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Enrollment will continue to decline

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Enrollment in the Grosse Pointe Public School System is projected to keep falling, with a drop of about 400 students in the next four years.

That information comes from the latest report by Plante Moran, completed last month. It was presented by Paul Wills, a partner with the firm, to the Board of Education's Finance and Facilities Committee Tuesday, Jan. 30. Wills also was expected to give the same presentation at the full board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 6, after press time.

Current enrollment

stands at 6,436. Brandy Pavlik, executive director of finance, told the board last month that is down 50 students from last year, but 90 higher than what the district anticipated when putting together the current budget.

That number includes special education students and those enrolled in the Young 5s program. Looking at just K-12, GPPSS has 6,048 full-time equivalent students. Wills attributed the continued drop to two factors.

"The declining birth rate across Wayne County is impacting every public school district," he said. "And in the

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TIFA budget saves space for streetscapes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Considerable changes proposed in next fiscal year's TIFA budget accommodate a hearty investment in streetscape improvements.

Whereas the current budget dedicated \$150,000 toward upgrad-

ing streetscapes on Charlevoix and Kercheval, the budget being considered for fiscal year 2025, starting July 1, sets aside \$629,823.

The figure represents more than 52 percent of TIFA's \$1.2 million balanced budget for the new fiscal year.

TIFA board members

on Feb. 1 unanimously approved a draft of the budget, which will be deliberated by the city council and returned to the TIFA board for final approval.

The budget's second biggest outlay, a non-discretionary \$302,177 debt payment on bonds issued to fund construction of the new public works

headquarters on Mack, constitutes another 25 percent of the grand total.

Some 22 percent of revenues are left over for everything else.

"Our biggest expense (debt payment) is fixed," said Warren Rothe, TIFA director and assistant

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Clerks scour voter rolls

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Housekeeping by the new city clerks uncovered nearly 500 registered voters who are on their way to being cast out.

"The inbox for the Qualified Voter File hadn't been touched for a while," said Danielle Caudill, assistant city clerk, hired last fall in tandem with a new city clerk. "Basically, I took on the role of catching that up."

The Park's file is part of a statewide list of registered voters.

Caudill said her purge took about two weeks.

She moved the questionable names into a new file labeled, "cancellation countdown."

The countdown is pretty much what it sounds like — a file in which someone is listed for a finite and ever-decreasing amount of time before being blasted

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PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Struck out

Mere months after it was constructed, the decorative entrance arch to Lot 4 — better known as the CVS lot — in The Village was knocked slightly off center around 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, when a 53-foot Panera Bread delivery truck attempted to exit through the entrance drive. "It had one of those wings for aerodynamics on the roof of the cab and I believe that's what struck the top and then pushed the metal out of the block, causing it to be somewhat angled," Lt. Alan Gwyn said. While the repair will be addressed as quickly as possible, he added, "They had an engineer go over there and check to make sure that it's stable and it is." The delivery company's insurance carrier is expected to cover the restitution. Because the driver didn't report the accident, he faces law enforcement ramifications for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. "It's clearly marked in the lot where the exit is and the entrance and those trucks should be aware of it," Gwyn said.

— Laurel Kraus

Tennis court resurfacing draws pickleball debate

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A routine agenda item to resurface courts at Elworthy Field swerved into a discussion surrounding the City being the only Grosse Pointe to lack pickleball courts for its residents during January's council meeting.

Councilman Seth Krupp, M.D., questioned

whether the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education could be approached — the City leases use of the Elworthy courts from the school district — with a question of transforming the two practice tennis courts at Elworthy into pickleball courts.

"We have asked in the past to (add pickleball) lines and the athletic department said no, that

they would no longer be eligible to host a league or regional meet if the courts were not in approved state regulations," Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Chris Hardenbrook said.

By way of compromise, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Rebecca Jenzen offered the news that pickleball lines would be added to the City's platform tennis courts within the follow-

ing two weeks.

"Pickleball is traditionally played on the same tennis court-style surface, but in terms of being fenced in and controlled, (the platform courts will work)," she said. "There are a number of different communities that have done the dual sport on that surface."

Pickleball lines were

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Erin Johnson
Home: Grosse Pointe Park
Owner, RAMP Athletics

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A lot coming along

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Construction of a public parking lot funded largely by donors is behind schedule but near completion.

“A snag was getting DTE (Energy) to relocate one of the telephone poles that was directly in the center (of the lot),” said Warren Rothe, assistant Park city manager and director of the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

The lot provides 56 parking spaces behind businesses on the south side of Kercheval between Maryland and Lakepointe.

Construction is a partnership between TIFA

and the Grosse Pointe Park Business Improvement Foundation. Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, is active in the foundation.

“I appreciate the efforts and resources of the foundation that contributed to it, provided funds and resources,” said John Hughes, chairman of the TIFA board. “We’re grateful for that beautiful project.”

“There’s a few more brick pavers that have to be laid in the Lakepointe side of the lot,” Rothe said. “Then it will be open for traffic.”

— Brad Lindberg

Chilly Fest this Saturday

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Chilly Fest kicks off this weekend in traditional style.

Activities are scheduled for all ages, including a rock-climbing wall, highropes course, pony rides, a petting zoo, raffles,

wood carving, rubber fish fling and retail raffles.

The Park’s annual winter festival is noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, on lower Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack.

Partly sunny skies and a high temperature of 50 degrees are forecast.

Although Chilly Fest

results from a partnership between the city and its business community, residents of all cities can attend. There is no admission fee.

“This time of year when there’s much less people walking around because of the weather, it’s great to have an event like Chilly Fest that brings people outdoors again and increases exposure and visibility to businesses in the middle of winter,” said Joe Habeka, founder and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association.

“So, surely the businesses love and support it.”

He added, “Also, it’s been going on for so many years that the community and residents look forward to it, like many of our other events.”

Some events require registration in advance. They are a noon-hour Hot Yoga class, Yin Yoga class at 1:30 p.m., restorative yoga and meditation at 3 p.m. and 16 15-minute sessions of tinsel hair for girls.

To register, see the Chilly Fest 2024 instruc-

tions on the city website, grossepointepark.org/newslist or visit signupgenius.com/g/9040448ADA72EA1F58-47646971-chilly.

Chili Cook-off

A staple of Chilly Fest is the Chili Cook-off at Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack, between Maryland and Lakepointe.

The rules are: Drop off and set up entries in labeled Crock-Pots starting at 11 a.m.; bring your own serving ladle; tasting is noon to 4 p.m.; winners are announced at 3:45 p.m.

There are two sets of prizes.

In the People’s Choice category:

- ◆ first, a \$100 gift card from Pointe Hardware and Lumber, 15020 Kercheval;

- ◆ second, a \$75 gift card to Howlers and Growlers restaurant, 15222 Charlevoix, and

- ◆ third, a \$50 gift card

to Cabbage Patch Saloon.

Judge’s Choice:

- ◆ first, \$100 gift card to Brine Oyster House restaurant, 15033 Kercheval;

- ◆ Second, \$75 gift card to Ripe Records, 15212 Charlevoix and

- ◆ third, \$50 gift card to Cabbage Patch Saloon.

Park Recreation Supervisor Chad Craig hoped to host a new attraction this year — bed races.

He intended teams of four to five members, including at least one “sleeper,” dressed in pajamas to push their homemade mobile beds up and down Kercheval.

But public response was low. Craig curtailed the full-out launch until next year.

“We haven’t completely canceled the bed race,” he said. “(We) tweaked it to allow individuals to use one that was already built.”

Advanced registration is required for bed races, too.

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off the city’s roll of registered voters.

“If they go two (consecutive) federal elections without any type of activity — voting or getting an absentee ballot — they’ll be removed,” Caudill said.

When, if or until then, they remain registered and can still vote.

“They’re just in a cancellation countdown,” Caudill said.

They have a lot of launchpad mates.

In descending order, Wayne County, the

state’s most populous, leads the way with 1,431,010 names on countdown, according to the secretary of state’s office. Oakland and Macomb counties follow at 1.4 million and more than 715,000, respectively.

Tallies can get quirky. Keweenaw County, Michigan’s least populated, has 2,092 names on the list, four more than there are residents.

The same in the Park. It has 9,610 verified registered voters. Yet, Caudill now keeps tabs on 10,333 voters, including those she shifted to the cancellation count-

down.

This statewide logjam of qualified voters and those pending expulsion is a temporary consequence of Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson ordering an update of the Qualified Voter File.

“When Jocelyn Benson was elected, she came in and started making changes,” Park City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler said. “The changes started in 2020. Benson had it set up to where after every two federal elections we’re going to do a cancellation file. So, these voters got put in what is called a cancellation countdown.”

The countdown hits zero when the person

named remains inactive for two back-to-back federal elections.

“We’ll send a letter to notify them they’re being put on the cancellation countdown,” Bowdler said.

As word of the process spreads, the numbers are expected to start swinging back.

“In 2023, they started canceling some of the people off the cancellation countdown,” Bowdler said. “After this presidential election, we’ll get even more that are off the cancellation countdown. We want to make sure everyone’s registered as legit. We’re doing our job. This is what you’re supposed to do as a clerk.”

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Resolution honors Brenner

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— During his single term on the city council, Brian Brenner developed a reputation for dependability.

He also limited comments to providing insight or lightheartedness.

His record of doing what he said he was going to do and carrying out assignments earned him promotion to chairman of the personnel committee. He also chaired the engagement committee and served on the infrastructure committee. The latter involved seeking long-term improvements to the city’s water and

sewer systems.

“Brian Brenner is recognized for his leadership, can-do attitude with city staff and council, team- and goal-oriented dedication and commitment to Grosse Pointe Park,” according to a resolution passed unanimously in his honor in December.

Brenner, appointed to council in 2021, didn’t file for re-election.

He requested his resolution acknowledge the work by Park resident Charles Brower to engage DTE Energy regarding improved service in the city.

— Brad Lindberg

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Farms holds first ice-rescue training

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Freighter horns pierced through the fog over Lake St. Clair Wednesday afternoon Jan. 24, as off Pier Park’s docks, the Farms public safety department hosted its first ever ice-rescue training.

A group of 30 officers from the Farms, Park, City, Harrison Township, Mount Clemens, Grand Blanc and Detroit paid no mind to the freezing rain, as each took turns acting as victim and rescuer.

“Save me, Mark!” Farms Officer Jon Ross called good-naturedly, from where he bobbed in the five-degree water, just off the edge of the ice.

The “victims” could be harsh critics. When Farms Officer Jeff Van De Mark’s first attempt at tossing the throw bag — intended for the victim to latch onto, with a rope attached — landed a good two feet out of reach, one jokingly rated the try a two out of 10.

Another officer floating nearby yelled a reminder to his buddy not to hit him with it.

All quips aside, the men were attentive in learning life-saving techniques should they ever receive a call of a person falling through the ice.

“Whether conscious or unconscious, we’re training on basically how to reach them safely and, without causing more problems, how to recover them,” Farms Lt. Vincent Finn said. “Actually, one of



PHOTOS BY LAUREL KRAUS

A rescuer uses a throw bag to pull the victim from the water before he'll place a sling under his arms, allowing rescuers on shore to pull them both in.

the interesting things we learned in training was that oftentimes people that don't have the right equipment and the right training just become further victims.”

If the victim is close enough to shore, the officers can use a throw bag, sling and rope to pull the person back to

land.

Under less ideal conditions, they would use the Farms’ rapid deployment craft — an inflatable rescue boat — to reach those stranded farther out or on thinner ice.

“If the ice was really thin and we couldn't walk out there, we could use that to disperse our

weight,” Farms Officer Mike Ryan explained. “This ice right here is actually still pretty decently thick. Usually when people are going to be falling through the ice, the ice isn't going to be as thick, so that gives you a little bit more of a stabilized platform to work off of.”

The officers also were

equipped with imperial model 1500 ice-rescue suits, four of which the Farms department purchased last year.

Each one to jump into the late-January lake water had the same

thing to say: They couldn't feel the chill at all through the ice rescue suits, though their uncovered faces were another story.

“Get me out of here!” Farms Officer Mark Laquere yelled to his rescuer, but he was less concerned about the temperature and more so putting his acting chops to the test.

Farms officers can't recall a time in the Pointes an ice rescue has occurred, although the week prior a concerned citizen called the station to report a group of younger residents playing ice hockey on the lake.

The training, led by Michigan Rescue Concepts, was fully funded through the state's fireworks safety fund.

“Any time someone buys fireworks, there is a certain percentage of

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Farms Lt. Vincent Finn provides the officers with reality-based training by jumping into Lake St. Clair in only his uniform.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, FEB. 12

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods rescheduled City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Finance Committee meeting, 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Policy and Contracts Committee meeting, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Finance and Facilities Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Curriculum Committee meeting, 5 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Community Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

- ◆ Online Egg Stroll registration opens at 8:30 a.m., for Grosse Pointe Woods residents.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

- ◆ Early voting begins, 8:30 a.m.

Councilman Relan honored by resolution

GROSSE POINTE PARK — November 2023. Former fellow office-holders of Vikas Relan recognized his four years on the city council with a resolution citing his volunteerism and participation on numerous municipal commissions and committees.

Relan was in office from 2019 until not seeking re-election in

“Vikas Relan continuously pushed to increase resident engagement, continuously requested transparent policies and processes and continuously demanded the improvement of safety standards for all residents, including pedestrians, bikers, construction projects, crosswalks

and school areas,” according to the resolution passed last December.

During his time in office, Relan served on the beautification and recreation commissions, plus committees on sustainability, public safety, communications and community engagement.

— Brad Lindberg

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intended to be added to the courts in late 2022 — the City raised the price of membership by \$25 at the time to accommodate the cost of more frequently needing to resurface the courts due to dual action — but have been on the striping company's wait list since.

“If we can carve out other spaces, one of the suggestions that came was — it'll require removing trees — but seeing if we can accommodate a pickleball court on the property of the pump station which is right across from Elworthy,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak added as a future consideration. “There's quite a bit of grass there.”

With the question of adding pickleball lines to Elworthy's tennis courts laid to rest for the time being, the City and school district will move forward with a 50/50 cost-share agreement to resurface courts five through 10 for \$92,800.

The City's share comes to \$46,400.

“We budgeted \$50,000 from our capital projects fund for the court repairs,” Public Services Director Pete Randazzo said.

The work, contracted to Goddard Coatings Co., of Pontiac, should take about two weeks to com-

plete.

“We want to make sure that when this work does get done, that it's not going to interfere with our court season, which starts in mid-June and (the school's) court season ending in mid-May,” Randazzo said. “So it's between mid-May and mid-June that this com-

pany could come in and do the work.”

With the school board having already approved its share of the bid, city council approved the work 6-0, with Councilman Chris Walsh absent, Monday, Jan. 29.

The tennis courts at Elworthy Field last were resurfaced 10 years ago.

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Businesswoman amped up for future of RAMP

By Anne Gryzenia
Publisher

Grosse Pointe Park resident Erin Johnson began working out her business idea in 2014, when she was residing in sunny California. A physical therapist, Johnson found herself constantly referring her patients to other modalities/businesses around Los Angeles for complete recovery and performance enhancement. From infrared saunas in Costa Mesa to cryo places in Los Angeles, it took many miles of driving around for the complete care she was looking to provide her loyal followers. Why, she wondered, couldn't everything be under one roof?

After relocating to Michigan in 2015, and landing in Grosse Pointe in 2020, RAMP was born. "RAMP stands for Recover Athletic Mobility and Performance," she said. "We have a team that can bring your body into balance by utilizing one or more of our services."

Performance covers strength and mobility;



COURTESY PHOTOS

Erin Johnson, second from left, and her team at RAMP pose on the turf.

bodywork includes a retune-up, massage and stretching; and recovery includes Normatec boots, hot and cold plunges, a vitality booth or infrared sauna, Johnson explained.

For athletes and "regular people" alike, the notion of having all these services under one roof is pretty remarkable. For high-level athletes, it's as if they have a world-class, university-caliber training facility in their backyard. For everyone else not excluded from injuries, aches and pains, it's a one-stop shop for recovery. A former NFL player is a frequent flier at RAMP and he says he appreciates that everything is under one roof.

RAMP offers the gamut, from personal and group training to recovery modalities, including hot/cold plunge pools, salt chamber/vitality booths, massaging boots to work out soreness, infrared saunas, massage, taping, tune-ups and more. There's no end to the

tools in their highly curated recovery toolbox to get clients fixed up.

Though the plunge pools may seem daunting, they are the most popular service at the moment. "It's trending and there has been a lot of research on the benefits," Johnson said. "Some of the health and recovery benefits include reducing soreness, enhancing circulation, boosting testosterone and help with anxiety and depression — even potentially boosting the immune system."

Johnson is passionate about her craft and her business, and is always looking for the next exciting treatment to bring her clients. One of her favorite services is the vitality booth, which provides red light and salt. Red light has proven benefits such as decreasing inflammation and boosting ATP levels, which help with performance endurance and improved sleep quality. Salt therapy helps with lung health, which is especially great during colder months as it helps fight cold and flu. Johnson said it's a great piece of the recovery puzzle: "It is like a day at the beach without the UV."

As for the most rewarding part of the business, Johnson said, "Helping people, plain and simple."

"When athletes are grateful for their training or clients with autoimmune and arthritis issues feel better after using our recovery modalities, I feel amazing. It feels so good to make a difference."

A growing portion of RAMP customers are young athletes who put their bodies through a

lot. The experts at RAMP can help keep them on track and avoid or rehab injuries.

"Having someone look at the body mechanics of a young athlete and adding recovery to the young person's routine is crucial as it allows their bodies to repair and adapt to the physical stress of training, reducing the risk of injuries and improving overall performance," Johnson said. "It aids in muscle recovery, replenishes energy stores and supports mental well-being, fostering long-term athletic development."

Johnson and her team are committed to staying on top of the latest data and as such learned that, according to "Sports Injuries Statistics 2023" at strategicmarket-research.com, the number of injuries among teenagers increased by 58 percent in 2021. This is significant and has to do with several factors,

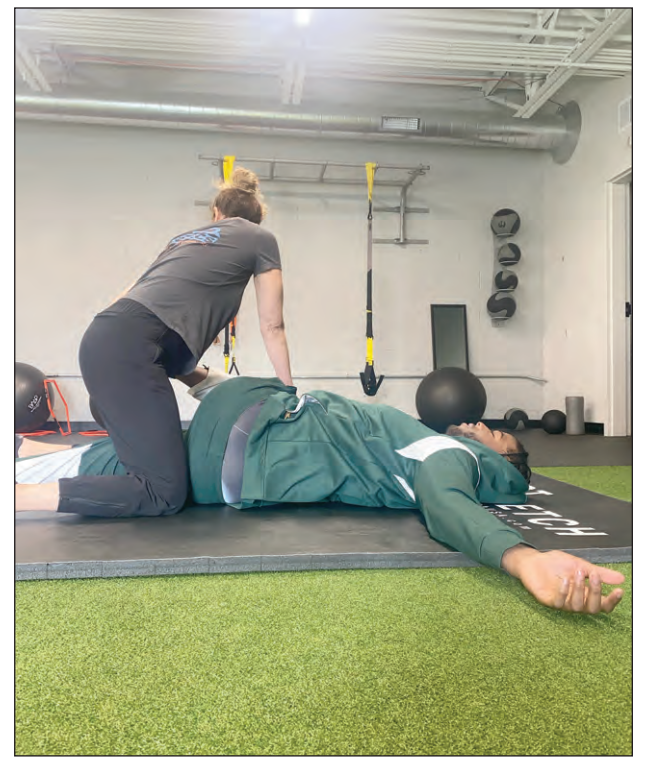
many of which RAMP and others like it can help to address. The team at RAMP, on top of their many services, also provide team training, as well as game coverage to prevent and treat injuries. They currently work with multiple baseball, football, field hockey and basketball teams, among others.

When she's not at RAMP, thinking about RAMP or planning the future of RAMP, Johnson can be found hiking, cooking and spending time with her precious pups. She's looking forward to some exciting, top-secret plans for the near future and invites the community to stay tuned by signing up for newsletters and checking out RAMP's social media pages.

To get started with RAMP, call or text (313) 355-3840 for a consultation and they'll point you on the right path to training and recovery.



Plunge pools are the most popular recovery lounge treatments at RAMP.



Johnson works on a Michigan State University football player over the holidays.

Children's psychiatrist sentenced in shooting

DETROIT — Barika Butler-Quarles, 42, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and psychiatrist with a child and adolescent practice on Mack Avenue in the Farms, began serv-

ing a nearly five-year minimum prison sentence last week for breaking into her ex-husband's residence near Comerica Park in downtown Detroit the evening of Aug. 4,

2021, and shooting his girlfriend.

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury convicted Butler-Quarles Jan. 17 of assault with intent to do great bodily

harm, first-degree home invasion, discharge of a firearm in a building causing injury and three counts of felony firearm.

Upon sentencing Feb. 1, by Judge John Gillis, Butler-Quarles began a 57-month to 20-year period of reflection, currently at the double-fenced-in Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility off US Route 23, south of Ann Arbor. Her earliest release date is Oct. 31,

2030.

"Our mission is to create a safer Michigan through effective offender management and supervision in our facilities and communities while holding offenders accountable and promoting their rehabilitation," according to the jail's website.

The victim, a 41-year-old Texas woman, survived a single bullet that generated four wounds.

"The bullet entered her

left bicep, exited the back of her arm into her left side and exited out of her back," according to a new release from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. "The ex-husband was able to wrestle the weapon from the hands of the defendant before other shots were fired."

Butler-Quarles specialized in schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and seasonal affective disorder, according to medifind.com.

— Brad Lindberg

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sales tax that is taken off and that automatically goes toward firefighter training,” Ryan said. “That was part of that bill package when fireworks were legalized.

“Then that money goes to the state and they distribute it out to the counties. So through Wayne County, we got a portion of those fireworks funds to put on classes such as this.”



Park Sgt. Tom Card practices using ice awls attached to the Farms department's ice-rescue suits to pull himself out of the water.



A rescuer prepares to toss a throw bag to where Park Sgt. Tom Card waits, unaffected by the cold thanks to ice-rescue suits the Farms department procured last year.

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City of Grosse Pointe

Cracking down

After being pulled over at University and Waterloo for a cracked windshield and other traffic violations at 11:35 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, a 43-year-old Detroit man was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Buy two, get one

A Lakeland resident opened boxes delivered by FedEx at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, to find they contained only one of the two iPhones ordered.

Bad luck

A random LEIN check at Mack and Lincoln at 12:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, revealed the vehicle in question was not insured and the 29-year-old Detroit driver had never received a license. She was cited and the vehicle impounded.

Double trouble

A 28-year-old Ohio resident was caught speeding 60 mph in a 30 mph zone at Jefferson and Notre Dame at 11:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2.

He was found to be intoxicated, for which he was arrested.

Third time's the charm

After previously getting away with stealing bottles of champagne from a Fisher Road business on two occasions, a 56-year-old Detroit man was arrested during his third attempt at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

The man was turned over to the Woods, who had a warrant for his arrest.

— Laurel Kraus

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Taco fanatic

Eighteen purchases totaling \$349.45 were fraudulently made at the Mack Taco Bell with a 46-year-old Farms woman's credit card number between Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, and Saturday, Jan. 27.

Occupational hazard

A bartender at a restaurant in The Village admitted to having consumed two drinks at work when she was pulled over for speeding 50 mph on Mack at 2:47 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30.

A preliminary breath test found the 30-year-old Harper Woods woman's blood alcohol content to be 0.25 percent, for which she was arrested.

Frogger

Upon driving straight through a red light at Mack and Kerby, a 55-year-old Detroit woman nearly caused a cross-traffic collision with a pickup truck at 5:54 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30.

She was pulled over and cited for disobeying a traffic control device, driving with an expired license and not having proof of insurance.

Porch pirate

After an Amazon package containing a \$270

Kindle was delivered to a porch in the 400 block of McKinley, camera footage showed a woman place the package into a yellow bag and leave at 5:21 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30.

The suspect is described as a black woman wearing a brown coat over a blue hoodie and pink shirt, black pants, glasses, a face mask and black tennis shoes with white soles.

Opportunity accepted

A dark blue 2021 Ford Bronco was stolen out of a driveway in the 300 block of Hillcrest between 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, and 4:30 a.m. the next morning.

The owner's purse, containing the key fob, had been left inside the vehicle.

Now I know my ABCs

When a 69-year-old Park woman, found asleep behind the wheel in the 19000 block of Mack at 2:39 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, was asked to pick a number

between 21 and 19, she began reciting the alphabet incorrectly.

A preliminary breath test found her blood alcohol content to be 0.119 percent, for which she was arrested.

Out \$2

Approximately \$2 in change was stolen from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 300 block of Hillcrest between 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, and 9:10 a.m. the next morning.

Is your refrigerator running?

Between 8:37 and 11:04 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, a 52-year-old Farms man called the Farms public safety non-emergency line seven times, slurring his speech and using profanity directed toward whoever answered.

The man repeatedly denied offers for police services, misusing the resources and services of the department.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100. Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Packages stolen

Some \$500 worth of clothing and a \$100 commemorative plaque were in packages stolen from the porch of a house in the 700 block of Bedford between 1:54 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, and 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1.

Burned out

At 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, a patrol officer saw a male motorist accelerate quickly from the traffic light at Jefferson and Cadieux, squealing the tires of the man's car.

Officers arrested the driver, a 73-year-old Detroit resident, for drunken driving.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— Ted O'Neil
Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public

Grosse Pointe Woods

Just for fun?

A resident in the 1500 block of Dorthen told officers surveillance footage showed a black male, 20 to 30 years old, driving a newer model Cadillac SUV, steal a package worth \$40 from his porch around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Shot and a chaser

A 69-year-old Grosse Pointe Park woman was arrested around 8:40 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the 20100 block of Mack after reports of a possible intoxicated driver in the area.

The woman was found sitting in her vehicle outside a liquor store and told officers she was waiting for the store to open so she could purchase a Diet Pepsi. After failing field sobriety tests, she was given a preliminary breath test that registered 0.068 blood alcohol content.

The woman was arrested and cited for OUIL.

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OUR VIEW

Spark more community warmth, kindness this month

Americans will celebrate what many consider a “Hallmark holiday” with a partner or spouse by exchanging gifts Wednesday, Feb. 14, but the day actually marks a huge opportunity to focus your family on “sending ripples of kindness through your community,” according to the organization Doing Good Together.

On the DGT website, dobettertogether.org, families can find a list of 29 suggestions for activities and acts of kindness to do throughout February (Remember, it’s a leap year!).

So in a world that can be crazy, chaotic and unkind, we say let’s make an extra effort to spread some love and kindness this Valentine’s Day. To honor the date we are celebrating, here are 14 suggestions:

- ◆ Write a list of what you are grateful for and share it with people. Better yet, put those gratitudes on paper hearts, then use them to decorate your front door.
- ◆ Leave a thank-you note for your mail carrier or public works employees. Grosse Pointers have some of the best in the business, so let’s show our appreciation for them.
- ◆ In your valentines, tell three friends or family members exactly what you love about them. Or write three of your children’s teachers and let them know what you appreciate about them.
- ◆ Pay it forward. Buy someone else’s popcorn at the movie theater or a latte for the person behind you at a local coffee shop.
- ◆ Bake or buy a sweet treat and deliver it to an elderly neighbor.
- ◆ When doing errands, call up a friend and see if you can pick up anything for them from the grocery or drug store.
- ◆ Count the items in your fridge and donate that number of quarters to a hunger charity or food pantry.
- ◆ Take a walk and pick up litter on the way. We suggest going the extra mile and picking up what other people’s dogs can leave behind, but all dog owners should be doing this anyway (hint, hint).
- ◆ Give a compliment to a server, cashier or retail employee. Do not underestimate how the power of a kind word can change the trajectory of someone’s day.
- ◆ Attention screenagers and adults alike: Put your phone down and listen. Show respect that you are present in the conversation.
- ◆ Keep in mind Grosse Pointers who have experienced tragedy and loss this year — there are far too many for our liking — and deliver flowers or a Valentine’s Day card to let them know you are thinking of them.
- ◆ Give an extra big tip to your server when you dine out with your sweetheart.
- ◆ Call your parents or grandparents to simply chat. You know they love a good catch-up session with family.
- ◆ Plan your next volunteer opportunity. A good place to search for local places in need of people power is at volunteermatch.org.



GUEST VIEW By Melissa Fradenburg

Make a date to discuss finances with your valentine

Valentine’s Day often brings to mind romantic dinners, chocolates and heartfelt cards. However, amidst these sweet gestures, one crucial aspect of a relationship tends to be overlooked: financial communication.

As we celebrate love this Valentine’s Day, it’s vital to acknowledge the role finances play in the health of a relationship. Statistics show that financial issues are among the leading causes of divorce. It’s reported that money-related conflicts are harder to resolve and more pervasive than other disputes. This highlights the need for open financial communication between partners, not just on Valentine’s Day, but throughout the year.

Discussing finances can be daunting. However, initiating this conversation is a step toward building a stronger, more transparent relationship. Start with setting a relaxed, non-confrontational environment and choose a time when both partners are calm and undistracted. Everyone has unique views on money, shaped by their upbringing and experiences. It’s important to understand and respect these differences. Discussing your financial history, goals, fears and expectations can provide valuable insights into your partner’s perspective.

Here are some tips to improve your financial communication with your partner:

- ◆ Create a joint financial plan that aligns with both partners’ goals and values. This could include budgeting, savings plans, debt management and investment strategies. Regular check-ins on these plans ensure both partners are on the same page and working toward common objectives. Be open about debts and ongoing expenses. This transparency is crucial in avoiding misunderstandings and conflicts.
- ◆ Work together to formulate a plan to manage debts and share expenses in a way that feels fair to both parties. It’s also important to recognize that what constitutes a “splurge” may vary between partners. What one finds pleasure in spending on may not hold the same value for the other, and understanding these differences is key to managing finances harmoniously.
- ◆ Discuss and agree on emergency funds and long-term financial security. This includes planning for unforeseen circumstances, retirement and any major future

expenses. Having a shared vision for the future strengthens the bond and provides a sense of security.

If conversations about money lead to stress or conflict, consider seeking advice from a financial advisor. A professional can provide unbiased guidance and help navigate complex financial decisions.

Celebrate milestones and successes in your financial journey together. Acknowledging achievements, like paying off a debt or reaching a savings goal, can be incredibly motivating and reinforce the strength of your partnership.

This Valentine’s Day, let’s expand the definition of romance to include financial wellbeing. Open and honest communication about money is not just practical; it’s an expression of trust and commitment in a relationship. By

tackling financial issues together, couples can build a strong foundation for a future filled with not just love, but also financial stability and peace of mind.

Melissa Fradenburg, CDFP, AIF, is a financial advisor, podcast host and active community member in Grosse Pointe. Her mission is to ensure that women are well-informed and actively engaged in their financial lives. Follow her on social media @money_do_list or call (313) 486-9634. Investment advisory services offered by Pearl Planning, a DBA of Stephens Consulting LLC., an SEC registered investment advisor. Important disclosure: pearlplan.com/disclosure



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Big fan

To the Editor:
I’m reaching out to share that I’ve been reading Mark Domin’s movie reviews within your publication for the last few months and I love them! I find myself trying new movies because of his reviews and thoroughly enjoy hearing his unique point of view. Would love to see more!

MICKIE MCLEOD
Detroit

Increasing taxes

To the Editor:
Communities need to tread lightly when permission is sought to expand our residents’ tax burden by empowering non-elected officials and their agencies to assess millages and collect funds directly from residents. The most recent request is coming

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I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Lord Byron is one of the guys



Humor and passion are constant and timeless in Lord Byron's satirical epic, "Don Juan."

Just when you think Byron is building to a serious conclusion, he tosses in a zinger that inverts the message, an eight-line-per-stanza version of social deconstruction in the same way proving $2+2=4$ is by showing that $4-2=2$.

It starts for me in canto 1, stanza 38, concerning the teenage Lothario's education and training:

"Then for accomplishments of chivalry,

"In case our lord the king should go to war again,

"He learn'd the arts of riding, fencing, gunnery,

"And how to scale a fortress — or a nunnery."

And so is planted in the enquiring mind a notion of the byronic hero, contemptuous of conventional morality.

The tone and style are maintained throughout.

See how in stanza 61, Byron's romantic description of the older and married Donna Julia, with whom Juan's affair causes the teenager all sorts of problems with her husband, leads to an unexpected and therefore effective punchline:

"Her glossy hair was

cluster'd o'er a brow
"Bright with intelligence and fair and smooth.

"Her eyebrow's shape was like th' aerial bow,

"Her cheek all purple with the beam of youth,

"Mounting at times to a transparent glow,

"As if her veins ran lightning. She in sooth

"Possess'd an air and grace by no means common:

"Her stature tall — I hate a dumpy woman."

Some of us have been fortunate to meet a girl whose veins ran lightning, but none of us other than Byron would resolve, and better yet, she's not dumpy.

Two stanzas later, Byron, writing the first of the poem's 16,000 lines in 1819, says what every red-blooded American discovers upon vacationing in Florida:

"What men call gallantry, and god's adultery,

"Is much more common where the climate's sultry."

Don Juan, exiled from Seville due to the Donna Julia fallout, is shipwrecked and cared for by Haidee. Byron's account of their affair produces some of the early portion of the work's most beautiful imagery in canto II, stanza 196:

"An infant when it gazes on a light,

"A child the moment when it drains the breast,

"A devotee when soars the Host in sight,

"An Arab with a stranger for a guest,

"A sailor when the prize has struck in fight,

"A miser filling his most

hoarded chest

"Feel rapture, but not such true joy are reaping

"As they who watch o'er what they love while sleeping."

No joking there, nor in stanza 204. The setting is at night. Juan and Haidee are oceanside:

"And now 'twas done; on the lone shore were plighted

"Their hearts. The stars, their nuptial torches, shed

"Beauty upon the beautiful they lighted.

"Ocean their witness, and the cave their bed,

"By their own feelings hallowed and united;

"Their priest was Solitude, and they were wed.

"And they were happy, for to their young eyes

"Each was an angel, and the earth Paradise."

Someone, I can't remember who, said something about Byron's writing having more feeling than thought.

In college, I received an A in a graduate-level English class focused on Byron as a prose stylist, but don't remember finishing the course with greater insight to his work than at the start.

My most vivid memory of the time is selecting at random a final examination essay question requiring me to explain Byron's epistolical writing style.

I didn't know what "epistolical" meant and was embarrassed to ask the professor. So, I launched into claptrap about something that either accidentally hit the mark or was so out there that the professor was embarrassed to ask what I meant.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949

75 years ago this week

WOODS WINS BATTLE OVER TAX ON PARK: Grosse Pointe Woods has won the first round of its fight against paying taxes on its beachfront property in Macomb County. Julius Berns, the village attorney, received an opinion from Judge Huff of Saginaw, specially presiding in the Macomb case. The court rules that inasmuch as the park was used for public purposes it was not subject to taxation.

PLAN INSTITUTE ON FAMILY LIFE: A group of public-spirited Pointe women, interested in strengthening family life and making Grosse Pointe a finer community for children and parents, has organized a Family Life Education Committee and is planning a Family Life Institute to be held in April. Men and women representing 50 organizations in the Pointes have received invitations to attend the meeting.

1974

50 years ago this week

GP ARTISTS GIVE \$2,500 FOR FACILITY: To get the ball rolling, the Grosse Pointe Artists Association has donated \$2,500 to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for a new art wing. "There has always been the need for such a facility here," Mrs. Stanley Dolega, chairman of the drive, commented. "We are hoping to build on a small wing to house studios and exhibition area."

1999

25 years ago this week

NEW WOODS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR NAMED: The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council appointed a 23-year veteran to the city's public safety department to replace outgoing director Jack Patterson. Lt. Michael P. Makowski's nomination was unanimously approved

by the city council.

LOCAL HEROES HONORED: A 6-year-old girl was saved last summer by the "immediate and courageous actions" of City of Grosse Pointe residents Ashley Getz, 12, and Juliana Bartel, 13, said Al Fincham, the City's chief of public safety. The heroic actions of the two teenagers were honored recently by resolutions from the city council, department of parks and recreation and state of Michigan. Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, arranged for plaques.

2014

10 years ago this week

PARK APPROVES SECOND SCREEN: Grosse Pointe Park's city council gave two thumbs up to a gift that will fund the construction of a second movie theater at Windmill Pointe Park. The gift, from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, will allow the city to add a 60-seat theater to the existing Okulski Family Theatre located in the Lavins Center.

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via The Helm in Grosse Pointe Farms. Once the door is open when does it ever close? Case in point, the Grosse Pointe Public Library, governed by a non-elected appointed board, will collect slightly more than \$7,000,000 tax dol-

lars this year. This compares to the City of Grosse Pointe's tax collections to fund operations for public safety, refuse and parks and recreation services for the entire community of a little over \$5,000,000. This is an example of empowering unelected agencies to levy taxes without being directly accountable to the tax-

payers. Furthermore, once the door is opened for The Helm millage, several other groups could follow suit. To name a few: Full Circle, youth sports leagues, Grosse Pointe Theatre, Rotary, The War Memorial, Ford House and the Chamber of Commerce.

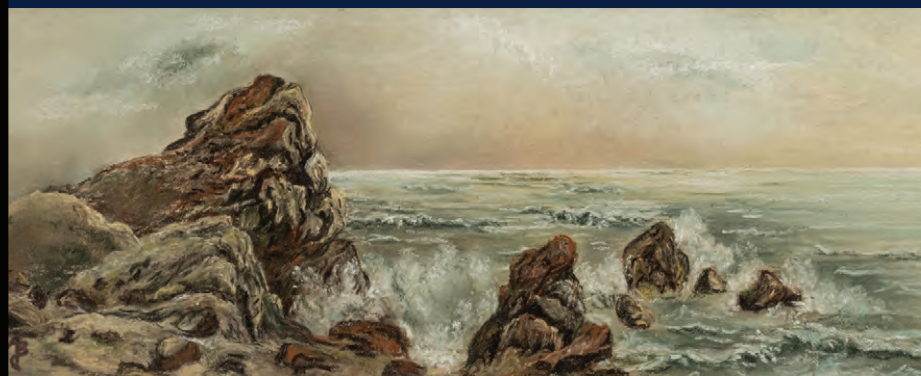
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Normal homeowners insurance doesn't cover flood damage

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — During summer 2021, thousands of Grosse Pointe residents learned a lesson the hard way:

“If you live where it rains, you live where it floods,” said Dan Shulman, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency upper Midwest region, based in Chicago.

Flooding can happen anywhere. And not necessarily because of the usual suspects, water overflowing riverbanks and breakwalls.

As Pointers experienced two years ago, flooding also comes from a sudden thunderstorm of fleeting duration way out of proportion to the lasting cost and sense of loss to property owners

facing unaccountable dollars' worth of flooded basements, ruined property and lost heirlooms.

“In Wayne and Huron counties, over the last 10 years, 47 percent of flood insurance claims came from outside identified high-risk flood zones,” said James Sink, a FEMA flood insurance liaison. “So, we clearly know flooding happens outside of flood plains and people need flood insurance.”

Tom Mercer and his family were new residents of the City of Grosse Pointe when the big storm came.

Several inches of rain-fall overwhelmed sewers and, accompanied by failures at two Detroit pump stations, caused water to back through drain pipes into the basement of his nearly

100-year-old house.

“We were so blessed,” Mercer said.

Blessed? By your new homestead being toasted with sewer water? No, he said, the blessing came from having flood insurance.

“As we were buying the house, moving here from the Chicagoland area, our agent explained we were in an area with an infrastructure issue,” Mercer said. “We took his suggestion to max out (flood) coverage for three years.”

He bought \$50,000 worth of protection.

“We used every penny of it,” Mercer said.

“Anyone in an NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) participating community can have flood insurance,” Sink said. “Homeowner, renter, business owner, it

doesn't matter. If the building has two walls and a roof and is permanently affixed to a foundation, it can be insured.”

Yet many people are unaware, mistaken and confused about flood insurance.

Sink said most people mistakenly assume they need to be in a high-risk flood zone to be able to buy flood insurance.

Mercer, a former sports marketing manager who opened an insurance agency post flooding, has another theory about why so many property owners go without relevant coverage.

“It's just an area that a lot of people don't understand, quite honestly,” he said. “If our agent hadn't taken the time he did with us, I never would have understood. I probably would have gone the

route of what's cheapest.”

“Homeowners insurance does not cover overland flooding,” Schulman said. “Unless you specifically ask for it, homeowners insurance doesn't cover sewer backups. That's a separate rider on your homeowner's insurance. Flood insurance is a whole separate animal.”

Mercer agreed, but gave another reason property owners shy away from flood insurance.

“You get the reaction of people thinking the agent is just trying to sell something more to get more money out of them,” Mercer said. “Before getting on this side of the table, I didn't understand insurance and was afraid to ask questions because I didn't want to be an idiot. I played it safe. ‘Oh yeah, that sounds good.’ And left it at that.”

Although many victims of the 2021 flood lacked adequate insurance, they benefited from financial assistance due to the area

being declared a federal disaster zone.

“Remember, disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance,” Sink said. “It's not intended to make you whole. It is intended to make the home safe, sanitary and functional. Whereas insurance is to pay to rebuild. If there's not a federal disaster declaration, people are left on their own to recover.”

To Mercer, basic numbers in the flood insurance equation don't add up.

“We all spend over 5 percent of our overall household income on insurance,” he said. “Most people I spend 15 to 20 minutes per year talking about it. It's a vast and complicated industry. I can't change the industry, but I can take the time to talk with clients and make sure they understand.”

More information about FEMA's flood insurance programs is available at floodsmart.gov and nfip-services.org.

Chief to get FBI training

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's back to school for the public safety director.

Chief Jim Bostock is among the few candidates accepted to a 10-week training session at the FBI National Academy.

The term runs late March through early June.

“He is one of 250 people throughout the world

to attend this session,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “The FBI National Academy is known as one of the premier law enforcement training programs in the world.”

“I'm lucky to go,” Bostock said.

“So, the best of the best get even better,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

Bostock anticipates

learning from fellow enrollees in addition to instructors.

“Law enforcement is complex,” he said. “The issues are always changing. If there is an issue in your department or you foresee something on the horizon, chances are somebody has gone through it or is going through it. You're able to collaborate and bounce

ideas off each other. That's on top of the educational aspect from top-notch instructors.”

“It is an honor for Jim to be selected to attend this prestigious program, as less than 1 percent of police officers who have ever worn the badge get this opportunity to attend this unique professional training,” Sizeland said.

He made the announcement during the Jan. 8 council meeting. Nearly a half dozen Park officers attended in support.

“We appreciate all of you and what you do on behalf of the community to protect our property, our lives and our tax base,” Hodges told them. “You're the best.”

The academy, established in 1935, is in Quantico, Va.

“The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership

qualities,” according to the academy website, fbi.gov/training. “The program provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication and forensic science.”

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director John Alcorn completed the course last year.

— Brad Lindberg

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city manager. “We don't have any control over the DPW debt payment.”

The loan is set to expire in 2026, the year members of the TIFA board anticipate having enough money set aside for

streetscape work to begin.

“We're trying to get to the \$2 million mark to contribute to the streetscape project in calendar year 2026,” Rothe said.

“That's something we discussed during the previous two TIFA meetings — pursuing a larger project,

ect, focusing our resources that will impact the community in a positive way pretty much on a daily basis,” said John Hughes, TIFA chairman. “As a result of that, this budget reflects focusing our resources toward that end. A lot of other things have been reduced (in cost) so we can focus on that.”

The authority is self-funded by retaining future anticipated increases in tax revenue generated within the TIFA district that would otherwise go to the county and state.

Funds are to be spent for the benefit of the district, bordered by the city limits to the north and west, the northern

boundary of the Park Downtown Development Authority near East Jefferson to the south and, to the east, the alley between Beaconsfield and Nottingham.

Reduced expenditures for the upcoming period include:

- ◆ personnel, \$50,000, down from \$86,000 this year;

- ◆ legal, \$15,000, down from \$25,000 this year and \$30,000 last year;

- ◆ marketing and promotions, \$16,000, down from \$62,745 this year;

- ◆ holiday decorations, \$12,000, down from \$20,000 and

- ◆ residential property improvement grants, \$100,000, down from \$160,000 currently.

A decorative street-lighting program within the TIFA district received an additional \$3,000 funding over this year to

total \$25,000.

“This is a continuation from the last many years,” Rothe said. “These are the streetlights in front of residential properties. We don't charge residents to maintain those decorative lights or anything that's a longstanding TIFA function.”

The proposed special events outlay is \$40,000.

“That's for support of various events that take place in the TIFA, especially the After 6 on Kercheval (street fairs), the Charlevoix Street Party and Chilly Fest,” Rothe said. “That's largely coordinated by the business association and recreation staff.”

“It's our understanding and intent that those events would work in conjunction with parks and recreation for events on Kercheval,” Hughes

said.

At this stage of the budgeting process, the board considered broad categories of expenditures. Details come as the final decision nears.

“At this point, our goal is to approve a budget to be sent to the city council,” Rothe said.

Council members can propose changes but can't enact changes.

“That's when we put in the (detailed) funds,” Rothe said. “It's all done at one time according to the timeline of the city charter. They (members of council) either adjust, don't adjust or approve and send it back to us and we adopt.”

“More than likely, they'll approve it,” Hughes said. “But if they don't, we don't want to waste an enormous amount of time on something we might not do.”

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BoE updates policy ahead of contract talks

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — In light of changes coming to Michigan law, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has to make changes to its policy regarding teacher staffing, layoffs and recall.

Changes to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act take effect July 1, while the district and the Grosse Pointe Education Association will be negotiating a new contract.

The current one-year deal expires Aug. 17.

Attorney John Kava of Collins and Blaha explained at the board's Policy and Contracts Committee meeting Tuesday, Jan. 30, that items that had been prohibited topics for bargaining now will be required.

PERA was changed in 2011, when Republicans held control of the state legislature and governorship, to prohibit bargaining on things such as teacher placement, discipline, layoffs and perfor-

mance evaluations. With Democrats now in charge of the legislature and governorship, those prohibitions were lifted.

"Our goal is to focus primarily on teacher performance in the classroom and how we can best support our teachers and students," Deputy Superintendent for Educational Services Roy Bishop said. "We used to have a point system, but we worked with the GPEA to take that out."

Kava said if the two sides can't reach an

agreement by the time teacher assignments need to be made, the old policy would be followed.

"That's the status quo," he said. "It's a baseline of what to do until an agreement can be reached."

The district and teachers union reached an agreement on the current contract last Aug. 17, two days after the previous two-year deal expired.

If layoffs are necessary, a teacher's rating would be taken into consideration, along with things such as disciplin-

ary and attendance records.

"We took out the references to tenure because personnel decisions should be made in a manner based on performance," Kava said.

Teacher ratings in the new law fall under one of three categories: effective, developing and needing support. Those previously were highly effective, effective, needing support and ineffective.

For both layoffs and recalls, the order of criteria would be individual

performance, evidence of student growth, specific curriculum endorsements within certification and finally tenure or length of service as a tie-breaker, Bishop said.

"If you've got two probationary teachers and one has three years of service and one has two, then neither would be tenured," Bishop gave as an example. "That would fall to length of service."

Michigan law states teachers do not receive tenure until after four years of probationary status.

GPPSS working on new community survey

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — The Grosse Pointe Public School System is planning on revising its community survey in an attempt to reach a broader audience.

The Board of Education's Community Engagement Committee discussed how to make the survey more useful at its meeting Wednesday, Jan. 31.

"We're looking at quantity, quality and timeliness," said Chris Stanley, the district's executive director of learning, technology and strategic relations. "We want to get more people involved, improve the questions and figure out how long to conduct the survey and what we do with the data."

Board Trustee Ginny Jeup, who chairs the committee, agreed.

"There's no reason to collect data that we have no intention of using," she said. "We've been working on this for six months to make it less daunting."

The most recent survey, done during the 2021-22 school year, included 51 questions and drew 780 responses. Jeup said she'd like to see that pared down to about 20 questions.

Board President Sean Cotton, who also serves on the committee, said getting rid of essay-type questions might be one way to draw more responses, noting some people expressed con-



cern that their answers could be used against them even though the survey is anonymous.

Ted Coutilish, a committee member and marketing executive at the University of Michigan, said a shorter survey would help.

"The more efficient it is, the better the results," he said. "Those responses will help the board make better decisions."

The committee also wants to expand the survey beyond just current GPPSS families.

Kevin Nugent, a committee member and longtime area youth athletic coach, said that could be done via a drop-down menu.

"There could be specific surveys with the larger survey for people with kids in the district, parents with kids approaching school age, parents with alumni and people who have never had kids in the district,"

he said. "One survey could lead to many paths."

To reach the widest audience possible, the committee is considering reaching out to each of the Pointes and asking them to include a link to the survey in their weekly email blasts.

Stanley gave members a "homework assignment" to go over the last survey and determine which questions they like or don't like and suggest new questions. That will be discussed at the next meeting, scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Barnes Early Childhood Center.

Coutilish suggested leaving the survey open for one month, with reminders sent out two weeks and one week before it closes.

"The average response to a survey like this in higher education is 3 to 6 percent," he noted. "This one will probably be higher."

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Grosse Pointes, there isn't a lot of housing stock available that young families can afford."

Total enrollment by 2028 is projected to be 6,022, with K-12 at 5,669. Total high school enrollment will decrease from 2,086 to 1,787.

"When we started working with the district in 2017, you graduated 730 seniors," Wills said. "That was 561 last year."

The number of seniors in the class of 2024 is expected to be 502, falling to 441 by 2028.

Chris Fenton, who served as interim superintendent up until last week, said when he was a student at Grosse Pointe High School — now known as Grosse

Pointe South — there were 3,300 students and ninth graders were still part of the middle schools.

Wills also detailed the number of students who live in GPPSS but attend public school outside the district.

In 2010, there were 2,583 students within the district who attended school elsewhere, but just 6 percent attended another public school district. By 2022, that number was 2,866, but 15 percent were enrolled in a different public school district. The number attending private schools was relatively unchanged, increasing from 17.4 percent to 18.5 percent.

Wills said most students who could attend GPPSS but choose a different district do so via online offerings. He said

while the state requires districts to offer at least two online courses, some districts offer a full slate of classes.

"According to the state, 245 Grosse Pointe students are enrolled in Clarkston," Wills said. "Another 350 of your students are in Berkley and 245 in Redford Union. At those distances, you can be pretty sure those are online and they aren't driving."

Wills added another 38 students in GPPSS are enrolled in Detroit Public Schools.

"My guess is they have a parent who works there and it's just easier," he said. Of students enrolled in other public schools, 360 are high school aged.

"That's one of our graduating classes," Board Vice President Ahmed Ismail said.



Brownell to perform 'Aladdin JR.' Feb. 8 and 9

More than 90 Brownell Middle School students will take part in "Aladdin JR.," with shows at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, and Friday, Feb. 9, in the school's multipurpose room. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at gpbrownell.seatyourself.biz or at the door.

The show is adapted especially for young performers and based on both the 1992 movie "Aladdin" and the 2014 Broadway adaptation.

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Poké Poké now open in The Village

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The new Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled location at 17045 Kercheval in The Village passed its final inspection last week and officially opened its doors to Grosse Pointers Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The location's regular hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, as well as noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

"We do everything fresh, in-house daily," co-owner Randy Fomia said, "so we cut all our vegetables, we make a lot of our sauces and we cut our fish."

The family-owned and operated quick-service restaurant offers 10 signature bowls, as well as a "build your own bowl" option with a choice of four bases, 10 proteins, 12 vegetables, 12 sauces and extras to top it off.

"We reach out to people who want to eat healthy, they don't feel like eating carbs," Fomia said. "We cater to a lot of people who are



PHOTOS BY LAUREL KRAUS

The newest business to The Village offers a wide variety of sushi bowls and boba tea.

staying away from gluten. We have vegan options."

Aside from the six sushi-grade raw options, he added, "In this location we also have hot chicken teriyaki, so not everything in the store is raw fish. We do have options for people to have chicken and then we have shrimp that's cooked along with imitation crab that's cooked."

"That's what we really thrive off of," he noted. "We literally have something for everyone."

The wide net also includes boba tea lovers,

as the Poké Poké Village location features a boba bar. On the menu are 12 jellies or bursting bobas to choose from, as well as a variety of flavors of fruit tea, milk tea and lemonade.

Patrons can order ahead or choose a delivery option at eatpoke.com or via the Poké Poké — Sushi Unrolled app.

"For first-time users, everyone who joins the app receives \$5 off," Fomia explained. "If anyone joins the loyalty program, every \$1 you spend you get a point.

There's ways to get free bowls, whether it's a regular or a large. There's options to get \$10 off or on random days there'll be free avocado or free mochi."

The Poké Poké team plans to hold a grand-opening celebration for The Village location in spring, at which time specials will be offered.

"We're a Michigan brand," Fomia said. "I know Grosse Pointe is very close-knit. Our general manager literally lives up the street. And honestly we're really excited to come into the town."

"I feel like it's still a food desert, so I think it's nice to see new restaurants coming into the area, with Sidecar and Shift opening next to us (and) Nothing Bundt Cakes going across the street."

Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock announced, during the January council meeting, plans also are underway for a new business to move into the long-vacant Koi Nu Asian space.

Amoritas Vineyards scores big at major wine competition

Amoritas Vineyards submitted four wines to the prestigious San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition and came away with one Best of Class, one Double Gold, one silver and one bronze medal.

The Chronicle Wine Competition is one of the largest in the world, featuring more than 50 judges analyzing 5,700 wines. Participating wineries totaled nearly 1,000, hailing from 31 states as well as Mexico and Canada. In addition to Amoritas, 18 other Michigan wineries submitted wines.

Amoritas won Best of Class for its 2020 Pinot Blanc. Its 2022 AV Sparkling wine garnered a Double Gold, while its 2021 Riesling and 2021 Fascinator claimed silver and bronze, respectively.

Longtime wine writer Mike Dunne commented on the Amoritas Pinot Blanc, "All zingy pineapple on a limber frame, underscored with all the kind of electric and grippy acidity that comes only from a cool climate like the Leelanau Peninsula."

Of the 19 Michigan competitors, a total of five claimed Best of Class, including three from Leelanau County. In addition to Amoritas, Aurora Cellars' 2022 Sauvignon Blanc and Verterra's 2022 Pinot Grigio claimed honors.

"The fact that three wineries within a five-mile radius took home best of class awards at America's biggest wine competition says a lot about the quality of our terroir," said Emily Goodell, Amoritas Vineyards co-owner and head viticulturist. "But it takes more than just a good climate and complementary soil structure; exceptional winemaking requires exceptional wine makers and these impressive awards simply tell the rest of the country what we've known for years. Leelanau County is one of the best wine-producing regions in the world."

Amoritas Vineyards is located at 6701 E. Duck Lake in Lake Leelanau. Call (231) 994-2300 or visit amoritasvineyards.com.

Nothing Bundt Cakes to celebrate grand opening week

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — "We're going to be giving away a lot of cake," said Andrea Jones, franchisee of the new Nothing Bundt Cakes location at 17021 Kercheval, which next week will celebrate six days of grand-opening events.

"Traditionally with Nothing Bundt Cakes

bakeries, we like to celebrate, because we're all about celebratory moments, but we usually did it where it would just be a couple days," Jones added. "... Well, I really like to celebrate, so I made it the whole week."

Following its soft opening — anticipated for the end of this week, after press time — Monday, Feb. 12, kicks off with "Support The Village," welcoming those who

spend \$25 or more at any business in The Village to receive a free sweet bite.

"I'm so happy to be here in this community and I think these other small businesses are amazing and I want us to support each other," Jones said. "They've been doing that. They've been very welcoming, so I wanted to say thank-you back to them."

Tuesday, Feb. 13, will

benefit Families Against Narcotics, with 20 percent of all sales that day going to the nonprofit, which runs a number of programs supporting individuals and families affected by substance use.

"Valentine's Day BOGO," Wednesday, Feb. 14 — offering a buy-one, get-one-free deal with the purchase of one red velvet or strawberry bundtlet — will be followed by "Cake-A-Palooza," Thursday, Feb. 15, when cake samples will be available all day.

Friday, Feb. 16, especially close to Jones' heart, will benefit Make-A-Wish Michigan, with 20 percent of the day's sales to be donated to the nonprofit, which helps make wishes come true for Michigan kids with critical illnesses.

"I have a really good friend, who happens to be on Channel 4," Jones said. "His name is



PHOTO BY LAUREL KRAUS

Andrea Jones is the franchisee of the Grosse Pointe and Sterling Heights Nothing Bundt Cakes locations.

Darnell Blackburn and his son passed away this summer and he was a recipient of The Rainbow Connection, which is an affiliate of Make-A-Wish.

"He got a wish when he was 8 years old. He had a brain tumor, but he lived to 28. ... Daryl volunteered for the organization for years when he was an adult and he

could." Alongside a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., Darnell Blackburn is expected to say a few words.

"We're going to be celebrating Daryl at the same time, while helping to make wishes for other kids," Jones said.

Saturday, Feb. 17, beginning at 10 a.m., will wrap up the festivities with free bundtlets for a year for the first 50 guests. The lucky 50 will receive a punch card redeemable for one bundtlet per month for 12 months.

Everyone who stops in throughout the day also will be invited to spin a wheel to win prizes, with no purchase necessary.

"We've come up with so many different things to do each day to make it exciting," Jones said. "... (A) total blow out of having fun for the whole week."

The bakery, as the name suggests, sells nothing but bundt cakes; however, its variety comes in the sizes and flavors available. Among the 12 flavors, including a seasonal feature flavor, most popular are chocolate chocolate chip, red velvet, lemon, white chocolate raspberry, confetti and gluten-free chocolate chip cookie.

Regular hours at the location are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Two-man exhibition spotlighted at Posterity Gallery

‘Impressionism + Expressionism’ is Feb. 9-29

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Two contrasting styles of art will be showcased during an upcoming two-man exhibition at Posterity Art & Framing Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

“Impressionism + Expressionism,” featuring the works of Angelo Sherman and William Schippert, opens Friday, Feb. 9, and runs through Thursday, Feb. 29.

Though both artists were inspired by the masters, their work demonstrates the contrast in their styles.

As Sherman puts it, “He’s dot and dash; I’m splatter and splash.”

Just as diverse as their styles are their personal artistic journeys. Schippert, who emerged in the local art scene for his digital artwork, only recently began painting.

“I’ve been a professional painter for under two months,” he said.

Though he studied art history and printmaking while attending Central Michigan University, he earned a degree in accounting and later an MBA from Walsh College. During those early college years, he was introduced to the work of Vincent Van Gogh.

“I was obsessed with his brushstrokes,” Schippert said. “I started trying to recreate Van Gogh paintings — his early ones, his landscapes.”

Schippert dabbled in painting a few years post-college, but was more focused on his job; however, his passion for Van Gogh remained strong.

“When the Van Gogh show came here in 2000, I took my grandma and my mom,” he said. “I narrated the show for them as we walked through it. Van Gogh was always a big part of me. It was 15 years before I became interested in other artists — impressionists and post-impressionists. You can see in my brushstrokes the influence of all the people I’m impressed with.”

In 2019, Schippert began creating digital artwork using photographs he took while traveling. Posterity Gallery quickly offered him space to do a pop-up exhibition. But then things started to crumble.

“The pandemic hit and ruined business,” he said. “I was supposed to have a show at Mimi’s Bistro, but it was canceled.”

“... I was working on art day and night,” he added. “It was all I could control in my life.”



Schippert was inspired by a view of Ford Cove when he created “See You on the Other Side.”



“Falling for Love” was created by Schippert.

Schippert’s work was selling though, which boosted his confidence and led to more work and improvement. The past three years he has created calendars for Grosse Pointe Park, featuring scenes from the community.

“In 2021, I attempted to pick up painting while I was doing digital art,” he said. Not used to working with a palette knife, “on

my first attempt, I cut myself.”

The wound deterred him for a while, but during a recent digital art drop-off at Posterity, owner Michelle Boggess-Nunley told him she’d like to see what he can paint on a blank canvas.

“Knowing we had a show coming up, I went to Rainy Day for an easel and paint and started painting that day,”



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The contrasting artwork of Angelo Sherman, left, and William Schippert is displayed at Posterity Gallery through the end of the month.



Sherman’s painting of The Whiskey Six will be displayed in the show.



Sherman paid homage to the exhibition host with this painting of Posterity Art & Framing Gallery.

Schippert said. “Two months later and I have eight paintings for this show.”

“I know this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” he said. “These are the first eight of my paintings anybody’s ever seen in public and I couldn’t be more pleased. I’m accomplishing a life goal. I recognize how rare this opportunity is to be in front of people.”

Sherman has been in the art scene more than two decades, though his interest in art was sparked much earlier. As a child, his father bought him a paint-by-numbers kit, “but I didn’t follow the numbers,” he said. “I just did my own thing.”

He tried his hand at cartoons before immersing himself into painting while in high school.

“When I was a kid, I

would see something and try to improve what somebody else did,” Sherman said.

The Detroit resident had the chance to brush up on his artistic abilities while working as a security guard at the Detroit Institute of Arts. A self-taught artist, he took on the challenge of copying the masters.

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“I went through periods like Will, with pointillism,” he said. “To learn from the great masters, you have to copy them. ... I copied Van Gogh and people would think it was the real thing.”

When he was promoted to maintenance technician — hanging the artwork on the walls — he was able to get a closer look at the paintings he admired.

“I could see how they put the paint on, their strokes,” he said.

Inspired by his favorite Italian Renaissance painters, Picasso in particular, Sherman began creating his own pieces.

“I would try to incorporate a little of all the stuff I saw at the DIA,” he said.

Since becoming serious about art in 2003, his original work has been featured in nearly 50 exhibitions.

He considers himself an experimenter and during the pandemic, started working in collage, since supplies were low and stores were closed. He gathered newspapers, cereal boxes and other materials he had at home and glued it to fiberboards.

Some of those works, including James Brown and Amy Winehouse portraits — “I combine caricatures with fine art” — will be among the 17 he’ll display during the show.

He finds inspiration in other artists and musicians, he said, as well as nature and from within.

Bogges-Nunley, who has collaborated with both artists on different past projects, said she’s excited to host the pair.

“They both have such unique styles,” she said. “It’s fun to see their work together. They’re both influenced by the masters and are such avid supporters of the gallery.”

Added Schippert, “What I hope people take away from this is that I



Angelo Sherman created these portraits of Amy Winehouse and James Brown using collage.

hope they feel something from looking at our art. If they do, it’s successful because it’s not easy to accomplish that with a paintbrush.”

An artists reception takes place 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and

includes light refreshments, small bites and local entertainment. Guests to the event also may mingle with the artists and learn more about their work. For more information, call (313) 884-8105.



One of Sherman’s favorite hangouts, Harper Galleries of Art & Interiors.



“Stars in Your Eyes,” by William Schippert.



Schippert’s “Up All Night.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 19617 HARPER AVENUE HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Harper Woods, Michigan Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Harper Woods City Hall, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following proposed **Special Land Uses pursuant to Section 10-770, Section 10-643 and Section 10-653 of the Harper Woods, Michigan Zoning Ordinance:**

- 19616 Kelly Road - Proposed Marijuana Retail Business
To obtain a Special Land Use approval to establish a Marijuana Retail business in the C-2, Commercial Business zoning district, and
- 20760 Harper Avenue - Proposed Marijuana Retail Business
To obtain a Special Land Use approval to establish a Marijuana Retail business in the C-2, Commercial Business zoning district, and
- 20330-20340 Harper Avenue - Proposed Marijuana Retail Business
To obtain a Special Land Use approval to establish a Marijuana Retail business in the C-2, Commercial Business zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Planning Commission c/o Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk, City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225.

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Positive progress report

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club President Sherrie Jones stands with Thomas Sheppard, head master of University Liggett School, who visited the club’s meeting Jan. 16, at Ford House. Sheppard spoke to attendees about the school’s history, current state and plans for the future. ULS students have been recipients of need-based, college scholarships from the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club, which extends an open invitation to the community to attend its Tuesday presentations at 7 a.m. Email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com for more information.

AREA ACTIVITIES

The War Memorial

The War Memorial presents Dancing Through the Decades: Winter Sweetheart’s Dance, from 8 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Standard tickets are \$50; VIP tickets are \$75. Register at warmemorial.org.

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club gathers at 1:30 p.m. for a 2 p.m. meeting Thursday, Feb. 8, in the veterans room on the lower level of The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. At 2:30 p.m., the meeting will move upstairs for a program given by Grosse Pointe Artists Association President Karen Pope, as well as a tour of the art gallery. Veterans, families and guests are welcome. Admission is free. For more information, call Club President John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Deacon Bill Jamieson, who currently serves at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, speaks. Cost of the breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

Library

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

◆ Cricut Stickers for Valentine, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Beginner CAD Modeling, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Meet Up and Make: Mini Zen Garden, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Girls Reading, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Dream Lab Adult Swim, 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Tuesday Night Book Discussion, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 7th & 8th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Teen Creativity Circle: Valentine Candy Jars, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ Appy Hour: Inspire,

3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie “Love at First Sight” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ Vascular Health, 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, with presenter Tamer Boules, M.D.

◆ Valentine’s Day Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, sponsored by Home Instead and Teri Jordan. Cost is \$20 for members, \$24 for nonmembers.

Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents “Tragico, Drammatico, Serioso and Buffo Opera,” at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic

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Correction

The article “Longtime scoutmaster nears retirement, honored for service,” published Feb. 1, should have read Scoutmaster Adam Prokop is a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 29, 2024

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(s) Cheryl Costantino and Tom Jenny.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilmember Jenny from tonight’s meeting due to a prior commitment.
- 2) To Open the Public Hearing on the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- 3) That the agenda of the special City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) to adopt the Resolution of Adoption as attached hereby adopting the 2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and further to direct the Planning Consultant, McKenna Associates, to distribute the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Planet Detroit to address flooding, climate resiliency at next GPAA lecture

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association invites residents interested in local environmental and public health issues to its next Your Old Mansion lecture at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nina Ignaczak, founder, publisher and executive editor of Planet Detroit, along with members of her team, will lead a conversation focusing on areas of local concern.

"We're a startup nonprofit news organization that covers public health and environmental news in the city and the region, but mostly in Detroit," said Ignaczak, a Grosse Pointe native and graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School. "... We'll talk about who we are, what we do, why it's important that somebody's doing this kind of journalism, the issues we have covered and issues we will cover this year."

Among those issues are the increase in rainfall and flooding, which



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have heavily affected Grosse Pointe and surrounding areas in recent years, as well as last summer's Canada wildfires leading to "smoke days" that resulted in air-quality issues across the Midwest.

Ignaczak said she'll also likely address climate resiliency, "and how utilities are changing to adapt and grow to address these challenges."

She is open to audience participation and anticipates discussion about local wildlife, basement backups, indoor air quality and even the lead paint that still can be found in older Grosse Pointe homes.

"It's important to us to raise awareness of what

we're doing," she said. "I grew up in Grosse Pointe. I do a lot of reporting on the border, the Jefferson-Chalmers area. It's an inner-ring suburb that's important to the city and the region."

Ignaczak, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and Master of Science degree in natural resources management and policy from the University of Michigan, began her post-college career in urban planning. An early love for journalism — she was the editor of her high school newspaper — resurfaced around 10 years ago.

"I decided to change careers," she said. "I started freelancing for different news organiza-

tions."

Ignaczak said she recognized plenty of global environmental reporting, but not much focused on local issues, so, "I decided to cover the local environment in a way I felt wasn't happening."

She started small with a Substack newsletter, which quickly gained a wide audience. In 2019, Planet Detroit launched. The nonprofit hosted its first fundraiser in 2020, and continues to gain steady readership at planetdetroit.org, through which it also offers a weekly newsletter.

"Now we're a stable organization," Ignaczak said, noting a small, but growing staff. "We're partnering with media

organizations across the city and nationally. I'm having a lot of fun doing it.

"It's sort of a confluence of all the things I've been interested in," she added. "I love journalism and writing. It's important that people are informed about their communities. I'm a strong advocate for the environment. Something not questioned is if it's important to be in a healthy environment. It's as simple as, do you want clean air? Do you want clean water? It's something we can all agree on, though we might not agree on how to get there. I'm grateful to spend my time doing this."

Ignaczak said anyone interested in learning more about the environment in their neighborhood or region — and how it affects their health — should attend the lecture.

"And the connection between Grosse Pointe and Detroit," she added. "I'm interested in finding out how people are thinking about that connection, in terms of flooding and other issues. People



Nina Ignaczak

in Grosse Pointe are some of the most connected to the city. I'm interested in focusing on how people are navigating that these days."

Tickets for the lecture are \$25 for GPAA members, \$30 for nonmembers, and may be purchased online at grossepointeartcenter.org or by calling (313) 881-3454.

About Planet Detroit

The digital media startup's mission is to produce quality climate, equity, health and environment journalism in the public interest that centers grassroots voices, holds power accountable, spotlights solutions and serves the community. Since its inception in 2019, Planet Detroit has won awards and recognition from the Society for Professional Journalists Detroit, Institute for Nonprofit News and LION Publishers.



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'Jazz Man'

The Village recently welcomed a new piece of art to its plaza on St. Clair. "Jazz Man" was created by artist Tim Burke, owner of Detroit Industrial Gallery. His work has been shown at the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Art Exchange, Detroit Artist Market and the Zeitgeist Gallery, as well as with the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. "The emphasis throughout my art career has been about preservation with anthropological underpinnings," he writes on his website. "I rescue bits and pieces of Detroit history making them look like something other than what they originally were; not to just keep them around, but also to work through my own angst."

The Helm announces leadership changes to board of directors

The Helm at the Boll Life Center recently announced changes to the leadership of its board of directors. The president and vice president each serve a two-year term, with the current positions ending December 2025.

As of Jan. 2, the new president of the board is Grosse Pointe Farms resident Cheryl Wesen, M.D., FACS. Wesen is the previous president of Ascension St. John Medical Staff and retired as medical director of the St. John breast program. She remains active with the general surgery residency program at Ascension St. John Hospital.

She joined The Helm board in 2021, and served as vice president in 2022 and 2023.

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Carol Klenow, Ed.D., Community Telecommunications Network, former associate superintendent of Oakland Schools and

past president of the Utica Community Schools Board of Education, is the new vice president. Klenow joined The Helm board in 2023.

Longtime board member of The Helm, Michele Kemler, will continue as secretary. Kemler, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, is an estate planning attorney with almost 40 years' experience. She has been on The Helm board since 2018.

St. Clair Shores resident Richard Widgren continues as treasurer. He has been on The Helm board since 2017. Widgren is the retired chief financial officer for Urban Science.

Former Board President Prudence Cole-Klimisch, of Grosse

Pointe Shores, will serve as president emeritus two years. She has been on The Helm board since 2018.



"We are fortunate to have such support from our community leaders, not only in officer positions but our board as a whole," The Helm Executive Director Krista Siddall said. "Our board members' experience in various industries and

businesses helps The Helm grow its mission and continue providing essential services and wellness activities for older adults in our community."

"We are tremendously excited to have such remarkably talented volunteers willing to donate their time and expertise to The Helm," Cole-Klimisch said. "The president and vice president willingly commit a minimum of six years to The Helm board to ensure continuity of leadership and focus. This commitment is imperative to continuing our mission of making the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods an even better community in which to live and grow older."

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OBITUARIES

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

Susan Pazgrat Selim

Susan Pazgrat Selim, 65, of Novi, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024.

Susan was born July 26, 1958, to Edmund and Stella (nee Kosek) Pazgrat. She is survived by her beloved brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Lauren Pazgrat; Lauren's daughters, Lyndsay Peabody (Aaron) and Terri Thompson; grandchildren, Troy and Leah Peabody; and many cherished family members and friends. Susan was predeceased by her beloved husband, Georges Selim; dear sister, Patricia Pazgrat; and loving parents, Edmund and Stella Pazgrat.

Susan grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1976. She attended the University of Michigan where, in addition to her studies, she explored her love of the arts through attendance at campus concerts, theater productions and art exhibits. Following her time at U of M, Susan worked as an administrative assistant in the U of M Department of Internal Medicine and then for software developer, COSI. She later became the showroom manager for Canon Business Solutions in Southfield. During her time at Canon, Susan completed a bachelor's degree in marketing from Madonna University.

Susan met the love of her life, Georges Selim, when she worked in the Department of Internal Medicine. Following a decade together, they were married Aug. 9, 1997, sharing a remarkable partnership until Georges' death in 2013. Their marriage was a model of love, faith and unwavering commitment to each other, as demonstrated by Susan's devotion to Georges as they faced his health problems.

During their years together, Georges and Susan enjoyed time in the kitchen, often preparing Iraqi foods, reflecting Georges' heritage. Susan was known for her expertise in making chrusciki (angel wings) at Christmas, using her maternal grandmother Sophie's prized original Polish recipe. Both possessing "green thumbs," Susan and Georges were proud of their garden, overflowing with tomatoes and fragrant herbs. They also shared a passion for Michigan football, attending many games in person and, as Georges' health declined, watching games at home.

In the years since Georges' passing, Susan focused her energies on relationships with friends and family. She found great joy in the simple things of life, including working out with her gym "family," dinner and theater get-togethers, engaging in long phone conversations, listening to podcasts and watching late-night talk shows and vintage movies. Susan had a razor-sharp mind, reciting movie trivia with remarkable accuracy and eagerly engaging others in current-events discus-

sions. Susan's enthusiasm for Michigan football was unceasing and she was ecstatic about the team's recent national championship victory.

Susan's treasured circle of friends includes Mark, Liz, Colleen, Tommie, David, Loreta, Tricia, Mary, Charles, Peggy and her cousin, Cathy. Susan will be greatly missed; her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends forever.

A memorial Mass to celebrate Susan's life will be held Saturday, March 2, at Church of the Holy Family, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi, with visitation at 10:30 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the American Heart Association, bit.ly/4bt1rji or Detroit Institute of Arts, dia.org/support/donate.

Roma Earla Thrasher

Roma Earla Thrasher (nee Jones), 95, of New Providence, N.J., passed away peacefully Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, at her home.

Roma was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Earla Dorothea (nee Mittag) and Edgar Barton Jones. She lived in Grosse Pointe many years before moving to New Providence in 2021, to be closer to family.

Roma received a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University and was a longtime Detroit school teacher at Carleton Elementary School. She loved being a member of the Carleton Book Club with some of the wonderful friends she met while teaching there.

Roma was a passionate bridge player, avid reader and member of the Grosse Pointe Garden Club. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her devoted family and many friends.

Roma and Jim Thrasher met while attending Denby High School. They absolutely adored each other and their lifelong fairytale romance was legendary. Jim was voted Cutest Boy, Roma was voted Prettiest Girl and they were a match made in heaven.

A charming and glamorous couple, they were at their best when entertaining and their house always was filled with love and the laughter of family, friends and neighbors dropping by. They were well-known fixtures of the community and involved in many activities. They often were seen riding their bikes around Grosse Pointe with their dog in the bike basket, walking to The Village, sailing on Lake St. Clair or Lake Erie and spending time at the family cottage in Canada. They were wonderful listeners, loyal friends and made everyone feel special, loved and included.

Friends and family are heartbroken and will dearly miss Roma and Jim, who they said made the world a little brighter and a lot more fun, but they take comfort in

knowing they have finally been reunited.

Roma was predeceased in 2016 by her beloved husband of 63 years, James Reid Thrasher. She is survived by her loving daughters, Leslie Edsall (Rich) of Mountainside, N.J., and Kim Thrasher of Decatur, Ga.; her cherished grandchildren, Julia Stoddard (Eric), Ben Edsall (Lindsey), Brittin Richter and Raleigh Colonna (Justin); and great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Hudson Stoddard, Sienna James Edsall and Greyson Richter.

Private funeral services are under the direction of Paul Ippolito Berkeley Memorial in Berkeley Heights N.J. A celebration of life will be held later this year.

Donations in Roma's memory may be made to the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, mygiving.net/donate/S.

Joseph Richard Serventi Sr.

Joseph Richard Serventi Sr., fondly known as Joe, passed away Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, in Grosse Pointe.

Joe was born Sept. 25, 1964, in Detroit, to Pietrina and Richard Serventi. He attended Notre Dame High School and Wayne State University. Joe served the Grosse Pointe communities as a restaurateur for 30 years. As a longtime partner at Andiamo Trattoria and later owner of Trattoria Serventi, Joe made a lasting impact on the community not only through his Italian dishes, but also through his role as a leader. Whether individuals were just passing through needing a summer job, or more deeply interested in the restaurant business, Joe was known for his guidance and mentorship to all.

Joe married Victoria in fall 1996, and eventually had three beloved children, Ariana, Joseph Jr., and Christa. He was a passionate Michigan State Spartan fan and Dayton Flyers fan. While he lived in metro Detroit his whole life, he was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, the city where his father grew up. Joe loved nothing more than attending the sports games of his children. Ariana, Joseph Jr., and Christa, all talented in various sports, provided him with many games for which he proudly cheered them on.

Joe had many hobbies, including bowling at the Detroit Athletic Club. He was a member of the 3:15 p.m. league on Tuesdays for 12 years and, later, chairman. Proudly carrying a 200 average, Joe most recently won the Baker Tournament in 2023. His fellow bowling teammates lovingly described him as the music behind the league. He often would pick a theme that they would have to guess and was known on the lanes for being a fierce lefty, telling jokes, reciting quotes from "The Godfather" and for his positive energy, love and enthusiasm for the sport.

Joe will be remembered for his extensive generosity and kindness. He



Susan Pazgrat Selim



Roma Earla Thrasher



Joseph R. Serventi Sr.

treated regular customers and friends as if they were family. Joe was an active parishioner of Old St. Mary's Catholic Church in Detroit. He was very passionate about his faith and attended church with Victoria almost every Sunday. Joe and a few good friends also attended First Friday Mass at St. Paul Catholic Church.

Joe had impeccable music taste. Loving music mostly from the 1960s, he often played Led Zeppelin, Frank Zappa, The Doors and more. Victoria would jokingly say he only recently discovered music from the 1990s. Joe leaves behind an archive of playlists curated for special events. His family will enjoy these forever, listening to his favorite songs and artists in his memory.

Joe will be deeply missed by all who knew him, especially his family and close friends, who take comfort knowing he is at peace.

Services took place at Old St Mary's Catholic Church, Detroit.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Miriam Van Walleghem

Miriam Van Walleghem, 97, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 2, 2024.

Miriam was born Aug. 23, 1926, in Birmingham, Ala., to Elias and Genevieve Kaupiz. She grew up in Detroit and attended Eastern High School, then graduated from the School for Arts & Crafts (now College for Creative Studies) in Detroit.

Miriam was a skilled potter and painter. She worked for Knoll, Ross Roy Advertising and as an interior designer before starting her family. Miriam met George Van Walleghem in 1959, when he hired her to be the interior decorator for his restaurant, The Round Table on Harper between Eight Mile and Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores. George and Miriam were happily married for 63 years before he passed away in 2022, at age 93. They shared a passion for collecting duck and fish decoys, as well as folk art. Miriam enjoyed traveling to auctions all over the country and took great joy in their beautiful collection each and every day.

Miriam was a longtime volunteer at the Detroit Institute of Arts. She also loved tennis and often could be found on the courts at Lochmoor Club, where she and George were members for many years.

George and Miriam were predeceased by their son, Ian Van Walleghem, who passed away in 2002. Miriam also was predeceased by her sister, Renee Kathleen Radell of New York.

Miriam was a loving mother and grandmother. She is survived by her son, Dr. Paul S. Van Walleghem (Rebecca); along with grandchild-



Miriam Van Walleghem



Patricia Cecelia Stander

dren, Sarah Van Walleghem-Teah and Stephen Van Walleghem; daughter, Anna (nee Van Walleghem) Fleckenstein (Ross); along with grandchildren, Matthew Fleckenstein and Lauren Fleckenstein.

A private funeral service has been planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Miriam's name to the College for Creative Studies, ccsdetroit.edu/donate.

Patricia Cecelia Stander

Patricia Cecelia Stander, 77, passed away Monday, Jan. 29, 2024.

Patricia was the beloved wife of Richard; cherished mother of Brandon Stander, Taryn Stander and Kari Sterling (John); adored grandmother of Tristan, Tyler and Chase Sterling; and lifelong friend and teacher to many.

Patricia was born July 29, 1946, in Detroit, to George and Catherine Howell. Pat attended St. Joan of Arc School, Regina High School, Siena Heights College and Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a Bachelor of Education degree. Pat taught business at Royal Oak Dondero High School, where she had a devoted following of students.

Pat met Rick at a dance in Detroit. She loved to laugh and Rick found his lifelong muse to deliver countless comedic performances. Their whirlwind romance survived Rick's occasional tardiness and sweaters with holes in them, which met with immediate "feedback" from Pat. A warm and caring teacher to all, one sideways look from Pat would usually correct any wayward behavior.

The couple married in 1973, and later welcomed Brandon, Taryn and Kari to the family. Pat was the matriarch who'd share moments of laughter with a sparkle in her eye and flash outrage whenever one of her children was wronged. Pat's intelligence and empathy made her their trusted confidant; no one was a better listener or more loyal supporter.

Her fun, bubbly personality infused card club, mall walking, family vacations, bowling leagues and trips to the casino. Pat was a legendary deal finder and worked as a jewelry consultant at Lord & Taylor, where she was known for her friendly demeanor, enthusiasm and eye for design.

Pat was diagnosed with frontotemporal degeneration in 2014, after the family noticed something was off. This terrible disease gradually eroded some of her most beloved traits. Her family struggled through her increasingly diminished cognitive and physical abilities. Pat loved babies, even during the darkest days of dementia, and would brighten up with the arrival of her three grandsons.

The long farewell officially began when Pat needed to move into a memory care nursing home in 2015. Meals were made to look like restaurant visits and everyone learned to "redirect" when Pat packed her things wanting to go home. Long, slow walks soon required walkers and, later, wheelchairs. Field trips and restaurant visits eventually became wheelchair feedings of pureed foods and thickened liquids. Fatigue and frustration mixed with heartwarming smiles and occasional familiar expressions from out of the blue. The family made countless personal and professional sacrifices to stay on top of the ever-shifting sands of Pat's condition.

When Pat finally decided her family was prepared to continue on without in-person supervision, she chose a day in which nearly all of the nursing home and hospice care staff could say their goodbyes. On Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, Pat had her husband and children by her side along with her beloved caretaker and friend, Lisa, and hospice nurse, Erin. She endured eight years in six memory care facilities and still had the charisma to attract countless fans in her diminished state. She was sweet, strong and loving to the end; not even FTD could strip her of those innate qualities. Pat's legacy as a beloved teacher continues in the example she set for those who knew her.

Visitation for Pat is 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. She will lie in state at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, until her funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Her family requests honoring Pat's memory and impact by learning more about FTD and donating to theftd.org/what-is-ftd/disease-overview/.

OBITS:

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Jane Warren Spaulding

Jane Warren Spaulding, 76, a longtime Grosse Pointe resident, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Nov. 16, 2023, in Ann Arbor. At the time of her death, she resided in both St. Clair Shores and Carefree, Ariz.

Jane was born March 15, 1948, to William J. and Mildred L. Warren of Grand Rapids and Arlington Heights, Ill. Her family moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1960. Jane attended Defer Elementary School, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe High School, where she met her soulmate, Allan Newton Spaulding. Jane and Al both graduated from Michigan State University and married shortly after graduation. They were married 49 years.

Jane started her professional career as a social worker for Catholic Social Services and then as a private investigator. As young marrieds, Jane and Al soon faced major challenges when Al suffered serious injuries from a diving accident, which cut short the life they had envisioned. Family, friends, the Grosse Pointe community and their beloved Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church friends rallied to help Jane and Al and their young daughters, Annemarie and Kristina. Together they handled this difficult plight with dignity and grace. They transitioned a tragic situation into a positive and successful life when Jane and Al established Pointe Steel Sales, of which Jane became the president.



Jane Warren Spaulding

Jane was a loving and devoted wife and mother. She was especially supportive of her daughters' endeavors with Girl Scouts, school, sports and the Christ Church Grosse Pointe choir, where she frequently volunteered. Jane delighted in her daughters' accomplishments.

Later in life, Jane earned a master's degree in counseling and a second master's degree in art education/art therapy, both from Wayne State University. She was employed by the Grosse Pointe Public School System as a learning resource teacher, providing guidance and structure for students. Jane also put her passion to work, providing art therapy to loss survivors at the Van Elslander Healing Arts Center.

Jane had a love for gardening and travel. She cultivated beautiful gardens at home after taking a horticulture class at Michigan State. Jane's spirit for adventure led her to travel. She had fun with her buddies from "The High" going to European destinations and traveled with the Grosse Pointe South "Amigas" to warm vacation spots. In retirement, she and Al moved with their poodle, Louey, to Carefree, Ariz. There they built a new life, made new friends, enjoyed the beauty of the desert and became active at Good Shepherd of the

Hills Episcopal Church. Jane continued practicing art therapy by creating healing art workshops at church and making new friends in the Phoenix art therapy community.

Jane lost her beloved Al in 2019. She also was predeceased by her parents. Jane is survived by her daughters, Annemarie Spaulding and Kristina Cuellar (Angel); grandchildren, Luna and Sol Cuellar; her devoted sister and friend, Ann MacDonald (Michael); loving brother, Bill Warren (Chris); niece, Katie MacDonald (Brian Wolstone); nephews, Jason Siewertsen (Jill), John MacDonald (Teme), Dr. Bradley Warren (Amy) and Geoffrey Warren (Meredith); and many grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Jane was loved by many. Her enthusiasm for family and friends, sense of humor, wit, curiosity and courage are irreplaceable.

Jane's ashes will be joined with Al's in the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church memorial garden. A memorial luncheon will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, at Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, in Cave Creek, Ariz., following the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

In addition, an open house celebration of life will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, gpaas.org/donate; the Penn/Whittier Scholarship Fund through Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church, goodshepherdaz.org/contact/, or a charity of choice.

Busy Lenten season at GPUMC

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church offers numerous services and activities available to the public during Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday and ends with a celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 31.

The congregation publishes an annual book of Lenten devotions, which will be available in time for reading on Ash Wednesday. Anyone interested in reading along with these devotions may do so by following GPUMC's Facebook page — facebook.com/GrossePointeUMC — where a new devotion will be posted daily. Print copies of the devotions booklet will be available in the church office the Monday before Ash Wednesday.

GPUMC's senior pastor, the Rev. David Eardley, will begin Lent by offering ashes and a drive-through blessing from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, outside the sanctuary doors. A traditional Ash Wednesday service will be offered at 7:30 p.m., both in person and via the church livestream at gpumc.info/SundayMorningWorship.

During Lent, Eardley will lead a weekly Sunday night Lenten study, beginning Feb. 18, and continuing through March 17. Each week's study will be preceded by a dinner prepared by members of the congregation. The dinners and Lenten study are open to members and nonmembers alike. Dinners begin at 5 p.m. each Sunday, followed by the study at 6:30 p.m.

The text for this year's Lenten study is "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection," by Tom Berlin with Mark A. Miller. In this book, Peter, Mary Magdalene and Thomas express the despair they feel at losing Jesus and the surprise and joy

that awaits them at the resurrection. The text and a DVD series trace the events surrounding these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. More information about the study may be found at gpumc.info/2024LentenStudy.

A related Lenten study for children, led by GPUMC Children and Youth Director Emily Bianchi, will be offered at the same time as the adult study.

Sunday, March 17, the GPUMC Chancel Choir, under the direction of Giustino Carrano, will present "Our Father" by Pepper Choplin. This is the same music members of the choir will perform at Carnegie Hall in May, as part of a special performance led by the composer.

During Holy Week, GPUMC will offer an agape lunch, a meal that is eaten in silence while hearing scripture and music, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 26. The lunch is open to anyone interested, but registration is required by calling (313) 886-2363.

GPUMC also will offer a Maundy Thursday service with communion at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, and a Good Friday service at noon Friday, March 29.

On Easter morning, two worship services will celebrate the resurrection: a Sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden and a traditional worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Except for the Easter Sunrise Service, all of GPUMC's worship services and follow-up videos are available at gpumc.info/SundayMorningWorship.

A complete schedule for Lent is available at gpumc.org/lent-at-gpumc.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its Third Thursday, Lunch, Laugh and Learn Program on Feb. 15.

The speaker is Bill Sullivan, executive director of Crossroads of Detroit, a social service agency.

St. Michael's had a role in founding Crossroads more than 50 years ago and contin-

ues to support its vital work.

Lunch begins at noon, followed by the program at 1 p.m.

Reserve a seat by calling (313) 884-4820. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, Feb. 13.

EVENTS:

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Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. This free concert features mezzo-soprano Dorothy Duensing, soprano Bonnie L. Brooks, baritone Dan Mihaescu, tenor Jinsheng Zhang and soprano Olga Yalovenko, as well as eurythmist Claudia Fontana on cello and piano. Additionally, soprano Melanie Spector, recipient of the Dina Soresi Winter Voice

Award, will perform.

Screenings

Residents can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening, hosted Friday, Feb. 9, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. Screenings check for level of plaque buildup in arteries, cholesterol levels, diabetes risk, kidney

and thyroid function and more. Special package pricing begins at \$159, but consultants will create a package that suits each individual. Advanced registration is required. Call (877) 237-1287 or visit lifeline.com.

Pop-Up

The Peacock Room pops up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at KW Grosse Pointe: Luxury Homes International, 19853 Mack, Grosse Pointe

Woods. Dresses, jewelry and more will be available to purchase.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, Ardmore Elementary School, 27001 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse

Pointe. Nicole Deem, who recently retired after serving 22 years with the U.S. Army and whose husband also served and has post-traumatic stress disorder, speaks. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

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Left, The Belle Isle collage features the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory — closed through 2024 for major renovations — the James Scott Memorial Fountain and the Belle Isle Aquarium, which is the oldest aquarium in the country. Right, this picture depicts Eastern Market and its famous murals.

Welcome to Detroit GPAA celebrates Detroit's renaissance with collage project

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

"I'm so excited Detroit is finally getting its recognition," said Karen Pope, president of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. She wasn't referring to the Detroit Lions — the Detroit Free Press last week reported NFL fans in 37 of the country's 50 states were rooting for

Michigan's only NFL team in the Jan. 28 NFC Championship game — but rather Detroit's inclusion in Conde Nast Traveler's list of "The Best Places to go in North America and the Caribbean in 2024." The honor was the inspiration behind "Welcome to Detroit," a GPAA poster project at The War Memorial high-

lighting the best of what the Pointes' neighbor has to offer.

Current collages — created by the GPAA's Morning Out group — feature Detroit's sports teams, an Eastern Market mural, Belle Isle and architecture such as the Guardian Building, a Yamasaki building on Wayne State University's campus and the historic train station Ford is transforming into an innovation center. The latter is noted in the Conde Nast article.

"We spelled out 'welcome' in tools in honor of our manufacturing background," Pope added.

The welcome sign was created by Emily Virga, with the help of Andrea

Rivera Fleming and Marcia Nowakowski, while the posters are the work of Josette Giuliani, Anette La Page, Nancy Kelley and Michael Callaway.

Community members are invited to submit additional collages highlighting other Detroit staples such as the Detroit

Institute of Arts, Campus Martius, the Detroit Riverwalk — all three of which, at one point, have been named the best of their categories in the country — and Motown. The deadline is Monday, Feb. 26.

"If they have some hidden treasure that they would like to share, all the better," Pope said. "Just call ahead to confirm, so we don't have overlap."

Those interested in participating in the "Welcome to Detroit" poster project should call the GPAA at (313) 881-3454 and leave a message for Pope.

Other 2024 Detroit draws noted by Conde Nast include the completion of a redevelopment of

the former Hudson's site featuring retail, dining and residential; the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Centennial Park project, which will introduce new walking trails, playgrounds, a water garden and sports center along the riverfront; and the NFL draft, expected to draw hundreds of thousands of visitors this April.

Morning Out, as part of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, is a free program open to the public. Its members meet 10:30 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays of every month to chat about art, peruse the GPAA gallery and make pieces in its art studio.



The "Welcome" sign was constructed of various tools in a nod to Detroit's manufacturing background.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Sarah Watson

Fundamental ways to improve communication

Is your relationship thriving? Or would you like to feel more connected to your partner?

How you feel in your relationship and how you feel about your partner comes down to how well you communicate. Here are four fundamental ways to improve your communication with your partner:

1. Identify the issue

What does the issue look like on the surface? Is this what is really activating the argument or is it something else? Hint: Usually it's not about the dishes or the laundry. Be curious, not defensive. You might not be able to talk through it all at once; it's OK to take a break and come back to your partner.

2. Be an active listener

Are you hearing your partner or listening to respond? If it's the latter, you need to reset. Can you repeat back what your partner said and ask for clarification? Great! You're on the right track.

3. Clarify

Clarification allows you to better understand each other's emotions, intentions and motivations. Understanding fosters empathy, making it easier for people to see things from the other person's perspective

and find common ground. Try starting a sentence with "What I heard you say ..."

4. Put it all together

Clearly communicate your needs. Make sure your partner understands what you need from your relationship and what's important to you. Apologize and work on forgiveness.

All couples argue — it's incredibly healthy to discuss your differences and what you need from your partner. What isn't healthy is yelling or saying hurtful things you cannot take back. Most of us have not been taught how to communicate in a meaningful way. You can work on these communication skills together. And remember, sharing appreciation for something your partner did or said can go a long way.

Sarah Watson is a licensed professional counselor and certified sex therapist who is highly passionate about helping individuals create their best self and providing couples the opportunity to develop communication and relationship skills. For more information, visit sarahwatsonlpc.com or follow her on Instagram @swwsxtherapy.

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Avoiding love due to political difference

Dear Gabby: I feel like I am not unreasonably picky, but lately I have had a hard time finding someone to date who shares my political views. Whenever I hear their ideas do not align with mine, I basically run for the hills. Am I wrong? How can I overcome this?

— Polarized in the Park

Dear Polarized,

Who you date is, of course, entirely up to you.

If politics is the top item on your list as a “must have,” then perhaps it’s prudent to remain on course. But if you think about what SHOULD be top on your list, I imagine political ideology may not break the top five or 10. My advice is to get to know someone a bit before broaching the subject. Perhaps if you are

interested in their personality — and they are a kind and good person — their voter card will be less of an issue. Best of luck in the wild world of dating.

— Gabby

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



Desperate to decode this dating dilemma

DEAR ANNIE: I’ve found myself in a dating maze and desperately need some advice. I’ve been dealing with some mixed signals from the person I’m dating; he’s all about making plans and being super affectionate one day, then is distant and elusive the next. I’m getting whiplash. How do I make sense of this behavior without coming off as needy or insecure? I genuinely care about the connection but could use some tips for decoding this

emotional puzzle. — LOVE LIMBO

DEAR LOVE LIMBO: If you haven’t done so already, it’s probably time for the dreaded “what are we?” conversation.

It sounds like you are genuinely invested in this person, and ready for a more serious commitment. If he isn’t on the same page, then you’re wasting your time. The only way to find out the answer is to ask. Good luck!

DEAR ANNIE: My

93-years-young mother had a cousin she was very close with, as children and as adults. He passed away several years ago, but his second wife has kept loosely in touch and, although my mom doesn’t have a lot of history with the second wife, they are on good terms.

Mom received an email stating that this lady will be in our area soon and would like to stop in for a visit. My question is, would it be OK for my mother to share the happy stories of them as

kids with her cousin’s widow? Or do you think it would make things awkward? What do you think would be best: Talk about the good times, or just don’t mention it. — MY MOM’S KID IN OHIO

DEAR MOM’S KID: It is lovely that your mother and her cousin’s widow have kept in touch with each other in the years after the death of their loved one.

Your mother can casually mention her cousin and gauge his widow’s response



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

Accordingly. While there is certainly a chance that the wounds of her loss are still too fresh, it is also possible that hearing childhood stories and family anecdotes about her husband might bring his widow comfort and serve as a way to honor her late husband’s memory. Best-case scenario, a

walk down memory lane allows your mother and this woman to bond and grow closer in their relationship. We all grieve differently, so your mother should prepare herself for either response.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



If you’re old enough, you’ll probably remember Bioré Pore Strips. It was a fad many years ago.

Well, the trend is back and there are probably hundreds of brands that offer a product just like it. Essentially, the goal is to shrink pores and get rid of any blackheads on your nose.

Naturally, I was sucked into an ad on Instagram, which made this whole thing sound new and exciting again. I will never understand people’s gross infatuation with seeing clogged pores and blemishes get popped and excited, but it’s a thing — and I’m also morbidly curious.

For this Lanbena product, you just slather on

some of the potion, cover it with the strip and wait for it to dry.

It seemed easy, so I immediately tore into the package, slapped some of the creamy solution on my nose and followed up by pressing the paper-like strip on top.

I did not realize I was supposed to first “open my pores” by placing a hot towel over my nose, but I don’t believe this caused any difference in the results. After a few moments, the paper seemed dry as a bone and stiff, so I attempted to start peeling it off. It was actually stuck to my skin, in a way that felt like super glue. Every millimeter I managed to peel off caused massive eye water-

ing and searing pain.

When I finally got the courage to “rip off the Band-Aid” as they say, I actually produced some

horrible screaming sound. I’m glad nobody in my family was around to hear.

When I looked at the

paper, I saw nothing. Nothing! The torture was totally worthless. Or so I thought. I had the idea to hold the paper up to the light and only then did I see the results of my suffering. There were probably 1,000 tiny dots of blackheads that were ripped from the innards of my face.

Overall, after I saw the output, I decided it wasn’t so bad and maybe it was worth the pain. I don’t think my nose had giant pores to begin with, but it definitely did something and the “after” maybe looked slightly better.

I can imagine for someone with really intense blackheads this would be a really productive thing to do.

All in all, I am giving the Lanbena pore strips 3.5 alligators for the mere fact you could probably buy any of these products and get the same results.

If I were to do it over, I’d just choose the cheapest ones possible. The Lanbena strips are available on amazon.com and cost around \$10.

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

3.5 Out Of 5



There is magic at Eastside Bagel

There’s been something special about Eastside Bagel since 1994, when the open sign first went on. It was something the area didn’t have at the time.

Before Einstein Bros. Bagels existed and Bruegger’s Bagels was in The Village, Eastside Bagel planted its seed on Harper Avenue — and thank God they did.

Three years ago, this small business got a little more special when Grosse Pointe residents, Jeff and Delia McMann, bought the business from the original owners.

In 1997, on our 35-minute lunch break at Grosse Pointe North, we’d race our way to ESB to get our fix. Thirty years later, I still need a weekly fix. You must live under a rock if

you’ve never indulged in a fresh, everything pizza bagel.

Seven days a week, the magic starts at roughly 3:30 a.m., with Eastside Bagel producing an average of 25,000 to 28,000 bagels a week. With 20 different varieties to choose from — spinach asiago, sea salt rosemary and parmesan being some of the favorites — you also have a shocking selection of 19 flavors of cream cheese to smear them with.

Aside from the obvious, chipotle, honey sriracha and dill pickle are just a few. But, the feta should never be overlooked, especially on its most popular: an everything bagel. Toasted, of course.

Fun fact: Eastside Bagel does not add any type of

preservatives to its bagel dough while being made fresh daily.

When asking Jeff what their busiest day of the year is, or if there is a specific one, he said, “Our largest sales day every year is typically Mother’s Day; however, these past two weeks with our Lions blue bagel promo to support the Detroit Lions playoff run, we set a new sales record.”

As luck would have it, the Lions organization caught wind of said bagels and when they called, ESB answered. Jeff and his son, Marco, got to work in the middle of the night



Blue Lions Bagel.

and headed to the Lions’ Allen Park facility with a special delivery, just in time for their morning flight out to San Fran.

Talk about an honor!



Bagel sandwich any way you want it.



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

In the three decades of this neighborhood staple, two things have remained the same: the recipes and its family foundation. At any given time, you will always find at least two members of the McMann family in house.

Jeff’s voice echoes throughout the restaurant, engaging in conversations with customers and cracking “bagel dad jokes” any chance he gets. Delia’s smile lights up the room from behind the counter and their two sons, Marco and Alessandro, provide sheer entertainment onsite and online.

Check out their viral videos on Instagram @eastsidebagel to see what’s going on behind the scenes or the making of their latest and greatest bagel sandwich, all while enjoying a good laugh. The entire staff is top notch.

You may even see some familiar faces from the early days. Don’t ever let the long line down the hallway deter you, especially on the weekends. The McMann family and their staff run the service line like a well-oiled machine.

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Valentine's Day sweet treat

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

We all know that strawberries pair perfectly with chocolate. I decided to try a new version for our treat this year. This is a strawberry "bark" with salted pretzels and peanut butter.

I saw this recipe online and was completely intrigued. It's easy, simple and so good.

The spreading of the peanut butter is not the most fun job but take your time and you'll get there.

I used one-half cup but probably could have used more. It's all up to you. Coconut oil helps to melt the chocolate and gives great flavor as well.

Ditch the typical chocolate strawberries and try this dessert. It's totally family friendly and totally delicious.

Cheers, Mombeau

Chocolate Peanut Butter Strawberry Bark

1 pint strawberries, sliced

1/2 cup peanut butter

15-20 salted mini pretzels

1 cup chocolate chips

2 tsp coconut oil

On a parchment-lined baking sheet, lay the sliced strawberries down. Spread the peanut butter over top and freeze for 20 minutes.

In a bowl add the chocolate chips and coconut oil and cook in 30-second intervals until melted. Make sure to stir each time you check.

Once the strawberries and peanut butter have frozen, take out of the freezer and lay an even layer of pretzels on top.

Pour over the chocolate and let set back in the freezer for 30 minutes or until you are ready.



PHOTO BY KAREN FERGUSON

Loire valley reds

Most U.S. wine drinkers prefer their red wines to be kind of soft, slightly sweet or at least not particularly tart.

I really dislike this kind of wine — if I'm having it with food.

I grew up with wine at a time when dry red wine was truly dry. But in the era of sweetened coffee drinks, cola, hard ciders, beers made with fruit essences and all manner of sweet things, wine has had to comply.

Starting in the late 1990s, most California red wines have gotten richer, softer and fleshier. This includes such

wines as pinot noir, a grape that once regularly produced a lighter-styled red wine.

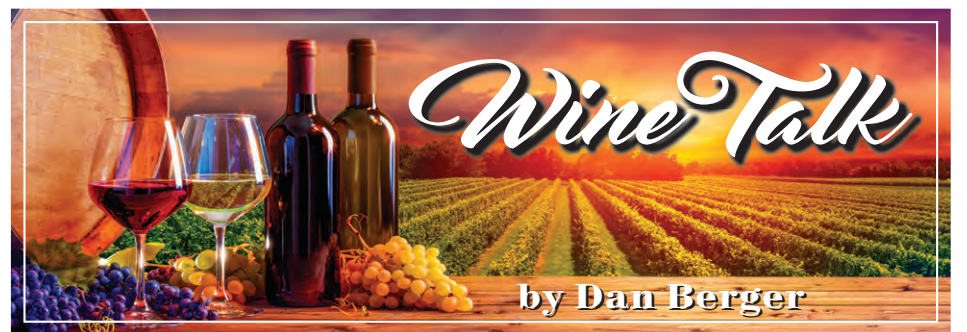
Today, many pinot noirs are routinely above 14 percent alcohol. Some are so dark and brooding, they have bodies round enough to elicit thoughts more of a Goya painting than of a Modigliani.

The big-red trend has also affected most other grape varieties made in California. Have you taken a look at the alcohol statement on a bottle of zinfandel lately? Most of them are around 15 percent or even 16

percent.

Yet there is a sub-rosa countertrend afoot around the country, fueled mainly by younger consumers. It is the interest in lighter reds. This quiet movement away from oomph and toward delicacy has meant a rebirth of interest in some previously fascinating wines that have always been aimed at the dinner table rather than at the tasting bar.

As a result, a number of French and Italian wines that have always been in the background are a lot more visible today, much of it pushed



by today's energetic sommeliers who sense a growing unease with pricey, ultrarich, food-unfriendly cabernets, zins and syrahs.

I saw this play out when I attended a tasting of Loire Valley red wines, most of which never were aged in small barrels. Most of the wines were crisp and aimed at the dinner table. Indeed,

the wines weren't particularly fun to consume without food.

Almost all the wines had alcohol levels about 12.5 percent to 13 percent, and every wine tasted far better once some food was brought out. Included were several wines from France's verdant Loire Valley.

Most of the wines were made from pinot noir, cabernet franc and gamay. They were all lovely, attractive food wines that sell for reasonable prices — roughly \$20 to \$23.

One reason these wines are usually priced as low as they are is that the average American consumer simply has never heard of their districts. The regions they come from are not exactly household names.

For example, a district called Menetou-Salon makes dry sauvignon blancs and delicate red wines, most of them from pinot noir. Often these reds have a trace of black pepper and thyme.

The district called Touraine (too-rain) makes dry red wines that are mostly composed of gamay, a lighter version that's excellent with lighter neat dishes.

Also, look for wines from Chinon (pronounced shee-nohn). It typically makes slightly rustic, earthy cabernet francs with dried herbs and cherries. The same grape may be found in wines designated Saumur-Champigny (sau-muhr sham-peen-ye).

With prices for cabernet sauvignon now significantly higher than they were before COVID-19 hit, anyone seeking a weekday red wine that has fascinating character and works nicely with food would do well to look to the wines of the Loire Valley.

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A bottle of red zinfandel will have a higher alcohol level than most wines, ranging from about 13 to 17 percent alcohol by volume while white zinfandel has lower alcohol levels (closer to 9-10 percent), lower tannins, and a medium-to-low acidity with no bitterness.

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While every sandwich is served with a side of bagel chips, the menu boards also show a variety of salads, weekly soups, chili, mac and cheese and some of the best desserts as well.

It's pretty hard to leave with only a delicious, fresh-squeezed orange juice or coffee in one hand and a breakfast bagel in the other and not grab a giant cinnamon roll and yogurt parfait as well.

Catering is made easy with this crew, too. From school and church functions to bridal events to



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By Olivia Monette and Donna Zetterlund
Staff Writer

Is there anything better than a party where all of the food is comfort food, everyone gets to dress comfortably (and/or obnoxiously) and the commercials are actually something you *want* to watch? We love the casual part of watching the Super Bowl, but it can also be fabulous. Have some fun with your team's colors, or keep it football-fresh with green and penalty flag orange (check out our fun napkin idea).

Here we used flowers to coordinate the turf table runner, copper-themed place settings and (really cool) Stanley beer steins. Keep note of these, as they would make a great host or hostess gift at only \$25 apiece. Fill with a bag of cashews or throw in a few flowers for the perfect "thanks for having us" acknowledgement.

Don't be afraid to lean into the moment, like we did with stacked beer cans. Choose something colorful and then add them into the cooler later when you are running low on brewskis. Over at Village Wine Shop on Jefferson, they suggested All Day IPAs. The idea is that they are really flavorful, yet you can have several of them over the course of the day (or the big game).

Little details like mini chalkboards (found on Amazon) are a fun way to personalize and give that extra touch.

This year, have the best party ever — and send us your photos! Email photos to: media@grossepointenews.com.



Mud Pie stoneware serving platter, left, serves yards of delicious big game fare. Get it at Small Favors.



Delicious prepared party trays from Fairfax Quality Market really score with guests! A mouth-watering roast beef platter, far left, comes with sauces that make nibbling or sandwiches great.

Chicken wings are a part of any football party — and these, left, will be a centerpiece in several different sauces and heat levels with bleu cheese and veggies to cool things off!

Fairfax also specializes in other prepared foods for parties or during the week on a day when cooking might be challenging. Stuffed chicken breasts, full tenderloins, sandwiches, soups, deli salads and so much more can be picked up daily or ordered in advance.

For party trays, please order in advance at (313) 822-7074.

Take game time prep to the next level!

A central feature of any party is the food and drink. Serving guests foods you have prepared in advance or have had catered allows you to be more present with guests and have a more relaxed gathering. Casual parties like sporting watch events are ideal for grazing-type offerings like chicken wings, chili or taco stations and clever charcuterie presentations.

Resources like the newly-reopened Fairfax Quality Market in Grosse Pointe Park have wonderful options for deli salads, sandwich meats and more. (Be aware that larger hot catering orders require advance notice.)

Pizza or sub sandwiches are easy and always welcome, as are build-your-own-sandwich deli trays. Having a football-decorated cake or cookies along with other desserts pulls the whole theme together nicely.

Offer a signature drink, punch or fun IPA choice.



COURTESY PHOTO

The cookies face off for the gridiron excitement, above. Cookies by Lisa York, LiYos Naptime Creations.



Handy Say Cheese set of culinary cheese knives, left, are all the items needed for cheese grazing tables. Three specialty knives and one fork are the ideal collection for slicing and serving various types of cheeses. From Small Favors.

Popular beer steins from Stanley make a great hosting gift or raffle prize for your home party. This pretty copper-tone stein above, will keep beer cold for five hours (but you don't have to wait that long to drink it!) Buy wherever Stanley drinkware is sold.



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For a fun and festive football party, a table runner made of “astroturf” is a wonderful starter to your table design. You can almost hear the crowd cheering! The bright orange linen napkins are inspired by penalty flags, and we used copper accents to match up with them. The copper chargers add pop to the sporty dark bronze plates, and a pretty copper bucket does double-duty as a holder for luscious florals from Trader Joe’s. A tower of Founder’s All Day Chill Day IPA from Village Wine serves as a decoration that can be added to the cooler later. A Grosse Pointe News cap adds a sporty element to the tableau. Each guest gets a football squares card at each place setting, just for fun.



Dip into this awesome Mud Pie stoneware serving tray paired with handy wooden tongs, below. The two-piece set comes with a four-sectioned stoneware serving tray featuring a reactive glaze finish over a stylish textured surface and a center dip well for guac, dill dip, queso and all your other favorites. From Small Favors.

Quality decor and ingredients ensure a winning big game party



Trader Joe's is a go-to for so many delectable and healthy treats, but their florals are just as inspiring. This beautiful bouquet adds just the right touch as a centerpiece on our football-themed table.



When it comes to parties, there is no other resource like Fairfax Quality Market. Tender meats, prepared dishes to heat and serve – and so much more are just waiting in store for your next shindig.



It's the Jellycat football from Small Favors for the win! With silky soft fur, suede lacing detail and soft stripes, the Amuseable Football is a captivating catch (and cuddle.) Clutch him during the game during those tense moments, or be a champ and let the kids play with him.



The Charcuterie Tool Box has all the essentials for a perfect cheese board. It makes an ideal hostess gift, or grab one for yourself if you're the host! From Small Favors.



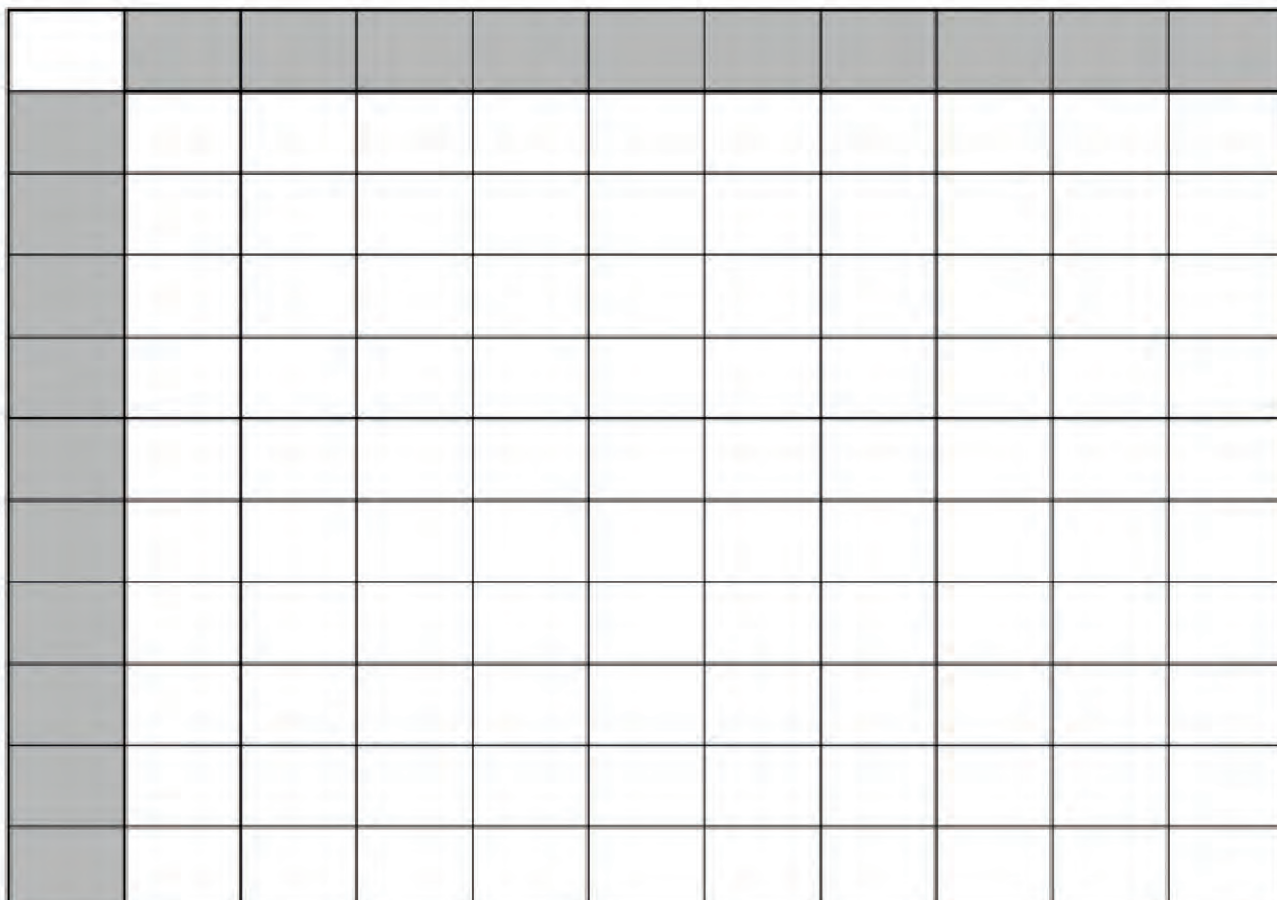
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Cookies from LiYos Naptime Creations makes your celebration an "A game" presentation! These creative cookies add color and whimsy to your table and taste great too! No matter who wins the game — you win as best hostess!

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SUPER tasty on-trend game day cocktails



Super Bowl LVIII will take place on February 11, 2024 at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, giving sports fans, who also double as game day hosts and hostesses, plenty of time to plan their festivities. Wings, nachos, sliders, and sandwiches are standard fare for game day entertaining, but savvy hosts also must give thought to the beverages they will serve. An assortment of spirited and non-alcoholic drinks are the norm, and many who entertain may think beer is all that's needed for game day fun. However, some may want to elevate their Super Bowl hosting with specially curated cocktails. Here's how to get started:

If you don't want to worry about having enough supplies on hand for a bevy of different cocktails, have a big-batch punch at the ready for guests. There are many variations, but this recipe for "Whiskey-Apple Cider Punch" can appeal to the masses. It evokes those fall flavors that signal football season, and it works well with many comfort foods. Try it, courtesy of Southern Living Test Kitchen.

Whiskey-Apple Cider Punch

Serves 10

- 1 cup frozen cranberries, thawed
 - 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup water, divided
 - 3 cups bourbon
 - 1 1/2 cups fresh lemon juice (from 14 lemons)
 - 3/4 cup honey
 - 1 24.5-ounce bottle sparkling apple cider, chilled
 - 1 Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced (optional)
- Combine thawed frozen cranberries, light brown sugar, and 1/4 cup water in a food processor; process until cranberries are roughly chopped and sugar has almost dissolved, about 30 seconds.



Transfer to a large bowl. Add bourbon, fresh lemon juice, honey, and remaining 1/4 cup water; stir until well combined and sugar is dissolved. Pour mixture through a fine wire-mesh strainer into a 3- to 4-quart pitcher, discarding solids.

Chill at least 1 hour or up to 8 hours. Just before serving, gently stir in sparkling apple cider. Pour into glasses and, if desired, garnish with Granny Smith apple slices.

For a different spin — one hot new cocktail trend that is coming on strong is savory and spicy cocktails. They're becoming increasingly popular as people desire more complex and interesting flavors in their adult beverages.

Well-crafted cocktails show your guests you care and make the party a bit more festive. Every host should know how to make a great margarita, especially those who plan to host big game events! This version, courtesy of Liquor.com, puts a unique and spicy spin on the unique flavor profile of margaritas.

Spicy Margarita

- 1 lime wedge
- 2 jalapeño coins, seeds removed
- 2 oz blanco tequila
- 1/2 ounce orange liqueur
- 1 oz lime juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/2 oz agave syrup

Rub the rim of a rocks glass with lime wedge, dip the rim in salt to coat (if desired), and set aside.

Add the jalapeño coins to a shaker and gently muddle.

Add the blanco tequila, orange liqueur, lime juice, and agave syrup, plus ice, and shake until well-chilled.

Strain into the prepared glass over fresh ice. Garnish with a lime slice if desired.

Optional: For a spicier version of this drink, garnish rim with salt and a jalapeño coin.



Kick off your festivities with hearty loaded beef nachos

Loaded Beef Nachos

Serves 4

Taco Seasoning:
5 tsp paprika

1 1/4 tsp garlic powder

1 1/4 tsp ground cumin

1 1/4 tsp onion powder

1 tsp chili powder

1 tsp oregano leaves

1 1/2 tsp salt

Nachos:
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 lb ground beef

1 cup diced onion

1 cup diced green bell pepper

1 10-oz can diced tomatoes with green chiles (such as RO-TEL®)

1 15-oz can Mexican-style corn (optional)

1 16-oz can refried beans

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, or as needed

4 oz tortilla chips, or as needed

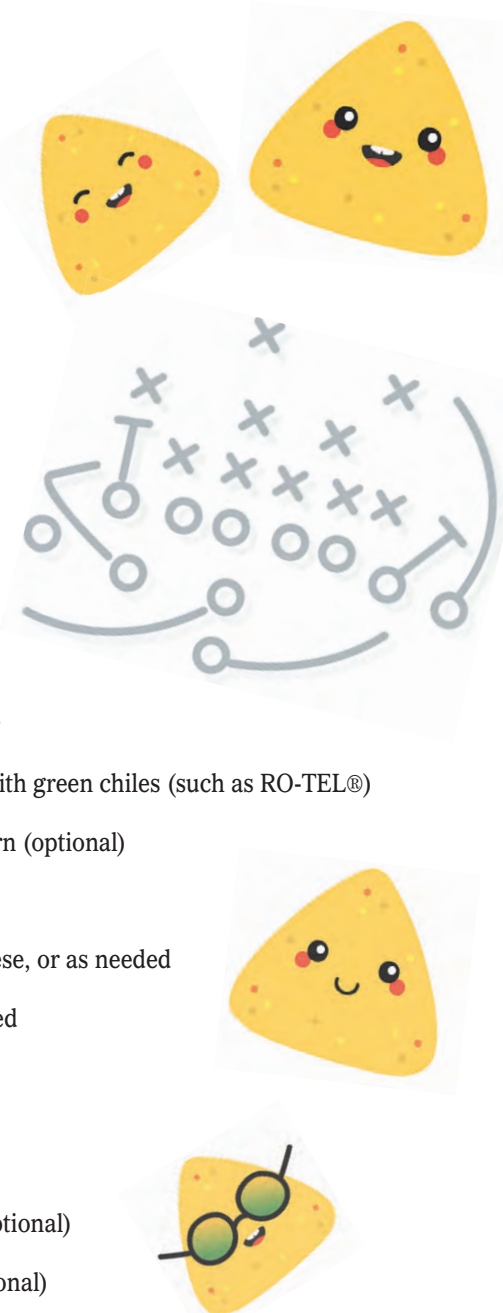
Toppings (optional):
1/2 cup sour cream (optional)

1/2 cup salsa (optional)

1/4 cup sliced black olives (optional)

1/4 cup sliced jalapeños (optional)

1/4 cup green onion



For taco seasoning: Stir paprika, garlic powder, cumin, onion powder, chili powder, oregano, and salt together in a small bowl; set aside.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat; cook and stir ground beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in onion and green pepper; cook and stir with oil and juices from browned meat until much of the liquid has evaporated, about 2 minutes more.

Stir 1/2 can diced tomatoes with chilies and Mexican-style corn into skillet. Season beef mixture to taste with prepared taco seasoning mix.

Stir together the remaining 1/2 can diced tomatoes with chilies and refried beans in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high until heated through, stirring every 30 seconds, 1 to 3 minutes.

To assemble nachos: Lay half of tortilla chips in a single layer on a microwave-safe plate, then drop teaspoons of refried beans onto chips, followed by meat mixture and shredded cheese. Repeat with remaining chips, beans, meat, and cheese to make a second layer.

Microwave on high until cheese is melted and nachos are warm, 2 to 3 minutes. Top with sour cream, salsa, olives, jalapeños, and green onion as desired.

Use a slow cooker to create game day pick-me-ups

Dips, small bites and other finger foods are game day staples. Utilizing one or more slow cookers to prepare such items creates more time to watch the game, stock the cooler with refreshments and ready the home theater. Slow cookers can also keep meals warm on the buffet table.

Give these fun slow cooker recipes a try and make hosting easier!



Pepperoni Pizza Dip with Breadstick Dippers

Serves 8

- 1 jar or can (14 ounces) pizza sauce
- 3/4 cup chopped pepperoni
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 can sliced black olives, drained
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano

- 1 cup + shredded mozzarella
 - 1 package cream cheese, softened
- Dippers*
1 package breadstick dough
- 2 tsp melted butter
 - 2 tsp minced fresh Italian parsley

Combine pizza sauce, pepperoni, green onions, olives, and oregano in a 2-quart slow cooker. Cover; cook on low 2 hours until mixture is hot.

Stir in 1 cup mozzarella and cream cheese until melted and well blended. Pour in oven-safe dish and sprinkle with remaining mozzarella. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

For dippers, bake breadsticks as directed on package. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with parsley.



Big Al's Hot and Sweet Sausage Sandwiches

Makes 8 servings

- 2 lbs hot Italian sausage links
- 2 lbs sweet Italian sausage links
- 1 jar (26 ounces) spaghetti sauce
- 1 green bell pepper, cored, seeded and sliced

- 1 large Vidalia onion, (or other sweet onion variety) sliced
- Italian rolls, cut in half
- Provolone cheese, sliced (optional)
- Parmesan cheese (optional)

Combine sausages, spaghetti sauce, onion, bell peppers in slow cooker. Cover; cook on low 8 to 10 hours or on high 4 to 6 hours.

Place sausages in rolls. Top with vegetable mixture. Add provolone cheese and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese if desired.

Tip: Instead of large Italian rolls, use slider buns or medium kaiser rolls to stretch the sausage mixture further and make it easier to eat while watching the game.

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Left, Sigourney Weaver as Margaret and Margaret Qualley as Joanna in the 2020 movie "My Salinger Year," directed by Philippe Falardeau.

MOVIE REVIEW
 "My Salinger Year"
 2020 - Rated R
 1 hr 41 min
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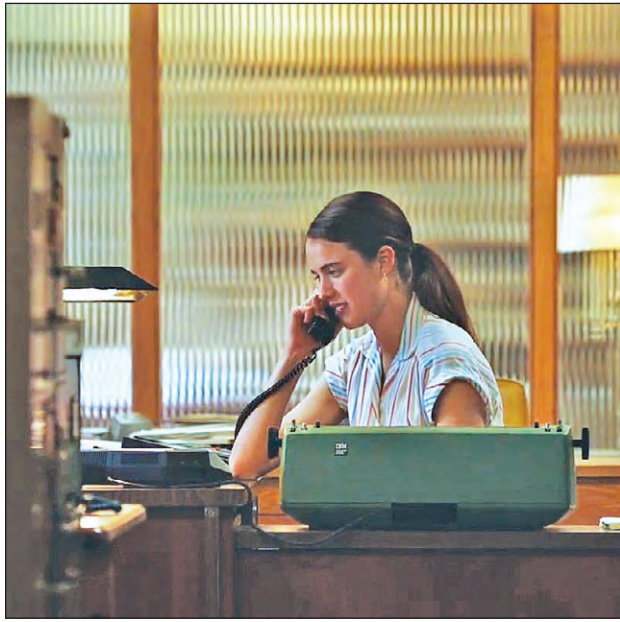
Just hearing the name J.D. Salinger brings back fond memories of my teen years when I first discovered the elusive author. It didn't take long to devour his complete works which included "Nine Stories," "Franny and Zooey," "Raise High the Roof Beam Carpenters," and of course his masterpiece, "The Catcher in the Rye."

Like most kids, I was amused by and could totally relate to the main character Holden Caulfield. Count me among the legion of Salinger fans, who secretly kept our fingers crossed that he'd get back to publishing.

Needless to say, I'm always intrigued by any story related to the beloved author. "My Salinger Year" obviously falls neatly into that category. It's the most recent film by Canadian writer and director Philippe Falardeau and is based on the best-selling memoir by Joanna Rakoff.

It could have been your average coming of age drama, but its two leads help elevate it to a much higher level.

It stars Sigourney



Joanna working late.

Weaver, who certainly needs no introduction, and is great in everything she stars in. And relative newcomer Margaret Qualley, who got her break in Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," plays Joanna. I predict a bright career in the offing for this talented young actor.

Joanna is an aspiring college-age poet and student. We first encounter her visiting a friend in New York City. The film is set in the mid-90s (yes, way back then!) and has a nostalgic look and feel to it.

Our protagonist is sweet, innocent, and just full of life. A few days into her sojourn, she



Margaret played by Sigourney Weaver.

decides to leave both Berkeley and her boyfriend (Hamza Hak) and try to make it in the Big Apple. She soon finds work at one of the leading literary agencies as a secretary to the firm's head, Margaret (Weaver). The job poses quite a few challenges.

The agency represents several of the leading authors on the literary scene including Salinger.

Agency boss Margaret is a no-nonsense, headstrong figure who demands things be done her way. While she has a cold, aloof exterior, there's a warm-hearted soul underneath.

It's amusing that she's

Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



a bit leery of technological advances sweeping the planet including such intimidating items like computers and fax machines! Reluctantly she allows them into the office on a trial basis.

Joanna's job is not only working for Margaret, but she's in charge of handling the massive volume of Salinger's fan mail. He doesn't want to receive any correspondence whatsoever, so Joanna is tasked with reading each letter, and then typing up and mailing a form response.

Director Falardeau uses an engaging technique, where the letter writers are seen reading their messages to the renowned author.

At first, Joanna diligently responds as ordered. But soon, the messages start getting under her skin, and she feels the need, against company policy, to write personal letters to some

eral calls from Salinger himself (or Jerry as he insists on being called), looking to speak with Margaret.

Over time, Joanna has longer conversations with the esteemed author, and he not only encourages her in her literary pursuit, but gives her some sage advice as well. It's a bit ironic that while she's extremely well read, she's never tackled any of Salinger's works.

To me, the idea of being nostalgic for the 1990s seems a bit comical. I felt the setting, especially in the office had more of a 1950s vibe. The walls were beautiful, dark oak paneling, with bookshelves brimming with books. There wasn't an electric typewriter to be seen, and the lighting had a warm glow to it. Even the style of clothing had an old-fashioned look to it.

Then there are the proverbial three-martini lunches.

I've heard the book, as usual, is actually better than the movie. I thought "My Salinger Year" was a fun, delightful and introspective little coming of age film well worth watching.

If you're a big Salinger fan and are looking for something else in this vein, I highly recommend the movie "Coming Through the Rye," a true story about an aspiring young writer trying to meet up with Mr. Salinger. It's an excellent, relatively obscure indie film I really enjoyed.

Currently streaming on Kanopy (with your library card), AMC+, and IFC Films Unlimited.

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.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com.



Joanna (Qualley) at her desk.



Left, Jenny (Seana Kerslake) and Joanna (Qualley).



A demonstration of the latest in technological advances

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Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. EST today (12:01 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, February 8, 2024:

You have an intuitive understanding of others and can influence them. You can spot trends. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle. Take inventory of your life. It's time to let go of people, places and things from the past that have held you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You might strive to assert your independence in a group or with friends. You want to do things your way. Because of this, you might suddenly become a leader of a group, or you might suddenly leave the group. Tonight: Fun with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your relationship to a parent, boss, teacher or someone in authority might be challenged today. You might want to break free of this authority, especially if you find it oppressive. Possibly, someone wants to break free of your authority. People feel very independent today! Tonight: You're admired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Sudden opportunities or demands that you travel are strong at this time. Stay flexible so you can be able to do this. Likewise, unexpected opportunities related to higher education, the law, medicine or publishing also might catch you off guard or give you a rare opportunity. Tonight: Explore!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You might want to break free of your dependence on someone else. Conversely, external support for you might suddenly end. Alternatively, an unexpected windfall might come your way through your partner or government. Whatever happens is unexpected. Tonight: Generosity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A sudden argument with a partner or close friend might occur, which will be upsetting and possibly lead to a separation. Certainly, if you feel restricted in a relationship, you will want to break free. Think about what is best for you in the long term. Tonight: Good times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Something to do with your job or your work might catch you off guard. If you feel oppressed, you will quit. You will definitely feel tested. Possibly, what makes you feel uncertain is the introduction of new technology. For some, a sudden change to your health or your pet will occur. Tonight: Helpful support!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Leo parents must be vigilant, because this is an accident-prone time for their kids. Meanwhile, social occasions, including vacations, might suddenly be canceled. Romantic relationships also might suddenly change. Tonight: Socialize!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Something unexpected will impact your home and family. Whatever it is will be a sudden change. An argument with a parent could create a rift. Very likely, you or a fam-

ily member will strike a blow for individual freedom. Tonight: Entertain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone time for you. This includes verbal accidents where you say something you later regret. You also might have a sudden argument with a sibling, relative or friend that creates an irreparable rift. Tonight: Schmooze.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Be aware that something unexpected could impact your belongings or your financial situation. If you feel like a slave to how you earn money, you might quit your job, because your personal freedom is important to you. Tonight: Money opportunities.

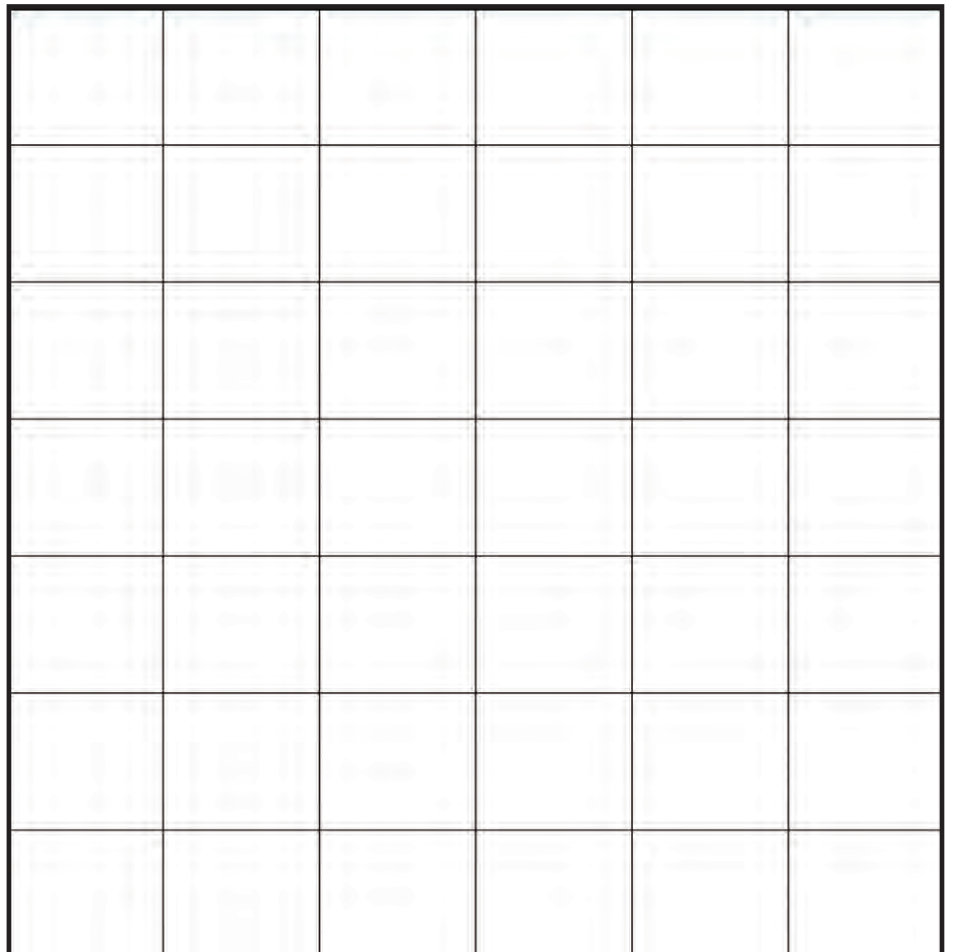
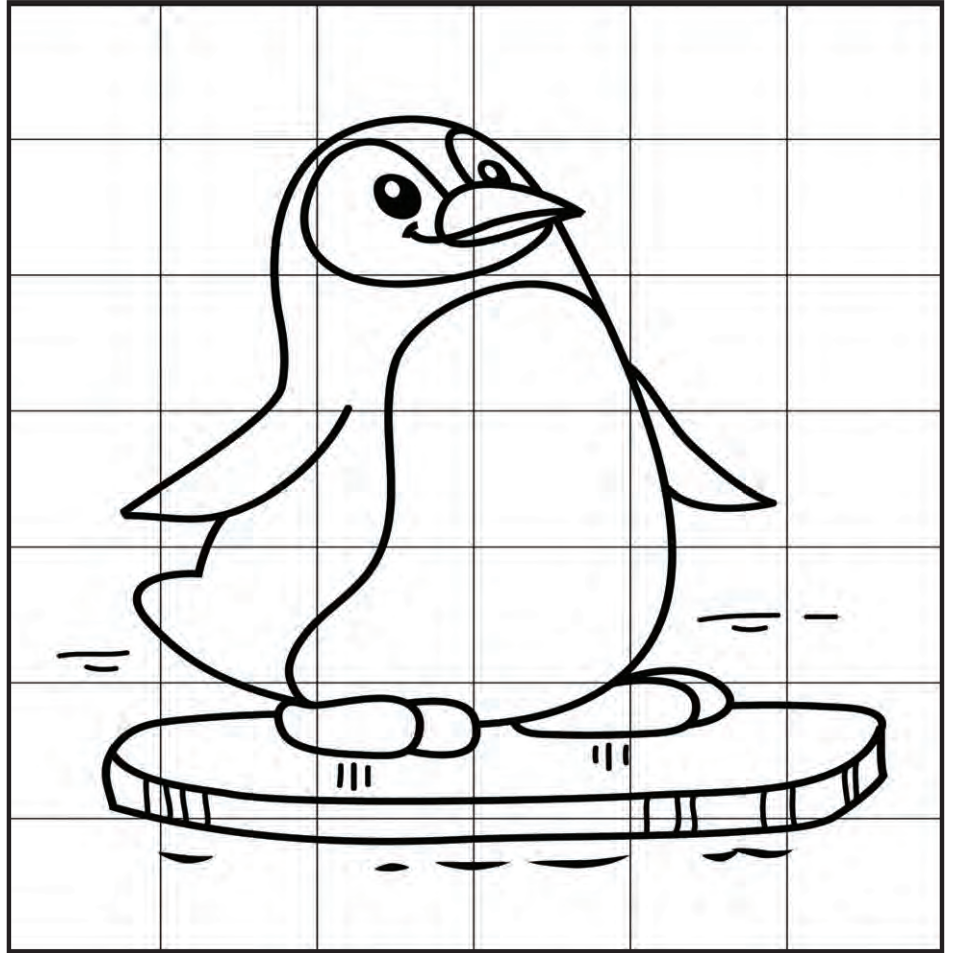
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
This is a disruptive time for you, because something unexpected could cause a problem. This might be anything from the breakdown of a car to an argument with a friend or an unexpected separation from someone. Whatever it is, it's a change that you didn't see coming. Tonight: You win!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
At some level, perhaps even in your own personal state of mind, you will feel a sudden shift or a break in how you perceive things. This could be because something externally suddenly changes, or it could be because your view of things suddenly changes. Tonight: Happy solitude.

BORN TODAY

Author John Grisham (1955), actress, comedian Cecily Strong (1984), actor Seth Green (1974).

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Find 10 Differences



Contract Bridge

UNEXPECTED DEFEAT

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K J 9 6
♥ A
♦ 10 4 2
♣ A Q J 6 5

WEST

Novice No. 1
♠ 5 4 2
♥ K 10 9 8
♦ A K 9 8 7 3
♣ —

EAST

Novice No. 2
♠ 7 3
♥ Q 5 3 2
♦ Q J
♣ 9 7 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q 10 8
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ 6 5
♣ K 10 8

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — diamond queen

In tournament circles, every expert has a favorite story about his encounter with a pair of beginners who have decided to test the waters against the pros. Often these stories relate how the newcomers managed to put one over on the experts.

One of these tales goes back to the time many years ago when two novices, bubbling with excitement, sat down to play against two celebrated Life Masters in a pair championship.

It wasn't really surprising that, as soon as the bidding was over, Novice No. 2 (East) led the queen of diamonds out of turn. The director was summoned and ruled that South could call the lead of any suit — that was the rule in those days — or treat the queen as an exposed card.

South directed West to lead a club, but Novice No. 1, somewhat embarrassed, stated he didn't have one to lead. Having chosen his penalty, even though West could not comply, declarer had no further recourse. Novice No. 1 was now told he could lead anything at all.

So he shrewdly led a low diamond, knowing that his partner had the queen. East won with the jack — the queen was now back in his hand — and returned a club, the suit West said he had none of.

West ruffed and led another low diamond to East's queen, whereupon a second club ruff gave the defenders their fourth trick. All over the room declarers were making four or five spades, but at this table declarer went down one, much to his dismay.

The moral — if there is one — is not altogether clear, but South from then on could not help experiencing a certain degree of trepidation whenever he spotted a pair of effusive beginners approaching his table.

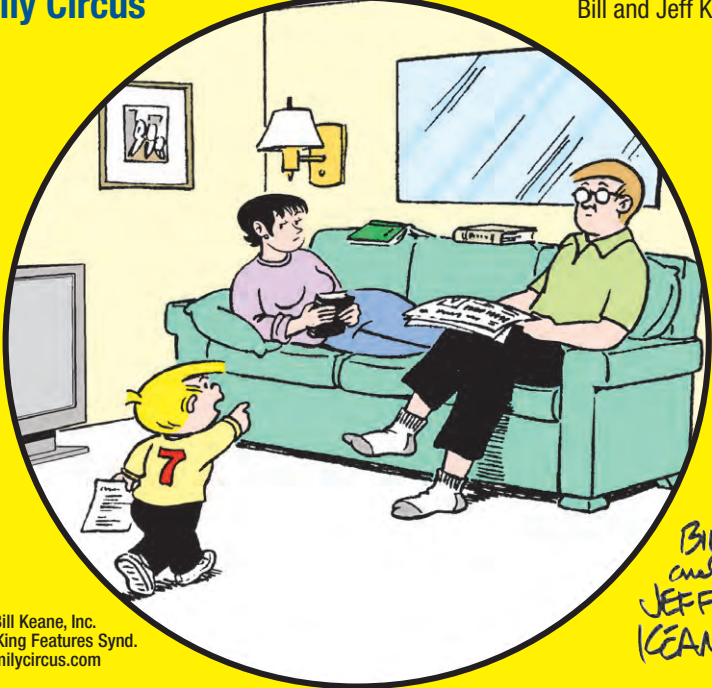
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"I've got a problem. Which one of you is on duty?"

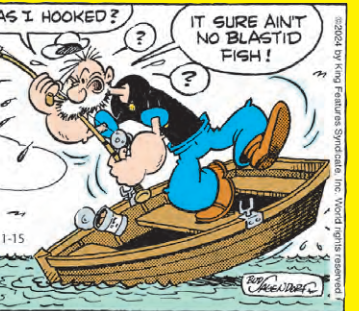
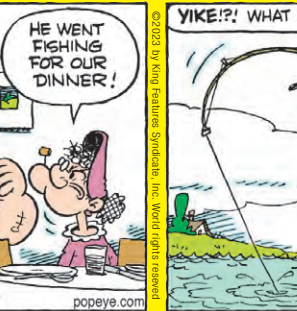
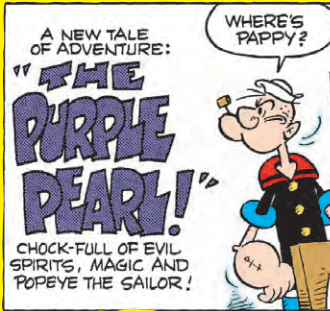
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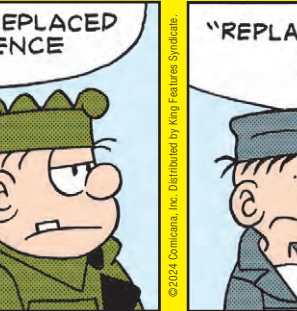
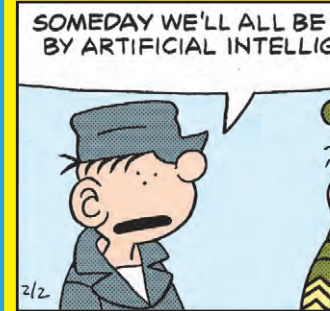
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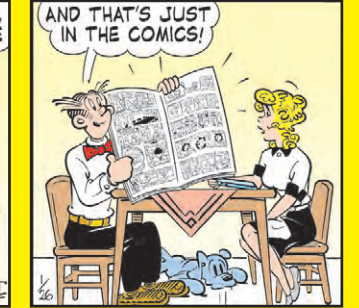
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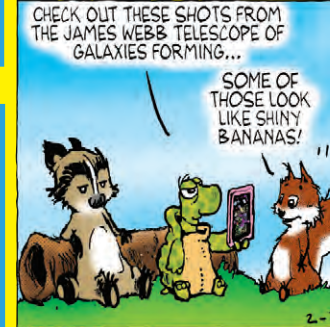
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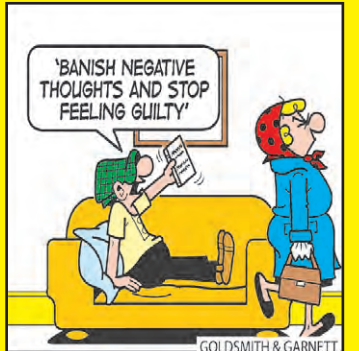
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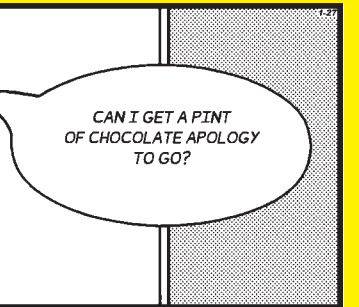
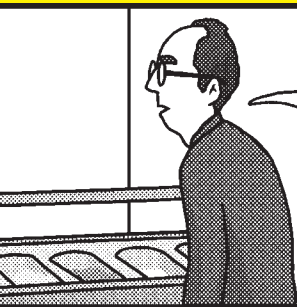
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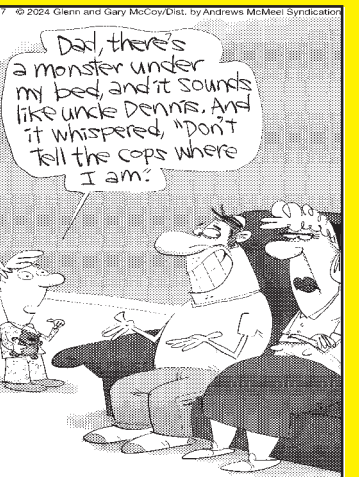
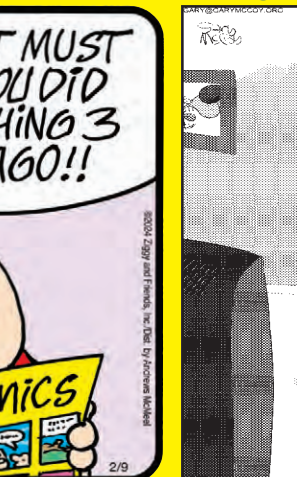


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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Previous puzzle solution

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2/8 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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2/1 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 8, 2024

ACROSS

- 1 Runner's speed
- 5 Swedish furniture giant
- 9 Mo. of Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 12 Carpentry tool with an apt first letter
- 14 Defunct Swedish automaker
- 15 Nibble (on)
- 16 18-wheelers
- 17 Comets' paths
- 18 "Umbrella" singer, to fans
- 19 Where pork producers live?
- 22 Type of artist or game
- 23 Innies and outies
- 24 Chicken from Alabama, Mississippi, etc.?
- 30 Insects in cocoons
- 31 Hailey Bieber, Baldwin
- 32 Part of a tot's bedtime routine
- 36 "Thunderstruck" band
- 37 Skate
- 39 Seis + dos
- 40 Attempted to make a basket
- 41 Cereal grain
- 42 Hay bundle maker
- 43 Words of affection for albacore?

- 47 Like chai
- 50 Choose
- 51 Scratching out a living ... and a phonetic hint to this puzzle's theme
- 57 Sicilian lava producer
- 58 Grammy winner India
- 59 Planet's path
- 61 Mufasa or Simba
- 62 Paper factory
- 63 Where the Dolphins play
- 64 What AAA can provide
- 65 Scratches (out)
- 66 They see things
- DOWN
- 1 Dells and Lenovos
- 2 Obi-Wan Kenobi
- 3 Guinness
- 4 Sleeveless undergarment, briefly
- 5 Give off
- 6 "In my opinion, we shouldn't"
- 7 Mario (racing game)
- 8 Apiece
- 9 Type of ballot
- 10 Like champagne in a bucket
- 11 Song sung in December
- 12 Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, e.g.

- 13 The id, superego and ego, to Freud
- 15 Thanksgiving vessel
- 20 It! (party game)
- 21 Where to start a tab
- 24 Resorts with hot springs
- 25 "Yeow!"
- 26 Common hairstyle for a bridesmaid
- 27 Keen political strategist, say
- 28 Bring together
- 29 Helmed
- 33 Org.
- 34 defending the Bill of Rights
- 35 "What happened next ..."
- 36 Jewish wedding dance
- 37 "You played well!"

- 38 Loo
- 42 Whiny kid's plea to a certain parent
- 44 Dance legend
- 45 Goodman
- 46 Alpine melodies
- 47 Covert
- 49 Process, as ore
- 48 Courtyard
- 49 "Already heard about that"
- 52 Heat coach
- 53 Spoelstra
- 54 Africa's longest river
- 55 A Great Lake
- 56 Its first item sold was a broken laser pointer
- 57 What a clock keeps
- 60 "___ the season ..."

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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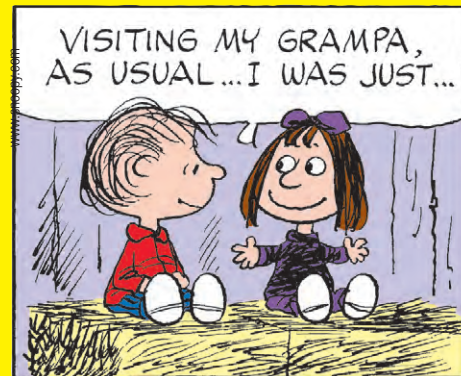
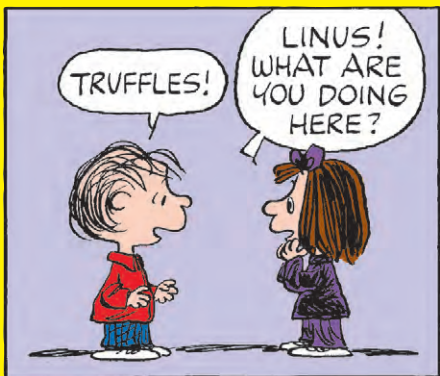
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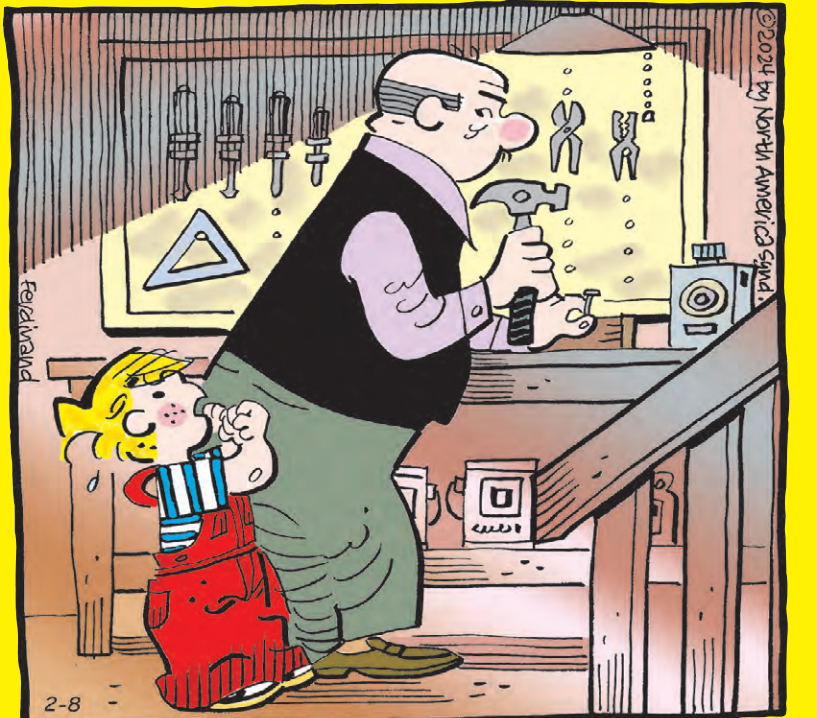
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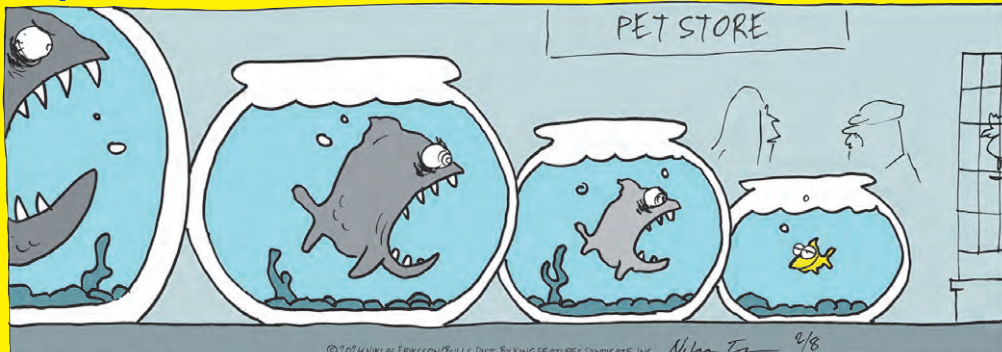
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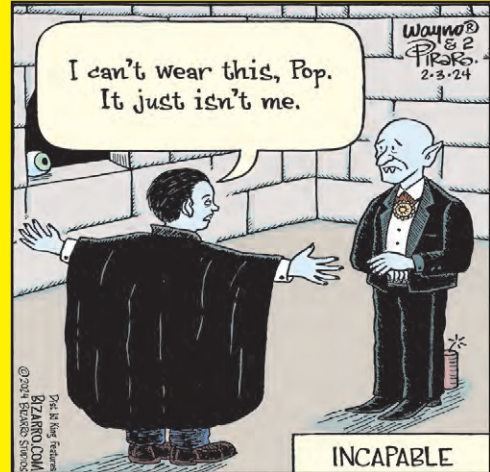
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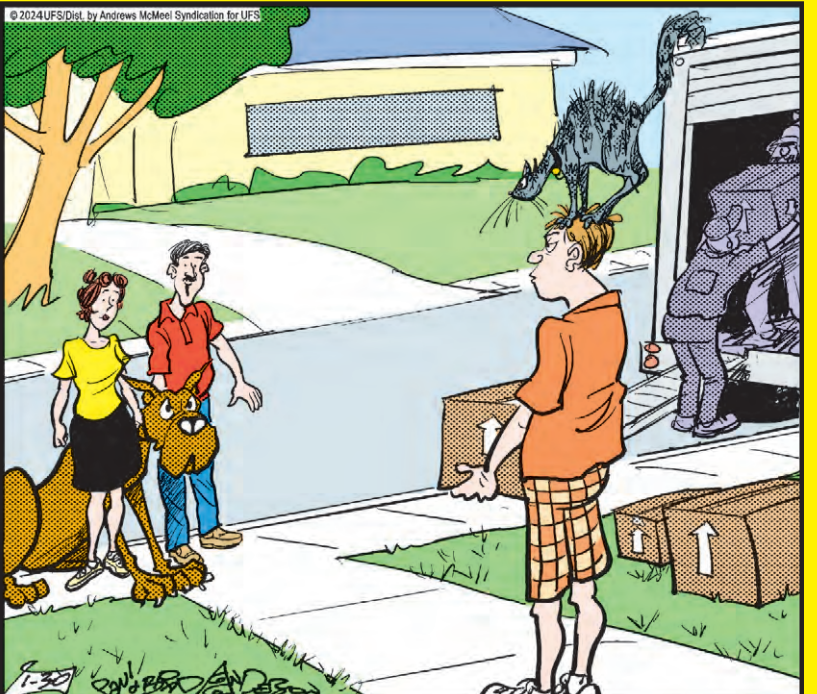
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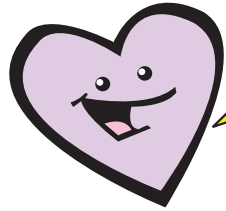


How fast can you find all of the letters of the alphabet in order?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

February is the month to Love Your Body!

February is Heart Month and Dental Health Month. Use the tips on today's page to exercise your heart and be sweet to your teeth!



Your heart is a muscle. And, like all of your muscles, it works best when you exercise, rest, drink water and eat healthy. Love your heart, and your heart will love you!

Do you feel with your heart?

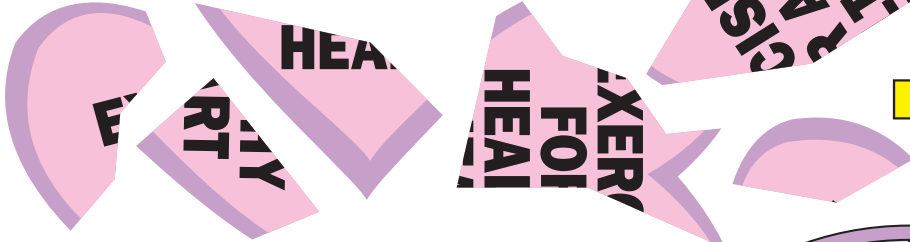
Are you making pictures of hearts and giving little heart-shaped candies to friends for Valentine's Day? When you make a promise you really, really mean, do you "cross your heart"? Or, do you listen to songs about broken hearts?

We see and hear about hearts everywhere. Long ago, people thought our feelings came from our hearts. Maybe because strong feelings can make our hearts beat faster. Now we know feelings come from the brain, not the heart.

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understand the purposes of and events honored in holidays.

Broken Heart Puzzle

Cut out these shapes. Can you put them together to make a heart? What does the Valentine message say?



Be Sweet to Your Teeth!

Every day a terrible troublemaker hides in your teeth, waiting to carve holes in them—PLAQUE! (Say it like *plak*, rhymes with *tack*.) You must remove it everyday, or else it will cause your teeth to decay.

How do you get rid of it? Use the secret code to find the names of the Mighty Plaque Fighters and you will learn how to keep your smile dazzling!

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Standards Link: Health: Understand good personal hygiene practices that include caring for teeth.

Valentine Pals

Jill and Phil are pals. They like many of the same things. How many ways can you find that Jill and Phil are the same?



Standards Link: Recognizing similarities and patterns in objects.

Extra! Extra! Teeth in the News

Look through the newspaper for ads and/or articles that encourage you to eat or drink things that are bad for your teeth. Can you find anything in the newspaper that encourages eating and drinking things that are good for your teeth?

Standards Link: Health: Recognize foods that promote good health.

Double Double Word Search

- SWEET
- HEART
- EXERCISE
- VALENTINE
- PLAQUE
- CANDIES
- PICTURES
- SECRET
- PAPER
- DAZZLING
- SNACKS
- CARING
- TEETH
- SMILE
- PALS

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

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

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This week's word: **RATE**

The noun **rate** means the amount of something measured in units.

Jane walked at a **rate** of three miles per hour on her way to school.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Have a Heart!

Look through the newspaper for an example of someone who was "heartless" or totally lacking compassion or caring. Is there a way they can make up for their behavior?

Standards Link: Social Science: Recognize behaviors that demonstrate good character.

What did the paper clip say to the magnet?



ANSWER: "I find you very attractive."

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Win streak halted for MAC Red champs

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Going into last Thursday, Feb. 1, the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team had already been crowned MAC Red champions. It was also the first time in a little over a month that the Blue Devils stepped out of MAC Red league play, hosting Hamtramck for a non-league showdown.

The game remained close throughout the evening, but a fourth-quarter comeback push from South came up just short as Hamtramck left with a 63-55 win.

“That was more like a district (playoff) game than a regular season

game, so I think it was good for both teams,” South boys basketball coach Steve Benard said. “They’re the type of team that we’re going to see in the playoffs... We felt really good about the opponent, not necessarily the outcome, we got out-rebounded and let them get a lot of good-looking shots inside the paint.”

Most of the game consisted of Hamtramck holding a slim lead and managing to stay in front by just enough. The Blue Devils had a small lead early on and both teams went back and forth trading blows in the first quarter, but ultimately the Cosmos ended the period up by

four. The second quarter was much of the same, with both teams getting into a rhythm on offense for what was a relatively high-scoring first half. Still, the Cosmos managed to stay ahead and lead by five, 34-29, going into halftime.

Hamtramck stayed out in front to start the second half. Hamtramck led by six at the end of the third quarter, 48-42, setting up for what would be an exciting finish.

While they had managed to stay within single digits for most of the game, the Blue Devils began to fully surge back in the fourth

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PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

Liggett’s Sophia Secco tries to keep the puck away from South’s Bella Peruski.

Girls hockey rivals face-off

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Crosstown showdowns were the name of the game when it came to girls hockey in the Pointes last week. Two marquee matchups of crosstown rivals took place, all featuring some of the top-ranked teams in the state.

The first rivalry matchup was a meeting of the state’s No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams, with University Liggett taking on Grosse Pointe South at East Side Arena last Wednesday, Jan. 31. It was the third meeting between the sides this season, with the first ending in a tie and the second in a Liggett win. It was another tight battle last Wednesday, but this game ultimately went down as another win for the Knights, who emerged from a close battle 4-3.

South’s Anne Wayman put the Blue Devils on the board first in the opening

period. Senior captain Sofie Ancona answered for Liggett with her first of the night to tie the game at one apiece after the opening 15 minutes.

The Blue Devils took the lead back with a goal by Tinley Gram early in the second period to go up 2-1. Liggett tied things up yet again when Louisa Dragovic found the back of the net. However, the advantage going into the third period would favor South, as Abby Evans put the Blue Devils in front 3-2 before the second period was over.

Despite taking the lead into the third period, South was unable to hold off the Knights and their captain. Ancona scored twice for Liggett in the third period while the Blue Devils did not add anything to the board, allowing the Knights to come back and take the win.

South had to bounce back from the loss relatively quickly, as they had a showdown with

Grosse Pointe North Friday, Feb. 2. The game, hosted by North, honored the Norsemen’s seniors, but the Blue Devils ultimately ended up victorious 7-2.

“I think it snapped up into competitive mode a bit because we had been playing some less competitive teams at this point in the season,” South coach Lexi Bohlinger said about having to face Liggett and North in back-to-back games. “...It was kind of like a wake up call.”

North got the early lead and ended the first period up 1-0 with a goal by Kate Kasuba. South surged back in the second period, tying the game and then taking a 2-1 lead with back-to-back goals from Evans and Ruby Lenhard.

One of North’s seniors, Alyssa Burney, tied the game again at two goals apiece later in the second

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PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South’s Karter Richards looks for a pass around a Hamtramck defender.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

North’s Moreland looks to end swim career on top

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

While Grosse Pointe North’s Tommy Moreland is a Florida native, he has the same classic DNA of the Pointes’ swimming culture in his veins. Moreland’s family moved to Grosse Pointe from the Sunshine State when he was about 7-years-old, and it was around this time that he began swimming at the Lochmoor Club.

Now, Moreland is in his senior year with the Norsemen and has made

his way up to being a captain of North’s boys swim and dive team. His senior season may be the final chapter in Moreland’s competitive swimming career, and his focus is ending it on his own terms.

“I’ve been swimming for so long, I want to see that hard work pay off somehow even if it’s not at the next level,” Moreland said. “I came into the season mostly wanting to be

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Tommy Moreland

School: Grosse Pointe North
Sport: Swim and dive

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most recently competed in the Wayne County Championships last weekend on Feb. 3. There, Moreland took third place in the 100 butterfly and took third place as part of North’s 200 freestyle relay team.

There has been plenty of success and challenges along the way in Moreland’s swimming career. In recent years, he has changed club teams, the type of events he swims in and has dealt with changes in his physicality and how it has affected his swimming. In fact, it is the physical changes that helped Moreland learn more about the sport and how to approach it mentally and physically.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KYLE KINYON

Moreland, center, with fellow swim and dive captains Keegan Wettstein, left, and Connor McMahon.

“When you’re younger and you swim, you’re always improving because you’re growing either in height or in muscle,” Moreland said. “That growth slows down once you get older. It was a little frustrating at first in sophomore year when

my growth started slowing down. It was frustrating because I wasn’t dropping in my times as much as I used to...It was beneficial for my temperament to see that I wasn’t always going to be the

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Tommy Terrific

- Qualified for 2024 state finals in 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly
- Finished 3rd in 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle relay at Wayne County Invitational Feb. 3
- Senior co-captain and 4-year member of Grosse Pointe North varsity swim & dive



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Pointe wrestlers shine at MAC championships

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

With less than a month to go on the road to state finals at Ford Field, wrestlers from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South got their first tastes of some post-season action on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the

MAC Blue/Gold/Silver championships. While neither team emerged as league champions, the Pointes were still represented well with three individual champions and plenty of other strong performances. "Overall, for only bringing nine people, I thought we did really

well," South wrestling head coach Dave Salazar said. "Lots of very close competitive matches which makes me feel good going into our districts this week."

The first of the three individual league champions crowned was South's Wyatt Hepner. Hepner, currently ranked No. 1 in the state, has now made it back-to-back seasons as a league champion, winning the 138-pound weight class by defeating Lakeview's Oliver Koepp in the final match.

North's Preston Auld captured the league title at 144 pounds. The senior won the title by pinning Nathan Furman from Sterling Heights in the final match, which marked Auld's second consecutive year as a league champion.

South had its second league champion of the day at 190 pounds with

Paul Wilson. The senior fought his way to the final match, where he then defeated New Haven's Carter Pittman 9-2 on points.

With Hepner, Auld and Wilson all crowned champions, the next highest finisher from the Pointes was South's Josh Lemanski. Lemanski took third place in the 165-pound weight class, falling in the semifinal round but beating Lakeview's Brady Pope 2-1 in the third-place match.

Behind Auld, the next highest finisher for the Norsemen was junior Blake DiCocco. DiCocco finished fourth at 113 pounds, fighting his way into the third-place match before being pinned by Braidyn Horle from Hazel Park.

Both North and South began the state post-season on Wednesday, Feb. 7, after press time com-



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

North senior Preston Auld finishes a takedown against Port Huron Northern's Aiden Forstner.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOUTH ATHLETICS

South's Wyatt Hepner gets his hand raised in victory as the MVP of last Saturday's MAC meet.

HOCKEY:

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period. Lenhard netted another for South just before the period was over, making it 3-2 Blue Devils going into the final frame, a lead they would end up never conceding.

South scored four unanswered goals in the third period to make the win more lopsided. Molly Reynolds, Audrey Reynolds, Gabby Vosburg and Evans accounted for those four tallies to give South another win over its rival. "(North) has been playing us so tough this year and they're a really improved team this year," Bohlinger said about South's crosstown rival. "They could be a sleeper team. They've played us really really tough and put up fights against really good teams."

Despite the loss, North still enjoyed the night as

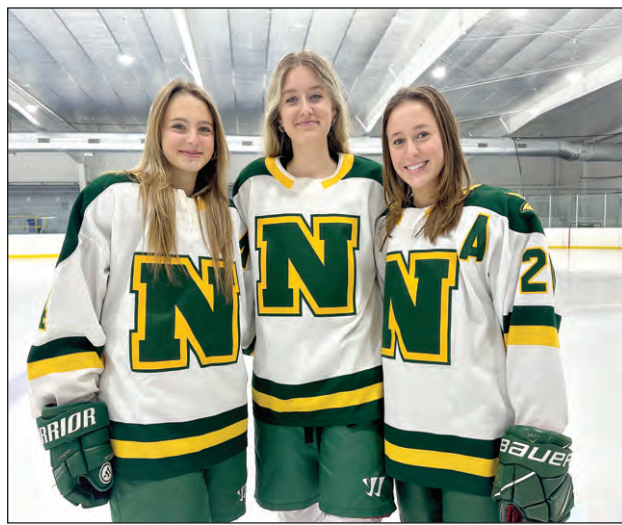


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North seniors were honored Friday, Feb. 2. From left: Alyssa Burney, Cameron Beers and Ella Dobbs.

a tribute to their three seniors, Burney, Cameron Beers and Ella Dobbs. A rivalry game against friends from across town is exactly how they wanted to spend their senior night, and their legacy with the program will not be soon forgotten.

"It was a great night to

celebrate our seniors," North girls hockey assistant coach Taylor Shaheen said. "Alyssa (Burney) is one of our captains — she's always smiling and has such a positive energy, which reflects on the ice. Cameron (Beers) is an awesome addition to the team this year. She can play both forward and defense and is a force. Ella (Dobbs) is one of our captains. She's a great leader and an amazing center. We're really going to miss these girls next year."

North had another crosstown showdown with University Liggett on Wednesday, Feb. 7, after press time. The Norsemen are not scheduled to take the ice again until next Thursday, Feb. 15, on the road against Ann Arbor Skyron.

South also gets a break before its next game, where it will host the U16 Metro Jets at East Side Arena at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14.

SOUTH:

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quarter. They narrowed Hamtramck's lead even more until a three-pointer by Tory James with just under five minutes remaining gave South a 53-52 lead, its first lead of the second half.

It would be the last time South would have the lead, however, as Hamtramck took the advantage back quickly after. The Blue Devils still kept the game within one possession going into the final minute. A charging foul against South's Karter Richards, which many in the South gym last Thursday night would call controversial, was called in the last minute of the game sending Hamtramck to the free throw line and effectively ending the Blue Devils' real hopes of a

comeback.

Richards led the Blue Devils with 29 points in the loss. Junior Tory James finished the night with 16, 15 of which came from behind the three-point line.

"With those two guys, we have a chance to win any game we play," Benard said about Richards and James. "... They don't really turn the ball over and they get buckets."

South traveled to Roseville Monday, Feb. 5, and came out with a dominant 73-41 win. The Blue Devils return home on Thursday, Feb. 8, to host their first round game in the MAC Tournament. As the MAC Red Division champions and No. 1 seed, South will host either L'Anse Creuse North or Chippewa Valley starting at 7 p.m.

With the MAC Tournament beginning

this week and the start of state playoffs fast approaching at the end of February, South is focused on its goal of playing its best basketball possible at the end of the season. The Blue Devils may already be MAC Red champions, but according to Benard there are still some things to clean up before crunch time.

"We want to continue to share the ball on offense," Benard said. "... We've also been focusing on defensive intensity, especially to start games because we've been a little lackadaisical on defense to start some games. Lastly, we've been concentrating on being tough. Making sure that we're boxing out and getting 50/50 balls. Making sure that when we play more physical teams, like Hamtramck, we're able to function in a half-court set."



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South's boys basketball team celebrates an undefeated regular season of MAC Red league play after defeating Roseville Monday, Feb. 5.

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Swim & dive teams finish in top 10 amid county-wide competition

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Varsity swim and dive teams from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North finished in third place and sixth place, respectively, at the Wayne County Invitational Saturday, Feb. 3, hosted by Trenton High School. South earned 228 points, while North earned 146 points among a pool of 21 teams.

The finishes are especially significant for both squads, given the meet

included teams from across divisions 1, 2 and 3. Division 1 powerhouse Northville High School took first place overall with 472.5 points, while Division 2 University Detroit-Jesuit took second place with 354.5 points.

“U of D is a top-four team in Division 2 and Northville is a top-four team in Division 1, so I was really, really happy with where we swam,” South head coach John Fodell said. “For where we are in the season, we

saw a lot of time drops.

“We had some great swims across the board,” he continued. “I didn’t think we would get third (place). The goal was to finish in the top five, so to be top three, even better.”

For the Blue Devils, some of the top results of the day came from senior co-captain Ben Bryan, who earned the most points for South with 37. He also was the team’s sole event champion, taking first place in the 100 fly in 51.05, which earned South 20 points. He finished second in the 100 back (53.30) and also led South to a third-place finish with teammates Thomas Brieden, Vincent Maffesoli and Troy Liu in the 200 yard medley in 1:37.00.

“Ben keeps taking those nice small steps forward,” Fodell said, noting Bryan currently is ranked No. 2 in the state in the 100 butterfly.

Another big boost to South’s final score came through diver Troy Richard, who finished in second place with a score of 404.65, good for 17

points.

Senior co-captain Liu finished second overall in the 50 free (21.29) and 100 free (47.12). Senior Joey Drawbaugh also placed in the 100 free in 23.33, finishing 10th overall.

South’s CJ Schindlbeck earned a new individual state cut in the 100 breast in 1:03:42.

For North, the day held several highlights.

Senior co-captain Tommy Moreland, this week’s Grosse Pointe News Athlete of the Week, finished third in the 100 fly (53.40). He anchored the 200 free relay to a third-place finish with teammates Tyler Collins, Keegan Wettstein and James Gusmano in a time of 1:32.83. The Norsemen outpaced South in the event by three spots.

Fellow senior co-captain Connor McMahon also had notable performances, including a third-place finish in the 100 free (48.82) and a fifth-place finish in the 100 breast (1:02.05).

University Liggett sophomore Brendan Beland



PHOTO BY JESSICA BRYAN

South senior co-captain Ben Bryan stands atop the podium after taking first place in the 100 fly in at last Saturday’s Wayne County Invitational.

finished ninth in the 500 free in 5:00.79 and took 12th place in the 200 IM (2:06.33) as the lone swimmer representing the Knights.

Up next, the Blue Devils

and Norsemen face off again in a multi-team meet with Ann Arbor Pioneer and Detroit Catholic Central at noon Saturday, Feb. 10, hosted by South.



PHOTO BY JESSICA BRYAN

A packed pool deck watches the start of a race at last Saturday’s Wayne County Invitational.

North edges South in unified hoops showdown

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The last time the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South unified basketball teams met on the Blue Devils’ home court in 2023, the game included an unforgettable buzzer-beater finish.

When South hosted North last Friday, Feb. 2, it was yet another thrilling game that once again ended with a close victory for the Norsemen, winning 54-52.

While the finish was close, the first half made it seem as if North would get an easy win. In fact,

the Norsemen were ahead by double digits at halftime, leading 29-16.

South began to storm back in the third quarter, however, thanks in large part to a series of baskets by Will Loosevelt. Loosevelt’s hot hand in the third helped to pull the Blue Devils closer,

but North still took a six-point lead into the fourth quarter.

The Blue Devils did not slow down their efforts for a comeback in the final frame. North tried to remain in front, but the lead narrowed until South tied the game at 52 apiece with just over 30 seconds remaining.

The drama was not

over quite yet at that point. North got the ball back and Jamir Harris, one of the heroes of the Norsemen’s win over South back on Jan. 5, came up big in the clutch again, making a shot to put North up by two with just seven seconds to go that ultimately proved to be the game-winner.

North hosted

Woodhaven on Tuesday, Feb. 6, after press time. The team then heads on the road for its next game against Clawson at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8.

South traveled to Roseville after press time Tuesday, Feb. 6. The Blue Devils return home at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, hosting Sterling Heights.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left; Elie Shemmai brings the ball up the court for the Norsemen. Right; Ella Silva and the Blue Devil mascot cheer on South.



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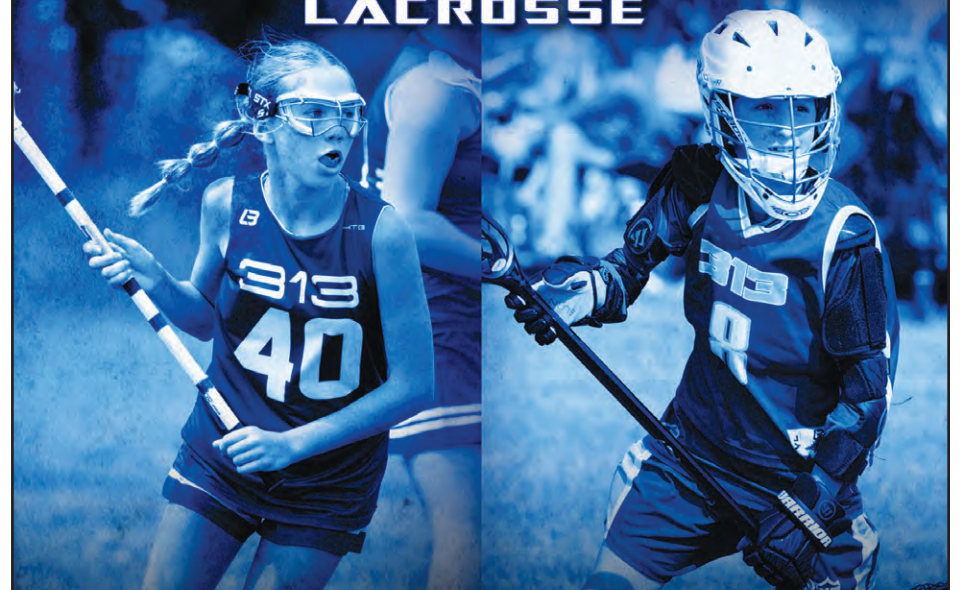
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best swimmer I could be every single race.”

Moreland will be returning to states this year, as he has already made qualifying times in the 100 freestyle and 100 butterfly, one of the events he swam in the state finals for last year. He also hopes to qualify

in his other 2023 state finals event, the 200 freestyle, before the end of the season as well.

Events like the 100 and 200 meter free and fly have become like Moreland's bread and butter in recent seasons. However, for much of his time as a swimmer, distance was the name of the game.

“I used to be a big long distance freestyle (swim-

mer),” he said. “That was a lot of what my previous coaches wanted to offer and it turned me into someone who did long-distance swims. Now that I've switched club teams, my new coach has more of a sprinting style. Now I do things like the 100-meter butterfly, which is the most fun event to swim in my opinion.”

That new club team coach is John Fodell,

coach of the Gators and for Grosse Pointe South's boys and girls varsity swim and dive teams. The mentorship of Fodell and from Moreland's North varsity coach, Kyle Kinyon, will always seem invaluable to Moreland for all that they have helped him learn both in and out of the pool.

“The biggest advantage of having coach Fodell there is that he's very

open minded so you can bounce ideas off of him and he'll bounce ideas off of you too..It's nice to have someone who really knows what they're talking about,” Moreland said. “I see coach Kinyon just as much as a friend as I do a coach...He definitely always has a goal in mind for you and once he comes up with that goal he'll do anything to help you achieve it.”

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HITS & HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the week's biggest highlights from around the Pointes:

SOUTH VS. ULS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grosse Pointe South's girls basketball team hosted crosstown foe University Liggett in a non-league game Monday, Feb. 5. South cruised to a 58-29 win, with Elsa Bachert leading the team scoring 15 points. South visits Edison at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Liggett heads to Everest Collegiate at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Morgan Duff looks to make a pass around Liggett's Natalie Greene.



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Starting left to right in the front row are members of the 2023-24 Parcels Middle School 7th grade boys basketball team, including Leo Cecchini, Leo Rodriguez, Evan Hill, Kobe Ducharme-Powell, in the middle row, Jackson Floyd, Cooper Gaffery and Keefer Farris; and standing in the back row, head coach Greg Vaughn, Vincent Harrow, Dezmond Williams, Montgomery Kohler, Elliot Bates and Kalib Garland. Not Pictured are Ryker Hunter, Rashad Barney, George Serra and Gavin Macauley.



GROSSE POINTE UNITED GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Saturday, Feb. 3, Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics (GPUG) finished 13th out of 18 teams at the Canton Invitational at Canton High School. South's Lucy Tull placed sixth on beam in Division 2, and 10th on floor and 10th all-around. The team also celebrated Senior Night Tuesday, Jan. 30, and went on to beat Bloomfield Hills, scoring a season team-high of 133.225 points.

PARCELLS MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

The 7th and 8th boys basketball teams at Parcels Middle School won their league championships for the 2023-34 season, wrapping up the year with only one loss apiece. Players and coaches celebrated their success with an in-school pizza party and award ceremony.

Starting left to right in the front row are members of the 2023-24 Parcels Middle School 7th grade boys basketball team, including Ian Leno-Jones, Aden Stennis, Elijah Woods and Jarrell Thomas; in the middle row, Tim Lawson, James Pokrifka, Javy Santos Jones; and in the back row, assistant head coach Dave Charvat, Chris Bailey, Logan Benner, Kareem Evans, Rashod Evans and head coach Bob Zaraneck. Not Pictured: Shawn Davis.

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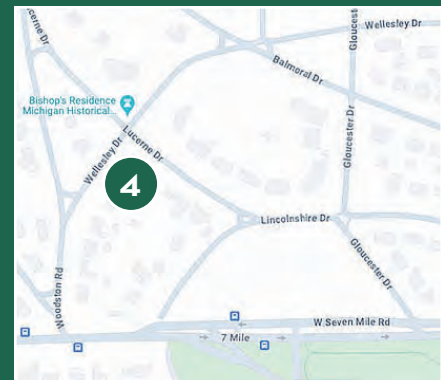
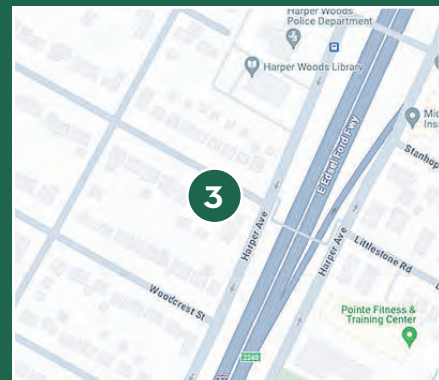
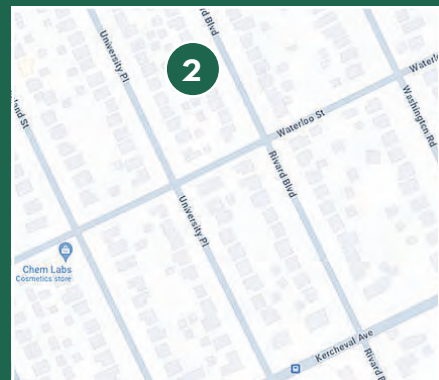
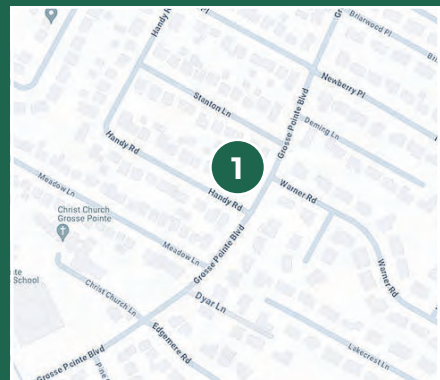
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GUEST PICKERS

Athletic directors and coaches in the Pointes predict Super Bowl LVIII winner

By Meg Leonard and Mike Adzima

Will Patrick Mahomes once again work his magic in Super Bowl LVIII to pull off back-to-back championships? Or will Christian McCaffrey be the ultimate difference maker for the 49ers this Sunday? The Grosse Pointe News sports staff asked

our local fonts of football knowledge — our high school coaches and athletic directors — to get their picks for this year's Super Bowl winner and their reasons behind them.

The winner will earn a prize pack that includes a GP News subscription, mug and 2024 calendar and \$100 gift card from The

Bricks Pizzeria in Grosse Pointe Park. Our top predictor also gets an oversized cutout of their photo to hang in their office, if only to remind anyone who asks about their big win.

Last year's winner John Fodell, Grosse Pointe South's boys and girls swim and dive coach, is hoping for a repeat performance and

once again is pinning his hopes on the Kansas City Chiefs. And with Taylor Swift now firmly ensconced as a member of Chiefs Kingdom, Fodell might just have "Karma" on his side. So in the words of any Swifty worth their salt, are you "Ready For it?"

Here are this year's Super Bowl predictions:



Kevin Glenn
Head Coach, Varsity Football, University Liggett

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 35-24
3. **Key factor(s):** I think SF is going to be able to minimize KC's big plays and I think their offense will be firing on all cylinders given the week off.
4. **MVP:** Christian McCaffrey



John Fodell
Head Coach, Boys & Girls Varsity Swim & Dive, GP South



1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 31-24
3. **Key factor(s):** I think the only way San Fran has a chance to win, it's because Christian McCaffrey has 280 yards and three touchdowns. If they have trouble with McCaffrey, maybe San Francisco can win it, but I really don't see it happening...Mahomes will make the passes that he always does in windows that don't look open. Brock (Purdy) will make some passes, but their O-line won't hold up.
4. **MVP:** Patrick Mahomes, unless they feel generous enough to give it to Kelce because he proposes to Taylor Swift afterward.



Taylor Shaheen
Assistant Coach, Girls Varsity Ice Hockey, GP North

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 31-30
3. **Key factor(s):** As Lions fans, my husband says we will not be watching the game.
4. **MVP:** Brock Purdy



Michelle Davis
Assistant Principal & Athletic Director, GP North

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 31-24
3. **Key factor(s):** 49ers have the No. 2 offense with great playmakers like McCaffrey, Samuel, Kittle and Ayiuk, but the Chiefs have a stronger defense than they've had for their previous Super Bowl runs...they will do enough to slow down the 49ers. Mahomes gets his third Super Bowl ring.
4. **MVP:** Patrick Mahomes



Andy Rishmawi
Athletic Director, GP South

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 30-24
3. **Key factor(s):** It is hard to bet against Patrick (Mahomes).
4. **MVP:** Patrick Mahomes



Chad Hepner
Head Coach, Varsity Football, GP South

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 35-31
3. **Key factor(s):** Given the last four KC years of success, it's hard to pick against Mahomes and the Chiefs, but I think the 49ers can get it done. Considering San Fran beat our Lions who were having a historic season, they can probably beat anyone! Besides, KC is likely too distracted by the Taylor Swift hoopla that they probably can't concentrate on football.
4. **MVP:** Christian McCaffrey



James Scott
Head Coach, Boys Varsity Basketball, University Liggett

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 30-24
3. **Key factor(s):** I think Mahomes is really good and will control the game, and I think the Chiefs' defense will cause some turnovers.
4. **MVP:** Patrick Mahomes



Dan Griesbaum Sr.
Head Coach, Varsity Baseball, GP South

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 34-24
3. **Key factor(s):** I think they have the better overall team and also see my MVP vote. He's the main reason KC will win.
4. **MVP:** Patrick Mahomes. He's the GOAT



Stephen Benard
Head Coach, Boys Varsity Basketball, GP South

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 31-27.
3. **Key factor(s):** San Francisco will lead start to finish and Mahomes will have a game-winning drive.
4. **MVP:** Travis Kelce



Leython Williams
Assistant Head of School Athletics & Ancillary Programs, University Liggett

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 27-24
3. **Key factor(s):** I have a Detroit bias. The 49ers beat my Detroit Lions so now I want them to win the whole thing so we can at least say we lost to the Super Bowl Champs. No objectivity here! Detroit vs. Everybody.
4. **MVP:** Brock Purdy



Kyle Kinyon
Head Coach, Boys Varsity Swim & Dive, GP North

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 27-20
3. **Key factor(s):** A strong 49er run game coupled with the ability to contain Mahomes with a 4-man rush will ultimately yield KC's demise. (However, Go Chiefs!)
4. **MVP:** Deebo Samuel



Rob Johnson
Head coach, Boys Varsity Basketball, GP North

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 28-24
3. **Key factor(s):** Kansas City will be in control of the game from start to finish and Brock Purdy throws 2 INTs, including one on what would be their game-winning drive.
4. **MVP:** Mahomes



Joe Drouin
Head Coach, Varsity Football, GP North

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 35-31
3. **Key factor(s):** I feel like San Fran has something to prove. They should have a full team, injury free and that game against the Lions was a wake up call. I feel like KC might have a few too many distractions going into the game. Niners will play mistake free ball...and you know I like sports history. Shanahan's dad and McCaffrey's dad won a Super Bowl together in Denver — it would be fitting if the sons did it in San Fran.
4. **MVP:** Christian McCaffrey



Jay Ricci
Head Coach, Varsity Baseball, University Liggett

1. **Winner:** Chiefs
2. **Final Score:** 24-20
3. **Key factor(s):** I think the Chiefs have gone to Buffalo and Baltimore and played great under pressure on the road, while San Francisco has been playing catchup in each of their two games, which will finally catch up with them.
4. **MVP:** Patrick Mahomes



Amanda Amine
Head Coach, Girls Lacrosse & Field Hockey, University Liggett

1. **Winner:** 49ers
2. **Final Score:** 34-24
3. **Key factor(s):** San Fran has been on a mission all season long to get back to the Super Bowl...and to win it. As good as KC has been playing in the playoffs and knocking off some tough teams... SF has more depth and talent overall. Since the Lions aren't in it, I'd rather say we got knocked out by the champs.
4. **MVP:** Christian McCaffrey