home opener Thursday, tickets were still available, which is pure sacrilege around these parts. But we're pretty confident that once the weather heats up (and hopefully the Tigers' bats), Detroiters will be heading to Comerica and singing during the seventh inning stretch in no time.

◆ **Spring:** Has it actually sprung? Based on the continued chill in the air and the winter boots that have yet to make it back into the basement or attic, spring is just a theory. Ah, but the calendar says it's spring, so we just



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I SAY By Brad Lindberg



Overset

sense they are evergreens, always fresh. The suspects' names in the following account are less important than before and have been removed.

Suspects fast-forward case

“Cut everything,” Bob Merritt, youthful managing editor of the Gate City News ordered Eddie Green, the short, dynamic little city editor in the 1931 teenage action novel, “The Front Page Mystery,” by Graham Dean. “We’re going to be way overset.”

Merritt was in a tizzy. He needed space in the paper about a late-breaking house fire story. As the deadline for the noon edition neared, he had to cut other stories to make room for news of the moment.

Overset is an antiquated newspaper term describing typeset for which there’s no space in whatever edition is being discussed. Overset means the edition is over its capacity for setting type.

Type, set, too much typeset, overset. Like amo, amas, amat. Overset often wound up in the hellbox. Anyway:

Among GP News overset are a couple of February crime stories. They were outranked by other stories (like the shooting at Michigan State University) at the time of occurring and are too stale for publication in the current news section. Yet, they remain relevant to residents wondering what goes on outside at night while they sleep. In that

A pair of accused car thieves are launching their defenses downtown instead of making test flights in Park municipal court.

Both suspects waived their rights to evidentiary hearings in Park court Feb. 8. They chose instead to take their felony cases straight to Wayne County Circuit Court.

“At this point, we’re going to agree to be bound over to the Wayne County Circuit Court for further proceedings,” said defense attorney Mark Magidson, representing Defendant 1, age 18, of Detroit.

Park police arrested Defendant 1 and co-defendant Defendant 2 the night of Jan. 11, for trying to steal four cars in the 1400 blocks of Wayburn and Maryland. An unidentified third suspect got away.

“They gave full confessions to trying to steal four vehicles,” Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said shortly thereafter.

Neither Defendant 1 nor Defendant 2 would identify the suspect at large, according to police.

Both teens are first-time offenders, according to Pittman.

Magidson said during an earlier hearing that

sentencing guidelines for the crimes are likely to be probation.

Defendant 1 appeared in municipal court last week, accompanied by his mother and wearing an electronic tether, a requirement of him being allowed out of the Wayne County Jail on \$25,000 bond. He needed to post only \$2,500.

Defendant 2 appeared by video from the Wayne County Jail, not having posted equal bond.

Park Judge Carl Jarboe confirmed each defendant’s decision to waive the evidentiary hearing.

“It’s not a trial,” Jarboe explained. “It’s just to see if the people have sufficient evidence for an arrest to be made.”

Jarboe bound them over to Wayne County Circuit Court for arraignment Feb. 15.

Magidson asked for the arraignment to be scheduled “the sooner the better. That would work in (Defendant 1’s) favor.”

Magidson continued, “(Defendant 1) is starting a job the first part of next week and I don’t want any problems with him violating the tether requirements.”

Jarboe said, “The tether requirements are as follows: he may be at home, work, school or church.”

My next I Say, May 18, will contain an account of a woman who is such a scofflaw that the local prosecuting attorney said taking legal action against her has no impact.

GUEST:

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likely see this differently, not with particular direction or strong take away, despite significant issues being raised. Our third meeting, also at Eastside Community Network, was centered around a presentation given by Jamie Meyers documenting the current state of the border points where there are various traffic barriers in place. Jamie was extremely thorough in presenting photos and maps documenting these points. There was also discussion related to the bridges that once spanned the creek adjacent to Alter Road, south of Jefferson. A date for a fourth meeting is forthcoming.

Why are we “addressing our border”? Our border with the city of Detroit is an issue that is repeatedly brought up, most frequently in the light of a reputation earned many years ago and I do not believe to be reflective of our community today. The fact that so many current representatives of the city of Grosse Pointe Park are participating in these discussions seems a good first step in making that case.

There is truly historic development happening along the Detroit-GPP border in several locations, the two largest developments literally spanning the border. There is realistic prom-

ise of further development which will bring increased vitality to our city, to our neighbors and attention to our border. All of this development brings great potential for improving both sides of our joint neighborhood. To support health, vitality and investment on both sides of the border, it is crucial to create an environment that brings our communities closer together.

To reiterate, this is a discussion group. On its own, the group carries no particular authority. However, I would hope through discussion, solid thoughts and ideas emerge. Should this occur, next steps would certainly include sharing those thoughts with the residents of both sides of the border and welcoming residents input. I hope we can make improvements. Indeed, for the representatives from GPP Council, that is a big part of our commitment to the city.

Identify areas of improvement and improve them. “Get stuff done” as Mayor Hodges likes to say. On the Eastside, our future is brightest together, and we hope to leverage the strengths and desires on both sides of the border to build the broader neighborhood that is better for all.

Brian A. Brenner is a Grosse Pointe Park city councilman

Editor’s Note: In the March 16 Grosse Pointe News, reporter Brad Lindberg wrote “Mayor: Remove ‘physical border barriers,’” about “an effort to address our borders that is beginning to take shape,” according to Mayor Hodges. Following a second meeting, Hodges indicated a distinction between secret meetings and low-key ones held at the start of what likely is to be a complicated and controversial process.

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BoE committees hold first meetings

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— Two of the newly created committees of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's Board of Education held their first meetings of the year to discuss enrollment and policies late last month.

The committees — Community Engagement and Policies and Contracts — were two of four created earlier this year. The Finance and Facilities and Curriculum committees already held their first meetings.

The Community Engagement Committee started with an overview from Rebecca Fannon, the district's community relations specialist,

about what GPPSS does to reach out to families in an attempt to reverse enrollment trends.

"Our transition surveys have been helpful," she said. "I prefer not to call them exit surveys because that implies a finality."

She noted that many families who left the district said if they return, it would be when their student reaches the next level.

"We do a big push in January because that's generally when down payments are due for the following year at private schools," Fannon said.

"We promote our information nights for kindergarten and Young 5's, rising middle schoolers and rising freshmen."

For the current school year, the district saw 125 students who left during the pandemic re-enroll, including 119 students who attended a private school last year, while 65 left for private schools.

"For those who moved out of the district, we asked them what they liked so we know what to highlight," Fannon added.

The communications team also partners with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors to provide information for newcomers.

"We also share that information with our local hospitals so they can pass it on to their new staff moving here,"

Fannon said. "That includes details about what we offer and virtual tours of each building."

The committee is chaired by board Secretary Ginny Jeup and includes board Treasurer Sean Cotton. Community volunteers are Ted Coutilish, Mary Jane Failla, William McCoy, Karl Messenger, Juli Rybicki, Nadya Thole and Ellisse Thompson.

Coutilish, who works in marketing at the University of Michigan, gave a presentation on branding and suggested the district consider contracting with a national firm that specializes in K-12 branding. He estimated that cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The Policy and Contracts Committee, meanwhile, discussed how the district sets policy and how it informs the board's governance.

"Policies need to change for a variety of reasons, especially when there are changes in state law," Superintendent Jon Dean said. "New laws don't take effect until 90 days after the end of the legislative session, so that won't be until next March. We've got some time to look at those changes."

The committee also will look at the district's Freedom of Information Act policies, especially as they relate to emails sent to the board and posted on the district website,

thereby making public any private information of constituents such as email addresses and phone numbers.

The committee is chaired by Cotton and includes President Ahmed Ismail and Trustee David Brumbaugh. Community volunteers are Will Broman, Melissa Fradenburg, Diane Karabetos, Jeanne Lizza, Fred Nazarko and Michael Thoits. Only Cotton, Ismail and Brumbaugh will be able to vote on matters to be sent to the full board. The committee will not be involved in collective bargaining contracts with employee groups.

Cotton owns the Grosse Pointe news.

Derby for Kids is May 6

Tickets are now on sale for the seventh annual Derby for Kids, scheduled 4 to 8 p.m. at the Country Club of Detroit.

As was the case last year, funds raised at The Children's Foundation event will go to support the Adolescent Addiction Recovery Center, an outpatient clinic at Children's Hospital of Troy for youths struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

Last year's Derby set records for attendance, with 500 guests, and money raised at more than \$150,000. The event has raised more than \$700,000 overall.

Co-chairs are sisters-in-law Kelly Hilliard and Lisa Schrage, who co-chaired the Emerging

Leaders planning committee for the 2022 Derby.

"I want my children, family and friends to understand mental health," Schrage said in a statement. "Not only for themselves, but so they can help others as well."

In heading up the Emerging Leaders last year, the pair helped sell almost 200 pony-priced tickets — aimed at the 40 and younger crowd — which accounted for a large part of the increased turnout and also spearheaded a silent auction that raised \$20,000.

"My favorite part was setting the goal and watching us chip away

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From left, Bella Yoakam, president, Grosse Pointe North Student Association; Madi Lucido, secretary, Grosse Pointe North Student Association; Kristy Schena, founder/director, Kids on the Go; Paige Spence, treasurer, Grosse Pointe North Student Association; and Zoey Crossley, vice president, Grosse Pointe North Student Association.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Charity Week a success

The Grosse Pointe North Student Association organized what turned out to be quite a successful Charity Week. A check for \$7,456 was presented to Kristy Schena, director of Kids

On The Go, a pediatric nonprofit designed to provide therapies to children with special needs throughout the year.

Some of the events students organized for Charity Week included a pancake breakfast, during which teachers flipped pancakes; a week-long gourmet basket raffle; donations collected during a Unified Basketball game between

North and South; a Big Cookie Monster sale; and Restaurant Week.

North students expressed their appreciation to all the restaurants and businesses that participated to raise funds. They included TCBY, Shores Nutrition, Jets Pizza, Big Salad, Ashby's Ice Cream, Mack Avenue Grill, Telly's, Coldstone Creamery and Trattoria Serventi. During Charity

Week, these restaurants donated 20 percent of their earnings to North's project.

Raffle baskets were donated by many Grosse Pointe stores and a few North teachers. Additionally, the Grosse Pointe South Student Association sent over two baskets for the raffle and a few South students helped collect donations during the North/South Unified Basketball game as well.

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may want to use the building.

"Grosse Pointe Park has told us they would like to see the building stay as it is and be used for the common good," Dean said.

Sizeland agreed.

"Based on the conversations we had earlier and what our residents have expressed, our best hope is to put it to good use," he said. "Whether that's some kind of mixed development or not is up

to the school board."

Sizeland added the main goal is to keep the building's architectural history.

"We just don't want to see it sit vacant if it can be put to good use," he added, "possibly for a daycare or a nonprofit. We're open to ideas."

The board voted in June 2019 to close both Trombly and Poupard elementary schools due to falling enrollment.

The original Trombly school was built in 1903, at the corner of Jefferson and Beaconsfield. It was named for Robert

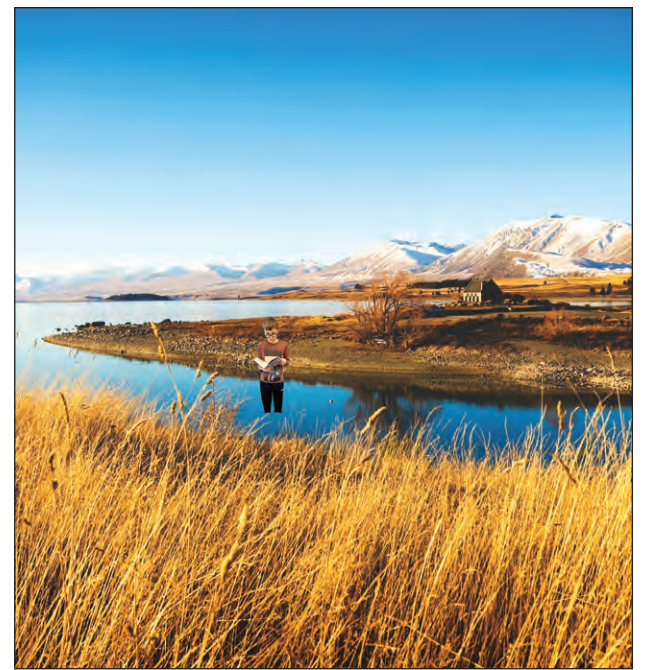
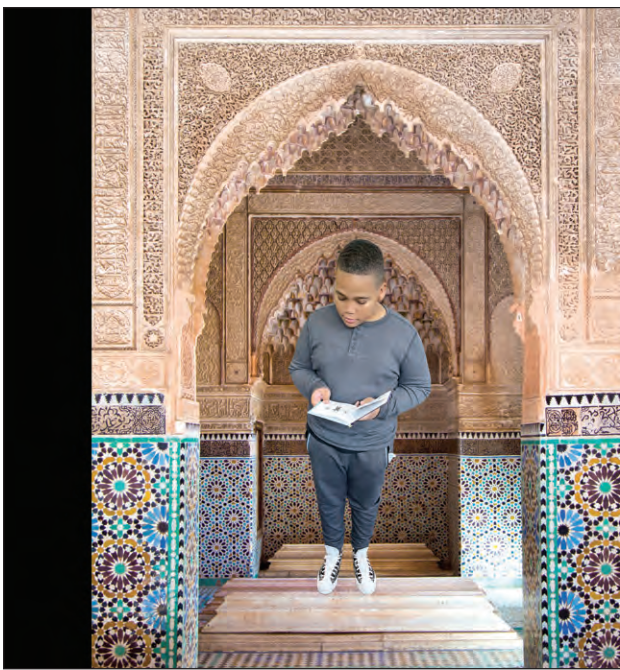
Trombly, who served as Grosse Pointe Township justice of the peace starting in 1884, and was on the school board three decades. The current school was built in 1927, with an addition in 1930.

The building has been approved to receive a state historical marker, but the district hasn't decided if it will install it or not.

"We're waiting on an opinion from our attorney about the implications," Ismail said. "We don't want that to somehow handcuff us about how it can be used."

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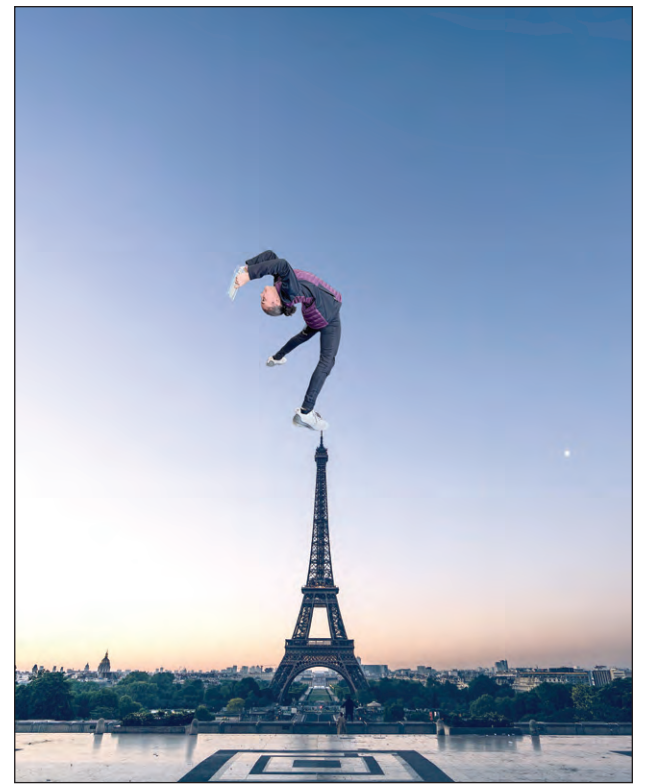
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Students' and their work, from left, Khalil Bell, Silas Venet and Gregory Tod.

Reading issues the greatest adventures

Fifth graders at Parcels Middle School recently embarked on a project in celebration of March is Reading Month. According to librarian Angela Stanley, students using Adobe Spark software, provided by GPPSS library resources, created graphics of themselves reading in adventurous spaces.



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Students' and their work, from left, Delaney McEachin, Preston Treska and Angeleta Powell.



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Defer Young 5's teacher Amy Zizelman and students, Henry Picek, Odin Greenroyd, Mabel Vanover, Xavier Cruz and Lilith Stier show off their crazy socks.

Raising awareness at Defer

To recognize and raise awareness for World Down Syndrome Day, Defer Elementary School students and staff recently were encouraged to wear crazy or mismatched socks to school. World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated March 21, to represent having three copies of the 21st chromosome. Chromosomes look like socks up close, which is why socks are chosen to raise awareness.

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at it," Hilliard said. "Then we exceeded it and it made me really proud to know the generosity of my local community was behind it."

The Derby will feature southern cuisine, mint juleps and live viewing of the 149th Kentucky Derby.

Tickets are \$200, with pony pricing at \$150. A variety of sponsorships also are available. Visit bit.ly/433Y6TG for details.

— Ted O'Neil



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ULS on to states

The FIRST Robotics team from University Liggett School picked up its second win of the season by finishing first in the Macomb Community College District event the weekend of April 1. The team will be in Saginaw this weekend for the state championships, then in Houston April 19 to 22, to defend its 2022 world championship.

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Farms officers awarded for 2022 life-saving, arrest efforts

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — For his 22 years as a member of the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team, Sgt. Frank Zielinski was among 16 Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers awarded for their efforts in 2022, during the city's March council meeting.

"He has been involved in hundreds of callouts and has served on the team as a breacher, sniper, negotiator, assistant team leader and, finally, team leader," Director John Hutchins said of Zielinski, who was honored with a director's citation. "Since becoming the team leader, no gunshots were fired by team members during countless contacts with armed offenders."

Similarly receiving a director's citation in recognition of his past seven years on the SRT — during which he's served as a sniper, gas and less-than-lethal operator, and instructor — was Lt. Wes Kipke.

Among the several violent incidents he was instrumental in the peaceful resolution of, Hutchins noted, were two separate barricaded gunman situations in Harper Woods last year, during which there were shots fired and



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

From left, PSO Keith Colombo, PSO Jeff Van De Mark, Detective Derek Lazarski, PSO Brandon Coats, PSO Will Madsen, PSO Mike Ryan, PSO Bryan Orłowski, PSO Jim LaBeau, K-9 handler Rich Rosati with Rocco — although not receiving awards, the two are celebrated members of the department — PSO Kris Desmadryl, Sgt. Frank Zielinski, PSO Jon Ross, PSO Paul Reygaert and Lt. Wes Kipke. Also awarded but not pictured are Lt. Thomas Dionne, PSO James Corbett and Civilian Inmate Dispatcher Patrick Hughes.

fatalities. For these, Kipke additionally earned a departmental commendation.

In the first incident, the home had been set on fire and the suspect was shooting at responding officers. Kipke used his expertise with a 40mm launcher to provide cover and ventilate sections of the house, while other SRT members extinguished the fire, before Kipke and others entered to extricate multiple victims.

In the second incident, the suspect was found hiding under the basement stairs, threatening

both suicide and to point his gun at SRT members.

"At one point during negotiations, the suspect was offered a cigarette and as he placed the gun on his lap, Lt. Kipke hit the suspect with a less-than-lethal round, temporarily stunning him and allowing SRT members to take control of the suspect," Hutchins said. "Lt. Kipke's actions resulted in no further loss of life at both of these incidents and he is commended for his expertise, restraint and professionalism."

A number of officers also receiving awards were called to a Muir resi-

dence May 5, for a man who was bleeding profusely from a medical port that had become dislodged from his arm. Even with his wife applying pressure, the bleeding was significant. Upon arrival, Lt. Thomas Dionne immediately applied one tourniquet, and later a second, to stop the bleeding, as PSO Jon Ross continually applied pressure.

"Hospital ER staff stated the officers' actions had saved the man's life," Hutchins noted, as Dionne and Ross were honored with life-saving awards.

Also at the scene, PSO Bryan Orłowski, PSO James Corbett and PSO Keith Colombo were awarded departmental citations.

For their successful teamwork, Detective Derek Lazarski, PSO Jeff Van De Mark, PSO Kris Desmadryl, PSO Paul Reygaert and Civilian Inmate Dispatcher Patrick Hughes received departmental citations.

Officers responded to an area of Moross June 14, after Hughes received a report that an unknown suspect wearing a construction vest had gone to a residence and asked for money.

As he fielded reports of the subject being spotted in different locations — including the discovery of a yellow construction vest

on the floor of an open attached garage where a bicycle had gone missing — officers located the man at Mack and Moross and in possession of property indicating he may have committed additional home invasions.

"Once at the station, it was determined that the suspect had a lengthy criminal history and was currently on a tether from a previous home invasion," Hutchins reported. "Teamwork and swift action taken by these officers resulted in a quick arrest and return of property to the owner."

As can be expected of a lake community, four officers — Orłowski, PSO Mike Ryan, PSO Will Madsen and PSO Brandon Coats — received departmental citations for rescue efforts out of Lake St. Clair last year.

When weather and lake conditions took a turn for the worse Aug. 18, three adult kayakers became stranded 75 yards from shore near Harbor Hill, unable to move in any meaningful direction and taking on water.

The four officers, using ropes and a rescue disk, eventually were able to get the three up against the breakwall and onto shore, despite large waves pounding them against the wall.

"All of the occupants were uninjured and the

officers even managed to successfully salvage the kayaks by utilizing equipment from our engine," Hutchins said.

However, not all officers were awarded for their efforts while in uniform.

Commended with a departmental citation for his quick thinking and willingness to take action while off duty, PSO Jim LaBeau noticed smoke coming from his neighbor's garage last November, pried open the door and managed to extinguish the blaze prior to the fire department's arrival.

Additionally receiving a director's merit award, Ryan also applied for and was awarded a \$49,000 grant from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to fund the purchase and implementation of vehicle extrication and stabilization equipment.

"Grosse Pointe Farms had previously depended on mutual aid requests in the past when these life-saving and time-sensitive tools were needed," Hutchins said. "PSO Ryan's efforts and initiative enabled the department to purchase — at minimal cost to the city — our own equipment, which will aid first responders in rescuing trapped victims of accidents on both land and in the water."

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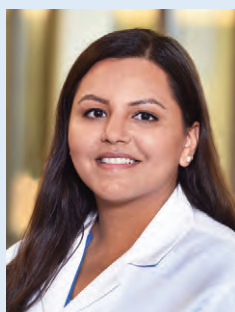
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John 5 is 'Home Sweet Home' with Mötley Crüe

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

John Lowery has been primed for his new gig as long as he can remember.

Earlier this year, the Grosse Pointe native — he grew up on Wellington in the City — filled the studded leather boots of Mick Mars as the new guitarist of Mötley Crüe. The heavy metal band debuted in 1981, and Lowery — whose stage name is John 5 — has been a fan ever since.

"It's been great," he said, "but I'll tell ya, I didn't have to learn one song because I knew all of the songs already, because I'd been playing them at The War Memorial Battle of the Bands since 1983."

Starry Eyes

Lowery recalls with clarity the excitement he felt laying eyes on his first guitar.

He was 7. It was Christmastime.

"I'd go snooping around for gifts, like any kid would do," he recalled. "I was standing at the side of my parents' bed and I saw a guitar case. I opened it up and was just so excited. It was just a couple nights before Christmas and they didn't hide it very well, so I didn't feel bad about finding it."

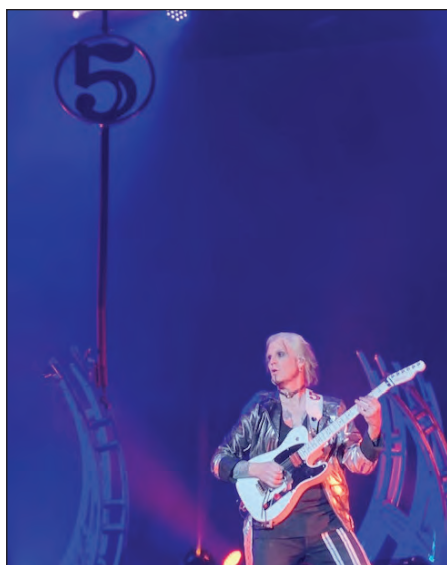
"... I loved guitar so much, I just loved anything to do with music," he continued. "I was really obsessed with it. That Christmas morning, I got the guitar and I just never put it down ever since."

"It was weird; he just took to it," added Lowery's sister, Mary Kay McEachern, a Grosse Pointe Park resident. "I remember him making cereal with it strapped on. ...



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARY KAY MCEACHERN

Top left, Mary Kay McEachern and her brother, John Lowery, aka John 5, backstage at one of his shows. Above, Grosse Pointe native John 5 is the newest member of the iconic band, Mötley Crüe. Left, bassist Nikki Sixx and John 5 perform during a recent show.



Everybody knew him as the kid who played guitar. It's all he ever did."

Despite his love for music, Lowery passed on joining the band at Grosse Pointe South.

"He just was always in rock bands," his sister said. "They would play in clubs in Hamtramck and they would have to sneak him in because he was too young."

Lowery knew he was destined for a career in the music industry, but a rough airplane flight to

Palm Springs as a child made him leery about traveling.

"I knew I wanted to be in music, even when I was so young," he said. "I knew in music you had to travel a lot and I didn't like to travel. I thought maybe I could do other things with guitar."

The 1991 film "Session Man" gave Lowery an idea.

"It's about this guitar player, this session guy," he said. "That's what he did for a living and I

thought, "That's what I want to do."

A few years after Lowery's first band, Dirty Trixx, won Battle of the Bands at The War Memorial, Lowery made the move to Los Angeles and became a session musician, performing in recording studios.

"It was difficult and it wasn't," he said of the move. "I had such an amazing upbringing. My parents have always been so very supportive. I loved my parents so

much and my family. It wasn't like, 'I'm leaving; they don't understand me.' It was the opposite. They were so supportive. Plus, they know I didn't do drugs or drink or smoke, so they weren't worried in that sense.

"I would share my ups and downs with them and my experiences," he added. "It was really nice and pretty wonderful."

Time for Change

Since his move to California at age 18, the guitarist has worked for a variety of big-name acts, from Wilson Phillips and Rick Springfield to Lita Ford, Garbage, Filter and Steve Perry.

As he matured, he embraced traveling and began playing on the road. He spent time touring with Marilyn Manson, who gave him his moniker, and established a solo career, recording and touring with his band, John 5 and The Creatures. He has released 13 solo albums, two of them live. The past 17 years, he's toured with Rob Zombie.

"Everyone I've played with I've been a fan of and I think that's maybe a reason I did get a chance to write or record with them, because I knew them in my mind so well," he said. "I knew everything about them

because I was a fan. That helped a lot."

The latest step in his career is no different; Lowery not only is a longtime fan of the Crüe, but also a friend.

"I've known Nikki (Sixx) for so long," he said. "I've been very close to him, so we talk every day. You forget he's in this huge band and he's Nikki Sixx, because we talk about stupid stuff all the time, and then you remember."

When the Mötley Crüe biopic, "The Dirt," was to be released, Sixx asked Lowery to co-write a song for it. It was nothing new; the two have paired up to write for artists.

A song was written and the movie was a hit, leading to a massively successful 2022 Stadium Tour with Def Leppard. However, amidst worsening health issues, founding guitarist Mick Mars had had enough.

"Everybody knows Mick is having his problems, which is very sad," Lowery said. "I can't believe this guy, with this horrible disease (ankylosing spondylitis). I don't even want to go on stage when I have a stomachache let alone this horrible disease he has. So he just retired and then Nikki asked if I wanted to be part of it. Of their music, their look, everything about them

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Left, John Lowery made a stop at his alma mater, Grosse Pointe South High School, during a visit home. Right, Lowery getting press as a teen juxtaposed with his cover of Guitar Player magazine.

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Social group seeks new members

April 14 Presidents' Party open to community

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There's an outgoing, fun-loving, freewheeling collection of Grosse Pointers who seek like-minded folks to join their ranks.

The Sociable Scoundrels seek new members to participate in events throughout the year, from bowling to picnics to parties galore. They are sociable, after all, so the more, the merrier.

Early days

The Sociable Scoundrels first found life in 1956, as a way to gather neighbors together. Though it was exclusive to Grosse Pointe Shores residents for a time, over the years membership has spread to include residents of all five Pointes.

Presidencies, held by men for nearly 40 years, have included women since 1994, and, with the exception of one year, couples since 1995.

This year's co-presidents, Laura Smigielski, and her partner, Ray England, have been members some 25 years. "We were new to the Shores, in our early 30s," said Smigielski of their origins to the club.

England had just settled in to his first house in the Shores when a neighbor across the street approached, excitedly informing him, "You need to join the Sociable Scoundrels."

"That much-needed welcome was the beginning of a warm camaraderie and introduction to a fun, neighborhood, adult, social club," Smigielski recalled. "Fast forward 25 years later and it's our time to be president."

Since the start of the Scoundrels, presidents go by nicknames, such as



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LAURA SMIGIELSKI

Above, members of Sociable Scoundrels attended the Woodward Dream Cruise last year as one of their outings. Top, musician Dan Tillary will perform during the Scoundrels' Presidents' Party April 14.

The Diplomat, The Professor, The Super Grandpa or The Lefty. More recent presidents have been dubbed The Cyclists, The Card Sharks and The Snowbirds.

"They choose what they want to be known as," Smigielski said.

She and England are The Renovators.

The moniker stuck partly because, through the years, England has completely renovated the exterior of his house, but also because Smigielski is trying to renovate the club and attract new members. With a background in marketing, she volunteered to serve as membership chairman.

Who's who, what's what

While membership is open to adults throughout the Pointes, it is not a family-oriented group; in other words, it's not for kids, Smigielski said.

"But we are looking for younger members in their 30s and 40s," she

added.

Most members are couples, but singles and widows "looking for companionship and fun with other people" also are welcome.

Events are planned by presidents, who keep some traditional events, but also add their own flare to the year's offerings. One new event this year included drinks at Michigan By the Bottle and primo seats to the Woodward Dream Cruise. The group also met for a picnic and live music at Ford House, Oktoberfest at Dragon's Landing, Christmas dinner at Trattoria Serventi followed by a holiday concert at Grosse Pointe North High School and a St. Patrick's Day "preview party" at Pat O'Brien's Tavern.

"But bowling is our main thing," Smigielski noted. "We bowl for six weeks, starting the last Wednesday in April, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. For that day, they get a 'membership' to the

club; they bowl, they can use the dining service. Then after six weeks, we have a bowling banquet and install new officers at Bayview Yacht Club."

Smigielski said she's pushing for new members because, coming out of the pandemic, people are looking to reconnect again with their neighbors.

"And not just in the Shores, but in the whole community," she added.

That's one of the reasons she's been a member so long.

"I really like getting to know people and nurturing those friendships," she said. "It's about enjoying different activities together. We all love the community we're living in. ... You feel this bond. I don't know if it's because the group has been around so long, but you feel really connected to each other. These are deep friendships, but what ties us together is our love of the community."

Plus, there's a low com-



What is a Sociable Scoundrel?

Once a person has ...
learned to care for the family,
become a good neighbor,
fulfilled all duties to family and state,
learned the sad things as well as the glad things,
developed a sociable way of life,
learned the innermost secrets of living,
developed a good taste for superb Bourbon, love for a dry Martini, a Manhattan or a stately beer,
harmonized vocally and danced at parties with neighbors,
golfed, bowled, played cards and exchanged tall stories with neighbors,
and developed a fine heart for good sociability, friendship and harmony ...
Then, that person is a sociable scoundrel!

Revised and reprinted for the general information of new members. Credit and acknowledgement to the late Jack Schwartz, historian.

mitment level, she added. "The president plans different functions and you decide if you go or don't go," she said. "You pick and choose which events you'd like to attend. The cost is \$70 per couple for the year and we try to get you out to different venues and clubs."

Party time
Smigielski and England will host their Presidents' Party, which is open to anyone interested in learning more about the group, from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, April 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event includes chef-attended food stations, a cash bar and live music by Dan Tillary.

"Usually the Presidents' Party is at someone's house," Smigielski said. "We wanted to go larger, to say, 'We're here and we're eager to meet you.'

Let's get back to reconnecting with people." Tickets will not be available at the door. Cost is \$45 for members, \$55 for guests. Tickets may be purchased until the day before the event by emailing laura_smigielski@yahoo.com or calling or texting (313) 657-0751.

"It's a Friday night, the entertainment is really good," she added. "It's going to be a lovely evening."

Those who wish to skip the dinner, but still want to mingle are invited to purchase afterglow tickets for \$25. The afterglow, from 9 to 11 p.m., includes live music and dessert.

"The Sociable Scoundrels are still enduring after COVID and are still eager to welcome people," Smigielski said. "Mix and mingle with the Scoundrels and see what we're about. There are a lot of laughs when we get together."

AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

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

◆ Nooks & Crannies guided tours are offered

at 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Sundays until May 28. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$9 for children; admission for members is reduced.

◆ Storytime: "The

Earth Gives More," by Sue Fliess, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through April 25.

◆ Ballroom Dance: Tango, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 6 to 27. Cost is \$40 for members,

\$48 for nonmembers.

◆ 10 Out of 10 Tour, 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 7 to July 29. Explore the Ford family's home while learning about 10 artifacts. Admission fees vary.

◆ Garden Workshop: Native Plants, 1 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Participants will learn how to assess the conditions of their gardening space and prepare the site for planting. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for nonmembers.

◆ Coffee with Collections, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27. Members are invited to enjoy coffee with the Collections staff, who preserve and maintain the historical elements of Ford House. Admission is \$20.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

The Family Center

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

The Family Center

hosts Preschool

Playtime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, through May 17. Structured playtime with parachute games, songs and stories is led by Danielle Mitchelson. The group is free, but registration is appreciated.

The Family Center presents a Community Book Club meeting based on "The Gifts of Imperfection: Let go of who you think you are supposed to be and embrace who you are," by Brené Brown, from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. RSVP to info@familycenterweb.org or call (313) 447-1374.

Questers

Pettipointe Questers #243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6, at Anne Ryan's home. Phyllis Barkey, tea director at The Whitney, will present, "History of J. L. Hudson Co. and of a Spot of Tea." Lunch will follow the meeting and talk. Quester groups meet monthly; there are five groups on the east side of Detroit. Questers, founded in 1944, stimulates appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourages the preservation of histori-

cal landmarks. Email pettipointequesters@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ Noon to 6 p.m. Friday, April 7, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 10, Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, 350 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 14, Our Lady of Hope Church, 28301 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Library

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

◆ Calligraphy Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Ewald, 15175 E.

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'Missing the Pointe' podcast a walk down memory lane

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Days gone by are the focus of a new podcast hosted by a trio of friends with history in Grosse Pointe.

Like riding their bikes to Bob's Drugs and leaving them on the sidewalk while they scooped up handfuls of their favorite candies inside. Or enjoying a meal at Club 500 or Sveden House or Moy's. Or making up games to play outside and staying out until the streetlights came on.

"Missing the Pointe" was created in December and features recorded chats among longtime friends Tom Nixon, Jim Clor and Roger Fong. They shoot the breeze about a variety of topics, but all of their conversations are filled with light-hearted laughter and nostalgic trips down memory lane.

"This is what Jim and Roger and I do for fun anyway," Nixon said. "We can talk for hours. We've been doing this for years, only now we're recording it."

The idea came about last year during the 100th anniversary of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. The district profiled several noteworthy alumni and their stories spurred conversations about starting a podcast.

"The Grosse Pointe Alumni & Friends Association said they'd sponsor us and give us any support we need," Nixon said. "All we really needed was an excuse to start a podcast."

Nixon, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, enlisted former Grosse Pointers Clor and Fong. Together, they created the first episode, which focused on Eastland Center.

"What better way to kick off a podcast about Grosse Pointe than starting it in Harper Woods?" Clor laughed.

The trio — all 1988 high school grads — record conversations that last an hour or more. They do it via Zoom, as Clor lives in Florida and Fong lives in New Jersey. Nixon gets first edit, cutting out dead air or parts of the conversation that turn down a rabbit hole. Next, Clor gets his hands



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Clockwise from top left are "Missing the Pointe" hosts Jim Clor, Tom Nixon and Roger Fong.

on the recording, whitening it down further, but adding commercial jingles or other relevant sound bites.

The final versions run around a half hour. New podcasts are posted every other week.

The group has some experience combining nostalgia and pop culture with social media outlets. Nixon's Laugh Chat, which celebrated pop culture, garnered 55,000 followers on Facebook, but eventually ran out of steam.

Clor started the Facebook page "GPN: Old, but still alive." He mirrored it after the "Grosse Pointe North Gone But Not Forgotten" Facebook page, which honors the memory of former students who have died.

"They do such a good job with that page," Clor said of the latter, "but after a while it gets depressing. I thought we needed to do something positive, so I created something for all of us who are still alive. So many people jumped into that."

Clor said the podcast is for people who love nostalgia and loved growing up in Grosse Pointe. Graduates of Grosse Pointe North or Grosse Pointe South should get a kick out of it, but attendance in GPPSS isn't necessary.

"You don't even have to be from Grosse Pointe to listen," Clor said. "... It

doesn't matter where you're from, if you grew up in the '70s to the '90s, you'll find something you can relate to in this podcast."

There are seven episodes posted, the latest exploring mix tapes.

Guests are welcome on the show. They've already interviewed Curtiss Alden, who was part of the first graduating class of Grosse Pointe North. He chatted about helping decide the school colors, logo and mascot, as well as naming the yearbook, Valhalla.

"Our goal is to find people with great stories who want to share them," Clor said. "We've got old teachers coming on board, but anybody that wants to jump on can jump on."

"There are so many famous or quasi-famous people from Grosse Pointe," Nixon added, including crime fiction author Megan Abbott; Sandra Joseph, the longest-running leading lady on Broadway; Gregg Alexander, frontman of the New Radicals; and others.

"The person who invented the iPod went to South," Nixon added. "... We could talk for hours about Leather Tuscadero," noting the "Happy Days" character was portrayed by Grosse Pointe South grad Suzi Quatro.

"It would be great to talk to some people who've done really amaz-

ing things, who have amazing stories," Clor said. "Maybe their parents owned a store or used to own a business and can give interesting stories."

Added Nixon, "The reality is we want to bring the community together with this. ... There's so much negativity in the world, especially online. We wanted to create something completely positive, fun and funny. Something to celebrate the good things in life. Maybe that's too sentimental, but we need to have a space like this, to have fun."

"Sure, there are some serious things to talk about, but this isn't going to be that podcast," Clor noted. "This is where you can turn off your brain and jump in this time machine with us."

Those who have topics to suggest or would like to share their own stories on "Missing the Pointe" should locate the Facebook page, "Missing the Pointe: A Grosse Pointe Podcast." They are encouraged to join the group and leave comments or direct messages.

"This thing Tom and I and Roger have, I don't know if it's a talent or a curse, remembering odd Grosse Pointe facts in history," Clor said. "There's a lot to talk about we haven't gotten to yet."

"... We're going to do a whole group of people

who've been married for 25 years, have them as guests on the show — couples you remember from high school."

"We also want to try to have a reunion of high school sweethearts and have them play 'The Newlywed Game,'" Nixon added. "We're looking for long-lost high school sweethearts who want to come on."

Describing childhood in the Pointes as being "free-range kids," Nixon said feedback for the podcast has been exceptional. Longtime friends have shared their own memories, but so have people he's never met before.

"They're finding us on Facebook and saying, 'Thank you for doing this,'" he said. "So far the feedback is great. People are relating to us."

"We were very blessed to grow up in that town

during that era, something close to the 'Leave it to Beaver' era, where it was safe," Clor said. "We were outside until the streetlights came on. We didn't all have phones 24/7 and we made up games to play. We had to be creative. ... We were left alone to do our own thing. This was a good place to grow up. That's why there's excellent stories."

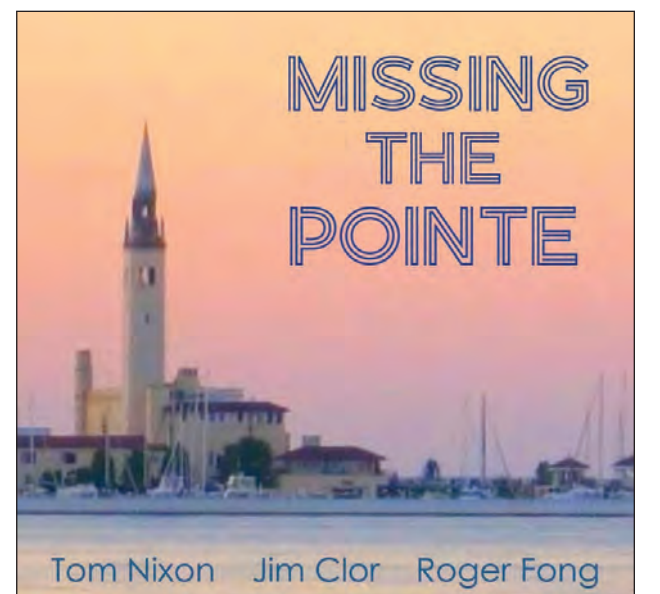
"... The goal for me is to get as many stories about Grosse Pointe," he continued. "For the first time in my life, I feel like I'm on a timeline. A lot of people are starting to go and with them go their stories, their memories. I want people to share their stories while they can, while they still remember them. And I hope kids today pick up on it and think it's interesting."

"My vision is to have fun and keep going," Nixon said. "Whatever it becomes, it becomes. Back when we started, I was thinking about how do we grow this to be meaningful? Is doing a podcast about Grosse Pointe too niche? Is doing a podcast about nostalgia too broad? But this cross-section is super satisfying for us to do and for people to listen to."

Listeners are numbering into the thousands and growing, Nixon said. "I'd just do it for fun," Clor said. "I'd be thrilled if 10 people listened."

"Missing the Pointe" is available on Spotify, iTunes and other platforms where podcasts are found.

"If somebody wants to sponsor us, we are not against that," Clor added.



Former Gov. Snyder to address Men's Club on cybersecurity April 11

Question: What does an energetic former governor of the state of Michigan do after his term of office ends?

Answer: He returns to his entrepreneurial roots.

In July 2022, former Gov. Rick Snyder and his business associates founded the cybersecurity start-up SensCy, to help small- and medium-

sized businesses — SMOs — thwart cyber attacks on their firms and secure the information technology arms of their operations.

Snyder noted at the time that SMOs often find cyber solutions to be expensive, complicated and time-consuming, unlike large organizations. The goal of SensCy

is to provide affordable, easily understood solutions and personal attention that will result in a proactive cybersecurity culture. More than 60 percent of small businesses have reported at least one cyberattack during the previous year and 43 percent of all data breaches occur in small firms.

Tuesday, April 11, Snyder and an associate will appear virtually via video conference at the luncheon meeting of the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, which begins at 11 a.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. They will discuss the issue of cybersecurity and its impact on small- and

mid-sized businesses.

All are welcome to attend. Reservations are \$20 per ticket and may be made by calling Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or emailing gpmcattendance@gmail.com.

Prior to serving as governor, Snyder was involved in a number of business and entrepreneurial organizations and

ventures including Coopers & Lybrand; The University of Michigan; Gateway, Inc., where he served as executive vice president, president and chief operating officer and chairman of the board; Avalon Investments and Ardesta LLC, which invested in 20 start-up companies through 2011.

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Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ On Writing Well, 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Capturing the Moment Photography

Workshop, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Girls Reading Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 10, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Appy Hour, 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Thumbprint Art, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday,

April 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Science Fiction Book Club, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 3D Thursday, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting 5:30 to 7

p.m. Wednesday, April 12. The program, "Meet GP Village Merchants," features five local business owners. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Jardinieres

La Société des Jardinieres hosts its first meeting of 2023 at noon Thursday, April 13, at the home of member Cheryl Nelson. The program is "Spring Inspiration," followed by lunch provided by the hostess.

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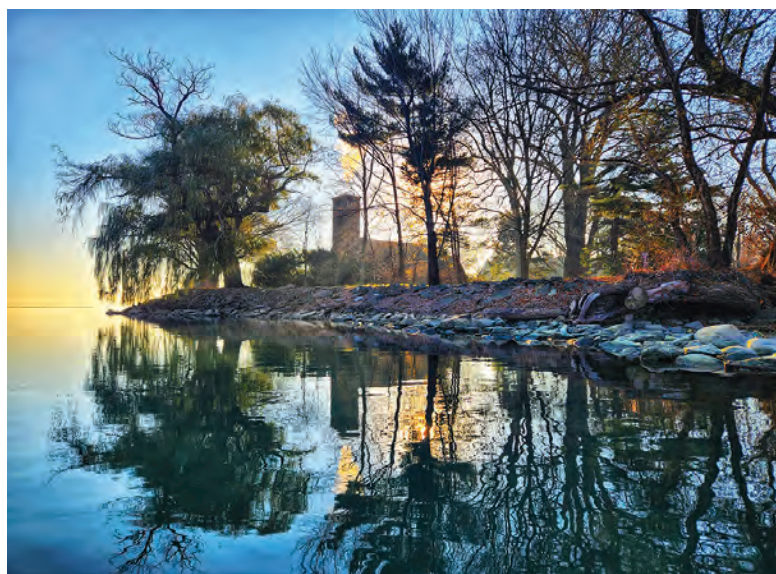
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PHOTOS BY LARRY GRAESSLE



Top photo: a wintry scene on the lake; circled image: photographer Larry Graessle; above: a majestic Lake St. Clair sunrise.



A mystical scene at Ford Cove, above.



Geese swim in the waters of Lake St. Clair with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in the background, above.

Woods photographer enjoys retirement one beautiful image at a time

By Donna Zetterlund
Special Writer

To follow Larry Graessle's social media page is to gasp in awe regularly at the familiar locations in his stunning photography. Each picture is bathed in an otherworldly beauty that magnifies his appreciation for living amid the natural wonder that is the shoreline of Lake St. Clair. Graessle's gift for grasping the breathtaking essence of the scenes around him, reminds us of our own good fortune living near these spectacular surroundings, made even more alluring by his vision and talent.

Graessle, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident for 32 years, has been honing his photography skills since he first picked up a Cannon AE1 camera in 1984, and has been making amazing images ever since. A self-taught artist, his favorite subjects are sunrises and sunsets bursting with color, native birds and the dramatic seasonal changes that affect the lake area. He calls Lake St. Clair, with its unique changing cloud patterns, "a jewel" for all who draw inspiration from it.

Retired after a 40-plus-year career in banking, Graessle has also seemed to perfect the art of living the good life. His photos depict lots of activity, enjoyment and enthusiasm for making the most of life. They showcase the interesting faces and places he encounters on his regular adventures near and far. From

the Corktown St. Patrick's Day Parade to the Arnold Palmer Invitational in Florida, kayaking on St. Clair to bicycling along Lake Shore, shot after shot reveal that life is amazing if you know where to look.

"I believe we are blessed with unique and special views on an almost daily basis. Photography allows me to preserve these views and also share them with others," Graessle said. His extensive catalogue of images pay homage to a love and gratitude for people and nature. "I am a very appreciative inhabitant of this beautiful earth," he said.

For more on Graessle's images, contact him at larry@kayaklarry.com or visit kayaklarry.com online.



Kayaking in the fall, above.



Larry Graessle's bike is a recurring element in his striking photos. Here it is parked in front of the waters of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.



Second Time Around

By Margie Reins Smith

Three things I swore I'd never say

1. "Please pass the Brussels sprouts."

I grew up hating these tiny, tightly wrapped, stinky green vegetables. I didn't like cabbage either, and Brussels sprouts were often described as little cabbages. My mother dumped Brussels sprouts in a pot of hot water and boiled the life out of them. After they died, they were fished out of the pot with a slotted spoon and plopped on my plate where they rolled around, ignored. Sometimes I could sneak a few to our dog. Sometimes I could tuck a few sprouts under the rim of my dinner plate, where they wouldn't be discovered until my mother cleared the table.

I'd be excused from the table after cleaning my plate (which was required back in the '50s because "CHILDREN ARE STARVING IN EUROPE.") I'd be long gone by the time my mother found the stray sprouts.

By the way, my friend Penny challenged her father's claim about those starving children in Europe. She looked him in the eye and demanded: "Name two!"

Penny and I have since discussed this bygone parental cliché and we still can't figure out how one single starving European kid was going to survive if we ate all our disagreeable vegetables. "If they're starving," she said, "let's send them some food."

With maturity, I developed a fondness for Brussels sprouts. It depends on the preparation, I discovered. Instead of boiling the little critters into submission, people began grilling them and roasting them and steaming them. They started adding good stuff like cheese and bacon and balsamic vinegar and bread crumbs and butter and spices. I have an excellent recipe for Brussels sprouts that I stumbled upon, by chance, while dithering around one morning on Facebook. It's at the end of this article.

2. "Because I said so."

When I was a child, this answer to the question, "Why?" was ubiquitous. Everybody's parents said it. I wanted a reason. Why couldn't I cross that busy four-lane highway by myself? Instead, my mother should have said, "Because you'll get run over by a car and die a bloody, painful, horrible death and I'll really miss you." Why did I have to come inside the house while a low-flying plane dusts our entire neighborhood with DDT? Not because my mother

said so. She should have said, "Because if it kills insects, it's poison and I'm sure it's not good for children."

I swore I'd never say, "Because I said so," to my daughters.

But of course I did. My children also bristled. Often it was the answer I needed — pronto — and it was right there on the edge of my brain, transferred genetically to that spot by an X chromosome that passed unchanged from mother to daughter. "Because I said so" set me up on a pedestal, too. I was the wise adult, the all-knowing mother who was smarter and more experienced in all the ways of the world.

Most of the time I was no such thing. I was winging it, just as my mother was.

3. "I'm an old woman."

I've reached the age where the phrase, "She died too young" will not be verbalized at my funeral.

I never intended to be this old. It couldn't happen to me. Apparently, most young people don't think they'll ever be old. They should pay closer attention to their parents and grandparents. This, too, will happen to you. Ready or not.

I didn't have much sympathy for the hardships encountered by my parents as they aged. They couldn't open jars, they cherished afternoon naps, they had appointments with dozens of different doctors, each one ministering to a specific body part. They had an impressive lineup of pills and potions on the bathroom shelf.

I will never be such a sissy, I thought. I'll never be an old woman.

Now I can't open potato chip bags or cereal packages or those tightly sealed packets of almonds that flight attendants pass out on airplanes. I can't unscrew jars, can't sit on the floor with any expectation of getting up again without help, can't climb up on a chair to get the Crock Pot from the top shelf, can't carry the Christmas tree up from the basement. I can't see or hear without hearing aids and reading glasses.

I have a plastic pill container with compartments labeled S, M, T, W, Th, F, S, just as each of my parents had.

My hair is thinning. My skin is dry and wrinkly. Hips and knees and hands and shoulders hurt. Sometimes I can't remember a name or a place or



the title of a movie until the middle of the night, after going through the alphabet or, finally, Googling the damn thing. I hope I'm never in such a hurry that I have to actually run.

It's OK, though. I'm not complaining. I'm very fond of living. My life is full and rewarding. At my funeral, I hope people say, "She was old. She was a really, really old woman."

SMASHED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

2 lb. Brussels sprouts
2 tbsp. olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. chopped thyme
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 C. shredded mozzarella
1/4 C. freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish

Preheat oven to 425 degrees and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or spray with Pam. Fill a large bowl with ice and water.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add Brussels sprouts and cook until bright green and tender, about 10 minutes. Add to ice bath to cool, then drain.

Toss blanched Brussels sprouts with olive oil, garlic and thyme and spread on a baking sheet. Using the end of a small drinking glass, press down on the sprouts to smash them into a flat patty. Season with salt and pepper, then sprinkle cheeses on top.

Bake until the bottoms of the sprouts are crispy and the cheese is melted and golden, about 20 minutes. Garnish with parsley and serve warm.

These are too good to pass to the dog or tuck under the rim of your dinner plate.

Strength training useful for seniors

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regular physical activity is one of the most important things older adults can do to protect their overall health. Exercise helps to delay or prevent many of the conditions that come with age. Adults ages 65 and older should aim for the recommended 150 minutes a week of moderate-intensity activity, such as brisk walking, and at least two days of activities that strengthen muscles.

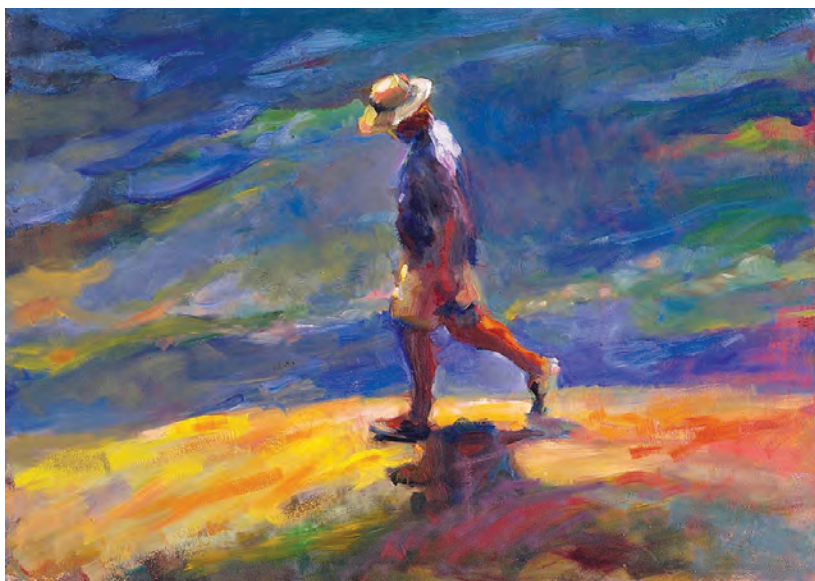
When it comes to muscle strengthening, seniors can follow these safety guidelines as they embark on their strength-training journeys.

Firstly, have a discussion with your general practitioner about your fitness goals. Your doctor can recommend strategies that are safe and point out any exercises that may compromise your overall health. Then start out slowly, even using just body weight, to provide resistance. Resistance exercises can include squats, crunches, modified pushups, planks, and lunges. When you're ready to move on to something else, consider resistance bands as an alternative to free weights.

Working with a certified personal trainer can help you learn how to use free weights and strength-training machines correctly. A trainer also can create a routine that includes the right number of sets and repetitions to gradually build and maintain muscle mass. If you decide against hiring a trainer, gym staff members may guide you through equipment and demonstrate proper form.

Do what you can, don't hurt yourself and just keep moving to make senior years golden.

Leaving his mark



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Shores artist and photographer John Osler spent a lifetime creating works that focused on the dignity and wonder of the individual, with a personal philosophy of "people before stuff." From jazz legends to Congressmen, marginalized members of society to those closest to his heart, he imbued "love and meaning" into each painting and photograph he created. As the house artist for the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, he captured the magical presence of locally-performing musicians for decades. Osler passed away recently at the age of 87, and we honor him today by sharing one of his lovely works, above. To see more of Osler's art, visit johnosler.com.

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Questions about Medicare? The Helm's got the answers

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There are a lot of options and details and decisions to make when it comes to applying for Medicare. The process, from selection to application to enrollment, can be overwhelming to someone not familiar with it.

That's where Aurelie Saigh steps in. As the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program counselor/specialist at The Helm, Saigh gets myriad phone calls for myriad reasons, taking time with each call to answer questions and offer assistance.

"People call every day," she said. "They're thinking about retiring, they're turning 65, their spouse died and they don't know their coverage. ... There are many reasons to get into Medicare. I help people daily, whatever I can do for them."

The crux of Saigh's job is educating people about the ins and outs of Medicare.

"We're not insurance agents," she said. "We don't represent any drug companies. This is just education."

"I am on staff all year," she added. "I have a small team of counselors who work off site. We help service Medicare people through open enrollment."

Open enrollment is Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. Saigh and her team of five counselors attend monthly training sessions so they may skillfully and capably guide clients through making Medicare decisions. They do not make decisions for people, but help explain available options.

"We try to simplify it, break down the parts of Medicare — the costs, the types of coverage you can choose from, how to apply," she said. "I can help from beginning to end, to apply and enroll. ... People leave feeling pretty confident."

People may sign up for Medicare as early as three months before they turn

65, and up to three months after they turn 65. Younger people who are disabled may apply earlier.

Saigh explains to clients the basics of Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

"I go over both and lay it out for them, cost wise," she said. "I show them the differences, the pros and cons. They decide what they want to do."

One recent client told Saigh her current plan wasn't covering her prescriptions, but Saigh was able to find a plan that would cover the drugs, saving the client thousands of dollars.

"She went from no coverage to a lot of coverage," she said.

Not only does Saigh handle daily phone calls, but she offers one-on-one assistance when needed. She also is available to help clear up any confusion people may have.

"It's not free," she noted of Medicare coverage. "People think it's not going to cost them anything."

"And some people get confused with all the advertising on TV," she added. "From October to March is when ads for Advantage Plans run. I get a lot of contact regarding that. They question what they have because of what they're seeing on TV."

Another misconception Saigh hoped to clarify involves people older than 65 who are still in the workforce.

"If you're medically covered by your employer or your significant other's employer and you're turning 65, you should apply for (Medicare Part) A, which is hospital (coverage)," she said. "But you don't have to apply for (Medicare Part) B if you're still covered by your employer or spouse's employer, if the company has 20 or more employees. You can stay off B until retirement."

"If there are less than 20 employees, you have to apply for B, but there are avenues for extra help," she added. "And if you don't apply when you need to apply, there's a penalty."



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Saigh helps counsel a client through the Medicare process. She not only explains coverage options, but also can help people apply and enroll in Medicare.

Saigh warned about scammers calling seniors, claiming to be from Medicare or Social Security, asking for personal information.

"Don't switch (coverage) over the phone," she said. "Never give out information to anyone over the phone who's calling you. People think they're talking to Medicare or Social Security, but they're not. Do not give out your Social Security or Medicare number over the phone. Call our team here first."

She noted that many people don't realize they should review their Medicare policies every year during open enrollment. It's like shopping around for better homeowners or car insurance policies.

"During open enrollment, people come in to reassess," Saigh said. "During open enrollment, we see if we can find more suitable coverage, especially direct coverage. The reason is because formularies change all the time with drug companies."

Meaning drugs that used to be covered by a certain plan are no longer covered.

"A lot of people don't know; they just let it roll," she added. "They could be saving a lot of money by looking at it."

"... It's important that people during open enrollment take a look at their Medicare coverage and reach out to The Helm to see if one of our team members can find them a new plan with better coverage," she added. "It's important that people look at their Medicare coverage every year."

To further assist people with their Medicare decisions, The Helm offers several New to Medicare classes throughout the year. The next one takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. The class involves a short PowerPoint presentation, then a longer Q&A session.

"People usually call to follow up with me one on one," Saigh said. "Everybody has a different situation."

She encouraged anyone with questions about Medicare — not just those 65 and older, but adult children with aging parents as well — to check out the class.



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Aurelie Saigh, above, is on staff at The Helm to help people through the Medicare process, from answering questions to assisting with enrollment.

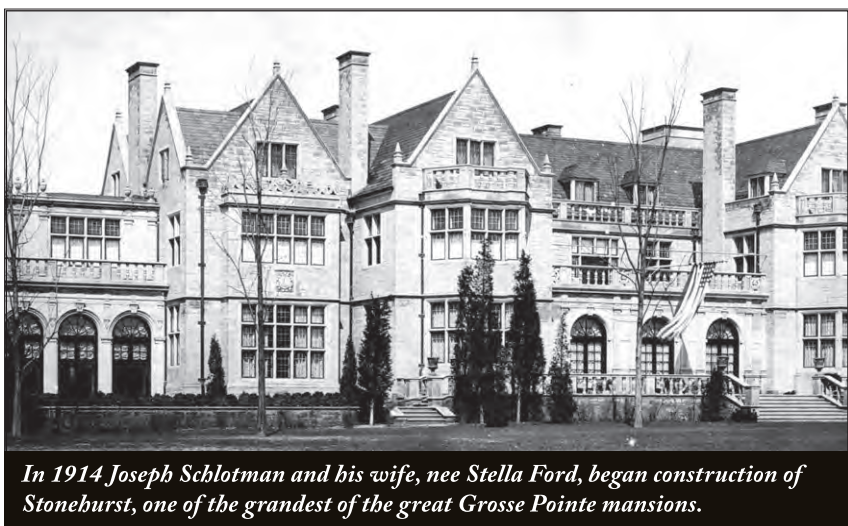
"It's a really good feeling," Saigh said about guiding people through the Medicare process. "People come in really bogged down; they don't know where to begin. It feels good to help them on their journey so they're not worried. They're making their own decisions. It feels good to give back that way."

To register for New to Medicare or to connect with Saigh, call (313) 649-2110 or email asaigh@helmlife.org.

Saigh encouraged people looking to search out information on their own to visit medicare.gov. "It's very informative," she said of the website. "There's so much information there. It can answer any questions."

"Of course, anybody is welcome to call me," she added. "We (The Helm) service Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes, but I also take calls from St. Clair Shores, Detroit, even out of state. If I can't help, I will refer them."

Stonehurst and The Schlotman Family



In 1914 Joseph Schlotman and his wife, nee Stella Ford, began construction of Stonehurst, one of the grandest of the great Grosse Pointe mansions.

The Schlotmans commissioned Architect Albert Spahr of Pittsburgh to design the 40-room manor on the 30-acre site, flanked by the estates of Stella's three siblings. Spahr designed Fairholme for her sister, Hetty (Mrs. Elmer D. Speck), and the home of their brother, Emory Leyden Ford. Sister Nell and her husband, Dr. Harry N. Torrey, hired local architect, John Scott, to design their home, Clairview. The Schlotmans stayed with them while Stonehurst was built.

The Schlotman mansion, which cost an estimated \$2 million, was built 500 feet from the lakeshore. The circular driveway and entrance were on the garden side of the house. The reception room with its elaborately carved fireplace and bronze water nymph fountain looked out through arched doors onto the vast lawn and down toward the lake.

A spacious ballroom occupied the lower floor. On the garden side of the house were the formal gardens, terraces and pond. Further back was the greenhouse complex, the seven-car garage and the head gardener's and chauffeur's houses.

After her husband's death in 1951, Stella Schlotman continued to occupy the mansion and it remained the scene of parties, debuts and charity events. She died in January of 1974 at age 95. A final charitable event was held and the public was allowed a last look at the property. The house was demolished and the property was subdivided into lots for new houses.



Visit a virtual exhibit about Stonehurst



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Planning for all of life's journeys

Courtesy of The Helm

From even before the day we are born, there are plans for life's journey. Painting nurseries, constructing cribs, buying sports equipment or arranging dance lessons, creating education funds, choosing (or rechoosing) a career, buying a car or house. One would think planning would be ingrained in every human being.

Yet, it's easy to stop planning, not plan enough or not even know what to plan for once everyday living takes over. And planning is crucial to living well throughout life's journey.

"People plan so much for things: buying a first car, what college to attend, what to do for a career, marriage, children. But then a career is done, it's time for retirement and we're a bit lost," Dick Rappleye said.

Rappleye and Bob Inskeep will conduct a Purposeful Retirement Workshop, from 1 to 2:45 p.m. Tuesdays, April 11, 18 and 25, at The Helm, to teach how to plan for a rewarding retirement. The workshop is for those nearing retirement, as well as those searching for more in their retirement. Rappleye and Inskeep created this workshop based on their own retirement years and a strong desire to help others have a fulfilling retirement.

"The early sessions focus on self-awareness," Rappleye explained. "We want you to ask who am I and what is it I really want to do? You've worked for so many years and done what others have asked you to do. Retirement is about you, it's your time."

The workshop also will focus on later retirement.

"People are living longer and spend more time in retirement than ever before," Rappleye said. "So not only is it necessary to have a plan for what to do in retirement, you need to plan for the later stages of retirement. Later years of retirement can be expected to be very different from the early years.

"We focus on dealing with loss, grief, medical conditions — a lot of health and wellness issues so people can continue to live safely in their homes," he added. "We discuss relationships and finding a balance, as well as downsizing and decluttering and also touch



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upon having an estate plan in place."

Estate planning is one of the many subjects visited in Financial Planning Information for Seniors, from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Financial Advisor Don Andrysiak will review a variety of topics designed to get the most out of finances in retirement years, from estate planning basics to investment strategies and tools to gifting and transferring wealth to preparing for long-term care.

"Procrastination is a major roadblock to achieving your goals," Andrysiak said. "We get caught up with what we're doing in the moment and say, 'I'll get to that later.' Financial planning is critical to ensuring you do not run out of money in retirement and become a financial liability to others. Are you prepared to properly transfer wealth to the next generation, or do you know how much to earmark for the unexpected health care expenses so you know how much you can spend on the fun stuff?"

Many people are guarded about the specifics of their finances and Andrysiak counsels that's perfectly OK, but most of the time it is beneficial to involve adult children to assist in the planning process and transition after the inevitable.

"It can be uncomfortable for parents and children to discuss these topics, yet it's crucial to discuss as much as possible to make sure those plans are known," Andrysiak said. "Creating

an inventory of the different accounts, properly designating beneficiaries and assuring that estate planning documents are in order and up to date will make that mourning and emotional time much easier."

Andrysiak has lost track of how many times people have told him estate planning is intimidating or complicated. But he assures them there are simple steps to take and they can even generate forms off the internet to make sure the basics are in place.

"Dealing with probate is not fun and can easily be avoided," he said. "Take control of your assets on your terms rather than what your county's probate court decides. A little bit of knowledge and a few easy steps can help avoid all of that."

Being able to stay safe in your home and community is another important aspect of retirement years. A panel of local Realtors, medical experts and public safety officers — including K-9 Officer Rocco — will share tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of a crime, including scams, and things you can do around your home to avoid falls and accidents. Safety and Independence in Your Home takes place 1 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 5.

Visit helmlife.org or call (313) 882-9600 to register for Purposeful Retirement Workshop, Financial Planning for Seniors and/or Safety and Independence in Your Home.

The Helm offers workshop to explain ins, outs of Medicare

Those about to turn 65 are about to become eligible for Medicare. They've probably received numerous correspondence from different insurance companies urging them to sign up for their prescription drug, Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plans. What's a person to do? The Helm can help.

New to Medicare — during which Medicare counselors provide a comprehensive overview of Medicare, including coverage, costs, pros and cons of different optional plans, and how to sign up — is a 90-minute class. The next session takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at The Helm, 158 Ridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The class is free, but space is limited, so call The Helm at (313) 649-2110 or email asaigh@helmlife.org to make a reservation. Two more classes will be scheduled at The Helm in 2023.

The Helm also offers free, individual appointments throughout the year with Medicare counselors to help people understand their options, choose the best plans available and answer specific questions. Contact Aurelie Saigh at asaigh@helmlife.org or (313) 649-2110 to get in touch with a Medicare counselor.

FUNNY side up



A woman told her best friend, "I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. So, I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But by the time I got my leotards on, the class was already over."

- Joke from scarymommy.com

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8B | 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.

Gino Pasquale Santavicca

Gino Pasquale Santavicca, 99, passed away peacefully Monday, March 27, 2023, at home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Gino was born Jan. 6, 1924, in Barisciano, Italy. He arrived in the United States at age 12. He was fiercely proud of his Italian heritage. Gino was one of the founding members of the Bariscianotti Club, eventually serving as president. He was equally proud of his service in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. He worked as an airplane mechanic, specifically assigned to the B-25 (Mitchell) airplane.

Gino's career spanned 50 years with the U.S. government. He was an industrial specialist within the Small Business Administration. Gino also enjoyed a second career at Skyline Electrical Contracting. Moving scissor lifts between job sites gave him great joy.

Gino was a pure reflection of loyalty and love. Married for 70 years to the one love of his life, Amelia, their marriage served as a beautiful model of how to be a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. Gino worked tirelessly to support his family. Working two jobs provided his wife and daughters with the opportunity

to attend college. All four graduated with degrees in education. He beamed with pride whenever speaking of their accomplishments.

While his family and friends are heartbroken there will be no new memories to make, they now celebrate a profound life that touched so many. Gino left an indelible impression on those who knew him and loved him. He lived his life with great vibrancy and was truly part of The Greatest Generation.

Gino was the loving father of Patricia French (Michael), Andrea Jenniches (Bartley III) and Debi Ruggeri (Kerry); cherished "Papa" of Michael French (Monica), Bryan French (Courtney), Marissa Jenniches, Bartley Jenniches IV (Kelly), Lindsey McCall (Ryan), Ashlee McKinley (Brock) and Dino Ruggeri; great-grandfather of Victoria, Juliana, Colin, Carter, Bartley V, Ella, Lyla, Sid, JJ and MJ; and dear brother of Nancy (nee Santavicca) Parpart, the late Carlo Santavicca and the late Dante Santavicca. He was predeceased by his wife, Amelia.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, April 6, at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flow-

ers, memorial donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307, bit.ly/3U30lke; or Midwest Small Breed Rescue Grosse Pointe Park, 11 Sycamore Lane, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Share memories with the family in the online guestbook at wujekcalcaterra.com.

Carol Ann Cooper

Carol Ann Cooper, 89, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, March 15, 2023, surrounded by family. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother and enjoyed a vibrant life brimming with love, adventure, humor and grace.

Carol was born Aug. 30, 1933, in Grosse Pointe, and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1951. She completed her degree from the Christian College in Columbia, Mo., in 1953, where she was part of the Modeling Club and the Michigan Club. Carol had a thirst for adventure; one of her fondest memories was working at Grand Lake Lodge, Colo., during the summer of 1952.

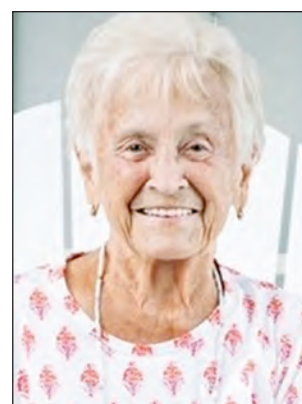
Carol later moved to Saratoga, Calif., where she married her former spouse, Paul Haefner, in 1957. Together they raised five intelligent and



Gino P. Santavicca



Carol Ann Cooper



Joyce Carolyn Osborn

independent children. Eventually, the family settled in Menlo Park, Calif., where Carol lived most of her adult life.

Carol was a driven woman who established a successful career in real estate. While working as an agent for Alain Pinel Real Estate in 1990, she met Kjell Nilsson. The pair fell in love and married in 2000. They remained happily married until her passing.

Carol also built a home in Pine Mountain Lake, Calif., where she hosted annual family reunions. Here, Carol created a place for her loved ones to grow close and make lasting memories. This was one of her greatest joys and she felt proud of her family legacy.

Carol was predeceased by parents, Vera Burroughs and Edward Cooper; sisters, Susan and Jean Cooper; and former spouse, Paul Haefner. She is survived by her children, Dan Haefner, Paula Grohs, Kippy Haefner, Jill Eugenio and Amy Smith; nine grandchildren; and husband, Kjell Nilsson.

Her life and legacy will be celebrated Saturday, April 8, in Redwood City, Calif.

Joyce Carolyn Osborn

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Joyce Carolyn Osborn died peacefully at home Sunday, March 19, 2023, surrounded by family.

Joyce was born May 6, 1933, to Robert and Dorothy Emke. She grew up on the east side of Detroit. After graduating from Southwestern High School in 1950, she attended Alma College where she met the love of her life, Don Osborn. They were married in 1953, and shared a rich and fulfilling life together for 61 years until Don's passing in 2015.

Joyce loved to travel, both in the United States and abroad, and had the opportunity to take numerous trips with Don over the years. She was an avid reader throughout her life, a competitive bridge player and, for many years, enjoyed playing tennis with friends in the Grosse Pointe area. Joyce also loved to knit, especially when projects involved gifts for grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

But what Joyce enjoyed most was spending time with family and friends,

whether entertaining at home, hosting picnics at the Farms Pier, gatherings at a family cottage in Lakeville or family vacations in Kennebunkport, Maine. Joyce always was a source of great joy to those she was with and her presence will be missed by those who deeply loved her.

Joyce was the beloved mother of four, doting grandmother to 13 and proud great-grandmother to nine. She is survived by her children, Lisa Montague (Chris), Mark Osborn (Susan), Donna Wait (Greg) and Julia Cosgrove (Steve); grandchildren, Laura Dingfield (Mark), Jonathan Montague (Katie), Stephen and Benjamin Montague, Blake Osborn (Abbie), Jack and Sarah Osborn, Geoffrey Wait (Andrea), Megan Przebienda (Chris), Lydia Wait, and Olivia, Isabel and Payton Cosgrove; and great-grandchildren, Ellis, Adam and Fritz Dingfield, Nathan and Logan Montague, Samuel and Liam Osborn, and Gregory and Sophie Wait.

A private family service is planned for late May. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, bit.ly/3m3gGL3, or Accent Care Hospice and Palliative Care, 27355 John R Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071.

Michael Thain Cameron

Michael Thain Cameron, 83, of Harbor Springs and Santa Barbara, Calif., passed away peacefully Sunday, March 12, 2023. Mike was born May 24, 1939, in Detroit, to Louis Thain Cameron and Marie E. Cameron. A 1957 graduate of St. Paul High School in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mike attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and graduated in 1961, with a degree in business and political science. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Mike married the love of his life, Martha Cavanagh, in 1974, and the couple resided in Grosse Pointe Farms many years until Mike's retirement. Mike worked for General Motors for 38 years, starting in the Chevrolet Division and retiring as the general director of the Regional



Michael Thain Cameron

Personnel Center and National Benefit Center. He remained a car aficionado throughout his life. Mike served in the Michigan Air National Guard for six years in the area of crash rescue.

After Mike retired, he and Martha moved full-time to the Menominee Beach Association in Harbor Springs, which was a special place to both of them. He invested his time and energy in the Little Traverse Conservancy, serving many years on the board of trustees and the stewardship committee. He was passionate about furthering the LTC mission to protect the natural diversity and beauty of Northern Michigan by preserving significant land areas.

Mike was an avid boater and sailor. He enjoyed many outdoor activities, including fly fishing, kayaking, biking, hiking and skiing. In recent years, Mike developed a keen eye for photography, taking adventurous day trips, often with friends, and capturing stunning images. Mike was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club, Mackinac Island Yacht Club, Little Traverse Bay Yacht Club and Birnam Wood Golf Club.

Mike was predeceased by his beloved wife of 33 years, Martha, who died in 2007; and his half-brother, Louis M. Cameron. He is survived by his step-nieces and nephew, Mary Castle, Jane Cameron and Peter Cameron; and his godchildren, Robert and Stephen Kost. He regarded Robert (Lori) and their daughters, Samantha and Zoe, and Stephen (Beth) and their son, Charles, as family.

A celebration of life will be held this summer in Harbor Springs. Memorials may be made to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Bear Creek Township, MI 49740, or landtrust.org/donate.

Mary Girardot Gallant

April 2, 1936 - March 20, 2023



to many. Mary brought joy through ordinary acts of kindness. Her smile and generous spirit brought delight to those who knew and loved her. Mary is survived by her children and family: Vincent, Jr (Susan), Lauren Celeste and Elise; Carol LeVasseur, Randy; Thomas (Stacey), Marné, Quinn, and Ava; Elizabeth Grundy, Vaughn III, Mary, Thomas, and James; and John (Julie), Jack, Kayla, Isabella, Andrew, Loudon, and Asher.

Mary was dedicated to her family and always seemed able to bring out their best. She was equally committed to her community and shared her faith, time, and energy.

Mary was actively involved in helping her husband Vincent build his medical practice and was an enthusiastic participant in the Christ Child Society and the Harper Hospital Auxiliary. Mary was a devoted Gesu Parish member for many years. During the '70s and '80s, she helped strengthen Detroit's oldest operating high school, the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in the development office. Mary was a dedicated woman of faith and a 37-year member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, where she served as a lector and eucharistic minister. Mary kept active in her local golf and bowling leagues and shared an enthusiasm for travel by organizing global tours with the Spiekermann Travel Service. Never one to turn down a game, Mary loved a vibrant weekly bridge match with friends and neighbours at The Helm.

Dates will follow for Mary's celebration of life. She wished to donate her body to the University of Michigan's Medical School to advance research in the autoimmune disease Scleroderma.

Mary Girardot Gallant, 86, passed peacefully on Monday, March 20, 2023, at her home in Grosse Pointe, surrounded by her loving family.

Born April 2, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan, Mary was the youngest child to Florence (nee Conway) and Alfred J. Girardot. Mary had a lively family life with three sisters and six brothers. She spoke fondly of her large family and enjoyed reminiscing about their loving and active home.

Mary attended Sacred Heart Academy and Immaculata High School. She was preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings: Elizabeth Girardot, IHM; Thomas (Peggy); Alfred, Jr (Lois); Walter (Nancy); Edward (Lois); Rose Mary; Richard (Anita); Julie (Don); and Francis (Mary Lou).

Mary, Mom, Mimi, or Gram, was a kind-hearted, intelligent, strong, faithful woman and a loving friend

In place of flowers, Mary's family requests memorial contributions to: **Scleroderma Research Fund at the University of Michigan**. Checks may be made to "University of Michigan" and sent to the Michigan Medicine Office of Development, 777 E. Eisenhower Pkwy., Suite 650, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. You may also call 734-764-6777 or visit the website victors.us/marygirardotgallant to make your gift.

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Book signing is April 13

Michael Goodell will sell and sign his latest novel, "CPHS Rules," from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Dragon's Landing, 24409 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

Goodell has signed each of his previous four books at unique locations throughout metro Detroit. "My team and I decided a long time ago that book

signings and launch parties shouldn't be stuffy, elitist affairs, but should be celebrations of the passion and skill which goes into the works, as well as an opportunity to highlight unique establishments within the community," he said.

"CPHS Rules" is a literary exploration of Benjamin Franklin's

noted quote that "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

"CPHS Rules" will be available for signing at Dragon's Landing. It also is available in paperback and eBook on Amazon and may be ordered from any independent bookseller.

For more information, call (586) 218-8090.

DAR presents multiple awards

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution announced its annual 2023 DAR Youth and Education Awards on Saturday, March 4, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The DAR is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.

Recognized were winners of DAR contests and awards including American History and Patriots of the American

Revolution Essay contests, Youth Citizenship Awards, Junior American Citizen Awards, Constitution Week Poster Contest awards and Good Citizen Awards.

Awards were presented by Louisa St. Clair Chapter members Barbara Davis, chapter chair community classroom committee; Ellisse Thompson, chapter historian; Jane Turnbull, chapter co-chair JAC committee; and Deann Newman, chapter treasurer.

American History Essay Contest winners were Makenzie Waterson (Brownell eighth grade), Maria Melhem (Parcells

eighth grade) and Jamesetta Tucker (Brownell eighth grade).

Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Contest winners were Max Goerlich, Jillian Whitton, Gary Stacey, Claire Juip, and Shade' Patrick, all 10th grade students at University Liggett School.

Youth Citizenship Award winners were selected by their principals based on the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. They are:

Brownell Middle School eighth grader Emma Reed, seventh grader Leah "Bella" Maldonado, sixth grader

Adelyn Christian and fifth grader Stella Koop.

Parcells Middle School eighth grader Elliana Orlando, seventh grader Hannah Grace, sixth grader Vanessa Singh and fifth grader Palo Ivanaj.

Pierce Middle School eighth grader Julia Boyd, seventh grader Dalina Kokoshi, sixth grader Jack Stenz and fifth grader Brendan Orehowsky.

University Liggett School eighth grader Margaret "Maisy" Huebner, seventh grader Brian "BJ" Clark and sixth grader Lexie Spain.

The Junior American Citizen Awards followed

the theme, "The 200th Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail: Moving the Stars and Stripes Westward."

L'Anse Creuse Middle School sixth grader Abby Turnbull won the Art Contest Stamp Design.

The Neighborhood Club Preschool program won the Art Contest Banner Category.

For the Constitution Week Poster Contest, students were asked to illustrate the spirit or meaning of the U.S. Constitution by creating a poster. The chapter received 50 entries and three students were selected for first, second and third places, all of them fifth graders from Parcells Middle School.

The first-place winner

has been submitted to the national contest. The contest is open to all students. The national winner will be announced during Constitution Week, Sept. 17 to 23.

First place: Nathan Harris

Second place: Charlotte Dayne

Third place: Mirabella Whipple

The Good Citizen award recognizes and rewards high school graduating seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and community. Students were selected by their teachers and peers. They are Sophia Dragich, Penelope Griffioen, Jaden Jennings and Meredith Tiderington.

DAR Good Citizens Awards announced

The Louisa St. Clair Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently announced the 2023 DAR Good Citizen Award winners.

Each year, the DAR recognizes high-achieving students from Detroit and Grosse Pointe area high schools with the DAR Good Citizen Award. These students are selected by members of their high school faculty for exhibiting good citizenship in their homes, schools and communities. The DAR Good Citizen Award is presented to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. In addition, students are invited to participate in a scholarship essay contest sharing their thoughts on this year's topic, "How will the essential actions of a good citizen (dependability, service, leadership and patriotism) meet the challenges that America faces in this decade?"

This year, the chapter is honoring four students, Sophia Dragich, Penelope Griffioen, Jaden Jennings and Meredith Tiderington. These students were each awarded a chapter level scholarship; Tiderington was selected to advance to the state level in the essay contest for a chance to earn an additional scholarship.

Sophia Dragich is a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School, where



Sophia Dragich



Penelope Griffioen



Jaden Jennings



Meredith Tiderington

her academic performance has resulted in many honors. She is a member of the National Honor Society, through which she tutors students, and she's also active in student government and has served as a class senator, as well as class vice president for two years. The faculty at North describe Dragich as a natural leader and a bright light who serves those she leads with kindness and openness. Her friendly spirit and compassion are apparent as she participates in activities such as having lunch with students with special needs each week. She is a talented runner as well, demonstrating her leadership and teamwork as captain of the cross country and track teams. She hopes to attend the University of Michigan this fall and plans to study biology or chemistry and then go to medical school. She highly values health care workers and is interested in the development of vaccines and medica-

tions, as well as the effects of COVID-19 on the heart. She is the daughter of David and January Dragich.

Penelope Griffioen is a senior at University Liggett School, where she has achieved exemplary grades while enrolled in diverse and strenuous courses. She is looking forward to graduating this spring and plans to attend college where she will explore her interests in English literature, potentially pursuing a career involving academic research. Her school activities include running for both the cross country and track teams, where she has garnered many awards. She's a talented violinist and serves as concertmaster for her school's orchestra this year. Griffioen also is a cast member of Shakespeare in Detroit, playing Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Community involvement rounds out her profile as she is active in several areas, including

as a student board member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, for which she has created podcasts. Her parents are Sara Woodward and James Griffioen.

Jaden Jennings is a senior at University of Detroit Jesuit High School, where his academic achievements are exemplary. A talented athlete, Jennings plays football and is co-captain of the basketball and track-and-field teams at his school. One of his coaches recalls he saw attributes in Jennings as a freshman, including determination, courage and a thirst to be the best. He was determined to qualify for state finals in hurdles and persevered despite the pandemic to achieve his goal. His leadership carries over to other activities as well. He currently is vice president of the Black Awareness Society for Education and a class representative on the student senate. His community service activities are numerous, includ-

ing serving as a teacher for children in his church. He has compassion for others and describes his service this way: "I really try my hardest to help people and make any kind of good impact whenever I can." He also has an after-school job. He plans to attend college in the fall to begin studying toward his goal of becoming a physician. He is the son of Kiya Jennings.

Meredith Tiderington is a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, where she has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements. She plans to attend college this fall, majoring in engineering, and would like her career to involve an intersection of engineering and business as she finds joy in problem solving and analytical thinking. Tiderington is a talented athlete competing in both field hockey and lacrosse at the varsity level and serving as captain of the field hockey team. She

also is active in DECA, Link Crew, student council and Mu Alpha Theta math honor society. Those who know her describe her as detail-oriented, determined, thoughtful, intelligent and engaged. She works hard inside and outside of the classroom. Her counselor describes her this way: "While Meredith's goal is to someday have a career that will make the world a better place, she isn't waiting until she's an adult to help others." She consistently volunteers as a SOAR reading mentor or, as she describes it, an "academic support specialist and cheerleader, where I help kids better their reading skills, encourage the importance of literacy and give confidence to kids who believe they'd never learn." She is the daughter of Michelle and Bob Tiderington.

Each student was presented with a Good Citizen pin and certificate in addition to their scholarship award. Tiderington, as the overall chapter winner, also was awarded a DAR cord to wear at graduation.

The DAR is a service organization open to women who are lineal descendants of patriots who sacrificed their lives and fortunes supporting the American Revolutionary War. Its mission is to preserve the nation's history, educate the nation's children, make opportunities for all Americans and experience the thrill of being part of the American dream.

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Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts Family Garden Fun April 15

Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts a Family Garden Fun event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 15, at Kerby Elementary School, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Adults and their children, ages 5 to 8, are invited to attend. Enrollment is limited to 100 adults; children must be registered with an adult. Visit gpgardencenter.org to register and review the advantages of joining the Grosse Pointe Garden Center.

Adults will learn about such topics as leading-edge garden techniques, new native plants and how to create gardens that are most effective for the environment. The event includes six speakers who will give presentations in small-group, 30-minute sessions. Participants will move through different stations and will be able to ask questions of the speakers.

Speakers and topics include:

◆ Steve Hansen: "Introducing native plants into your garden"

◆ Melissa Puppos: "Designing your garden"

◆ Marsha Goan: "Planning creative children garden projects"

◆ Bronsen Gentry: "Amending soil, composting"

◆ Eric Tremonte: "Integrating native plants and vegetables with your traditional garden design"

◆ Jennifer Ott: "Selecting shrubs and trees that are best for birds and wildlife."

Children will spend time creating projects, having a snack and rotating through 30-minute sessions. Their sessions include:

◆ Building a fairy garden

◆ Learning about seeds and planting a seed

◆ Learning about butterflies and doing an art project

◆ Learning about flowers and bees

◆ Doing small art projects

◆ Playing in the Kerby playground with adult supervision

Admission for Family Garden Fun is \$20 per family. For more information, call the Garden Center at (313) 499-0743 and leave a message.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

From left, John Ricci, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins, Andrew Young, Tim Berkesch, Mark Thoma, Deacon Bill Jameson and Grosse Pointe Farms Deputy Director Andy Rogers.

In appreciation

A group from St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church's Knights of Columbus Assembly stopped by the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department to drop off pizza, water and sodas, in appreciation for all the first responders do for the community. The group plans to go to different public safety departments around Grosse Pointe every few months or so, throughout the year.

JOHN 5:

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course, I said yes right away. It kind of came together really easy. The first rehearsal, I went through the set one time and it was great, not one problem."

Added McEachern, "John's probably known all of Mötley Crüe's songs since he was 14. ... From the time we were kids, we listened to Mötley Crüe.

"... Some fans are angry that he's replacing Mick, but he'll tell you, 'I am honoring Mick Mars up there, not replacing him.' John is a huge fan of Mick's."

With longtime friends Sixx and drummer Tommy Lee at his side — and a burgeoning friendship with singer Vince Neil — the transition has been a smooth one.

"It's been a dream," Lowery said. "I'm just afraid I'm going to wake up one morning and go 'I had this weird dream I was in Mötley Crüe.' But so far I'm still awake."

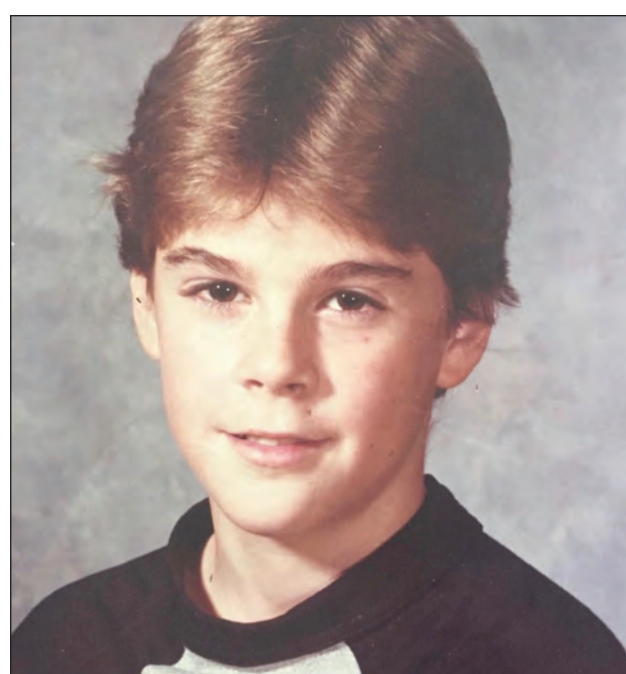
"He's super happy," McEachern added. "He's doing something so new after 17 years, but he's doing it with friends, so he's comfortable."

On with the Show

Lowery spoke with the Grosse Pointe News while on a break from touring, from his West Coast home, which he shares with wife, Rita, and five sphinx cats — Telly, Wednesday, Herman, Vlad and Igor.

The band soon hits the road again for shows in Europe and America, though the closest the Crüe comes to Michigan this year is Columbus, Ohio. Taking the stage now, compared to the other musicians he's toured with, is "one thousand percent, completely different," Lowery said.

"You always think, 'What will it be like?'" he said. "My wildest dreams weren't even what it was like. There's security with us all the time. Sometimes I want to get out of my hotel and take a walk and see some sights, but I can't do it, because there are so many fans out there. We travel in these (cars with) bulletproof glass and in a huge, massive private plane, police escorts everywhere. It's completely different than what I experienced before — and what I experienced before was



Left, the current lineup of Mötley Crüe, from left, Tommy Lee, John 5, Vince Neil and Nikki Sixx. Above, a young John Lowery was known "as the kid who played guitar. It's all he ever did," said his sister, Mary Kay McEachern.

incredible."

Being onstage with his friends also is a surreal experience. Despite his years of performing live, playing with the Crüe takes him back.

"It's all about the videos," he said. "I grew up watching MTV. Playing 'Wild Side,' which we open with, I know that video. They're live onstage for that video. 'Same Ol' Situation,' they're live onstage for that. But when I play 'Home Sweet Home,' we're all at the front of the stage. Tommy plays piano. I'm at the side of Vince. Nikki's on his other side. And when I look at Vince singing and see the light hitting him, it's very strange. It's just like the video and now I'm in the video. It's all very surreal and it's still a major moment for me."

Rock n' Roll Junkie

Though it all feels like a dream — "I'm very fortunate and very lucky and I don't take it for granted, that's for sure" — Lowery is nothing but clear minded when he plays. It's a lifestyle choice he made at a young age.

"When I was growing up in the '70s, that's what everyone did — everyone had a cigarette in their hand, a drink in their hand," he said. "I always thought, 'I want to be the

best I can be at guitar. I want to feel good.' It's odd to think about this when I was so little. Because kids start to dabble in drinking — my friends did it — in junior high, at an alarmingly early age. And they would throw up and get in trouble with their parents. I thought, 'Man, I'm not going to do that. That sounds terrible.' At such a young age to decide something like that and be very adamant, I just chose not to."

"In school, he was someone who everybody liked," McEachern added. "He's super friendly, but he never went to parties. As long as he's been alive, I have never seen him take a sip of alcohol. ... He doesn't smoke cigarettes, no drugs. He's vegan. He's the cleanest rock star in the world."

Which even furthers the camaraderie between Lowery and his sober bandmates.

"I couldn't ask for a better situation," Lowery said. "The last show of this last tour, we all got sick and we called it the Mötley Flu. Tommy was sick first and then Nikki and then Vince and then myself. It was the last show that I was sick. You don't even want to get up and go to the bathroom when you're sick and I was like, 'I'm going to give it my all,' because I

was so lucky and appreciative of what was going on and I just did it. I don't think that will ever go away. I'm very lucky."

Home Sweet Home

McEachern believes their childhood played a huge role in Lowery making a name for himself.

"He is so nice to the fans because he's such a fan," she said. "He remembers the superstars he met that were nice to him. I think he carries that; he does the same thing. He stops and

he signs everything, sits and talks. If he hears about a little child who's sick who loves him, he'll call them. He's great to his fans because he's always been such a fan himself.

"... Growing up in Grosse Pointe, growing up with manners, he stood out when he went to California," she continued. "He spoke well, he was polite, he was kind because he was from the Midwest and he didn't party. Those things, along with his great guitar playing — that's what made him stand out and helped him along."

Though the Crüe won't be making its way through Detroit this tour, Lowery holds his hometown close to his heart. When he does visit, he and McEachern enjoy driving through their old

stomping grounds, reminiscing of days playing at the City park, reading magazines at Notre Dame pharmacy and riding bikes through the streets.

"Me and Mary have such a great time," he said. "We'll drive by South, drive by the old house on Wellington. My favorite time to come is summertime. You hear the cicadas and it's really warm at night. It's just comforting. Grosse Pointe is jaw-droppingly beautiful."

"... It was such a magical childhood and upbringing that shaped me and Mary into who we are today and I'm very grateful of it. ... Things that are so simple I hold as such fond memories. That's how it was in Grosse Pointe. It couldn't have been a better upbringing."



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John Lowery spent his childhood in Grosse Pointe, left, and rose to stardom after moving to Los Angeles as a teen. With the stage name John 5, right, he has a successful solo career, has worked with numerous artists and recently joined Mötley Crüe.

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This could be their year

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Another year, another nomination. Maybe a win.

For the 11th year in a row, a rock band with ties to the Grosse Pointes is nominated for a Detroit Music Award.

Artificial Agent, featuring lead singer Derek Jendza of the Park, plus his brother and former resident, Bradley Jendza, on bass, learn during a ceremony starting 8 p.m. Sunday, April 23, if the 32nd annual Detroit Music Awards is their year to finally come out on top.

The show is livestreamed at detroitmusicawards.net/2023 by the Detroit Music Awards Foundation.

Artificial Agent is nominated in three categories:

◆ Outstanding Heavy/Hard Rock Artist or Group,

◆ Outstanding Rock Recording, “Pop Culture Disruptor” and

◆ Outstanding Anthology/Compilation/Reissue: Various artists “WLLZ Motor City Rocks 2022” featuring Artificial Agent’s song, “Do You Love Me or What?”

The band’s lineup includes Mike Elgert on guitars and vocals and Karl Crafton on drums.

Artificial Agent has released five albums since 2011, the most recent, “Pop Culture Disruptor,” in 2022.

“We just shot a music video

for ‘Pop Culture Disruptor,’” Derek Jendza said.

Among the video’s 1,200 YouTube viewers, some commented: “This album is a grower. Love you guys;” and “Great video — great song — great band You guys did good...”

“The vinyl edition of ‘Pop Culture Disruptors’ is out next week,” Jendza said.

Recording and marketing the record coincided with performing a show last December with ex-Kiss guitarist Ace Frehley at the Token Lounge in Westland.

“The show was packed; insane,” Jendza said. “You couldn’t move in the place. It was sold out. Standing room only, 800 people deep.”



Nominated for three 32nd annual Detroit Music Awards is the heavy metal band Artificial Agent, with, from left, guitarist Mike Elgert, lead singer Derek Jendza of Grosse Pointe Park, drummer Karl Crafton and Bradley Jendza on bass.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ARTIFICIAL AGENT

Mother, son combine talents for art show

Grosse Pointer Jackie Rybinski and her son, Max Rybinski, will combine their artistic talents for an art show of metal sculpture and oil painting titled, “Heat and Light.”

Their work will be displayed Sunday afternoons, from April 7 to May 14, in the art ministry gallery at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A reception for the artists takes place from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16.

Max Rybinski, a 2013 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, discovered his sculpture talent while taking metal cutting and welding courses at Golightly Career Technical Center through South. His parents encouraged his talent by outfitting their garage as a welding art studio. He uses scrap metal from his job at Saline Manufacturing to create artwork in his



Heat & Light:
Jackie & Max Rybinski

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Leo Rybinski, will be joined by Nensi Bakiu — both are 2009 South graduates — and Bakiu’s mother, Anida Margariti, to entertain guests with a short musical performance. Bakiu and Margarita are a Grosse Pointe mother-and-daughter team who play for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, Dearborn Symphony Orchestra and various churches during holidays and special events.

The details

- ◆ What: “Heat and Light” — metal sculptures and oil paintings
- ◆ Who: Max Rybinski and Jackie Rybinski
- ◆ When: Sunday afternoons, April 9 to May 14
- ◆ Where: Grosse Pointe Congregational Church’s art gallery, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms
- ◆ More: Reception for the artists, 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, April 16, featuring art, music and refreshments

free time.

Max Rybinski specializes in various mythical creatures, cartoon characters and a variety of animals. Fellow metal workers and friends have commissioned many pieces. The Grosse Pointe Garden Club commissioned him to create a relief sculpture of William Shakespeare’s face for a Shakespearean trial garden at The War Memorial. Photos of his commissioned pieces may be viewed at the show.

Until recently, Jackie Rybinski was a regular volunteer with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s “A

Morning Out,” an art and conversation project for seniors at The War Memorial. Those who were familiar with the Grosse Pointe Art Center when it was on Maryland, and later on Kercheval, will remember her at sight as she helped with exhibition planning, installation and receptions.

Receiving a fine arts degree specializing in ceramics, Jackie Rybinski began to focus on painting — first watercolor and now oil painting — 20 years ago. Her paintings of downtown Detroit scenes were given their own “mini solo” show on the Detroit Artists

Market’s “Featured Artists Wall.” All of her pieces were sold.

During the April 16 reception, Jackie Rybinski’s older son,

‘Fresh Takes’ art contest deadline nearing

The deadline for the 2023 Finer Pointes art contest is Friday, April 7.

The theme for the third annual contest is “Fresh Takes,” which invites artists to submit “fresh” art in the forms of photography, digital art and sneaker art. All submissions must be original and must have been created within the past year.

options specific to leather and fabrics.

Two prolific local artists have been selected as judges.

Eric “El Cappy” Lowry, a Detroit-based and self-taught artist, will judge the sneaker art portion of the contest.

Photographer Joe Gall, aka Camera Jesus, will judge the photography and digital art category.

select winners for each category. We are thrilled and honored to have them on board for this year’s ‘Fresh Takes’ contest.”

For an entry fee of \$25, artists may enter up to three pieces of original work. That fee is waived for 52-week subscribers to the Grosse Pointe News. Subscribers may email media@grossepointenews.com with their name and address to receive an entry code.

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

Prizes will be awarded for the winner and one runner-up in each category. An additional award will be presented in memory of the late Gretchen Valade.

Artists must be 18 or older to enter.

Complete rules may be found online at grossepointenews.com/art/rules.



Photography can be captured on film or digitally, with a camera or smartphone.

As for sneaker art, artists are encouraged to paint a pair of sneakers with an original design. High-durability acrylic paints are available in

“Detroit artists El Cappy and Camera Jesus are incredible talents,” said Mary Wysocki, of Paragon Art Collective, contest administrator. “They will use that wealth of experience to assess contest entries and

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Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

Fun kid activities that won't cost a fortune

Dear Gabby: I am out of ideas for things to do on a cold or rainy day with my children. All they want to do is be on their iPads, and frankly it's easy to let them do that, but I don't want to.

What can I do around town or at my house that takes up some time but isn't rotting their little brains?

— Losing it in the Park

Dear Losing It,

There are a lot of things to do with kids these days, but unfortunately many of them are super expensive. So for that reason, I am going to suggest some things that are really close and won't break the bank.

My first suggestion is

Outdoor Adventure Center (that is actually indoors) just a few minutes down the road in Detroit. This is the perfect place for kids aged 8 and under.

It's \$3 per person and the kids love it. From pretend fishing in a boat to nature to airplanes, the kids will be occupied for hours.

You can learn a lot about animals in Michigan, and overall it's a great place to visit (open Wednesday-Sunday).

Next, I would recommend hitting your library or Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe in Grosse Pointe Park. It's great for all ages.

You can check out or purchase books that

will suit you perfectly, because the librarians and the staff at Coreander's are absolute experts and book matchmakers.

If you want to add a layer of fun, have a mission for your trip — maybe everyone is going to get info on a particular subject and come up with an invention or small business idea.

Finally, at-home "Cake Wars" is always a fan favorite and is great for kids and adults alike. Go to a local market and let them choose the cake mix and frosting of their choice — even some toppings.

Then they can come home and make it and

either have a competition with each other or film their own cooking show (and later edit).

If all else fails, there's nothing like a heated battle of Trouble, Uno, Connect 4 or a bingo game with cash prizes (each player puts in \$1 per game and the winner takes all).

Good luck with your children and just think — the weather will soon change and we'll all be outside again!

— Gabby

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



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

Boyfriend issues ultimatum to girlfriend and her son

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of three years wants me to move in with him. He's a great guy. He's loving and

affectionate, kind and caring. We want the same things for our kids and have quite a few things in common. We



enjoy playing sports, and we're both foodies. He checks a lot of my boxes, so I know I'm ready for marriage.

We both have kids. He has a 10-year-old girl; I have a 4-year-old boy. He has asked me multiple times to move in with him, but I'd like to be engaged or married before doing so. He wants us to live together first because my relationship with his daughter hasn't flourished. He'd also like to build a trusting relationship with my son, which I understand and find equally important.

He says we must live together before he proposes to me because we need to work on our finances and careers, etc. He has now given me an ultimatum — either I move in, or he moves on. What am I to do? Am I asking for too much? — **COERCED IN FLORIDA**

DEAR COERCED: I don't think it's too much to want a commitment from your loving, affectionate, rigid and controlling boy-

friend before moving in with him. "Move in or I'm dumping you" doesn't seem particularly "loving" to me — it seems more like emotional blackmail.

Tell him you have concerns because your relationship with his daughter — after three years — "hasn't flourished." Does she live with him? Things won't improve if your presence is forced on her. From where I sit, it appears he wants to "try you on for size" with absolutely no commitment on his part. If you do what he's demanding, there is no guarantee he will ever propose marriage. Move on.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a retired married man. My sister, who is four years younger, was recently widowed. She was married for a long time to an abusive alcoholic who eventually drank himself to death. Sometime later, she married a friend of hers who I suspect was also abusive. He died a year ago, leaving her with almost nothing.

Because of differ-

ences in our political and spiritual beliefs, my sister and I are not close. She tends to be very defensive in conversation and emails. However, my wife and I have been thinking we'd like to give her something monetarily so she could be more comfortable. It wouldn't be a single gift on our part, or a large amount. We feel it would be best if given on a weekly or monthly basis.

How should I approach my sister about it?

There will be no strings attached, just a regularly given amount to do with however she wants. Any thoughts you have would be greatly appreciated. — **NOT CLOSE, BUT CARING.**

DEAR NOT CLOSE: If you are caring, thoughtful and generous, it is a shame that political differences have driven a wedge between you and your sister. Because she "tends to be defensive" when the two of you make contact,

ask your attorney to write her a letter explaining that you and your wife are doing some "estate planning" and you wish to give her a certain sum of money each week (or month) to use as she wishes.

If she's interested, she should contact the attorney so the arrangements can be made.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of two years and I just bought our first house. It is truly magical — everything we've ever wanted. We plan to live together for another two years before getting engaged or married.

My parents and his parents have met only once. We'll be having our housewarming party soon and I am SO nervous! His family has a drama problem and so does mine. His sisters and father don't get along with his mother due to problems that happened years ago. There are a few sticky situations on *See DEAR ABBY, page 3C*

We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

For a while now, I've wanted to add more greens into my diet. I'm embarrassed to admit I eat more grilled cheese scraps off of kids' plates

than I do salads or anything green for that matter. Definitely not good!

The first step in editing my food routine was adding greens into one extra

meal per day. I usually have vegetables with dinner, but adding some veggies with lunch has helped increase my overall greens intake.

Step two was researching a bunch of different greens supplement powders to see if there was something I could add to my diet on a daily basis.

I recently tried Athletic Greens powder, the greens powder that includes minerals, vitamins and whole-food sourced nutrients, but the taste was so terrible I wasn't able to make it a habit. I tried for many days and couldn't stomach it.

This same situation happened with a few different powders. I don't typically see myself as a picky eater, but there was nothing enjoyable about drinking any of these powders.

One of my friends shared with me a few sticks of BetterDays Co

greens powder. This company sells caffeinated greens powder and decaffeinated powder. They come in single-serving tubes so they are easy to pour into a glass of water.

I mixed the peach limeade caffeinated greens powder into a glass of ice water first thing in the morning and was immediately hooked.

This drink tastes really good! There are dozens of different flavors to try, but I personally love peach limeade. It tastes like lemonade and doesn't have a strange texture.

The powder mixes really well with water and doesn't have a chalky residue. I look forward to drinking it every morning, so I've been able to incorporate BetterDays Co greens powder into my morning routine.

The powder is packed with healthy ingredients. Each stick contains broccoli sprout concentrate, onion extract, tomato,



carrot, spinach, kale, Brussels sprout, alfalfa leaf, barley grass whole leaf, oat grass, wheat grass, chlorella, spirulina, apple cider vinegar, apple, cranberry, blueberry and a digestive enzyme blend to help support immune function.

I can't say enough great things about BetterDays Co! Every flavor of their greens powder tastes delicious and provides wonderful health benefits. I am giving this product 5 out of 5 alliga-

tors, because I love knowing that I get my daily serving of vegetables and I enjoy drinking it every day.

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5 Out Of 5

A Sunday lamb

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

This is a family recipe that makes me drool just writing about it. I love lamb and I have always wanted my kids to love lamb. My uncle showed us the way to make that happen.

This is such a special occasion treat. It's a very flavorful marinade with lots of garlic, ginger and lemon juice that tenderizes the meat. An abundance of spices are incorporated and then it's grilled to perfection.

I like to serve it with a side of pita bread, tzatziki and coleslaw. It may not be the traditional ham and potato dinner for Easter but it's fun to change it up, especially if you're hosting.

Get out there and grill this spring. This recipe is perfect for a crowd. However, plan ahead and get the lamb marinating the night before.

Cheers, Mombeau

Pat and Peter's Marinated Lamb

1 6lb boneless leg of lamb

Trim about ¼ lb of fat off the top of the lamb, using a sharp knife. This will prevent flare ups on the grill.

Cut the meat into 10 pieces. You can butterfly any larger pieces, which means cut through the middle of large pieces but not all the way. You

just want to cut the meat to make it thinner and spread it out.

Divide the meat into two freezer bags and cover each with the marinade (recipe below) that has also been divided in half. Marinate for at least four hours, overnight is best.

Grill on medium to high heat for 15-20 mins or until the internal temperature is 145-155 degrees.

Marinade

2 onions, roughly chopped

5-7 garlic cloves

4 tbsp ginger



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⅓ cup lemon juice

1 tsp each, cumin, coriander, turmeric

¼ tsp each, nutmeg,

cinnamon, ground cloves

1 cup olive oil

2 ½ tsp salt

1 tsp pepper

Cayenne to taste

Mix in blender until smooth.



Wine gadgets

Wine lore says that the cork, which comes from the bark of the cork oak tree, may first have been used to seal wine bottles by the Benedictine monk Dom Perignon, replacing wooden stoppers in about 1670.

This advance then led to the development of literally dozens of gadgets designed to remove them from bottles.

The corkscrew is just one of numerous wine paraphernalia that have been developed in the last three and a half centuries that purport to make it easier for consumers to enjoy a simple bottle of chardonnay or zinfandel.

most young wines but can be a disaster for older wines whose natural corks have begun to degrade.

A clever alternative to the helix is the two-pronged invention called the Ah-So, which works by pushing the longer prong down inside between the glass of the bottle and the cork, then putting the other prong into the opposite side of the bottle. When it is rocked back and forth and is all the way seated, touching the cork, a careful twisting motion will remove the cork.

Another gadget that works reasonably well is the pneumatic pump.

blade with a hook at the bottom.

Keeping white and rose wine chilled without having to keep them in a refrigerator is done by various means, and several expensive decanters have been invented that may be kept in a freezer. Between the outer and inner walls of the decanter is a liquid that stays below freezing temperature without actually freezing.

The consumer pours the wine into the decanter and the liquid stays quite cold for at least an hour.

Alternatively, and for far less money, plastic ice cubes filled with water may be purchased and kept frozen in a freezer. Two or three of them will keep a glass of wine relatively cold until it is consumed.

Recorking a wine using the original cork is best done using a can of inert gas sprayed into the bottle, such as a product called Private Preserve.

Using the original cork for resealing occasionally isn't a solution, especially if the cork expands so much that getting it back into the bottle is a chore. Synthetic plugs specifically made for wine bottles are easily found in fine wine stores, as are plastic pouring spouts that have twist closures.

Sparkling wines that still have a few ounces left may be resealed with spring-loaded steel plugs intended to keep the effervescence from dissipating. They run about \$10 each. For about half that, small plastic/rubber resealers that expand at the bottom after a lever is depressed work well.

To keep wine bottles horizontal so the cork stays moist and can't dry out, all kinds of wine racks are available including wooden cubes (such as the 12-inch-by-12-inch

ones so widely seen stacked on top of one another).

Elaborate, expensive wine bottle refrigerators or storage cabinets are designed to keep wine bottles at the proper temperature for decades, but they cost a lot and often entail use of electricity. If you have an extra closet, a small wine "cellar" that can be kept cool year-round may well suit most consumers' needs.

No wine of the week.

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All corkscrews work about the same way, but the best are those helix contraptions that are hollow in the middle, all of which are intended to drive through the cork, grabbing it from the inside and allowing the consumer to withdraw the cork. The best are Teflon-coated.

Single-piece flanged corkscrews work for

A sharp needle with a hole in the bottom is inserted all the way through the cork. Then gas or air are injected into the bottle below the cork. The air or gas pushes the cork out of the bottle.

If a cork should fall into the wine bottle, one gadget has been invented to pull it back out, using a thin

the event, that's their choice and their loss. In your home, you should entertain whomever you want.

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DEAR ABBY:

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my side as well.

I want my boyfriend to be able to invite his mother, but if we do, half of his family won't show up. And I'm super nervous about the rest of his family meeting mine. Our family members hold grudges. What should

we do? —NERVOUS IN INDIANA

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Left, Noni Hazlehurst as June, Claudia Karvan as Ginny and Stephen Curry as Devon in the movie "June Again," written and directed by JJ Winlove.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "June Again"
 2020 - Not Rated
 1 hr 39min
 ★★★★★

Opals aren't the only gems that hail from Australia. It also happens to produce some beautiful screen gems as well. I've reviewed several of them over the years

including "H is for Happiness," "The Taverna," and "Hey Hey It's Esther Blueburger." As I've mentioned in the past, films from Down Under often get short shrift, in my opinion. "June Again" is another noteworthy movie from that fair land. It deals with a tough subject — dementia.

As someone who's had firsthand experience with the effects the disease can have on a family, I know it's not an easy topic to grapple with. But this film handled it in a sensitive and thought-provoking way. This is the first feature length offering from writer/director JJ Winlove, and what a

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



remarkable film it is. It deals not only with dementia, but family dynamics, love and loss, and much more in a well-crafted and thoroughly believable movie. It packs an emotional punch as well.

We first meet June (Noni Hazlehurst) in an adult nursing facility. She suffers from dementia, as a result of several strokes and has been pretty much out of it for five years.

A series of tests involving memory and recognition are given to her, and she gets agitated when she fails. When her daughter Ginny (Claudia Karvan) visits her, she has no idea who she is. It's easy to relate to the utter despair she must be feeling.

June tries to escape, and when she asks the attending nurse for the door code, he freely gives it to her, knowing she'll forget it the second she turns around. Which as predicted, she does.

However, the next day, the seemingly impossible takes place. Her memory miraculously returns, and she is transformed back into her old self. This time, she remembers the code

and successfully makes a break for it.

A sympathetic cabbie then gives her a lift to her old home, which she discovers has been sold and is now occupied by a new family.

While this recovery seems implausible, I've read that it actually does occur in rare instances. June's family is warned that although she has returned to normal, not to expect it to last for long, and to brace themselves for her inevitable return back to her more recent state of mind.

However he has a menial job, which she manages to get him fired from.

Then it's on to her daughter Ginny. The family owned a high-end wallpaper company. Over the five years when June was out of it, the company had been reduced to selling cheaply made products, which she's absolutely appalled about. You can tell what a strained relationship June and Ginny had, because as soon as the old June returns, their fighting picks back up as if nothing had happened. Naturally the two women are more alike than they'd admit, which explains their adversarial relationship. While Devon can do no wrong, Ginny apparently can do no right, in her mother's eyes.



After June returns to her pre-dementia state, things get wild. She is not only the family matriarch, she's a human dynamo as well.

She discovers her son Devon (Stephen Curry) has not lived up to her expectations. He was the apple of her eye and she had high hopes for him.

What makes this such an engaging film is the strong writing and storyline, plus the actors are all so natural, you really

See JUNE AGAIN, page 7



Noni Hazlehurst and Claudia Karvan.

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Noni Hazlehurst as June.

JUNE AGAIN:

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get a sense of family.

While the film could have been reduced to stereotypes and corny scenes, it's ultimately very believable.

During the course of the film, there's a bit of foreboding that it's all going to come crashing down and June's dementia is going to return. And the inevitable is handled in a calm, quiet manner. There's also a sweet unexpected surprise ending to this wonderful, heartfelt movie.

Note to parents: The movie is not rated but I don't think there's anything objectionable in it except some for minor swearing.

Currently streaming for free on Hoopla.com and Kanopy.com (with your library card) and Tubi. Also on Plex, Pluto TV,

Prime Video and other services.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you'd actually go out and buy it!

About this column: My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

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Left, Noni Hazlehurst as June, Stephen Curry as Devon and Claudia Karvan as Ginny.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping or major decisions after 8:30 a.m. EDT today (after 5:30 a.m. PDT). The Moon is in Libra.



CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

If you can, this is the perfect day to play hooky and stay at home and watch daytime TV or indulge in your favorite guilty pleasure. It's a poor day for important decisions. It's a poor day to spend money on anything other than food and gas. Do not agree to anything important. Tonight: Socialize!



LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Happy Birthday for Thursday, April 6, 2023: You are charismatic. It's important to surround yourself with positive-minded people, because you are very loyal to your friends. This is an excellent year. You will get recognized for past efforts. You might get a raise, a promotion, an award — some kind of acknowledgement. Bravo!

Your impulse today will be to keep a busy pace, run errands and meet people and handle appointments. However, this is a poor day for decisions of any kind. It's a poor day to shop (except for food and gas). Don't commit to anything. Forewarned is forearmed. Tonight: Relax at home.



VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Right now, you have a stronger than usual focus on money, cash flow, shared property, wills and inheritances. Nevertheless, because today there is a Moon Alert happening for the entire day, avoid important financial decisions. If shopping, restrict your spending to food and gas. Tonight: Conversations.



LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Do be careful, because this is a loosey-goosey day. The entire day is a Moon Alert, which means it's a poor time to make important decisions or to shop for anything other than food or gas. Definitely do not commit to anything with a partner or close friend. Just coast. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

This will be a challenging day at work for you because it is a Moon Alert all day. Expect shortages and a vague sense of confusion. Don't volunteer for anything. Don't initiate anything important. Just carry on as usual. Wait until tomorrow to order supplies or spend money. Tonight: Cooperate.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

This is a very creative day for you! Although it's a loosey-goosey day for almost everyone, for your sign, because it's easy for you to think outside the box, you will dream up creative concepts and be very imaginative. It's also a great day to party and schmooze! Tonight: Get organized.

Be careful today. Because the Moon is in your sign, you will tend to be more emotional than usual. You might overreact. Meanwhile, all of today is a Moon Alert, which means avoid important decisions and restrict your spending to food and gas. Be aware of this to avoid headaches later. Tonight: Money issues.



SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is the perfect day to keep a low profile and seek solitude if you can arrange it. If not, be careful at work. Keep your head down and your powder dry. It's a Moon Alert all day, which

means avoid important decisions and spending money. (Except for food.) Tonight: You're in charge.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This is a playful, social day for you. Enjoy the company of others. Enjoy artistic and creative adventures. Be careful about going overboard, especially spending money. Enjoy socializing but avoid important decisions and shopping. Commit to nothing. Tonight: Solitude.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Do not volunteer for anything today, because today is a Moon Alert. You are high-viz, and very likely, someone might approach you to ask you to do something. Try to deflect this if you can and give them your response tomorrow. Tonight: Enjoy friends.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This might be a busy day with short trips and appointments. Expect shortages, delays and misunderstandings. Avoid important decisions. Don't volunteer for anything. Restrict spending to food and gas, because it's a Moon Alert all day. Be smart. Tonight: You're noticed.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a tricky day because it is a Moon Alert all day, which means avoid shopping except for food and gas. Nevertheless, your focus is on money, cash flow and earnings. Avoid important decisions. Tread carefully! Tonight: Explore!

BORN TODAY

Actress Peyton List (1998), actor Miguel Angel Silvestre (1982), actor Paul Rudd (1969).

EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

» **ArtLab: Slap Bracelets**
Ewald Branch,
4:30-5:30 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Journeys**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8:30 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

» **Eugenie Jones**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
97 Kercheval.

» **"HOP" Down the Avenue!**
Avenue-in-the-Woods

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

» **Calligraphy Saturdays**
Ewald Branch,
9:30-10:30 a.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Eugenie Jones**
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,
6-8 p.m.
97 Kercheval.

» **On Writing Well: Creative Non-Fiction**
Ewald Branch,
3-4:30 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

» **Easter**

MONDAY, APRIL 10

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

» **Capturing the Moment Photography Workshops**
Ewald Branch, 6:30-8 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

» **Girls Reading**
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

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

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

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

» **Tuesday Night Book Discussion**
Ewald Branch, 7-8 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

» **Appy Hour**
Ewald Branch, 3-4 p.m.
15175 E Jefferson

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

» **Science Fiction Book Club**
Woods Branch, 7-8 p.m.
20680 Mack Ave.

» **Teen Creativity Circle: Thumbprint Art**
Woods Branch, 3-5 p.m.
20680 Mack Ave.

Contract Bridge

DELICATE HANDLING

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q 5
♥ 7 6
♦ 10 8 5 4 3 2
♣ K Q 9

WEST
♠ A K 10 8 4
♥ 9 8
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ 5 4

EAST
♠ J 3 2
♥ 2
♦ K J 6
♣ J 10 8 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 7 6
♥ A K Q J 10 5 4 3
♦ —
♣ A 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Dble 3♦ Dble
3♥ 3♠ Pass 4♠
5♦(!) Dble Pass Pass
5♥ Dble
Opening lead — king of spades.

Although bridge often requires strict adherence to stringent rules, it occasionally does allow for some truly creative opportunities. As a case in point, consider this deal from a national championship many years ago.

South was Dick Freeman, at the time a young Washington, D.C., expert who was also one of the original Quiz Kids of radio fame. For Freeman, how best to handle the South hand was a test of psychology as well as skill. His concern was how to reach the best final contract without revealing too

much to the opponents about what he actually had.

He started, modestly enough, with one heart. Over West's double, North bid three diamonds, denoting a long suit in a weak hand. After East doubled, Freeman "retreated" to three hearts, confident that the auction would not die there because both opponents were bidding strongly.

As expected, the bidding continued, with East raising three spades to four. At this point, Freeman made the imaginative bid of five diamonds. It was a well-reasoned choice, showing great faith in his partner.

This bid could not be construed as an attempt to play in diamonds because Freeman had earlier refused to play in three diamonds doubled. Consequently, it would make no sense that he would now want to play in five diamonds.

The message transmitted to North, therefore, was that if West eventually became declarer in a spade contract, Freeman wanted a diamond lead. An initial diamond lead against five spades doubled would have produced a three-trick set for plus 800.

As it happened, this creative bid went to waste when West elected to double five hearts instead at his next turn. Freeman made the contract easily for a score of plus 650, but the result was anticlimactic.

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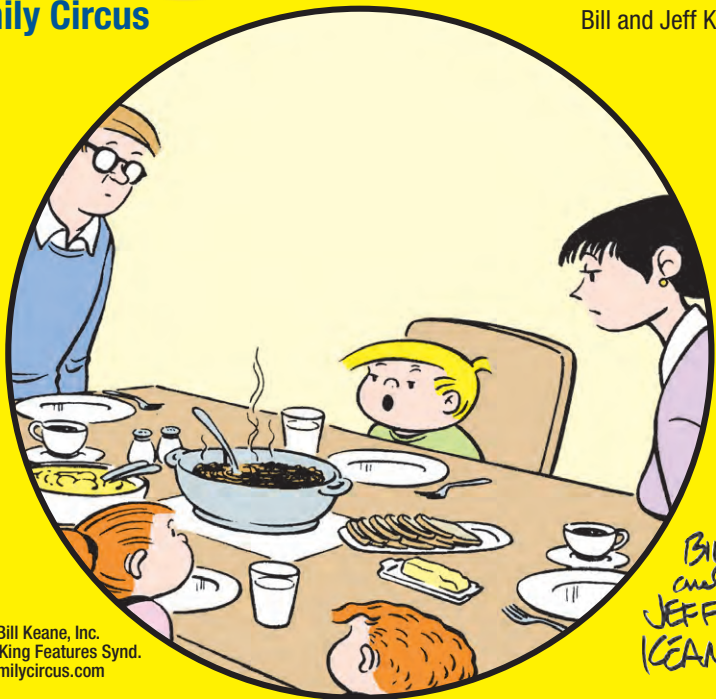
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“Do we HAFTA say grace just for stew?”

Garfield

Jim Davis



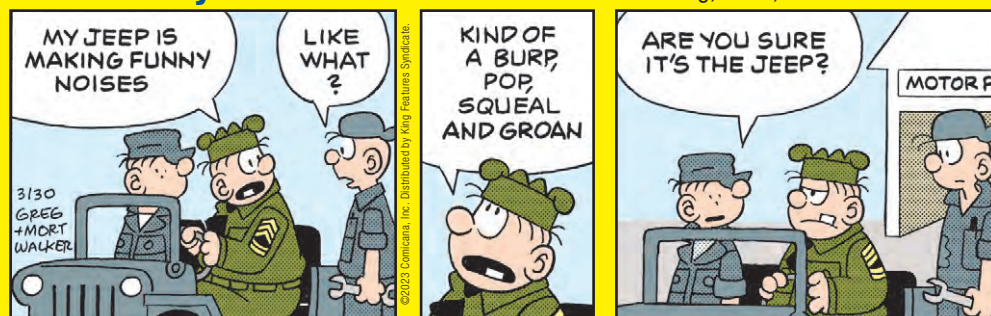
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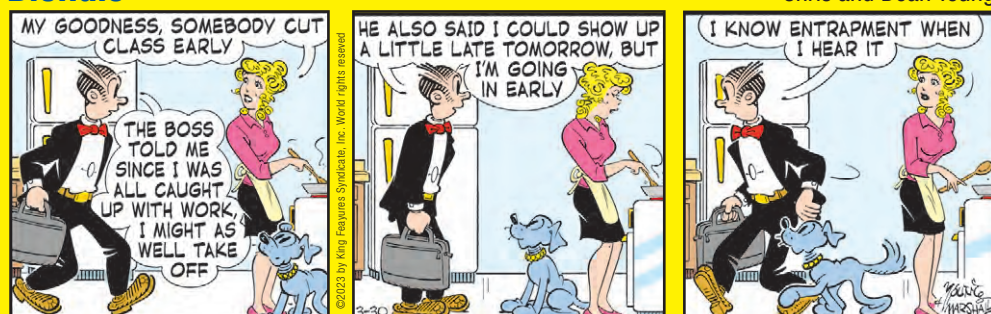
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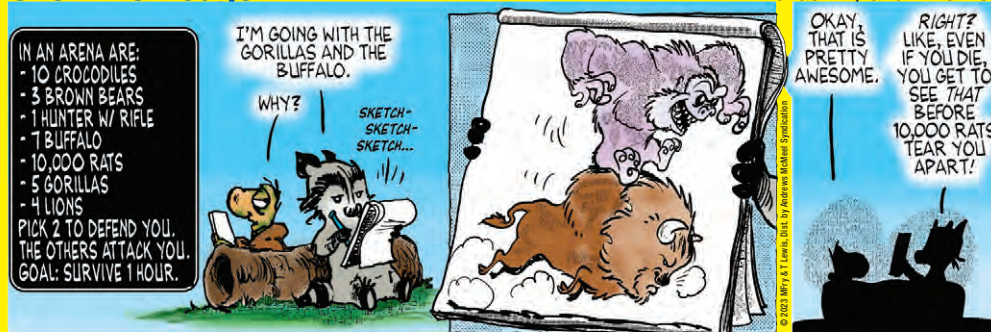
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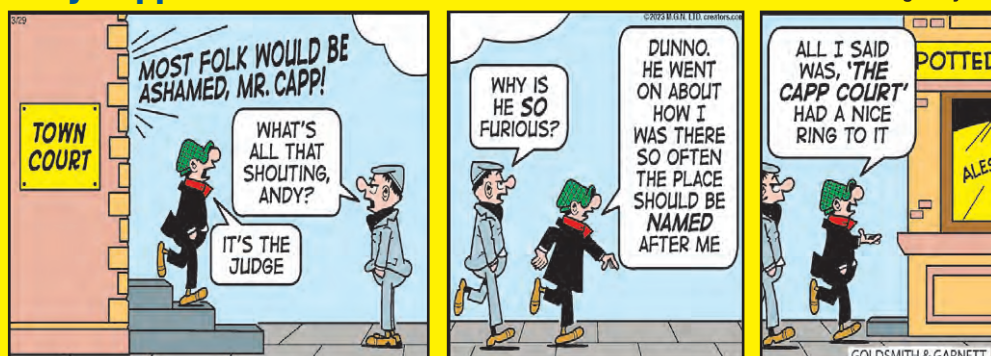
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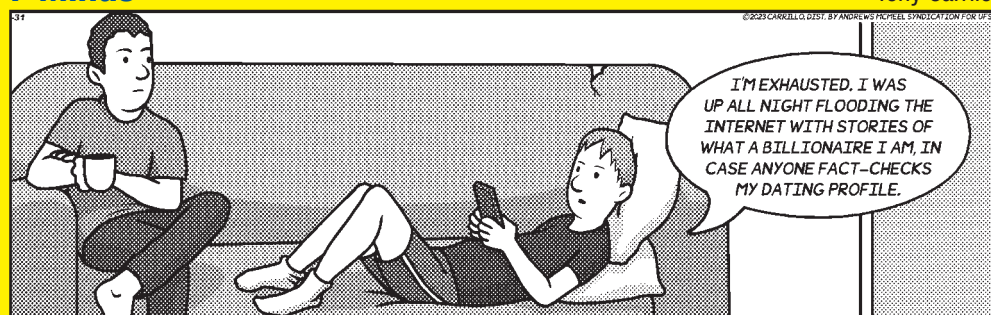
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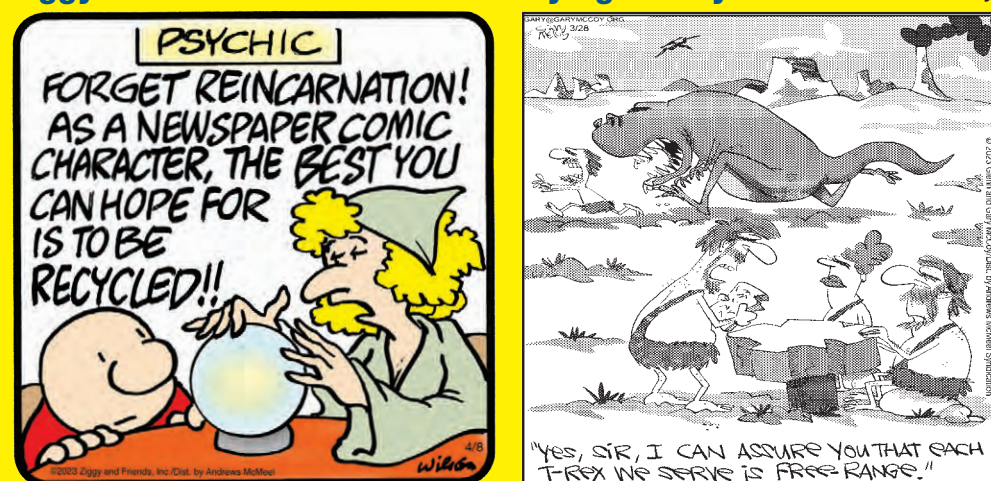


Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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3			4	5			9	
		4		1	7		5	
			8	4		2		
		7	5		6	9		
		8		2	9			
	7		1	8			3	
	3			9	4			1
1		5						

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

Previous puzzle solution

3	6	7	1	8	2	9	4	5
5	4	2	3	6	9	8	1	7
8	9	1	4	5	7	3	2	6
6	3	9	8	7	4	1	5	2
1	5	8	2	9	6	7	3	4
7	2	4	5	3	1	6	8	9
9	8	3	7	4	5	2	6	1
2	7	5	6	1	3	4	9	8
4	1	6	9	2	8	5	7	3

4/6 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Utter non-sense
- 6 Colombo, _____ Lanka
- 9 Phone downloads
- 13 Support staff
- 14 Words of confidence
- 15 In _____ of
- 16 Porsche 911s, for example
- 18 Decked out
- 19 Documentary maker Burns
- 20 Bronte's Jane
- 21 Laughs loudly
- 22 Spacious bag
- 25 Orchard pest
- 27 S'poses
- 30 Rank above cpl.
- 31 Egg-producing gland
- 32 Ibsen's "_____ Gabler"
- 35 Cow sound
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- 2 Ready to harvest
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- 6 Neck wrap
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- 10 Seasoned rice dish
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- 14 Like some slippery roads
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- 21 Tubular pasta
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- 24 1995 film that introduced Buzz
- 26 Fed. food inspector
- 27 Lead-in to "call"
- 28 "Dear Hansen"
- 29 Like racehorses' hooves
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- 37 Workplace safety grp.

- 39 San Diego Padres slugger Juan
- 40 Apple tablet
- 44 Necklace fasteners
- 46 On the subject of
- 47 Anklebones
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- 49 Instrument with pipes
- 50 Bermuda or brown vegetable
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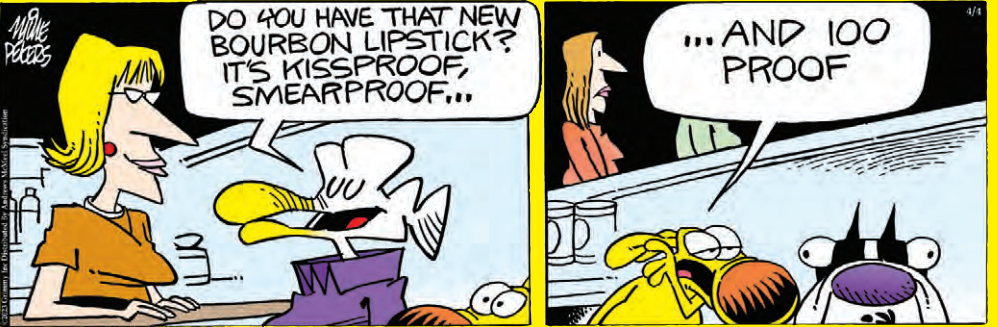
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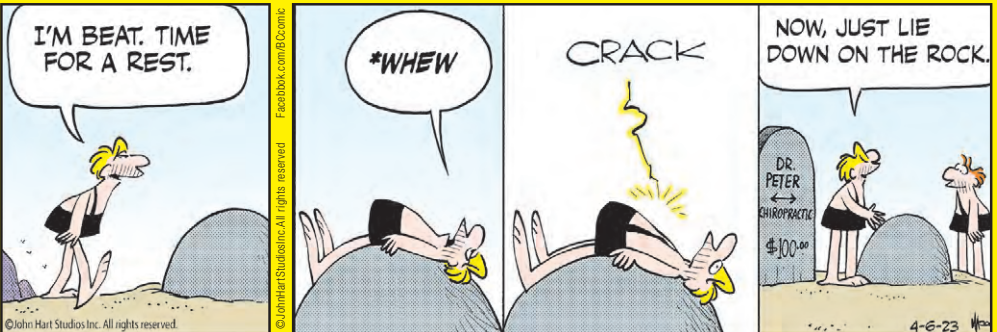
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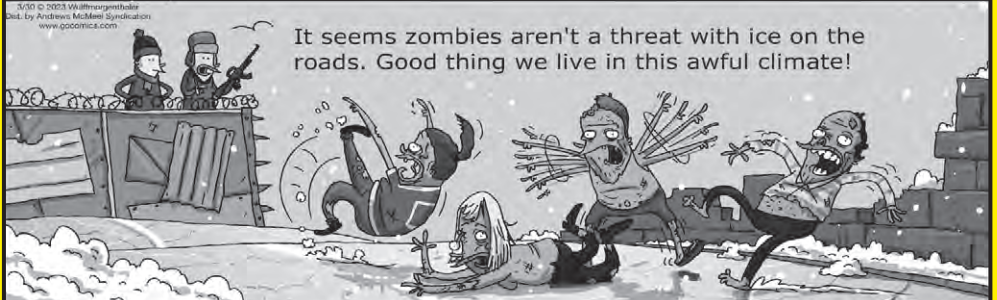
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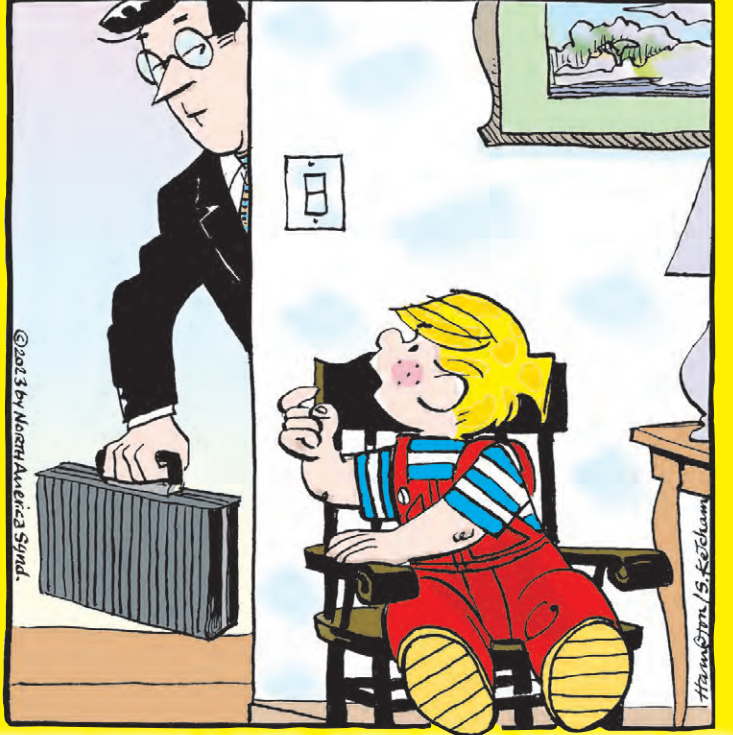
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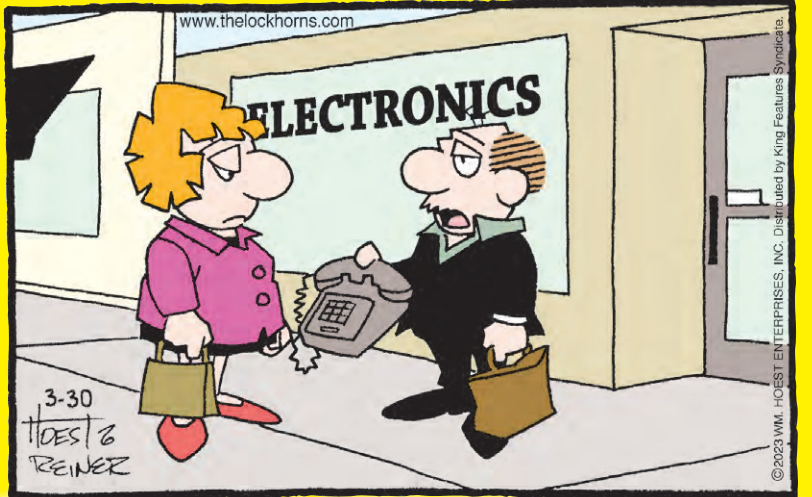
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The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



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Close To Home

John McPherson



"Hurry! HURRY!!"

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"Sorry, but there is no Guinness World Record for the number of squirrels treed in an hour."

The Bunny Buddies and the MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE!

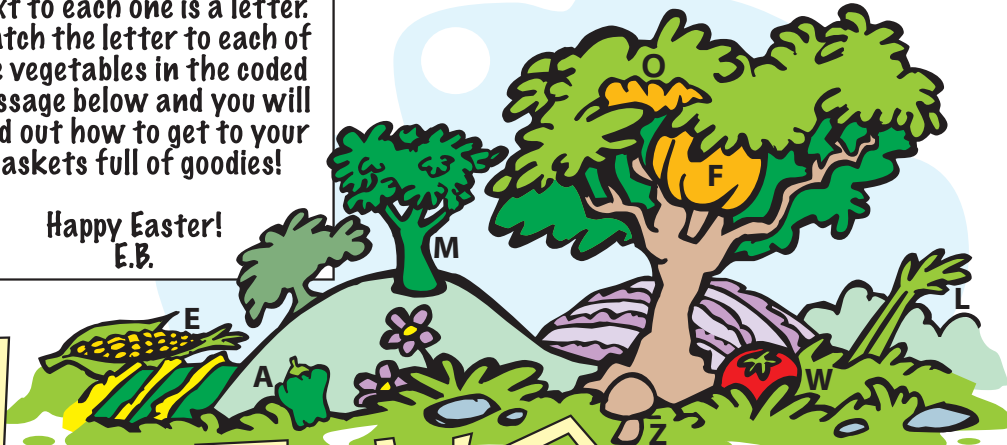
This Easter, Buzz and Beeper didn't find eggs in their baskets. They found a mysterious message! Every bunny needs a buddy and these bunnies need YOUR help to discover how to read the message.



Find the eight vegetables I have hidden in the meadow. Next to each one is a letter. Match the letter to each of the vegetables in the coded message below and you will find out how to get to your baskets full of goodies!

Find somebunny to be your buddy and do this page together! If this page looks easy to do, share it with somebunny younger than you. If it looks hard, share it with somebunny older!

Happy Easter!
E.B.



The baskets that belong to Buzz and Beeper are identical.



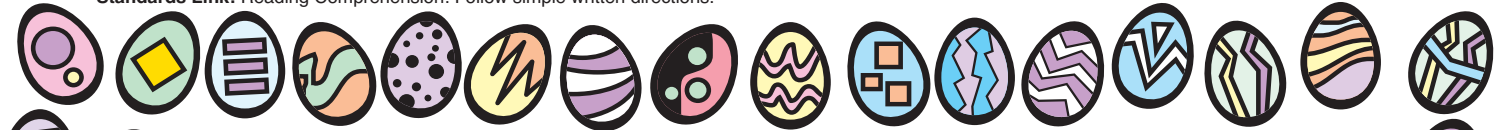
Extra! Extra!

Trust

Whom do you trust? Do you know why? Can you find a picture in the newspaper of someone you trust? Can you find a picture of someone you would not trust?

Standards Link: Health: Students recognize and identify positive character traits in themselves and others.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Crack Up!

The secret code to crack the answer to this riddle is hidden in this egg border.

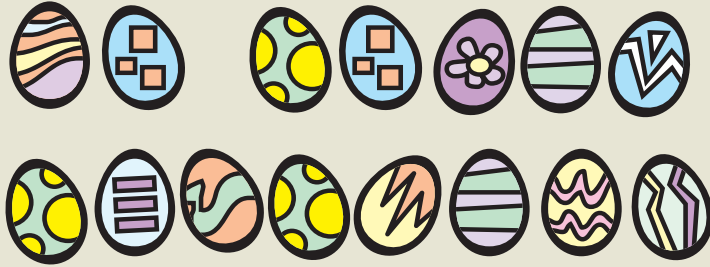
is the letter A.

To find out what letter each egg stands for, find

The alphabet follows in order by going clockwise around the border. Each egg stands for one letter of the alphabet.

Standards Links: Decoding: Recognize letters of the alphabet. Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Q: What's the greatest use of chicken feathers in the world?



Crack Up! Answer: TO COVER CHICKENS.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Color It!

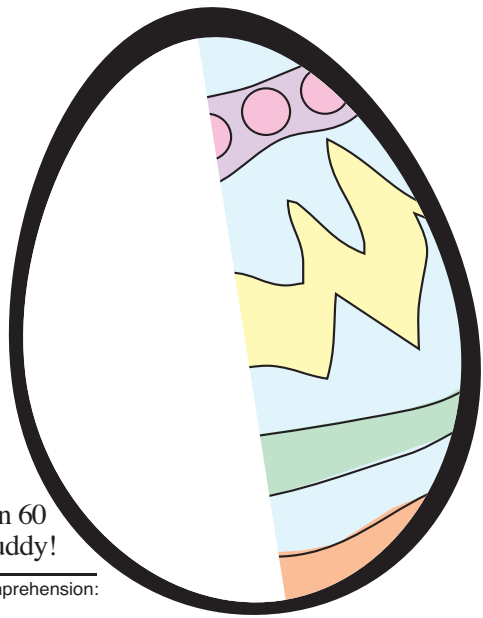
Beeper didn't finish coloring her egg. Do the rest for her.

Have more fun with your buddy! Draw an egg and color half of it. Then let your buddy finish your design.

Egg Timer

How many eggs can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Race your buddy!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Eye-hand coordination.



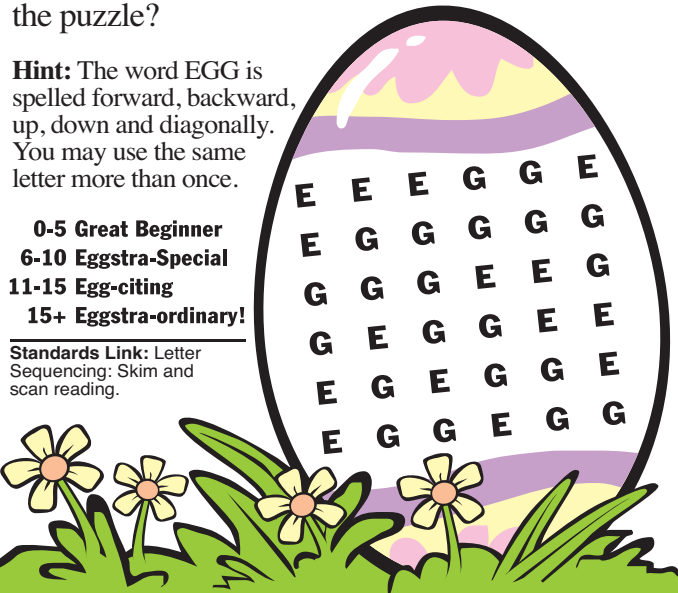
Egg Search

How many times can you find the word EGG in the puzzle?

Hint: The word EGG is spelled forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. You may use the same letter more than once.

0-5 Great Beginner
6-10 Eggstra-Special
11-15 Egg-citing
15+ Eggstra-ordinary!

Standards Link: Letter Sequencing: Skim and scan reading.



How to Draw a Bunny in 7 Easy Steps!

1. Circle
2. Add eyes and nose
3. Add ears
4. Add whiskers
5. Add body and feet
6. Add tail
7. Final colored bunny

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Reporter Game

With a partner, read a newspaper article. One of you must choose to be a person in the article and the other should be the reporter. Decide what questions were asked to get the relevant information and then role-play the interview.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Ask clarifying questions about essential textual elements, restate facts and details, clarify and organize ideas.



Why did the Easter Bunny have to fire the duck?

ANSWER: Because he kept quacking the eggs.

Write On!

Easter Bunny Spotted!

Write about catching sight of the Easter Bunny leaving eggs.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Lily Petz was named a captain for the Blue Devils before the team's season opener.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

A good athlete can always be measured by statistics and what numbers they leave on the score sheet each game. However, many of the best athletes, especially at the high school level, are more likely to be remembered for the impacts they have on their respective programs as leaders. For Grosse Pointe South varsity lacrosse player Lily Petz, it is the best of both worlds.

Petz first began playing organized lacrosse for St. Paul Catholic School in middle school and eventually made the Blue Devils varsity team as a freshman. Fast forward to this spring, her junior season, where Petz is a team captain and hitting the ground running. In South's first two games of the season, Petz scored a combined seven goals, four in the season opener against Divine Child and three the next night against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"The first couple of games are kind of difficult because everyone is still getting back into the groove," Petz said. "So when you get a chance off the draw, which I worked really hard on over the winter to practice winning draws and getting midfield position, when you see the opportunities come from that you have to take advantage."

Petz is not just a faceoff specialist but is also a prolific goal scorer. Her seemingly natural leadership also makes Petz eager to help create opportunities for her teammates. In those first two games, Petz

had three assists to go along with her seven combined goals.

"I'd rather get one or two clean goals and then set other people up to score," she said. "It's what's most

important to me because it's what's most important for the team."

The assists may add to her impressive stat totals, but it is the idea of putting the team first that makes Petz a crucial piece for the Blue Devils. The focus for Petz is to create chances all over the field and help her team win in any way she can. That quality comes with being a leader and Petz embraces it. She knows that she picked up lacrosse at a relatively young age and that some of her teammates might be picking up a stick for the first time ever while entering the high school level. If she can help her teammates understand the game and what it takes to be successful, Petz knows that the wins and everything else will follow.

"Showing people that it's fun and you don't have to score goals to be successful," Petz said. "... This is a sport you can have fun with before getting into that competitive mode. Of course, you want to win but I don't think you can win unless you have good chemistry on the field and that starts with building connections."

Petz has made plenty of those connections so far as the new season gets underway. She is sure to make plenty more throughout her junior season and as a senior next spring. Her knowledge of the game and understanding of how to be a leader and how to help bring a group together along with her fellow captains is what Petz hopes can keep bringing the South girls lacrosse program forward in the time she has left and after she graduates.

"I want to look back and see that other girls who may be new to lacrosse or aren't as into it as I may be are more passionate about it," she said. "I want to know I did my best as a captain and a leader to make sure people have a better experience."

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Lily Petz

School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Lacrosse

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Petz goes up high to battle for the ball with an opponent during a game last season.

Lily the Leader

- Scored 7 total goals in South's first 2 games of the season
- Was named a team captain as a junior before the season opener
- Has been with the Blue Devils varsity girls lacrosse team since her freshman year



Photo courtesy of Steve Zaranek

2023 Spring Sports Preview

By Mike Adzima
Sports Writer
and
Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Take hundreds of athletes from 31 varsity teams, eight sports and three high schools and you have the makings for an action-packed, thrilling spring sports season in the Pointes.

The sports staff at the Grosse Pointe News got the inside scoop from the team's head coaches for what to expect in their respective seasons. For the next two weeks, we are giving you the 411 on all you need to know before heading out to catch these amazing athletes in action. Here's a look at what you can expect from the Blue Devils, Norsemen and Knights this spring.

Above, Grosse Pointe South Senior Selga Jansons, pictured in a 2022 meet, is poised to be a state contender in the 100 meter high hurdles this spring.



Photo courtesy of Steve Zaranek

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH Girls Track and Field

The 2023 Grosse Pointe South girls varsity track and field team hopes to capitalize on its depth to win regionals and qualify as many as a dozen competitors for the state meet, according to Head Coach Steve Zaranek.

"We have a very experienced team this year and our expectations remain high," he said. "With 75 (athletes) on the team, our depth should prove strong across all 17 events. Competing in the MAC Red is always tough but it will continue to bring out our best," Zaranek added.

The Blue Devils used that tough competition to elevate their performance last season, achieving a 6-2 dual meet record and finishing as regional runner-up to eventual state champion Detroit Renaissance. The team also qualified six runners to the state finals, where then-junior Selga Jansons earned All-State Honors in the 100 meter high hurdles.

This season, teams from Dakota and Anchor Bay will provide his squad with the toughest challenges.

"We hope to compete with both (of them), along with strong teams such as Grosse Pointe North, Chippewa Valley and Romeo... Our strong depth will help us with this direc-

tion," Zaranek said.

The team will be anchored by some key runners, including senior Jansons, the team's 2022 top point-scorer. Others include:

- Senior Claire Zurowick, a top sprinter and distance runner.
- Seniors Madison Duff, O'hara Diamond and Sofia Guevara, top sprinters and relay runners.
- Senior Ella Pazuchowski, a top middle distance and relay runner.
- Junior Morgan Deenik, sophomore Savannah Spangler and senior Ava Carr, who will provide solid depth in all distance races.

Seniors Grace Winingar and Ava Rogowski, along with sophomore Olivia Barba and junior Malvina Lubanski, the top field event teammates.

"We are off to an excellent start with practices and preparation," Zaranek said.

"The girls are very supportive of one another, working very hard and having lots of fun. 2023 should be another great season for our team."

South kicked off its season after press time at home against Warren Mott Tuesday, April 4. The team hosts Anchor Bay at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH Baseball



In his 40th season as the Blue Devils head varsity baseball coach, Dan Griesbaum Sr. says his team goals are always the same — to win the MAC Red and advance to the Final Four in the state tournament.

"I get a very good "team" feeling from this group," Griesbaum said. "We say things like together we can do more, there's no "I" in team and tradition never graduates. They may sound like corny cliches, but they are very true."

Last season, South won the MAC Red outright for the first time in program history. But its postseason ended abruptly when the team lost a pre-District game 9-2 to rival Grosse Pointe North.

The Blue Devils finished 22-14 overall and 11-4 in the MAC Red. Eight players earned All-State Academic honors, achieving a GPA of 4.0 or above.

The 2023 squad — coined by Griesbaum's family as "#Team40" based on the skipper's years at the helm — hopes to be serious championship contenders, thanks to a lineup with six returning starters.

Griesbaum expects big contributions from senior co-captains Wells Graham, Cliff Grabowski, Chase Mazey and Ben Domzalski. Junior first baseman Hunter Belanger, who hit .390 last season, will bat clean up. Connor Stafford and Joey McEvoy, who hit .308 and .421 respectively, will strengthen the team's offensive power. Mazey and Graham, who won 2022 All-MAC and All-District honors, will anchor the pitching staff.

"Sometimes what you expect doesn't always happen, but we have a great group of kids. We are all home-grown here and we don't recruit...but if you buy into your role here, we can do great things," Griesbaum said.

The Blue Devils played three regular season games this week after press time. They face rival Grosse Pointe North in a double header beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8 at North.

Boys Lacrosse

The Grosse Pointe South boys lacrosse team is hunting for results in 2023. This year's Blue Devils are a group made up heavily of upperclassmen, including 15 seniors, who are looking to return to the top of the MAC Red and finally capture an elusive regional title.

"There's something about this team, they're hungry," said head coach Justin Macksoud. "...This team is going to be built different, but the season is going to be difficult. Nothing is being given to us this year."

At the core of this "hungry" team is four returning former All-State players. Seniors William Rauh and Griffin Adams, who is making the switch from attack to midfield, will be looked on to lead the midfield. On attack, South sees the return of Jack Hanigan and Harry Wright.

Returning experienced players capable of competing at an All-State level does give the Blue Devils an advantage in what should be a challenging year. South has to go through the MAC Red Division and also compete in the newly added MAC Tournament. That is all in addition to non-league showdowns with Detroit Country Day, Rochester Adams and Notre Dame Prep.

While South's team is largely made up of experienced players used to handling a tough schedule and big games, there is one newcomer who also looks to have a big impact. Freshman attack Jack Smith has already burst onto the scene with a hat trick in South's season opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer on March 22, and could be setting himself up to be a star for years to come.

"He is afraid of nobody," Macksoud said about the freshman. "This kid is going to be something special."

The Blue Devils lost that season opener to Pioneer 10-9. After an extended time off the field for spring break, South is back in action at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, hosting U of D Jesuit.



Photo courtesy of Allison Keane

Girls Lacrosse

Grosse Pointe South girls varsity lacrosse has a new sheriff leading the team this season, who not only brings her collegiate club lacrosse experience to the table, but also her know-how as a former standout in the Blue Devil's program.

Elizabeth Rauh, a 2016 South grad and former player at Michigan State, is leading the program after spending last year as the varsity squad's assistant coach.

"I'm coming in here definitely wanting to challenge the girls," she said. "What I bring to the table is a fresh approach. Through how I organize practices, run drills and develop our team's culture, I'm instilling changes that will challenge them."

Nearly 75 players tried out for girls lacrosse last month, which meant the program faced a good dilemma — instead of only one JV and one varsity squad, the program now has three, creating a "JV-B" team, which will serve as a development program for newer players.

"So many girls (in our program) are brand new to the sport, but the positive word of mouth is getting more players to come with friends who have encouraged them to play," Rauh said.

Fortunately for Rauh, she has good balance between highly-skilled, seasoned veterans and newer players to work with on her varsity roster of 25. The team hopes to continue its upward trajectory after finishing 13-5 last season

and losing in the second round of the state playoffs against Troy Athens.

Senior Ava Oskui returns to give the team a tough and experienced presence in goal. It will also rely on Junior midfielder and draw specialist Lily Petz and Senior defender Genevieve Boutros.

Rauh said she is focused on building and enhancing team chemistry on and off the field, and to play as a cohesive unit. The team is using some stats as benchmarks, including assists, draw wins and ground balls.

"Our coaching staff has set expectations for the team regarding leadership, accountability, time management and sportsmanship," she said. "We want to work on developing field sense and team strategy, as well as getting stronger on defense."

All of this hard work is designed to prepare the team for a conference title run. It also will help them battle in some of the season's biggest games against Detroit Country Day — "that is an aspirational team for us to play against," Rauh said — and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

"We have a great group of girls this year," Rauh said. "We are excited to work with them and prepare them for a competitive and fun season."

The team has three games under its belt in the new season. They hit the road to face off against Cranbrook-Kingswood at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, April 6.



Photo courtesy of Grosse Pointe South Baseball

South's 2023 varsity baseball team gathers March 27 after its first day of scrimmages during a spring training trip in Vero Beach, Fla.

Boys Golf

Over recent years, the standard for the boys golf team at Grosse Pointe South has been to make it to the state finals. The Blue Devils did that last year, along with finishing second in the region and winning the MAC Red.

South is ready to make another run to the state finals with an experienced group that includes five of the six golfers who competed at last year's finals. With that experience also comes what the Blue Devils believe is the talent and mentality to have another successful spring.

"If you do everything correct and to the best of your ability you end up where you should be," head coach Rob McIntyre said. "We adopted that years ago to eliminate excuses...What we try to do is maximize opportunities and maximize our potential. If we do that, we should end up pretty well."

Leading the way in that effort to make it back to states will be South's three stand-out seniors; Evan Brown, Will Jordan and Corbin Ifkovits. The Blue Devils also expect to see some big performances throughout the spring from juniors Brennan Sullivan and Tommy Ciconte, who tied for the team's low score of 79 at last year's state finals.

If those five major players want to help this group of Blue Devils make it back to the biggest stage in the state, they will have to move through some tough competition first. Along with going through the MAC Red, South has to face teams throughout the year such as Flint Powers Catholic, De La Salle and Grand Blanc. What will test the team the most, however, is likely its own tournament, the Blue Devil Invitational at the Country Club of Detroit on May 1.

"If you look at who's playing, out of the top ten in Division 1 six will be there and the Division 2 state champion," McIntyre said.

South hits the links for the first time this season on Wednesday, April 19, for a tri-match with Eisenhower and Ford II at Gowaine Golf Club.

Softball

Grosse Pointe South varsity softball hopes to use a mix of older veterans and an infusion of new blood to make some magic in 2023.

The team lost six seniors to graduation, who were big contributors to its 19 wins in 2022. The Blue Devils are replenishing that loss with two sophomores and three freshmen to combine with seven returning varsity players.

"Although we are a young and inexperienced team, our players worked extremely hard in the off-season strength, conditioning and skills program," said South head coach Bill Fleming. "We expect to hit the ground running and battle with every team on our schedule."

To that end, the Blue Devils have set goals to win the MAC Blue division, win districts, and beat "our friends from the other high schools in town," Fleming said, otherwise known as Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett.

In addition and more importantly, Fleming added: "We want to be named an All-State Academic team for the 10th year in a row."

Fleming describes his three team captains as talented, "team first" players who have excellent leadership skills. They include junior Avery Harris, a hard-hitting third baseman; Junior shortstop Avery Bellish, a "vocal leader who scoops up everything hit her way," Fleming said; and returning All-Regional outfielder, Katie Steiner, the team's lead-off hitter and center fielder. Fleming praised

Steiner's ability to track down and catch whatever gets hit near her.

Other returning players include Senior Ellie Smith, who is battling back from a significant injury and will help at the plate and in the field; Junior Addie Waller, a valuable utility player who will log time at first and second base and outfield; Sophomore catcher Luna Agosta, who "has a 'cannon' for an arm and a bat to match," Fleming said. Sophomore Murphy Russell will remain the staff ace. Russell moved up to varsity midway through last season and became the squad's dominant pitcher.

The team also added three talented freshmen who came up through Grosse Pointe Little League and travel ball, including pitcher and outfielder Viviana Ostrowski, first baseman Bella Dodson and pitcher and infielder Alex Lupo.

Fleming said his team looks forward to its rivalry games against North and Liggett because many of them have played together or currently play together on a travel team.

"These games are highly competitive, but at the end of the game we shake hands and wish them well," he said. "The development of Little League softball in Grosse Pointe has really fueled the development of the local high school teams."

"I would highly recommend coming to watch one of these games, between friendly rivals, to see just how good Grosse Pointe softball is."

The team opened up its season against Troy Athens at home on its newly renovated field at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 after press time.



Photo courtesy of Bill Fleming

South's JV and Varsity squads join forces to host young athletes earlier this season at the program's annual skills clinic.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindle at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present, except Councilperson Tom Jenny

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To support the preparation of a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Harper Woods.
- 2) That the agenda of the special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH Boys Track and Field

Great leadership, good team chemistry and some speedy, strong athletes are the main ingredients Grosse Pointe South boys varsity track and field hopes to use in its 2023 recipe for success.

"It's all easy to say on paper, but we want to be undefeated, win the MAC and win regionals," said head coach Mark Sonnenberg. "We also want to qualify six to seven events to states."

That tall task is one Sonnenberg is comfortable setting, not because of overconfidence, but because he believes his team's culture breeds positivity and pushes athletes to strive for greatness.

"I like to help kids become the best version of themselves," Sonnenberg said, who was a track and field captain during his days at Grosse Pointe South more than 30 years ago. "I love track and these kids are like my second family."

The team of around 80 athletes will rely on a senior core of captains to set the pace this season. Seniors Logan Detweiler, who owns the school record of 4:15 in the mile, and Brendan Downey will once again give the Blue Devils an elite presence in distance runs. Fellow co-captains Luc Michaud, Donovan Moody, Keegan Morris, Zain Mohsin, Baxter Russell and Sam Morandini will help give South a balanced attack in sprints, mid-distance, relays and field events.

"The early-season energy I am seeing has really been positive, and the guys have been working hard," Sonnenberg said.

The team competed in a relay invitational at Eastern Michigan March 25, and began its dual meet season against Warren Mott Tuesday, April 4, after press time. The squad hits the road for the Lincoln Classic Invitational, set for 8 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Warren Lincoln High School.



Courtesy photo

South senior co-captain Brendan Downey, left, is expected to challenge for the team's mile record this season.

Girls Soccer

In 2022, a young Grosse Pointe South girls soccer team turned a 9-10-2 regular season into an unexpected playoff run that led to a district championship. With almost that entire squad coming back, the goal for the Blue Devils this year is simple. Get back to the success of last year and go even further.

"We're better than we were last year and last year we won our district," head coach Chris Bolio put simply.

South's roster this year boasts eight juniors and three seniors to make up the core of upperclassmen. Several of those more experienced players contributed in key roles last year during the Blue Devils' playoff run.

One of the biggest returning pieces is senior forward Olivia Dimuzio. Dimuzio led the Blue Devils up front last year and is looking to do so again, with the goal of building on both her team's success and her individual accomplishments from last year.

"She had 16 goals last year and went second-team All-State so I know she's looking to build off that and make it to the first team this year," Bolio said about the standout senior.

Also back are fixtures from last year's district title team such as goalkeeper Elsa Bachert and midfielder Marrin Harris. Entering her senior year, Harris is looked upon as one of the most improved players from last year to this spring.

"(Marrin) had a really good offseason and grew quite a bit as far as her technical skills," Bolio said. "She could be a huge piece of the puzzle this year."

Before South can look to the postseason and try to replicate another playoff run, it will have to fight through the regular season. The Blue Devils have to compete in the MAC White and have two games against crosstown rival Grosse Pointe North from the MAC Red.

South's season began on Monday, April 3 on the road against Port Huron. The Blue Devils hosted Grosse Pointe North on Wednesday, April 5 after press time and take the pitch again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Chippewa Valley.

Girls Tennis

Winning the MAC Red has become commonplace for the Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team over the past decade. The Blue Devils have taken the top spot in the division every year since 2014, but may face an uphill climb to continue that streak this spring.

With a heavy senior class graduating after the 2022 season, the Blue Devils take on the task of rebuilding a bit. This year's South team has just three seniors leading a largely inexperienced group that includes four sophomores and three freshmen.

"It's highly unusual for us," said head coach Mark Sobieralski. "It doesn't mean we can't end up in the top ten, but we're raw and have a lot of new kids coming in so it's going to be a little different

from the last few years."

Two of those returning seniors are captains Megan Kornmeier and Ana Maria Garberding. They, along with junior captain Maeve Hix, will be tasked with leading the younger Blue Devils through this season and helping prepare them for the next few years.

South's schedule has eased up from recent years to compensate for the team's youth, but the Blue Devils still have to take on the MAC Red, including Grosse Pointe North, and take on some of the state's top teams in tournaments throughout the spring. All in all, there are sure to be bumps along the way this year for South, but the end goal is getting to see a young group grow and learn to handle the pres-

sure of varsity level tennis in order to continue the program's success in the future.

"Get all the young kids a year of varsity experience," Sobieralski said. "The first year, everything is like a blur but hopefully next year things slow down for them a bit. With a little more experience you get a bit more strategy and more placement on the shots."

The Blue Devils' season begins with a quad meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Grosse Ile against Grosse Ile, Tecumseh and Allen Park.



Photo by Mike Adzima

Senior Olivia Dimuzio, pictured last year, returns at forward for South's girls soccer team after scoring 16 goals and earning second-team All-State honors in 2022.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Girls Softball



When fans look around the diamond at a Grosse Pointe North softball game this season, it is likely that they will recognize pretty much every name at every position. Six seniors and seven juniors make up the core of this year's Norsemen team that sees very little change in the lineup from last year.

That makes a big difference when one considers what North was able to accomplish in 2022. The Norsemen finished the regular season with a 15-10 record and third in the MAC Red, but made a run in the postseason that saw them become district champions and advance as far as the regional round. That experience could prove invaluable this year for a group that already seems to have so much chemistry.

"They've all experienced being there and they really gel well together," head coach Ron Smith said. "...They enjoy being with each other complement each other in the field and in the dugout."

Expected to get a majority of the work on the mound and at the heart of North's experienced core are senior pitchers Kaitlyn Barr and Sarah McCloskey. They will be backed up by an infield that includes senior first baseman Sophia Borowski and junior shortstop Natalie Babcock. Senior outfielder Katherine Listman will also be looked upon in center field to have a strong year after spending parts of recent seasons dealing with injuries.

That lineup is going to be expected to deliver in big moments, something that can be somewhat of a toss up at times in softball. While the Norsemen did not always get the level of offensive production they had hoped for at times last season, the growth that this group has experienced since last spring is giving them confidence that things can be different this time around.

"Hitting is always the question," said Smith. "Pitching, you either have your pitchers or you don't and this year I think we do...Our focus has to be on continuing to strengthen our hitting, and in the off-season watching these girls I know they've done that."

If the Norsemen can add that consistent production at the plate to go along with their strong arms on the mound, it could help them immensely through an always-tough MAC Red schedule. Not to mention the team's non-league schedule this year including matchups with teams like Algonac, Livonia Franklin, West Bloomfield and another trip to the Michigan Stars tournament in May.

North's season began on Wednesday, April 5, after press time hosting West Bloomfield. The Norsemen take the diamond again at home on Saturday, April 8, for a doubleheader with Livonia Franklin starting at 11 a.m.



Photo by Mike Adzima

Senior pitcher Kaitlyn Barr, pictured last season, looks to help lead the Norsemen on a quest for another district championship and more in 2023.

Girls Track and Field

Grosse Pointe North girls varsity track and field hopes to ride some late season momentum from last year into a more successful 2023.

Despite last year's 0-4 dual meet regular season record in the MAC Red, the team began to find its stride during a fourth place finish in the league division meet, where Senior Ava Hopko earned MAC Red MVP honors. Moving on to regionals, the Norsemen placed third out of 11 teams. Once again Hopko won shot put, discus and high jump before finishing 10th, 15th and 19th respectively in those events at the Division 1 state finals.

Head Coach Diane Montgomery said this year's team seems willing to embrace the fresh opportunities a new season brings.

"I am confident that our newest members will contribute to our depth in scoring," she said. "We have a great energy on the team and all of the athletes seem ready and willing to find their best events."

Montgomery said the team's goals are to finish in the top half of the MAC Red and to capture a Top 3 team finish at regionals. She also said she's hopeful North will qualify more than one athlete for state finals among her roster of 60 girls.

"We have...a lot of first time track athletes," she said. "I am very hopeful that we have the basis of a strong team for the next

few years, as we have very few seniors and only one senior who is a returner."

That senior, Sophia Dragich, will help captain the team along with juniors Serenity Fulce, Zofia Lutoborska, Sarah Westrick and Dakota White.

Westrick, who will be instrumental in the pole vault, long jump, and hurdles, is returning after suffering a season-ending injury in her first meet of 2022. White will also be a strong competitor in long jump and sprints. Fulce and sophomore Michela Trupiano will also assist in sprints.

Other athletes to watch include:

- Lillian Deskins, who ran a 5:05 indoor 1600 meter at the State Indoor Finals, where she finished 9th. She also qualified for and competed in the New Balance Indoor National Championship where she ran 5:16 in the mile.

- Lucie Leonhard, who will continue as a solid contributor in the 3200 meter run. Leonhard already posted a personal best time in the 1600 during a practice time trial.

- Junior Bailey Hopko, who will contribute in throws and long jump.

- Juniors Zofia Lutoborska and Nicolina Gusmano, who will be contenders in the middle distances.

The team opens their season by heading to Chippewa Valley at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.



Photo courtesy of Diane Montgomery

From left to right, former and current North girls track teammates Lucie Leonhard, Abby Dombrowski, Emily Francis, Bailey Hopko, Ava Hopko, Dakota White, Michela Trupiano, Becca Moin, Sophia Dragich, Rachel Rumschlag and Sarah Westrick show their team spirit at the 2022 MAC Red division meet at Romeo High School last spring.

Boys Golf

The biggest key for the 2023 boys varsity golf team at North would probably have to be experience. The Norsemen have nine players returning from last year's team, including five seniors, ready to lead this year's North team on the road to improvement.

In 2022, North finished fourth in the MAC Red with a 3-5 record and had one golfer, Niko Karoutsos, qualify as an individual for the state finals. Karoutsos is now graduated and now the Norsemen are looking to see who can make the leap into being the team's top performers this spring.

"We're going to work hard and see what happens," coach James Hansinger said. "I lost a four-year, No. 1 player and it's hard to replace him, but I think we have some guys that want to step up and who have been practicing all year."

Among that group ready to make a statement are captains Nick Fleming and Sam Latiff. Also poised for big years are juniors Niko Truza and Jackson Hansinger, both entering their third year on the varsity team.

North begins the season on Wednesday, April 12, when the team takes the links at Lochmoor Club against Cass Tech.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Chapter 4, Article II, Liquor and Tavern Licenses of the 2017 City Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, the City will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at 20025 Mack Plaza in the Council-Court Room of the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center to hear comments from the public regarding transfer of ownership of a Class C Liquor License, issuance of a new SDM License, and new permit for Sunday AM sales to Pendency's Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Pendency's Grosse Pointe, 20930 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, from 20930 Mack Avenue, Inc., located at 20930-20934 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, which in addition to transfer of the Class C, issuance of a new SDM License and new permit for Sunday AM sales, is also requesting transfer of a Class C Liquor License with PM sales and Outdoor Service Area Permits.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The file is available for public scrutiny at the City Clerk's office at City Hall. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Spring SPORTS PREVIEW

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Boys Track and Field

The new season is bringing an energetic outlook and positive vibe for Grosse Pointe North's boys varsity track and field.

Head coach Eric Eplin described last season as "a little bit rough for the boys team," but said this year's mix of a good team attitude and veteran leadership has the Norsemen poised for progress.

"This season we have grown in number with roughly 70 boys," Eplin said. "We have a lot of new, energetic young faces that are ready for competition."

The 2022 squad finished 0-4 in the MAC Red, but took 7th in regionals out of 13 teams. At that meet, Daniel Weber captured third in the 800 meter run and David Rochon finished third in the 3200 meter run. North's 4x800 meter relay of Michael Fox, Ryan Spiteri, Daniel Weber and Alex Agius also finished third.

Eplin said the team will focus on building upon those successes.

"For the 2023 season, I am confident that with the leadership from our returning athletes and with the help of our newest members, we will be able to compete in the MAC Red Division," he said. "Our team goals this year are to compete and finish in the top half of the MAC Red division and finish in the Top 4 in our region. We would also like to send one of our athletes to compete in the state finals meet."

Eplin said some Norsemen to watch this year include distance runners Rochon and Caleb Kosel; sprinters, Martez Jones and Aaron Brunson; hurdler Jaden Laster and thrower Marcus Robinson.

The team will be captained this year by Rochon and Robinson, along with Jaden Laster, Kyle Maloney, Alex Lawerance and John Lapere.

The team opens their season by heading to Chippewa Valley at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12.



Photo courtesy of Eric Eplin

The 2023 North boys varsity track and field team plans to take advantage of its positive team attitude and veteran leadership this season.

Girls Lacrosse

After a difficult 2022 regular season where wins came at a premium, the Grosse Pointe North girls varsity lacrosse team showed a no-quit attitude by winning its opening round of the playoffs.

It's this same attitude, along with the fresh start of new season that senior co-captains Kinsley Aldridge and Grace Cueter believe will bring a winning formula to the 2023 team.

"I definitely believe that we can set ourselves up for success," Cueter said.

"My goal as a captain is to lead by example and to encourage teamwork and growth throughout the team," Aldridge added. "It would be great to see more 'W's this season."

While both Aldridge and Cueter are among the team's top players, there are many others who will help the Norsemen achieve their goals this season. Junior Ava Smarch and senior Grace Colombo will lead on attack, while Bella Yoakam is expected to be the team's standout defender. The team has a balanced attack on offense and expects contributions from Allie Mattes, Josie Cueter, Ella Dobbs, Piper Marshall and Ainsley Tanghe.

But, according to Aldridge, it will be just as important for the team to build mojo off the field as much as on it.

"To build teamwork, team chemistry is important. We plan on having pasta parties the night before the games, (and) in every season we hold team Olympics to have fun and bond as a team," she said.

Captain Cueter agreed.

"Our team bond is super important to us and definitely shows on the field," she said. "We wear our jerseys to school to strengthen our chemistry. A lot of us are friends off the field, so we are always excited to go to practice and play together."

Cueter also said this season's team is skilled on both ends of the field but they also recognize there is always room for improvement.

"I see the team as both offensive-minded and defensive-minded," she said. "However, we have a lot of strong offensive players on this year's roster and I am excited to see us play in our offensive end more this year."

"I am super excited for this season," Cueter added. "It feels like a fresh start."

North hosts its first home game of the season at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, against Troy Athens.

Boys Baseball

MAC White champions, district champions, regional champions, a state championship game appearance and a 23-8 record comprised one of the most successful seasons in recent history for North varsity baseball in 2022. Back to try and repeat that success are big names such as Brennan and Drew Hill, Jordan Arsenau and more ready to help add more hardware to the Norsemen's trophy case.

"The way in which they handle themselves and know what to expect each day has given them a maturity and comfort because they know the points of emphasis and embrace it," said coach Kevin Shubnell. "Those guys have

taken on a great role with leadership and everyone coming up through the program now knows who they are."

Other experienced varsity players such as Rocco Cardinale, Cam Schafer and Shane Armbruster are expected to step up into bigger roles this season to fill some holes left by last year's senior class. All in all, it will take a team effort to get through an always challenging MAC schedule and a slate of non-league games that includes opponents such as Grosse Pointe South, Brother Rice and University Liggett.

"It's intentionally very tough," Shubnell said about this

year's schedule. "...We're going to see guys have to develop on the mound against great competition."

The Norsemen's season begins at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 6, with a road game against Rochester Adams. The team has its home opener beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, for a doubleheader against Grosse Pointe South.



Photo by Mike Adzima

The North boys lacrosse team, pictured last season, is looking to be led by strong, experienced defense through what could be a challenging 2023.

Boys Lacrosse

There is a popular saying that "defense wins championships." The Grosse Pointe North boys lacrosse team may not have heavy championship aspirations this spring after finishing 3-14 in 2022, but the program is looking to build on the path to progress behind an experienced and skilled defensive core.

Anchoring that back line for North is senior goalie Joel Jarvi. With standout juniors Matthew Lorelli and Ethan Bailey also adding to the strong defense, the Norsemen will be looking to their long poles and defensive abilities to be their biggest strength throughout the spring.

"They've all got experience as starters and now they're really ready to fill a big role," head coach Mark Seppala said. "...We're really looking at that defensive core to kind of be the big strength and then have guys in the midfield who are now seniors to lead in that direction."

The defense was tested early on in the season when North opened its 2023 campaign back on March 22 with a loss to Stoney Creek. The Norsemen let up 14 goals in the loss, but have had nearly two weeks to regroup in between that season opener and when the schedule really begins rolling along.

Once that schedule picks up, things will not be getting any easier for North. The team has to fight through the tough MAC Red and the new MAC Tournament. There are also non-league tests scheduled against Cass Tech, Bishop Foley and University Liggett among others. The schedule may be daunting at times and the going could get tough, but the Norsemen want to prove that they can fight through any test no matter what the outcome may be.

"Go into every game knowing that there's no escape," said Seppala. "You have to put it all on the line and compete as hard as you can for the full time. That's how these guys want to define themselves going into the season, with a never give up attitude."

North returned to the field on Tuesday, April 4 after press time in a home game hosting Notre Dame Prep. The Norsemen are in action at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 6, on the road against Cass Tech.

Girls Soccer

Just three wins and an exit in the first round of the postseason made 2022 a year that the Grosse Pointe North girls soccer team would probably like to put behind them. A mix of seniors and juniors, and even a few freshmen, make up this year's Norsemen squad which is hoping to turn things around and right the ship.

Seniors like Isabella Deskins and Mia Stephanoff will look to step back into starting roles as veteran leaders for North. Another name to keep on eye on should be junior Amelia Streberger who could also become an even bigger key piece as the spring goes on.

North once again has to spend most of the season taking on competition from the MAC Red, a division which the team finished last in 2022. The schedule also includes non-league fixtures against University Liggett, the No. 2 team in Division 4, and Detroit Country Day.

North's campaign began back on March 23 with a 1-0 loss to L'Anse Creuse. The team went on the road across town to face Grosse Pointe South on Wednesday, April 5 after press time and is on the road against Tuesday, April 11 at Detroit Country Day.



Girls Tennis

The tone heading into the 2023 spring season for the Grosse Pointe North girls tennis team is optimism. Largely a veteran group made up of players who are no stranger to the varsity court, the defending MAC White champions are hoping that momentum from last year's division title and experience can lead them to competing with the top of the MAC Red.

"Enjoy the time that they have and see what they're capable of," head coach John VanAlst said. "I see a lot of upside potential in a lot of our players and I want them to realize that potential as well and allow themselves the opportunity to succeed."

Seniors Helaina Pietrowsky and Elena Shaheen along with juniors such as Stephanie Karoutsos and Maggie McSkimming are just a few of the upperclassmen names that are stepping up into even bigger roles this year. The Norsemen are not short on veteran leadership, which could prove invaluable for the few underclassmen on this year's squad who can learn plenty from the veterans.

"That's the way this team is going to move in the right direction," said VanAlst. "Listen to them and use them as leaders of the team like they're supposed to."

The Norsemen pick up their rackets for the first time this season against Berkley at home at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 11.



Photo by Mike Adzima

Junior Stephanie Karoutsos, pictured last season, and the North girls tennis team are hoping to translate last year's MAC White championship win into success in the MAC Red in 2023.

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City Clerk

6D Spring SPORTS PREVIEW

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT



Photo courtesy of Kevin Nugent

Liggett softball's 2022 division championship team, pictured above, has helped the 2023 squad set its sights on capturing the title for the third consecutive year

Girls Softball

The University Liggett girls varsity softball team hopes its unexpected 2022 district title is just the start of more good things to come for the program.

The team finished the regular season at 6-16 but bounced back in the postseason in a big way, trouncing Detroit Renaissance 23-0 to capture its second consecutive Division 4 district championship.

Two-time All-Catholic League pitcher and team ace Tori Nugent is expected to once again help lead the squad, under new head coach Psaunita Andrews, former head softball coach at Chandler Park Academy.

Senior catcher Isabel Standish and senior infielder Giuliana Lutfy, both three-time state champions in girls hockey, will provide experience and steady veteran leadership to the lineup.

Liggett opened its season after press time on the road Tuesday, April 4, at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford. The Knights home opener is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, against city rival Grosse Pointe South.

Girls and Boys Track and Field

With a total of 40 athletes suiting up for University Liggett varsity girls and varsity boys track and field teams, head coach Jermaine Calloway Sr. expects each and every competitor to set the bar high this season.

"I expect the veterans to get bigger, better, faster and stronger as the season progresses," Calloway said of both of his boys and girls programs. "For the younger athletes on the team, I'm looking for them to be aggressive."

Last season, the girls team finished as regional runner-up and qualified three athletes for the state championship: Olivia Thomas, Kerith Short and Penelope Griffioen. Calloway said he is looking for big contributions from these veterans, including Thomas, who is committed to play women's soccer next fall at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is set to compete in the 100 meter dash — a race in which she owns the ULS school record — and the 200 meter and 400 meter races. Thomas earned All-State honors in all three events in the state final.

Short and Griffioen will be top runners in the 3200 meter run, and Short will also be among the team's best 1600 meter and 800 meter runners.

For the 22-member boys team, last year's state qualifiers will be the backbone of the 2023 squad, including Darius Samples, expected to be a top performer in discus; Jacob Whitton in the 1600; and Taurian Dorthy in the 110 meter hurdles.

With the MHSAA officially adding wheelchair events to the track and field regional and state meets in 2022, Jake Juip became the first-ever Division 3 state champion in both the wheelchair 100 and the 200, and is expected to be a key contributor for the Knights again this season.

Calloway also said that pre-season practices and training through winter track clubs have helped get his athletes ready for the new season.

"Our goal is to teach the kids how to prepare and get ready to compete," Calloway said. "We are hoping everyone gets some new PR's (personal records) at meets and for our seniors to place," he said.

Both squads open the season at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Algonac High School in a multi-school meet.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 20, 2023

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Valerie Kindel at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- (1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 6, 2023 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Beautification Commission meeting held on February 22, 2023.
- (2) To add to the agenda, payment to Truist Governmental Finance.
- (3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- (1) . to approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 126893 through 127001 in the amount of \$399,034.51 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) to approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$27,745.28 for professional services during the month of February 2023 for the following projects: Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253; Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-283; Eastland Center, #180-244; Sanitary Sewer Clean, #180-233, #180-259 and #180-285; Tap Grant App. #180-299; Johnston Park Basketball, #180-263; Temp Water Operator, #180-303; GIS Field Data, #180-311; DPW Interviews, #180-304; User Charge, #180-296 and Miss Dig, #180-255. (3) approve payment to Doxim, Inc. in the amount of \$5,986.13 for the printing, folding and mailing of the monthly water bills for Districts 1, 2 and 3. (4) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,790.66 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of April 2023.(5) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$29,886.72 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of February 2023. (6)approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$9,866.05 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of March 2023 and for fees for the website, the City YouTube channel, IT support services for all departments and the purchase of computers and monitors. (7) approve payment to Wolverine Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$12,094.50 for the removal of main break spoils, ground fill supplies and cold patch for filling potholes.
- (2) to accept the low bid submitted by Fontana Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$176,745.00 to replace the two 8" water mains on Beaconsfield.
- (3) to approve payment to Truist Governmental Finance in the amount of \$68,980.01 for the principal and interest on the Capitol Improvement bond payment for the city's water meters.

Valerie Kindel, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Girls Lacrosse

Amanda Amine, new head coach of University Liggett girls varsity lacrosse, may be a rookie within this Knight's program, but she is a veteran on the school's coaching staff, thanks to her role as head coach of the girls varsity field hockey team.

But the team's "new" leader, who coached Regina High School's varsity lacrosse team for the past two seasons, plans to hit the ground running with her 2023 squad.

"As this is my first year coaching this program, I am looking forward to forming strong team chemistry," she said. "We are fairly young, so I really want everyone to feel confident in the fundamentals and then continue to build our intensity from there."

The team finished 8-9 in the 2022 regular season and won its first round playoff game over Auburn Hills Andover 15-3. But the season came to an end in the second round with a 15-5 loss to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

This year, Amine said she is looking to the team's four seniors to provide great leadership and "set the tone for our team."

"We also have a strong junior class, led by midfielder Brynn Collins, who I feel is going to have a breakout season," Amine said.

The Knights hope to parlay the strong team chemistry it develops into winning the Catholic High School League championship, its primary goal for the season.

"Our league is always competitive, and we know we will have to play tough every game...We always look forward to playing local teams and (we) have Grosse Pointe North on the schedule in May, which will be a fun, competitive game," she added.

Liggett opened its season at home against Amine's former team, Regina, Wednesday, April 5, after press time. The Knights hit the road to face Utica Eisenhower at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11.

Boys Baseball

Last season, many probably expected the Liggett Knights baseball team to repeat as Division 3 state champions. Very few likely expected the team's 2022 playoff run to be cut short with a district finals loss to Detroit Edison. However, the Knights have put that in the past and are now focused on moving onward and upward as this spring sees Liggett moving up to Division 2, where it has already claimed the No. 1 ranking in the MHSBCA pre-season poll.

"We play the best schools in the state in our league and they're all D1 schools so we go through that and then into D2 in the playoffs it won't be very different from what we see all year," coach Dan Cimini said. "We just have to play our game and keep doing what we've been doing and hopefully we play our best baseball at the end of the year."

Those D1 CHSL matchups include multiple showdowns throughout the year with teams such as Brother Rice, Detroit Catholic Central and defending D1 state champs Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The Knights also have a tough test in a non-league doubleheader on April 15, against cross-town rival Grosse Pointe North.

Leading the charge through that tough schedule will be familiar names like catcher Oliver Service, shortstop Jarren Purify and fellow infielder Reggie Sharpe. Junior and University of Michigan commit Preston Barr is being tasked with leading the pitching staff, now

that fellow star arm Jack Jones is out for the season with a knee injury. Joey Randazzo, Tommy Shreck and Ryan Knaebel are also expected to step into big roles on the mound.

The Knights were scheduled to open the season last Saturday, April 1, against De La Salle, however the doubleheader was postponed for weather. Liggett was on the road against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Wednesday, April 5, after press time. The Knights host a doubleheader with Plymouth Christian beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 13.

Girls Soccer

On the cusp of the season, expectations are already high for the University Liggett girls soccer team. After a shaky 2022 that saw the Knights make an early postseason exit, this year's Liggett team boasts a wealth of experience with enough improvement in talent to see it earn the No. 2 spot in the MIHSSCA Division 4 pre-season rankings.

"We've got a slightly larger senior class than we've had in recent years and have added some really good experienced players into the mix that I think will make big contributions," head coach David Dwaihy said. "On that end of the spectrum, I think we're even stronger than I thought we would be."



Photo by Mike Adzima

Senior Brooke Summers, pictured last season, is part of the Knights' returning core this season that has helped them earn the no. 2 ranking in Division 4 for the pre-season.

The Knights have to make it through the competitive CHSL as well as early-season tests like a crosstown rivalry matchup with Grosse Pointe North. What is playing to Liggett's advantage in the challenges it will face this season is how well-rounded this team could be.

The Knights have confidence that their skills on both offense and defense can carry them to success this season. The team has an experienced back line to anchor the defense, while there are different ways it sees itself being able to attack on the offensive end. Overall, the Knights may not know their biggest strength yet as the season begins, but having a few different options for what it could be is not a bad situation to be in.

"It all has to play itself out, but I know we'll have some speed up front," Dwaihy said. "Hopefully we can play a real effective attacking style where we're moving the ball and looking to spring people in behind the defensive line of the other team. We can also pass the ball around and wear the other team out with possession."

The Knights open the 2023 campaign at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, with a road matchup against Bishop Foley.

Girls Tennis

The 2022 Liggett girls tennis team captured second place in the region, a top 10 finish at the Division 4 state finals and even had an individual state champ crowned. The Knights look to still have plenty of talent returning from last year's squad that makes them confident those achievements can be replicated and built on.

Leading the charge this year are senior captains Zora Edwards and Miki Farah. Edwards looks to take up the No. 1 singles spot, while Farah could anchor the doubles lineup. Both have experience playing on the biggest stage and competing for state championships and want to use that experience to continue fostering the program's success.

"They have an outstanding work ethic and positive attitudes," first-year head coach Jeff Collins said about the team's senior captains. "It sets the stage for the entire team and I'm very impressed with the leadership they bring."

Those veteran leaders are going to head a group of other experienced varsity players and a few new faces. Freshmen standouts Nina Shanidze and Audrey DiDio have impressed in offseason training and practices and could make a strong impact for the Knights.

The pieces are certainly there for Liggett to make another run to the state finals this spring. The team will be battle tested throughout the season, but are confident that those tough matches all through the spring will have them prepared when things matter the most.

"The challenge, as I see it, is to really be able to push and challenge the skilled players and at the same time be able to develop the less experienced players because we have quite a range of abilities," Collins said.

Liggett's first match of the season is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8 when they host Cass Tech.

Spring SPORTS PREVIEW

Boys Lacrosse

Fresh faces make up a good amount of the University Liggett boys lacrosse team this spring. This year's roster features a lineup heavy with underclassmen eager to take the field and who will be tested right out of the gate while adjusting to the varsity level.

Just because the Knights are a more inexperienced team this year does not mean they are not still hoping for some success. There are some key pieces who could make big impacts for the Knights this year. However, the focus is on getting a largely young group to come together and build that chemistry that the Knights hope carries on to next year and beyond.

"What's more important is them getting along as a group and learning how to play with one another," said head coach Mike Costanzo. "I've talked to them quite a bit about how they need to handle themselves and form sort of a brotherhood or 'knight-hood' because we need to walk the walk and treat each other the right way...With a young group you have to make sure that they gel and want to play hard for one another because it will pay off over time."

Among the young players looking to burst onto the scene is freshman Griffin Marchal, younger brother of former Liggett hockey and lacrosse standout Campbell Marchal. Brothers Nick and Alex Gould look to turn that brotherly connection into plenty of goals for the Knights as they expect to anchor the team's attack.

Where the real strength for the Knights this year lies is on the opposite end of the field. Liggett returns



Photo by Mike Adzima

Goalie Ben Combs, pictured last season, is one of the few seniors on a youthful Liggett boys lacrosse team this spring.

senior goalie Ben Combs to this year's lineup, giving this young team a boost of experience at a crucial position. Backing up Combs is newcomer freshman goalie Ryan Cordero. Throughout the offseason and the first practices of spring, Cordero's play has given the team optimism that he can be a valuable second option in goal this year and become the future cornerstone between the pipes.

"Our goalies are probably the biggest strong point and they're probably as good as any goalies around," Costanzo said.

Liggett's first game of the season was Wednesday, April 5, after press time against Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. The Knights are in action against at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, on the road at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Hampton ties for sixth in Drive, Chip and Putt

Grosse Pointe South freshman golfer Lyla Hampton finished tied for sixth place among 10 competitors in the girls 14-15 age group at the 9th Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals on Sunday, April 2 at Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament. The event was broadcast live on Golf Channel and streamed on Peacock.

Hampton scored 13.5 total points, which were earned in three individual skill categories (driving, chipping and putting). The winner in each skill received 10 points, second place received 9 points, all the way down to 1 point. The player with the most points following all three competitions won their age category. Martha Kuwahara of Oakbrook, Ill., finished first in Hampton's age group.

Eight junior golfers — four boys and four girls — were crowned champions, a monumental accomplishment from the beginning qualifying rounds that included tens of thousands of participants across the country. The road to Augusta began last summer with 342 local qualifiers. Those top finishers advanced through 60 subregionals to compete at 10 regional championships.

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Come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week for a closer look into Hampton's experience at Augusta.

-Meg Leonard



Boys Golf

University Liggett boys varsity golf is hitting the links this spring looking to build upon a successful 2022 season. Last year saw Liggett's best state championship finish ever as the Knights earned third place in Division 3 out of more than 120 teams.

Returning from that group are standouts like Sean Sullivan, who finished eighth at states last season and is taking over as senior captain. His fellow captain is another returning senior in Leo Pampalona. Also back this spring is sophomore Charlie Cooksey, who finished last season tied for sixth at the state finals.

Other notable returners include senior Zach Slewinski, junior Tommy Ugval and sophomore Steve McMahon. The Knights also look to add up to six new members to the squad after tryouts in early April, meaning that there could end up being plenty of fresh faces to go along with the returning talent.

The Knights open the season with a match against Ann Arbor Greenhills on Tuesday, April 11, at Sycamore Hills.

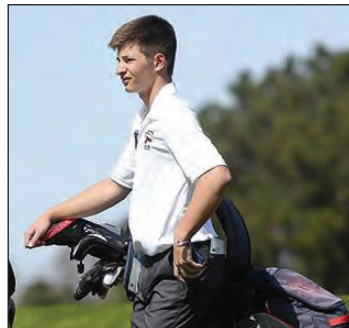


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Liggett's Charlie Cooksey, pictured last season, is looking to continue his run of success on the links this spring after his sophomore season last year saw him finish sixth overall in the state.

Come back to the Grosse Pointe News next week for previews on boys and girls varsity sailing and crew.

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