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Man arrested in armed robbery used a fake gun

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — After holding what later was found to be a realistic fake gun to the head of a Village Market employee last Thursday morning, the 53-year-old homeless man responsible for the resulting soft lockdowns at Brownell Middle School, Kerby, Maire and Richard elementary schools and Grosse Pointe South High School is facing a maximum sentence of life in prison for one count of armed robbery.

Farms officers and the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team arrested Harold Edward Smith at a vacant house on Cadieux in Detroit in the early morning Sunday, Feb. 18. A couple of fake guns were found with him at the residence.

“In the end, it was a fake gun, but that still constitutes armed robbery as it puts the victim in fear for their life,” Farms Public Safety Director John Hutchins said. “It appeared to be very real.”

When asked why he pulled the gun, and while avoiding admitting guilt, the police report states

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Early voting review

Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson tours the early voting site at Grosse Pointe Park city hall Thursday, Feb. 15. This election cycle is the first having nine consecutive days of statewide in-person early voting, which voters sanctioned by passing Proposal 2 in 2022.

“The task ahead for all of us this year is to speak the truth, tell the great story of what our clerks and local communities are doing to launch this historic moment for Michigan’s early voting and also make sure every single voter has rightly-placed faith and confidence in our process,” Benson said.

“I extend thanks to Secretary of State Benson for her advocacy and securing additional grant funding to facilitate acquisitions of new equipment, provide a place for our election inspectors and to ensure the efficient and effective operation,” said Bridgette Bowdler, Park city clerk.

“Clerks in Wayne County have outdone themselves,” said Gregory Mahar, Wayne County director of elections. “They were faced with myriad changes in law and technology and how to obtain early voting sites and additional inspectors for nine days. But they hit the ground running.”

“Registering to vote has never been easier,” Benson said. “You can register online. You can register in person at your clerk’s office all the way up until Election Day itself. You can make sure, no matter where you are, there is a week before the election that you can go to an early voting site and cast your ballot and get a ballot there. No matter how a citizen chooses to exercise their vote, we know it will count.”

Park Mayor Michele Hodges said, “I hope the message is clear to our voters — we need you to vote, we want you to vote and we want to make it very easy for you to vote. Please come vote in Grosse Pointe Park.”

— Brad Lindberg

See “Early voting: ‘Teamwork makes the dream work’” on page B2, for the full story.

Raid nets carjack suspects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Kentucky is known for fast thoroughbreds, but a Louisville man wasn’t the one fleeing an attempted armed carjacking during the December holiday period on Kercheval.

He stood his ground and the perpetrators backed down.

“He told me he couldn’t really explain why he got stubborn,” Park Detective Sgt. Jeremy Pittman said. “He said, ‘I just wasn’t doing it. I wasn’t giving up my car.’”

Last week, two of three Detroit teenage males confessed to committing the crime Dec. 29, plus a successful armed carjacking Dec. 23 in the same area, according to Pittman.

“They’re all juveniles,” he said.

Two of the trio, ages 16 and 17, are brothers with no other criminal record.

“But they’re young,” Pittman said.

Police haven’t yet arrested the third suspect.

“We know who he is,”

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GPPSS reviving childcare classes

By Ted O’Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — After a year’s hiatus, the Grosse Pointe Public School System will reinstate its childcare classes next year as part of its CTE (career and technical education) offerings.

“We didn’t have enough students to offer it this year, but we’re trying to spread the word and get them to sign up,” said Andrea Gruenwald, a life skills teacher at Parcels Middle School who oversees the program. “It’s for students who will be juniors or seniors next year. We’d like to get 20 to 25 in the program.”

Sometimes referred to as “teacher cadets,” the students spend a two-hour block each day in the district’s toddler, preschool and elementary schools. They rotate quarterly to get as much experience as possible.

“They’re much more than just helpers,” Gruenwald explained. “They learn how to develop lesson plans and facilitate small group instruction.”

GPPSS also hopes to partner with colleges across Michigan. Eastern Michigan University, for example, has a program that offers scholarship opportunities and guaranteed admission to students who complete the program.

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Early voting — as pictured at Grosse Pointe Farms city hall — ends Sunday, Feb. 25, prior to Election Day Tuesday, Feb. 27.

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Presidential primary election is Tuesday

By Laurel Kraus
and Ted O’Neil
Staff Writers

THE GROSSE POINTES — For any Pointers not taking advantage of absentee ballots or the newly state-required nine days of in-person early voting — running through

Sunday, Feb. 25 — the last opportunity to cast a vote in the 2024 presidential primary is Election Day Tuesday, Feb. 27. Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For the first time, all Grosse Pointe Farms precincts will be consolidated at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

in its ballroom space. The change is intended to make Election Day more manageable and efficient, by placing all poll workers and equipment in one location under direct supervision from the city clerk.

“It’s going to be a little

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Going for the gold on Charlevoix

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Plans for a new Charlevoix business district streetscape have progressed from hopes and dreams to making it a reality.

“It converts Charlevoix to a curbside street (and) includes substantial lighting, landscaping, green infrastructure and accessibility,” said Warren Rothe, assistant city manager.

He categorized the improvements as transformational.

“We’re trying to create a destination to enhance the resident and visitor experience,” he said.

Rothe also is director of the Tax Increment Finance Authority. The authority (TIFA) is heading the design, funding and construction of streetscape improvements within its district on lower Charlevoix and,

once that’s finished, Kercheval.

“Charlevoix is especially suited because (Transportation Alternatives Program administrators) like to fund things like widening sidewalks, green stormwater infrastructure and rain gardens,” Alex Blehm, project manager at OHM Advisors, the city’s engineering consultants, told the TIFA board in December.

While drafting TIFA’s budget for the fiscal year, board members this month proposed putting aside nearly \$630,000 — about 52 percent of the organization’s annual budget — to make its commercial streetscapes more inviting.

Officials at multiple levels of city government agree on the Charlevoix design concept.

“(It) is included in the TIFA plan as well as the city’s master plan,”

Rothe said.

The focus advanced this week to finding ways of funding up to one-third of the estimated \$3.8 million project with grant money.

“The TIFA anticipates having approximately \$2 million cash on hand to contribute toward construction in 2026,” Rothe told the council Feb. 12. “When combined with a \$1.4 million grant, (there is) an estimated funding shortfall of \$400,000.”

Members of the council passed a resolution Feb. 12, to apply on behalf of TIFA for a grant from the state Transportation Alternatives Program, or TAP.

The TIFA cannot directly apply to the TAP program,” Rothe said. “Instead, a municipality may apply on behalf of a partnering entity.”

Mayor Michele Hodges instructed City Manager Nick Sizeland to include

additional grant opportunities during discussions with state Sen. Kevin Hertel.

Groundbreaking on Charlevoix is due in two years no matter what.

“If awarded a grant, the city will have the opportunity to formally continue or withdraw its application,” Rothe said. “If not, we’re going to probably have sufficient reserves to do some types of improvements to the area, but maybe not as transformational or aspirational as we’re looking to do with grant money.”

State administrators are expected to rule on the application in July. If the city is rejected, Park officials can reapply several times and still maintain their construction schedule.

“If we don’t make it this time around, there are still two more times (to apply) this year (and) three more times next

year,” Rothe told the council. “This resolution is committing a local match of the balance of those eligible items of \$892,788.”

The council resolution wasn’t an appropriation.

“Rather,” Rothe said, “we’re submitting this application for a future year construction. If we’re successful, there’s a whole conditional commitment process. There will be a lot more engagement depending on how successful we are. This is the first resolution of several as we continue the process.”

New streetscapes have been a frequent topic of discussion in and out of TIFA board meetings for nearly two years. Along with discussions were various public surveys starting with an online edition late 2022.

“The TIFA conducted an online survey, walked through the business districts with local business owners and solicited feedback at both the Kercheval and Charlevoix street party

events (last summer),” Rothe said. “Results of the engagement and engineering processes were discussed by the TIFA board at their October and December 2023 meetings.”

The design

As reported last December, proposals for both districts feature:

◆ narrower roads, intended to slow traffic;

◆ wider sidewalks with crosswalk bump-outs at intersections to make it easier and safer to cross the road, as in The Village district in the City of Grosse Pointe;

◆ curbside roads, which promote flexibility for outdoor dining in empty roadside parking bays and effectively widen the sidewalk when no vehicles are parked at the side of the road;

◆ increased greenery and decorative pavements for beautification and to buffer curb lines;

◆ bicycle racks, better lighting, pocket parks,

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ROBBERY:

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Smith said, “An employee can’t run up on someone outside a store and the guy in the video was probably scared.”

The 64-year-old male employee followed Smith — at the time wearing an Amazon vest — out of Village Market around 7:40 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and tapped him on the shoulder, after the door alarm was activated by three bottles of alcohol, estimated at \$100 each, concealed in his shirt.

“I said, ‘Give the bottle back,’” the employee told detectives. “He then reached in his waist, pulled out (a) handgun, pointed (it) in my face and told me to back off.”

Smith fled the scene on

foot and without physically harming the employee, initiating an unsuccessful manhunt by Farms, Park, City and Woods units, as well as the Farms’ new search drone.

Though detectives already had their eyes on the Cadieux house, the big break in identifying Smith came when Village Market management located security footage of when the suspect last had been in the store Dec. 3, 2023. That time, too, he was suspected of stealing alcohol and, notably, was pictured carrying a blue credit card in his mouth, just as footage captured him doing last Thursday.

Detectives looked up police reports taken Dec. 3, and discovered a report of a wallet found in the Village Market



Left, while the gun used in a threat against a Village Market employee later was found to be a realistic fake, Smith still faces an armed robbery charge because the victim was led to believe it was real. Right, in both known instances of alcohol theft from Village Market, Smith was recorded on surveillance video with a blue credit card in his mouth. The card was found when he was arrested in a vacant Cadieux home.



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liquor aisle containing an insurance card belonging to Smith.

During Sunday’s arrest, he was found wearing the jacket captured in security footage. In the same room with him was the fake gun, as well as the shoes, cap and blue credit card caught on film.

Smith admitted the person in the footage looked like him, but would not admit it was him, telling officers at different times that he sometimes hears voices; a female dresses up like him and commits crimes; and that he didn’t remember Thursday’s incident and may have been under the influence of drugs.

Others who pitched in with the Farms department’s efforts included:

◆ a caller who reported seeing the suspect walking toward Village Market on southbound Canyon prior to the inci-

dent;

◆ the homeowner of a house on Harvard in Detroit where two days prior, Smith was captured on Ring video footage in the Amazon vest stealing a package off the porch;

◆ managers of two businesses in the 17000 block of East Warren — the area to which Smith was tracked after fleeing Village Market — who recognized the suspect from thefts at their businesses, as well as from panhandling at the East Warren and Cadieux intersection;

◆ the Detroit Police Department Violent Crimes Task Force, which already had Smith on its radar due to a number of thefts he was suspected to have committed on Harper;

◆ several Amazon employees, who called the Farms department offering any assistance

needed from the company;

◆ and the homeowner of the vacant Cadieux house, who lives out of state and consented to officers entering the home.

“This case is a testament to the dogged determination and persistence of our detective bureau,” Hutchins said. “Detective (Roger) Wierszewski reviewed hours of camera footage, followed leads and received assistance from Project Green Light and other law enforcement agencies in confirming the suspect’s identity and where he was residing. The Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team, along with our detectives and officers ... took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect has a decades-long record of misdemeanors, felonies and violent crime.”

Brownell, which at 260

Chalfonte was closest to the action, was conducting morning drop-off for its 8:15 a.m. start time when the incident took place last Thursday, prompting officers to usher students into the building and directly to their first-hour classrooms for soft lockdown and attendance.

“Students and staff reacted magnificently to notice of this situation,” Principal Rodger Hunwick said via email. “The practice drills and discussions students and staff engage in throughout the year provided emotional support; however, understandably, we’re all going to experience certain levels of uneasiness from undergoing these circumstances.”

Smith was arraigned before Municipal Judge Charles Berschback Tuesday, Feb. 20. He faces one count of armed robbery as a fourth offense habitual offender for a number of past crimes, including felony armed robbery, carjacking and unlawful imprisonment in 2009.

If convicted, the sentence requires a minimum of 25 years and maximum of life in prison.

While detectives requested a \$100,000 bond, Berschback set bond at \$150,000, citing community safety and flight risk. Smith also will be referred to a mental health evaluation.

He is set to return before Berschback for a probable cause conference at noon Wednesday, Feb. 28, and preliminary exam at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6.



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Shores welcomes new officer

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The newest member of the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department has seen her law enforcement career come full circle.

“I started off as a reserve officer in Center Line after high school because my dad did it,” Celeste Harrington said. “I thought it would be a cool thing to do with him.”

The 2010 Lakeview High School graduate went on to get an associate’s degree in communications from Macomb Community College, then went through Oakland Community College’s firefighter academy and Dorsey College’s paramedic program. She worked as a firefighter in Warren prior to joining the Shores in



Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Officer Celeste Harrington with her sister, Theona, who pinned Harrington’s badge on her after being sworn in, and Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

December.

“I kind of got tired of all the medical runs in Warren,” Harrington said of her job change. “I haven’t been on any fire runs yet, but we did have a CPR call, so I was able to use my paramedic training.”

After the Shores hired her, Harrington attended the 15-week police academy at Macomb Community College. She finished third academically in her class and was voted outstanding graduate. Those who receive the award must be in the top 10 percent of their class and are rated by classmates on things like leadership and interpersonal communication.

“That was pretty special and a complete surprise,” Harrington said. “We all knew who was getting the other awards for things like firing range, driving and phys-

ical fitness, but this one wasn’t announced until graduation.”

Harrington also has a bachelor’s degree in emergency management from Florida’s Barry University.

“That’s kind of planning for my second career after I retire,” she said, “doing things like planning for a city or county for tornadoes or floods.”

Harrington was sworn in by Mayor Ted Kedzierski at the January city council meeting.

“It’s always an exciting day when we get to add to our family,” Shores Public Safety Director Ken Werenski said at the meeting. “The director of Macomb’s academy even came tonight. That’s how highly he thinks of Celeste.”

Harrington said she’s enjoyed her time on the job.

“It’s a very nice community,” she said. “There’s a lot of people out walking every day and they always wave.”

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Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary members Wayne Manchester, left, and Ford House CEO Mark Heppner, right, stand with Mark Steadman of Call2Recycle during the club’s Feb. 13 meeting at Ford House. Steadman presented Ford House with a lithium battery incident kit, which is a fire-suppression tool that is effective against lithium-ion battery fires. Grosse Pointe Rotary Sunrise Club members extend an open invitation to residents to join their Tuesday presentations at 7 a.m. For more information, email dennis.rotary1591@gmail.com.

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Johnson, Klunder honored with mayoral proclamation

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The maize and blue celebration continued during the Farms council meeting Monday, Feb. 12, as Grosse Pointe South High School alumni Will Johnson and Joey Klunder were honored with a mayoral proclamation for their roles in the Michigan Wolverines’ 2024 College Football National Championship victory.

The University of Michigan team this past season took home the winning titles for the 2023 Big Ten East season championship, Big Ten conference championship, Rose Bowl and 2024 NCAA College Football Championship.

“These Grosse Pointe South High School alumni and athletes have brought honor upon Grosse Pointe South High School,” the proclamation reads, “and the city of Grosse Pointe Farms commends their parents for recognizing their outstanding athletic talent, dedication and perseverance and for giving them opportunities to grow as persons, students and athletes.”

In addition to the victory, Johnson was named the Defensive Player of the Game for the CFP National

Championship game. “It was a great game,” Mayor Louis Therios commented. “That’s why I missed the January meeting. I was there. Go Blue!”

— Laurel Kraus

The Week Ahead

- MONDAY, FEB. 26**
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Communities United in Diversity, 6 to 8 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, FEB. 27**
- ◆ Presidential Primary Election; polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
 - ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

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wayfinding signs and decorative pavement and

- ◆ on Kercheval, modifying the roundabout at the intersection of Wayburn to allow access by larger vehicles.

Estimated costs of the projects are, for Charlevoix, \$3.8 million; for Kercheval, \$3.9 million.

Estimates result from OHM Advisors, which won a low-bid contract for the job at a cost of \$45,050. The figure was \$23,950 less than the second-lowest bidder and \$228,950 below the next firm in line.

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Former Grosse Pointe South captain shares championship memories with family, friends

By Mike Adzima
Staff Writer

Near the end of his junior year at Grosse Pointe South High School in 2021, Joey Klunder made one of the biggest decisions of his life. Klunder chose to commit to play football at the University of Michigan as a preferred walk-on, passing up football scholarship offers from other Division I programs. Now, after his sophomore season as a Wolverine, making that choice has turned Klunder into a national champion.

“It was the best decision I ever made,” he said. “I love it here and I was able to work my way onto the field a bit early in the season, and I hope to have an even bigger role on the defensive line going forward. You really can’t beat the experiences that you have here with these coaches and teammates. Getting to go to the Rose Bowl and to Houston and get a feeling of what it’s like to be on top is something I wouldn’t trade for the world.”

Michigan capped a historic season with a victory over Washington on Jan. 8, to win the College Football Playoff National Championship Game. Klunder may not have seen any action in the postseason, but did see the field as a Wolverine for the first time this season, making appearances on the defensive line in games against East Carolina and Michigan



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Left, Joey Klunder kisses the College Football Playoff National Championship trophy after Michigan’s national title win over Washington on Jan. 8. Above, Klunder, right, and teammate Bryce Wilcox after the Rose Bowl.

State universities. Klunder’s biggest impact may not have been on the field, but he knows he worked just as hard as anyone else on the roster to support the program and his teammates on the road to a title. Now, over a month after the confetti fell, the reality of being a champion has fully dawned on him.

“It definitely has set in,” Klunder said. “We really enjoyed the weeks after. We had a couple of weeks off from lifting and we had the parade in Ann Arbor and the celebration at the Crisler Center. We got to celebrate with our families for a while before

getting back into class and all that. The experience has definitely set in, but now it’s time to kind of archive that away and get working on the 2024 season.”

When Klunder made his choice to take the walk-on path at Michigan, it was really all about family. Not only would he be closer to home by going to Ann Arbor, but he would be fulfilling his dream — and the dream of his family — by putting on the iconic winged helmet.

What Klunder was able to achieve this season by being part of the team at Michigan was provide his family with the best experience

they could have ever asked for as Wolverine fans.

“There’s a video of my dad from the Rose Bowl where he was recording the final play and when we stopped Alabama and (Jalen) Milroe, he turns the camera around to his face and I’ve never seen him yell louder and smile bigger,” Klunder said. “Having my family there to witness that, and then the culmination against Washington, is something I know they’ll never forget. ... I’m so thankful that I was able to give them a piece of that.”

With his family along for the ride, Klunder also got to enjoy the memorable season and the championship celebration with one of his fellow Blue Devils. Michigan defensive back Will Johnson,

who was named defensive MVP of the national championship game, was one of Klunder’s fellow captains at Grosse Pointe South during their senior season before they both continued their careers in Ann Arbor.

“The trip isn’t over and the career isn’t over for either of us, but to be able to get to the end of the road and win it all with someone you’ve been a teammate and a brother with for so long feels amazing,” Klunder said.

Both Johnson and Klunder will be back at Michigan for the 2024 season, looking to help the Wolverines remain at the top of the college football mountain. After getting his first tastes of game action in the 2023 season, Klunder hopes the new campaign will

mean even more opportunities to see the field and have a role on the defensive line.

To make that happen, Klunder cannot linger long when it comes to celebrating championships. The Wolverines already are counting down to the start of the 2024 season, so it is already back to work for Klunder with the same overall goal in mind.

“The transition is fast,” he said. “We’ve been in the winter training cycle for a while now. The mentality going into next season isn’t much different than what it was going into (2023). Everyone is doing the same things that it took to get us there before. If everybody keeps giving it their all, then hopefully we’ll have enough to put up another banner.”

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bit different,” City Manager Shane Reeside said, “but we think it’s going to be more convenient for our residents

and a good primer for, obviously, a much busier election coming up with another primary and November general election.”

All City of Grosse Pointe precincts will again be housed at

Maire Elementary School, 740 Cadieux, with the parking lot entrance off Waterloo.

Voters in Grosse Pointe Park should head to Windmill Pointe Park, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr., where precincts 1

and 2 will be housed in the Tompkins Community Center, with precincts 4, 5, 6 and 7 in the Lavins Activity Center.

In the Woods, precincts 1 and 2 vote at Ferry Elementary School, 748 Roslyn; precincts 3 and 4 at the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza; and precincts 5 and 6 at Monteith Elementary School, 1275 Cook.

Shores residents vote at city hall, 795 Lakeshore, except for those living in the portion of the city that lies in Macomb County, who vote at Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore.

Planners OK’d for ’24

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The city council endorsed the planning commission’s goals for the year, which mainly consist of finishing projects already underway.

Pillars of the commissioner’s work plan for 2024 are:

- ◆ concluding a zoning ordinance rewrite, due for completion in a few months, and

- ◆ continuing to seek city certification as a redevelopment ready community (RRC).

RRC is a voluntary program of certification by the Michigan Economic Development Corp., promoting the integration of “transparency, predictability and efficiency” — summarized as “best practices” — into daily municipal operations.

Attaining best practices involves city representatives and employees navigating layers and subsets of interrelated and overlapping higher-level government bureaucracy. “As part of (the) redevelopment ready communities process, and in compliance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, a capital improvement plan will be reviewed by the planning commission and ultimately adopted by the city council,” Park Assistant Manager Warren Rothe wrote to council Feb. 12.

Rothe also is secretary of the planning commission, which last month comported with provisions of the Enabling Act and forwarded the annual report and 2024 work plan to city council for approval.

“This is required by state law,” he said at the time. “It’s a redevelopment ready community best practice.”

A united council endorsed the commission’s goals Feb. 12.

During last month’s commission meeting, Mayor Michele Hodges, who also serves on the commission, submitted numerous amendments to the work plan.

She recommended adding references to the city’s master plan, “which is a matter of practice to make sure we are always thinking in that mode and operating in alignment with it.”

She also proposed including cooperative efforts with neighboring Detroit.

“There is potential to enter into joint planning (and) zoning,” Hodges said. “It would be nice to evaluate that opportunity further for 2024.”

She recommended using the Community Engagement Committee to inform residents of commission activities.

“Trust building continues to be an issue and challenge that we want to work through,” Hodges said. “It would be helpful to state that as a priority and charge the Community Engagement Committee further with that.”

Her overarching purpose, she said, is “to make sure we have a clear set of goals and we keep speaking the truth we want to see become reality.”

Commissioners accepted her amendments.

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Boomerang

A 2022 Dodge Ram was stolen from a driveway in the 900 block of University at 8:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, and recovered in Harper Woods approximately one hour later. An investigation is ongoing.

High beam karma

After being pulled over at Cadieux and Waterloo for driving with high beams on and a flat tire, a 30-year-old Detroit woman was cited for driving with a suspended license at 11:50 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12.

Singled out

An unknown person has attempted numerous times to acquire loans and credit cards in a Neff resident's name.

Expelled from store

When a manager at a business in the 19000 block of Kercheval noticed a juvenile unwrapping snacks and placing them into his bag

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Wednesday, Feb. 14, he was detained, advised he is no longer welcome at the store and turned over to his mother.

Hit while down

A patient's wallet was stolen while he was incapacitated at a local hospital at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15.

All hands on deck

Grosse Pointe units assisted Detroit officers in securing a shooting and homicide scene at Mack and Balfour at 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Turned over

A 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested on a warrant out of Shelby Township at 6:05 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16, after being pulled over at Gateshead and Mack for an out-of-service headlight and not-visible license plate.

Burglary

The cold temperature in a house in the 400 block of Madison clued in a caretaker to a broken window to the residence accessible from the breezeway, which was left unlocked.

A green canvas chair, stored in the garage, had been moved to the breezeway, where a single brick also was found. "This was likely done in order for the suspect to gain enough height to enter through the window after breaking it," the police report notes.

While the hinge to a cabinet door was found broken in the same room as the window, nothing of value appeared to be missing from the house at the time of the report.

The crime is believed to have taken place between 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, and 4:34 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing taken

A resident in the 2000 block of Hawthorne reported his house was broken into sometime during a five-hour stretch he was gone Monday, Feb. 12, but nothing was taken.

He returned home to find his side door damaged and told officers some rooms were rummaged through and some were not.

For the win

A resident in the 2000 block of Ridgemont is out \$450 after falling victim to a phone scam.

He reported around 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, he received a call stating he won \$4,000 and needed to purchase \$200 in gift

cards to cover shipping. He continued to buy more as instructed before realizing the scam.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Caught in the web

A social media fraudster scammed a Park woman out of \$30,000 this month by pretending to seek her help cashing a check.

"(The) suspect requested that the victim deposit the check and send him Apple gift cards in the amount of \$30,000 in return," according to police. "The victim was not notified the check was fraudulent until after sending the gift cards."

Pickup theft

A black 2011 Chevrolet Silverado was stolen between 6 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 11, and 9:24 a.m. the next day while parked roadside in the 1000 block of Wayburn.

Obstruction

When a 31-year-old Detroit man refused to cooperate during a traffic stop this week for driving a vehicle with an improper license plate, police added a charge of obstruction.

During a roadside investigation shortly before 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in the 15500 block of Mack, the man reportedly refused to identify himself.

— 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 Safety, (313) 881-5500.

RAID:

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Pittman said. "He's aware that we are aware."

Park Mayor Michele Hodges' compassion for teens discarding their futures doesn't mean she needs to mend a bleeding heart.

"My north star is keeping my community safe," Hodges said. "This hopefully sends a very clear message to those who are a part of that, that you're not welcome here. I hope the folks committing these crimes are getting the help they need."

Arraignment is on hold

while the siblings wait things out in the county juvenile detention facility.

"The prosecutor's trying to decide whether to charge them as adults," Pittman said.

He expects a decision soon.

The arrests cleared two of the most serious and public crimes last year in the Park.

Both involved three males wearing all-black clothing, ski masks and at least one armed with a firearm.

"It looked like the same MO," Pittman said. "The only thing different was the gun. The first was a

handgun. The second was an AR15-style rifle."

In the first case two days before Christmas, three suspects intercepted a 53-year-old Park man on Beaconsfield near Kercheval.

"They put a handgun in the victim's face and demanded the keys to his Cadillac SUV," Pittman said. "They took off in it."

Investigation began almost immediately.

"The car had tracking capabilities, so we tracked it," Pittman said. "It didn't go far. It just went a couple blocks into Detroit. Within 20 minutes or so we recovered it from the garage of an

abandoned house, unoccupied. The bad guys were gone."

Then came Dec. 23, the Louisville man and his Cadillac SUV on Kercheval between Wayburn and Maryland.

"While they're trying to rob him, some other members of his party started approaching the vehicle," Pittman said. "They were having dinner and were exiting a restaurant. The bad guys got scared and took off running."

About a week later, Park police saw a group of males matching the suspects' descriptions in the area of Ashland and

Kercheval in Detroit.

"We brought them in," Pittman said. "They denied everything and were uncooperative."

Their attitudes changed when police obtained a search warrant for a cell phone belonging to one of the suspects.

"They were talking about it on social media and giving specific details of the crime only they would know," Pittman said.

Members of the Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team raided their residence at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14. Officers arrested the two brothers, recovered

a gun and got confessions, Pittman said.

Assisting in the investigation were the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Fugitive Apprehension Services Team, Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department and the Detroit Commercial Auto Theft unit.

"I thank our director of public safety, Jim Bostock, for coordinating efforts," Park Manager Nick Sizeland said. "We executed a safe operation in Detroit and apprehended the suspects. Great effort by all departments working together."

PLAN:

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Yet, instead of enumerating everything in a new document, they were summarized as follows: "The planning commission will continue to review the proposed activities consistent with the city's master plan."

"To disseminate all of those comments into the document — we may need

to table this in order to get language right," Rothe said. "Procedurally, I don't feel comfortable putting all of those comments into this document at this moment."

"I'm on the same page," planning Vice Chairman Michael Vethacke said.

"We don't want to slow down government," agreed Hodges, suggesting the one-sentence summary.

— Brad Lindberg



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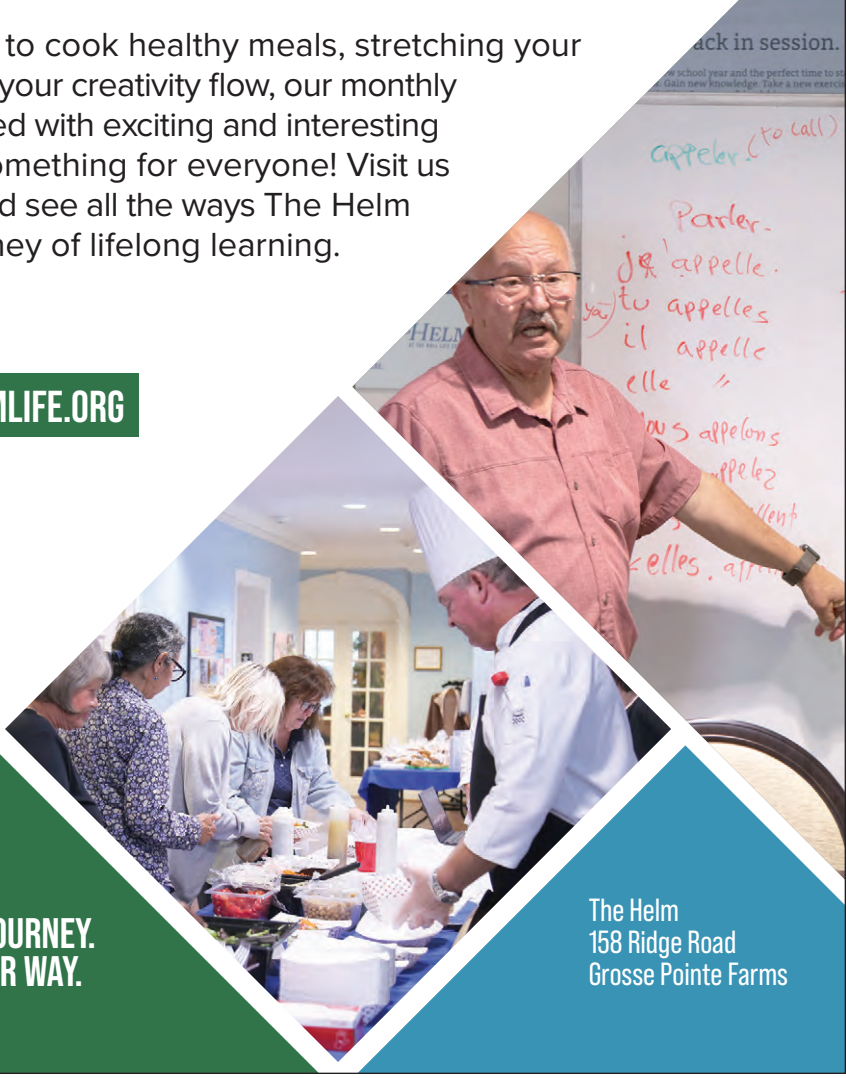
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OUR VIEW

Fast action appreciated

As seen on page 1A, gratefully no one was harmed in the armed robbery or its aftermath at Village Market in Grosse Pointe Farms Thursday, Feb. 15. Despite the latest news from the suspect’s arraignment that the gun in question was a very realistic fake, there were plenty of frayed nerves from neighbors, students, teachers, staff and parents from the affected schools put on a soft lockdown after the 53-year-old homeless man took off down a nearby alley.

Who can blame them?

The incident last Thursday occurred the morning after a mass shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs’ Super Bowl victory parade. It was two days after the one-year anniversary of the campus shooting at Michigan State University.

We applaud the fast work of detectives from Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety and Eastern Wayne County Special Response Team for locating the suspect at an abandoned home in Detroit early Sunday morning and getting him into custody. The Farms public safety officers also moved into action by ushering nearby Brownell Middle School students, who were arriving to class in droves before the morning bell, safely inside the building.

Without a second’s waste, neighboring public safety departments from Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park and the City of Grosse Pointe provided strength in numbers to assist the Farms.

We’ll say it again. The Pointes have the best crime fighters in the business.

We also want to thank several decision-makers and citizens who kept our city and schools safe last week and helped crack the case, including:

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System, which issued emails and automated phone calls to update parents on the fluid situation. GPPSS’s new Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle has gotten a workout since she started Feb. 5.
- ◆ Building principals, assistant principals, teachers and staff who followed soft lockdown protocols.
- ◆ Students who followed directions and played a part in maximizing everyone’s safety.
- ◆ Residents who kept a keen eye on the events and connected with authorities to offer important information.
- ◆ Managers of two businesses in the 17000 block of East Warren — the area where the man was tracked after fleeing Village Market — who recognized the suspect from thefts at their businesses and from panhandling at the East Warren and Cadieux intersection.
- ◆ The Detroit Police Department Violent Crimes Task Force, which already had the man on its radar due to a number of thefts he was suspected to have committed on Harper.
- ◆ Several Amazon employees, who called the Farms department offering any assistance needed from the company.
- ◆ The homeowner of the vacant Cadieux house where the suspect was found, who lives out of state and consented to officers entering the home.

While we wish this situation — or anything mirroring the threat and danger of gun violence — didn’t happen, we are heartened to see how many groups are dedicated to keeping our community safe and free from harm.

We offer our humble thanks.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Two elegant swans brave the chilly waters of Lake St. Clair last week.

OUR VIEW

GP doing it right in the classroom, athletic arena

There’s some great news coming out of our local high schools we should all be applauding this week.

Head to page 4-5D and you can’t help but feel proud of 15 student-athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School who made their college commitments official by signing their National Letters of Intent (NLI) to play their respective sports at the next level.

These happy celebrations at each school gathered families, coaches, classmates and teammates to mark the moment when the student-athletes’ college commitments became binding. It also was a moment to honor their hard work, commitment, personal sacrifice and competitive spirit.

Along with signings that took place at our high schools last November during another official signing period, 28 student-athletes from the Class of 2024 will compete at the next level. That’s not including the spring signing period to come. Grosse Pointe is doing something well in the world of athletics.

They represent the near gamut of high school sports, including baseball, track and field, football, cross country, swim and dive, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, basketball, softball and crew. Two crew athletes are young women who will be heading to Stanford University and the University of Tennessee, while two baseball players will hit the field for the University of Michigan. Several others will compete at outstanding DII and DIII schools around the state and country.

Make no mistake, these kids are no slouches academically, either. For the second consecutive year, a student-athlete from South has made it to the final round of the Michigan High School Athletic Association’s Scholar-Athlete Award. This year’s homegrown finalist is one of 120 scholarship applicants from around the state who made the final round from a pool of 1,607 applicants.

Color us impressed.

And once they are in college, who knows what impact they can make in their respective sports? They could be the next Will Johnson, former Grosse Pointe South football great, who along with fellow Blue Devil Joey Klunder (and this week’s Pointer of Interest on page

4D) just won the National Championship at U of M. Mr. Johnson also was named defensive MVP in the title game. Both men received mayoral proclamations at the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting Monday, Feb. 12, for their outstanding accomplishments. How cool is that to point at the TV and say with hometown pride, “He’s from Grosse Pointe!”

Grosse Pointe also is doing something right in the classroom. We learned last week that GPPSS has three National Merit finalists, all of whom hail from South. Out of the 1.1 million juniors from around the country who take the PSAT each year, only 0.5 percent are ultimately named National Merit finalists. Finalists not only earn high test scores, but also demonstrate high academic achievement, provide a compelling written essay and are endorsed and recommended by a school official for the award.

Including the three finalists, 16 students from North and South were named National Merit commended scholars last November, placing them in the top 1 percent of PSAT performers. Only 34,000, or 2.2 percent, are recognized as commended scholars nationally.

Two more students, one from North and one from South, earned the National African American Recognition Award, which entails maintaining a 3.5 grade-point average or above and scoring a 3 or higher on two or more Advanced Placement tests by their junior year.

It’s not easy, but 18 students earned remarkable national academic honors. Twenty-eight student-athletes (and counting) will play their respective sports at the collegiate level.

Grosse Pointe is doing it right academically and in the athletic arena. That’s inspiring. And that’s worth celebrating.

LETTERS

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Bored of Ed?

To the Editor:

Try attending one of our school BoE meetings. Worth the price of admission. Replete with many discourses, animated debates — which is what one wants versus everybody agreeing at once, right? The latter being a type of condition we have witnessed inside the ‘belt-weigh’ when Congress is in a hurry to get out of town ... raising the so-called debt ceiling in the so-called 11th hour. It could also suppress the expression of radical new ideas

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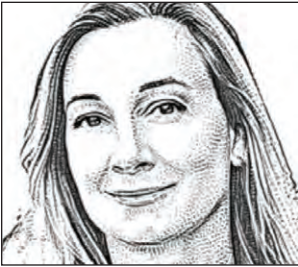


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I SAY By Anne Gryzenia



Sports parenting gone wild

This past weekend, I witnessed an embarrassing display of sports parenting gone (very) wrong. It all started at a youth hockey game, in which my son's team was on the wrong side of a 3-0 score. The other team's parents, from Pittsburgh, were all riled up and getting rowdy over a few missed calls (in their humble opinion) by the refs. The lead official tossed the offending dads, who at this point were pounding the glass, yelling profanities and refusing to leave the arena. The refs had to pause the game to call the police and await their arrival. Yikes.

I scanned the ice, looking at the players, a bunch of 13-years-olds who were standing on the ice stunned. I imagined how utterly shocked and embarrassed I would have been as a child if that was my dad. Back in our day, these things did not happen often. Our parents defined the term "laissez-faire." These days, we hear about these incidents a lot more than we should. In fact, a few years ago right here in Grosse Pointe, a parent brought a gun to a youth sporting event. Things have officially gotten out of hand. All of this got me thinking and reflecting on my own sports parent behavior, for better or worse (many times for worse, come to think of it). I also wanted to find out how extreme sports parenting

affected coaches around here. Being extremely competitive, I know I am guilty of multiple parenting infractions — including negativity, annoyingly yelling at my kids and lacking objectivity when it comes to my own children (This is my own laundry list; I'm afraid to ask the moms who have to sit next to me at games). I don't think I am alone in this behavior, but does it ever help? Taking a giant step back to contemplate and with hindsight, I believe the answer is a resounding NO. It doesn't help the kids, it doesn't help the coaches and it doesn't help morale with the other parents either. In corresponding with a few coaches I know, their level of commitment and fairness to players is commendable.

They claim to rarely let parents get to them, which is pretty remarkable given the behavior and relentless parental "expertise" and input coming their way. For all of us sporting parents out there, here is a list of positives and negatives offered by some local, well-respected coaches that could be of help to those of us who need it.

"Good" sports parents:

- ◆ Encourage kids to practice
- ◆ Reinforce the importance of team over self
- ◆ Tell their kids what they did right
- ◆ Ask their kids if they had fun after a practice or game
- ◆ Don't critique other players or coaches, especially in earshot of their kids

"Bad" sports parents:

- ◆ Yell at the team from the sidelines
- ◆ Confront the coach about playing time
- ◆ Don't respect the 24-hour rule/not waiting a day to cool off before approaching a coach
- ◆ Send relentless text messages to the coach and not respecting his/her time.
- ◆ Make excuses for their kids' performance/blame others

Of course, it's not a coincidence that good coaches have a lot in common when it comes to keeping parents at bay — namely good communication and making expectations clear with players and parents right off the bat. When coaches put the time and effort into thoughtful discus-

sions at the onset of the season, it's no surprise things tend to go smoothly. Coaches who fail to communicate with parents and players reap what they sow sometimes. All in all, the sooner we all realize the ridiculousness of crazy parents at sports, the better. As a wise sign posted in a local arena reads, "I'm a kid, it's just a game, my coach is a volunteer, officials are human and no college scholarships will be handed out today." Let's all help each other by modeling good behavior. I say we can do better for our kids, ourselves and our coaches by showing a little restraint and respect. As for me, I will be giving up my wild sports parenting for Lent. Maybe, just maybe, it will stick. ...

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1949
75 years ago this week

PARK PLANNERS GIVE THOUGHT TO NIGHT PARKING PROBLEMS: The repeated complaints of lack of parking space in the vicinity of the Esquire Theater led the Park Planning Commission to give considerable thought to this situation at its Feb. 11 meeting. The planners have decided to make inquiries as to the possibility of the village acquiring additional space in that vicinity for the creation of a public parking lot.

SCHOOLS' PROPOSED REPAIR SHOP FROWNED ON BY CITY: The Grosse Pointe Board of Education made a formal request of the City

Council for a permit to erect a two-story garage and service station for the storage and repairs of the motor apparatus of the school district, in the rear of the administration building on St. Clair. When this matter was first broached to the City, the understanding was that it was to be a simple, one-story building primarily for the storage of vehicles.

1974
50 years ago this week

GUNMAN KILLED IN GP WOODS: The first homicide in the history of the city of Grosse Pointe Woods occurred late Saturday evening, Feb. 17, when a 22-year-old Detroit man was shot and killed by a resident in an apparent burglary attempt on Hampton

Road. Three armed men wearing ski masks burst into the dwelling around 11 p.m. A struggle ensued between two of the culprits and a resident on the first floor, while the third man went upstairs, held a woman resident at bay and was then shot by the third resident, who heard the commotion.

MISS GROSSE POINTE IS A YOUNG LADY OF VARIED INTERESTS, CAPABILITIES: Miss Grosse Pointe, Karen (Gerbas) Garrett, 19, is quite a young lady. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Garrett is a freshman at the University of Michigan, majoring in nursing with a minor in music. Besides that, she's a licensed real estate saleswoman and a notary public. She's also an active sports enthusiast and participant, plus an ensemble singer. Not only was she crowned Miss Grosse Pointe, but she also was the recipient of the Miss Talent award.

1999
25 years ago this week

KITS DETECT DRUG USE WITHOUT CALLING POLICE: A Michigan company has developed low-cost, drug-wipe kits that can detect illegal drug residue on any surface, including clothing, car interiors and lockers. Results are available within three minutes and can spot marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines. The company's main customers

are parents concerned about their kids' suspected drug activity.

2014
10 years ago this week

BASHARA: ATTORNEY, TRIAL DATE CHANGE: It may be late summer before Bob Bashara goes to trial for the murder of his wife, Jane, as the judge presiding over the case granted his request for a new attorney. Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda

Evans granted Bashara's request that attorneys from the Public Defenders Office be removed from his case and that the court appoint noted criminal defense attorneys David Cripps and Gabi Silver to represent him.

PARK ENTERS POLICING PACT: The city has entered into what has been described as a "historic" agreement that will bring sensitivity training to the Park's Public Safety Department. The agreement sets the groundwork for training officers in effective community policing.

LETTER:

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that might once again find those in search of a formal education "flocking" to our public schools — institutions of higher education that attracted Dr. Andrea Tuttle to come and lead us, as the new head. Whose initial letter of introduction, no debate about it, was

well composed, comprehensive coverage of what and why we around here hold near and dear (including our school system). A letter that started "with immense gratitude and joy" and ended "with enthusiasm." Looks like we may be heading in the right direction ...

Looking forward,
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Money sought to find lead lines

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Another grant application is on its way to Lansing.

“We applied for a grant from the state called the Community Technical Managerial and Financial Support for Lead Line Replacements — it rolls off your tongue,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager.

The request comes while also applying for a \$1.4 million state grant to renovate the Charlevoix streetscape

and days after Congressman Shri Thanedar encouraged members of the city council about the prospect of receiving a \$1,050,000 million federal grant for flood control.

Sizeland intends to use the lead line replacement grant to confirm locations of lead water service lines on upper Beaconsfield and Maumee.

Applications are evaluated by the Michigan Department of Energy, Great Lakes and Environment.

“Eligible activities include physical verification of service lines and properties where lead is suspected but not confirmed or where service line material is unknown but likely contains lead,” according to the program website.

“The maximum award is \$600,000,” he said.

Odds of winning the full amount are bad.

“They have \$48 million available for the program, but they have \$67 million requested funding,” Sizeland said. “Awards will be announced in the fall

this year.”

“(The public works department) will be performing inspections of local water meters and water service connections on Beaconsfield and Maumee as part of the water main and lead service line replacement program,” Sizeland said.

“We don’t think there’s many on Maumee, but it is part of the mix because of the water main project there (from Bishop to Harvard),” said Tom Jenny, director of public works. “We are replacing service lines all the way into the house up to

the meter, so we need to get in and verify what’s there, take pictures so when the contractor comes in, he knows what’s there.”

Residents have been notified by letters.

“DPW must go into the house to verify where the line comes into the home,” Sizeland said.

Verification is preliminary to the city upgrading water mains and replacing more than 2,000 lead lines estimated to be throughout the city.

Lead line replacement is an unfunded state

mandate prompted by the Flint water crisis. Terms require municipalities to replace at least 5 percent of lead lines annually. Completion is due within 20 years.

Josh Chafin, head of the Park water department, said in December it costs the city between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to place a lead service line.

“We have no money for this,” Sizeland said. “There have been no grants available to municipalities for lead line replacement. The only things we’ve seen are loans the state will provide communities, for which Grosse Pointe Park has not yet been eligible.”

Boaters paying for marina repairs

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Some \$100,000 worth of repairs being lined up at the Windmill Pointe Park marina generated assurances that boaters, not taxpayers, will foot the bill.

The 270-slip marina operates off an enterprise fund. Such funds come from user fees rather than tax receipts.

Boaters at Windmill Pointe are responsible for paying for marina operations and upkeep through annual well rental fees.

“This is all coming out of that enterprise fund budget,” said Councilman Tom Caulfield, liaison to the recreation commission, which oversees park

and marina activities.

“There are no taxpayer dollars in that fund,” Mayor Michele Hodges said.

Marina rates were increased 3 percent this year. Wells rent for \$695 to \$3,456 for the upcoming boating season.

The city council Feb. 12 approved tapping the marina enterprise fund of \$50,000 and another \$55,000 from marina fund reserves to pay for overdue maintenance.

Director of Parks and Recreation Chad Craig solicited competitive bids to repair and upgrade aspects of the marina used exclusively by boaters.

The council approved low bids for four tasks:

- ◆ \$16,300 for Brosnan

Builders of Grosse Pointe Farms to remove dock risers that are no longer needed because high lake water levels that prompted their installation a few years ago have receded,

‘The reality is the marina has been neglected for years and years and is beyond its livable life.’

TOM CAULFIELD
Grosse Pointe Park Councilman

- ◆ \$21,272 for Chris’s Sewer Inspection of Clinton Township to replace plastic dockside water service lines, installed five years ago as a temporary stopgap during high water but kept in

use longer than anticipated,

- ◆ \$35,162 for Bayside Marine to replace rub rails, a cushion or bumper attached to dock pilings to protect boats from collision damage and

season,” Craig told the council.

“The reality is the marina has been neglected for years and years and is beyond its livable life,” Caulfield said.

Some aspects of the repairs, such as new water lines, are another stopgap.

Members of the recreation commission ruled out rebuilding the harbor due to the minimum \$10 million it would cost, according to a May 2021 assessment for which commissioners retained the engineering firm Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

“Redoing it is a major, major financial commitment,” Caulfield said.

Instead, commissioners last November favored lesser renovations pre-

sented by the design and construction firm, Abonmarche.

Proposed changes mainly involve:

- ◆ widening boat slips on Pier 1, which forms the marina’s eastern outer breakwall and main walkway;
- ◆ replacing dockside electrical and water lines and outlets on all five piers,
- ◆ raising the marina’s inner wall to better protect the park against flooding during periods of high lake levels and
- ◆ making structural improvements as needed, including those revealed by divers scheduled to conduct an underwater survey toward the end of this month.

Construction costs and funding strategies are on hold until if and when the council approves the plan.

Swings deal on fire doors

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The public safety department swapped a cruiser for new fire bay doors, helping offset more than one-third the cost of recent fire house renovations.

“The public safety department recently had a 2021 Ford Explorer inter-

ceptor bought back by Ford for \$31,170.61,” Chief Jim Bostock wrote in a Jan. 8 memo to the city council.

He applied the buy-back to the \$29,300 cost of replacing three of eight fire bay doors, netting the city \$1,870.61.

The transaction doesn’t impact \$47,900 already spent replacing the first five of eight doors.

“The doors were original when the garage was built in 1993, and beyond further repair,” Bostock wrote. “Money was budgeted to begin replacing the doors this current fiscal year with the intention of finishing the project in fiscal year 2025.”

Of the total \$77,200 spent for new doors, the cruiser’s credit reduces the city’s outlay by 40 percent.

Expenditures also cover removing and replacing the doors.

Doors are fitted with springs good for 50,000 cycles.

— Brad Lindberg

CCD service building site plan approved

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — During its February meeting, Farms city council unanimously approved a final site plan for an environmental building to be constructed on the Country Club of Detroit property, 220 Country Club Drive.

The 2,900-square-foot building will be located on the existing service yard northwest of the clubhouse and is intended to house a new vehicle wash station, chemical storage and

mixing equipment, and exterior fuel-filling station.

“This is what we’re calling an environmental building,” said John Vitale, with Stucky Vitale Architects, which is leading the project, “so this building will help golf services, bring them to forward compliance with all the new environmental conditions that are required by products used today to take care of the golf course.”

While the building

will be composed of split-face burnished concrete masonry unit walls and a standing-seam metal roof, CCD members likely won’t see much of it.

“We are providing two additional trees to screen the building from the golf course,” Vitale said. “That building is already partially screened by the existing building, so I think (it) will be pretty difficult to see.”

— Laurel Kraus

Grant to enable St. Clair resurfacing

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Grants continue to roll in for the City of Grosse Pointe, which most recently was awarded a \$569,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation to resurface St. Clair from St. Paul to Waterloo in 2025.

The estimated cost of the project is \$695,000, requiring a local match component of approximately \$268,000 for the remainder of the cost, as well as engineering and testing.

The City is expected to seek the match funding from voters, as part of a millage request focused on stormwater separation, likely to be placed on the August ballot.

“It offers us additional opportunity to leverage the current road millage for other projects,” City Manager Joe Valentine said of why the match wouldn’t automatically be funded via the already-approved road mill-

age.

Tentatively on deck for 2025 reconstruction are large portions of Notre Dame.

In the case the stormwater separation and capital improvements millage request doesn’t pass the August ballot, the city then would use road millage funding, likely pushing off sections of Notre Dame repair to future years.

“If we can’t leverage that then we would default and use it from the current road millage, but then it limits what we can do going forward too,” Valentine said. “If we have to go to the voters to ask for funding, we just want to be as efficient as we can be with that ask, so that their money’s being utilized to the fullest to get as many projects done as possible.”

— Laurel Kraus

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Reader dog a highlight for Pierce students

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The highlight of the week for many students at Pierce Middle School is when they see a paw print on the library door, since that means Beatrice — Bea for short — is in the building.

“I usually bring her in once a week,” said Christina Michaud, Bea’s owner and the library/media assistant at the school. “She’s our good-will ambassador.”

Bea, a clumber spaniel, is trained and certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

“The kids love coming down to the library and reading to her,” Michaud said. “Or if I’m making book deliveries we’ll go into a class and she’ll walk up and down the aisles so everyone can say hi to her. Sometimes a teacher might send a student down to the library to spend some time with Bea as a reward.”

Michaud started the reader therapy dog program at Defer Elementary School when her three sons attended there. Simon, a golden retriever, even had a starring role in “Annie,” put on by the Grosse Pointe Public School Summer Musical Theatre Workshop in June 2018.

After Simon had to be put down due to a heart tumor, Michaud acquired Bea and started training her.

“I couldn’t even look at a golden retriever for a while, but I did some



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Students at Pierce Middle School enjoy spending time with Bea, a reader therapy dog.

research on the breed and clumber spaniels have a very similar disposition to goldens,” she said. “She’s actually kind of lazy, so she’s perfect for what I wanted her for.”

Michaud started training Bea as soon as she was ready.

“I started on that path

much sooner than with Simon,” she said. “Then I called the alliance to get him tested.”

That process involves four steps, the first being a volunteer from the group meeting the dog.

“It’s an initial assessment,” Michaud said. “They can tell right off the bat if the dog will be

a good fit.”

Next were trips to a pet supply store and a home improvement store to see how Bea would interact with people in different environments.

“The last step is usually visiting a medical facility, but this was during COVID so that was out,” she recalled. “They let



Two shelves in the school library contain ‘BeaTWEEN the Books,’ selections that deal with social/emotional learning and animals.

me pick a place so we went to the Central library branch since they were already familiar with me.”

Michaud has received three grants so far from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

“That’s basically for insurance because I have to have a special rider and annual recertification,” she noted. “Part of the money also goes toward books.”

Two shelves in the Pierce media center are called “BeaTWEEN the Books,” a nod to both Bea and the fact middle schoolers are sometimes referred to as “tweens.”

Michaud generally picks books that deal with social/emotional learning or about animals.

“I tell the kids Bea picks the books,” she laughed. “Each one has a picture of her on the spine and a sticker inside noting the foundation’s grant.”

Part of one foundation grant paid for a gate that sits behind Michaud’s desk where Bea’s bed is located.

“The kids know that if she’s back there, there’s no petting,” she said. “Everyone needs a little break once in a while. Although Bea is so good, I don’t even really need to use the gate.”

Kerby holding prom

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Something usually more associated with high school, a prom, is making its way to Kerby Elementary School for the second straight year.

The event is scheduled 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 1, in the school gym, 285 Kerby, Grosse Pointe

Farms, and is being planned by the school’s PTO.

“There are daddy-daughter dances, but really no mom-son dances or VIP dances,” PTO President Jessica Safadi said. “We want to be inclusive of everyone so the kids can bring that special someone in

their life.”

Safadi said that could be parents, grandparents, an aunt or uncle or anyone special. The evening, themed “Once Upon a Story,” will include a DJ, two photo booths and food.

“Mr. Fitz (principal Walt Fitzpatrick) will be making a special appear-

ance to be our DJ for a while,” Safadi added.

Mario and Princess Peach characters also will be present to dance with the students. Younger siblings are welcome, as are students 13 and under from other schools.

“We sold out last year at 250 tickets and we’re

hoping to do the same this year,” Safadi said.

“It was a riot.”

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased from the Kerby PTO via PayPal (paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/1902407) or through Venmo (@KerbyPTO).

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antees teaching majors get an interview with their home district upon graduation.

“It can really change someone’s career path,” Gruenwald said. “Michigan has a teacher shortage, so we need to inspire the next generation of teachers.”

Such was the case with Venus Piccolo, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School who Gruenwald said had been considering a career in graphic design.

“During my junior year I participated in the early childhood education program assisting children with special needs and disabilities,” Piccolo said. “Through that experience, it made me realize the positive impact I could have on others. I was able to see how happy I made the children with my presence.”

Piccolo plans to attend Wayne State University to become a special education teacher.

Abby Haggerty, a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School who also took the class last year, will attend Wayne State University in the

fall and major in elementary education.

“I have always naturally been good with kids so when my counselor told me about this class I thought I would try it,” she said. “I didn’t have a career choice back then, but this quickly changed when I had the opportu-

nity to work at Barnes with non-verbal kids. It opened my eyes to how much of a difference I can make in kids’ lives. Walking into class every day and seeing the excitement on the children’s faces is something that can’t be beaten.”

Gruenwald said she’s been promoting the class since February is CTE Month.

“We really want to build momentum and keep this running for the long haul,” she said. “They can bring so much positive energy to their classrooms.”

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Pictured from left are first-place winner Taylor Pozzi, second-place winner Sloane O'Neill and third-place winner Ava Kern.

Students win scholarships from SCS Community Chorus

The St. Clair Shores Community Chorus recently selected its 2024 scholarship recipients. Chippewa Valley High School senior Taylor Pozzi achieved first-place honors with her performance of “Astonishing,” from “Little Women.” She plans to major in music and become a music teacher. She also has been nominated for the Sutton Foster Award. Grosse Pointe North High School senior Sloane O'Neill is the

second-place recipient, having performed “Per pietà, bell'idol mio,” by Bellini. She plans to major in voice performance and have a singing career. L'Anse Creuse High School senior Ava Kern earned the third-place award, performing “All That Jazz.” She plans to go into musical theater. Scholarship recipients will be featured Saturday, May 4, during the “Disney Dazzle on Stage” spring show of the St. Clair Shores Community Chorus,

under the direction of Cynthia Ohrt, at Lake Shore High School, 22980 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores. Each of them will perform solos beginning at 6:45 p.m. The chorus will perform selections from Disney Broadway shows including “Aladdin,” “Beauty and the Beast,” “Encanto,” “The Lion King,” “The Little Mermaid” and more beginning at 7 p.m. “We are amazed every year by the talent surrounding our commu-

nity and this year was no different,” said Kelli Martin, chorus president. “We wish our recipients the best in all that the future holds.” The chorus rehearses Monday nights at Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church. For ticket information, call (586) 482-6056 or visit scscommunitychorus.org. Tickets for the spring show are \$20 in advance for adults, \$22 at the door, \$10 for children ages 4 to 12 and free for children 3 and younger.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Clarice Fisher of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the University at Buffalo's fall 2023 Dean's List. Evelyn Stahl of Grosse Pointe Woods, a sport management major at York College of Pennsylvania, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester.



The following Grosse Pointe students were named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the fall 2023 semester: Christopher Marshall, Dylan Cardinale and Katherine Flynn of Grosse Pointe Woods; Katie Woerner and Maya Brousseau of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Nicholas Miller and Sarah Stovall of the City of Grosse Pointe.



Matthew Compton of Grosse Pointe Farms recently was accepted into Albion College's Lisa and James Wilson Institute for Medicine. Julianna Tague of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester at Emerson College. She is a communication dis-

Sarah Stovall orders major. Annamarie Pantuso of Grosse Pointe Woods and Jamey Wofford of the City of Grosse Pointe were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Michigan State University.

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY, GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE CITY, GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND GROSSE POINTE WOODS MICHIGAN

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Presidential: Republican Presidential Primary for President of the United States

Full text of the ballot, including the proposals, may be obtained at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local Clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

All electors who are registered with the Clerk in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election. Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote. To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the City Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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PROM: Continued from page 9A Funds raised last year went toward the school's new playground. "I still can't believe we raised enough money for that in one year," Safadi said. "This time it will be for the school itself. They need more Chromebooks and they're looking at creating a STEM lab."

Detroit Horse Power Development Director Ciara Ginyard, left, stands with Julie Baumer, president of the Lakeshore Optimist Club.

Making strides

Ciara Ginyard, development director of Detroit Horse Power, was the guest speaker at the Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe meeting Feb. 12. She provided an overview of the history, programs and plans for the organization going forward. The 501(c)3 nonprofit was founded in 2015, by former Detroit elementary school teacher David Silver. It teaches Detroit students to ride and care for horses to develop critical skills that will set them up for academic, career and life success. More than 2,000 students each year participate in after-school programs and summer camps. Currently Detroit Horse Power partners with existing horse businesses to provide firsthand experiences for students. Detroit Horse Power has made considerable progress planning and fundraising to create its own equestrian center in Detroit. A planned urban equestrian center will be built on repurposed vacant land and serve as a community center that offers year-round youth programming.

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Ballet is back at The War Memorial
Adult classes take place Tuesday mornings

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When the idea to bring adult ballet classes to the Grosse Pointes was still pirouetting through Suzanne Hawkins' mind, she couldn't think of a more suitable location than the studio at The War Memorial.

"It's a lovely studio with wood floors," she said. "I always thought it would be a nice place to have classes."

Some time has passed since the historic building hosted adult ballet classes, but Hawkins has revived the art form there, offering Tuesday morning lessons for intermediate students.

"I wanted to bring this class to the area because there are a lot of dancers here who would like a class that's challenging and close to home in a beautiful facility," she said. "Some of my long-time students are coming. They still live close by and didn't want to drive to take adult classes."

Because the class is for intermediate dancers, Hawkins recommends students have at least five years of ballet experience. Each class lasts 75 minutes and focuses on correct warmup and alignment, as well as injury prevention.

"We do some barre, we do a stretch, some adagio — something slow for control and strength," she said. "We do a variety of jumps — small, medium and big — and something that travels across the room. It ends with a grande reverence."

"There's lots of tradition in ballet classes," she continued. "Things go in order, something slow, something fast so you're not overworking one set of muscles. I give my classes a lot of thought, the order it goes in, the music. We repeat for a couple of weeks so they can really feel they've mastered it by the time we move on."

A master herself, Hawkins has led adult ballet classes since 1981. She has been on staff at College for Creative Studies, Oakland University, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and several other studios. The longtime instructor, who grew up in St. Clair Shores, was introduced to ballet as a child at the Ruth Carney Dance Studio in Grosse Pointe Woods. She is trained in both the Cecchetti and Vaganova methods of ballet and is a certified teacher with the American Ballet Theater.

Though classes maintain a traditional order, one thing has changed,

Hawkins noted. Gone are the days of tights and leotards. While she said students should not wear baggy clothing, their ballet attire is up to them. Ballet shoes, however, are a must. The correct clothing, as well as a proper warmup, are key to preventing injury.

"I'm conscious of keeping them injury free," Hawkins said. "I keep things very balanced and make sure they're warm. My motto is 'Get warm, stay warm.'"

"... Adults who come in with a preexisting injury, there are certain things they can't do or don't want to do," she added. "But there are still huge benefits to coming to class."

Some of those benefits include core strength, improved posture and balance — "which is so important as we age, to prevent falls" — as well as osteoporosis prevention, flexibility and toning. It's also a cardiovascular workout, she said.

"Ballet is unique in that you work both sides of the body equally," she added. "It's body- and brain-taxing at the same time. It's a great mental workout, which, as we age, is a wonderful thing."

Classes at The War Memorial are offered on a drop-in basis to accommodate dancers with busy lives, from looking after children to caring for aging parents. Men and women are invited to the class, which meets at 10 a.m. Tuesdays.

"They're doing it for themselves," Hawkins said, noting the camaraderie built during classes, which occur in a non-competitive environment. "They're keeping up their own technique. As adults they're here because they want to be

and it shows. They really work hard. My adult dancers are beautiful, vibrant. They work hard, but they are in amazing shape."

"... I've had many of my adult students tell me that ballet is their 'therapy,'" she added. "They can relax, get away from the stresses of life for a while and do something for themselves."

Hawkins encouraged anyone with experience, even if it's been a few years since they've slipped into their ballet shoes, to attend a class.

"I think a lot of dancers around here would love to come back to ballet," she said. "Maybe they think, 'I can't do it. I haven't done it in 10 or 15 years.' It always amazes me when they come back to class after a longer absence and say, 'It all came back to me.' ... They may be rusty physically and their mus-



Longtime ballet instructor Suzanne Hawkins leads adult classes at The War Memorial Tuesday mornings.



Lisa McQueen and Laurel Lombardi.



Above, Laurel Lombardi demonstrates her flexibility during a recent class. Right, from left, students Marlise Cole, Carol Shea, Lisa McQueen and Laurel Lombardi.



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Early voting: ‘Teamwork makes the dream work’

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It’s a few minutes before noon the first Saturday of nine straight days of early voting in the presidential primary. “We’ve had seven voters,” said Katie Burgess, one of three election inspectors working the polling site on the first-floor lobby of city hall. “They were happy to have the opportunity to get that check-off without standing in lines. A couple of them commented on that.”

Burgess and two other inspectors had been at it since 8:30 a.m. They’d completed the first 3½ hours of their run, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Sunday, Feb. 25. Traditional in-person Election Day is Tuesday, Feb. 27. Registered voters also can get an absentee ballot up to 5 p.m. the Friday before Election Day at their local clerk’s office or by visiting michigan.gov/vote.

While opening day sauntered at a pace of two ballots per hour, Burgess regarded each elector as a testament to the democratic process.

“My first time voting at 18, I didn’t get a welcome,” she said. “So, when I get a chance to welcome people, I want to make them feel good about coming in and voting.”

“The organization of an election, particularly a primary election with the inauguration of early voting, encompasses myriad tasks and responsibilities,” said Bridgette Bowdler, Park city clerk. “Teamwork makes the dream work. This crew really knows how to get down.”

“This is a momentous moment, a critical and historic moment for our state,” said Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, touring the site Thursday, Feb. 15.

Voters established



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk Bridgette Bowdler, stand with the Vote Early Here sign in the lobby of Grosse Pointe Park City Hall.

early voting by passing a statewide ballot initiative in 2022.

“Our clerks have been working overtime since this law was enacted to ensure we are ready for this moment,” Benson said. “And we are. We want voters to know they have every reason to have rightly-based faith in the security of the process, their safety and, when they cast their vote — whether they choose to vote from home, in person, in person at an early voting site or on Election Day — their vote will count and their voice will be heard.”

“Early voting is an extremely important part of the process,” said Bridgette Bowdler, Park city clerk. “Teamwork makes the dream work. This crew really knows how to get down.”

Voters established

pleting their ballot at home and slowly but competently making their way to a drop box.” Gregory Mahar, Wayne County director of elections, said, “Of our 43 jurisdictions, 42 are single municipal communities. Each one of those is offering early voting sites in the confines of their city or township, which is

fantastic.”

“There’s nothing more important than having integrity in our elections,” Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. “That’s not just words. We believe in action. With the addition of Clerk Bowdler to our team, we’ve been able to deliver on that with our early voting resources,

with cleaning up our voters list, with polling locations and making sure they run smoothly.”

Benson forecast a record-setting presidential election in November.

“We already know that for this presidential primary more people are voting than voted in 2020, which is really exciting,” she said. “We have over



Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington talks about election security.

1.3 million citizens requesting absentee ballots, which is an 80 percent increase from where we were at this time in 2020. So, even though you could argue there is not as much of a contest in front of voters in this election as there was in 2020, it’s really encouraging to see voters as engaged and enthusiastic as they are.”

“In fact,” Washington said, “since the unprecedented expansion during the COVID-19 pandemic, mail voting has become safer, more secure and an extremely reliable method of voting. Studies across the nation have consistently shown that instances of ballot misconduct are exceptionally low at this time.”

Ballot drop boxes across the county are safe, he said.

“Mail ballot boxes have multiple layers of protection, including the placement of drop boxes in safe, well-lit and convenient locations, like libraries and fire stations,” Washington said. “Our boxes cannot be accessed by anyone except designated election staff. Video camera surveillance in the drop boxes avoid tempering. Our officers, in partnership with local law enforcement agencies, will be keeping an eye open to ensure the safety and integrity of these drop boxes. Know that in Grosse Pointe and throughout Wayne County, we will enforce the law and make sure you feel good about dropping your ballots in our boxes.”

“(Wayne County) Clerk (Cathy) Garrett is a big believer in local control of elections and a big believer in checks and balances,” Mahar said. “Local clerks continuing to administer the elections and count the ballots is truth-testament to the foundation of our election system and structure.”

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 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.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held, February 5, 2024 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on January 17, 2024, Special City Council meeting held on January 29, 2024, Beautification Commission meeting held on August 14, 2023, the Library Board meeting held on December 21, 2023 and the Election Commission meeting held on February 1, 2024.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1) (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 129195 through 129314 in the amount of \$527,490.97 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to Drive Creative Services LLC in the amount of \$13,723.08 for the printing of the City’s annual calendar and the postage and delivery of the calendar and The Insider. (3) approve payment to SAFEbuilt, LLC in the amount of \$40,181.52 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of October 2023. (4) approve payment to McKenna Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$6,677.96 for the professional services provided on the site plan and special land use reviews for the potential marijuana retail businesses, and also for the development of the Recreation Master Plan. (5) approve payment in the amount of \$11,050.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance with water main breaks, a stop box replacement and a storm sewer repair at various locations. (6) approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,315.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City. (7) approve payment to Oakland County in the amount of \$5,905.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (8) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$6,080.16 for the contractual assessing services to be performed during the month of February 2024. (9) approve payment to Simplified Business Solutions in the amount of \$6,830.36 for the email hosting, security and backups of our computer system for the month of and for IT support services for all departments. (10) approve payment to The Helm in the amount of \$14,000 for Senior Services and \$6,000 to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the city’s proportionate share of expenses relative to the senior transit services for residents of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes. (11) approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$20,253.20 for professional services during the month of January 2024 for the following projects: Eastland Center, #180-244; Kelly Rd Corridor, #180-322; Misc. Concrete Repair, #180-338; Joint/Crack Seal, #180-341; FDCVT Grant, #180-332; Miss Digs, #180-255; 2023 and 2024 San. Sewer FCIPP, #180-316 and #180-339; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-337; 2023 and 2024 San. Sewer Replacement, #180-317 and #180-341; Temp. Water Operator, #180-303 and DWRF Lead Svc. Replacement, #180-331. (12) approve payment in the amount of \$38,336.79 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City’s pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 1 through December 31, 2023. (13) approve the reappointments to the various boards and commissions as listed on the attached memorandum from the City Clerk.
- 2) to approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$356,130.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the period of January 1 through March 31, 2024.

Valerie Kindle, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Gregory Mahar, Wayne County Director of Elections, talks about elections and early voting.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Grosse Pointe Public School System will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. EST on Wednesday February 28th, 2024**, for Civil & Paving Contractor RFP. Grosse Pointe Public School System will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Pre-bid Clarifications must be sent to Gary Kent from Plante Moran at gary.kent@plantemoran.com by **February 21st, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. EST**

All bids must be addressed to: Grosse Pointe Public School System, 20601 Morningside Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Attention Ben Matteson, Director of Facilities.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Familial Disclosure Statement, Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit, and a Non-Collusive Affidavit.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=2fa4b8fca4448729ff4d4260696c8f0>

Documents will be available for viewing on **February 13th, 2024**. Any questions, contact Gary Kent from Plante Moran at gary.kent@plantemoran.com.

GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Special Needs Resource Fair is Feb. 28

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Following a successful inaugural year, the Special Needs Resource Alliance is hosting its second Special Needs Resource Fair from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The fair provides supportive opportunities to parents and caregivers of neurodivergent children.

“Last year was amazing,” said Jennifer Bingaman, executive director of The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. “We had 46 vendors and 150 people came through.

“The common feedback we heard from families was, ‘When we received the diagnosis, the future wasn’t clear to us anymore. We’re not sure of next steps or what life will look like. The fair has shown us a path forward.’ We thought that was so powerful. We’re so excited to do it again.”

The Family Center is among several organizations that comprise the Special Needs Resource Alliance. Other participants are The Arc of Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods, Kids on the Go, Full Circle Foundation, Lumen Pediatric Therapy and the Grosse Pointe Public School System’s Special Education

Transitional Services.

“The fair opens up a whole host of opportunities and therapies, as well as financial and legal supports that families may need,” Bingaman said.

Educational, recreational and occupational resources, along with mental health, legal and government services will be featured among the fair’s 60 vendors. Additionally, a few micro-businesses, developed by people with special needs, will be spotlighted.

Members of Full Circle’s TEAM 26 program will be on hand selling Full Circle’s TEAM 26 Dog Biscuits.

Program coordinators Regan Wright and Meaghan Post oversee the business, which operates out of First English Lutheran Church.

“They are an amazing community partner,” Wright said of the church.

Two sizes of treats are offered — six biscuits for medium to large dogs or 16 nuggets for little dogs. Both sell for \$5 via Venmo or with cash.

“They’re both made with five ingredients,” Wright said, “wheat flour, canned pumpkin, peanut butter without xylitol, a dash of cinnamon and a dash of salt. And they’re baked with special love by TEAM 26.”

TEAM 26 participants work in shifts, taking on tasks that appeal to them.

“Some come in and do prep,” she said. “Others like to do cleanup. One student likes to come in to label and organize.

“Watching the bakers work together is a source of pride. They are learning many life skills at each baking session — kitchen safety, cleaning, patience, (that) mistakes are great lessons and plan B scenarios,” she added. “Seeing their confidence grow makes Wednesday our favorite day of the week.”

Wright said the biscuits should be kept refrigerated or frozen.

“We first launched in the fall and now we’re at a point where we’re selling to consumers,” she said, adding that orders may be placed by emailing fullcircleteam26@gmail.com by Friday each week. The first 50 orders are filled; delivery is limited until the program has a delivery driver.

Orders also may be picked up at Full Circle’s Upscale Resale Shop on Thursdays.

Another micro-enterprise conducting busi-

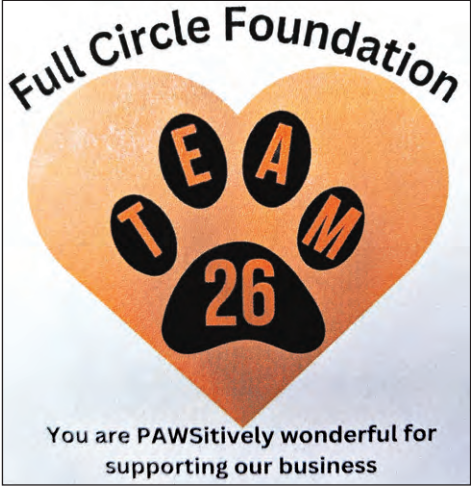


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TEAM 26 Dog Biscuits, labeled with this thank-you message for supporters, will be sold during the fair.

ness at the fair will be Owen’s Able Table, featuring a staff of young adults with special needs. The business, the brainchild of young entrepreneur Owen Helton, will soft launch during the fair.

“We hire young adults who have aged out of the system through Grosse Pointe,” said his mother, Joyce Helton. “We bought a food trailer and got it up to code. The idea is, Owen wants to do real food, not fake food. It’s all light, healthy sandwiches.”

Though the food trailer won’t make an appearance during the fair, two of its staple menu items will be available to sample.

◆ **Mini Chicken Burritos** — two flour or corn tortillas rubbed

with refried black beans, pollo asada and cheese, air fried and topped with sour cream and homemade salsa.

◆ **The Tiny Hawaiian** — baked ham, Swiss, a slice of pineapple and mayo on a Kings Hawaiian Sweet Roll melted to perfection.

“The kids at the resource fair will take orders and deliver the product,” Melton said, noting the sandwiches are pre-made at First English Lutheran Church, where Owen’s Able Table employees are trained.

Helton is excited to soft launch at the fair, which she attended last year. She was amazed at the amount of support available.

“The resources you don’t even realize you can get help with are right there in front of you,” she said. “... I had no idea the financial resources and psychological resources available. And the kindness and generosity you’ll see there are amazing.”

Returning this year is a quiet room, with self-directed activities, for people with special needs who become overwhelmed amidst the bustle of the fair.

“People who used it last year found it helpful; they were glad to know it was there,” Bingaman said, noting the space will be staffed with volunteers, as will the entire fair.

“We’ll have lots of volunteers this year who will be able to direct vendors and guests who come through, as well as answer questions,” she added. “We wanted to make this user-friendly. If someone comes in who only has a half hour, but they want to talk to someone about estate planning ... we’ll have volunteers who will direct them to the vendor they need.”

Registration is not required for the fair, nor is there a charge.

“Everything is free,” Bingaman said. “Families are welcome.

“... It’s for anybody in the field. Educators and other providers would find it useful to meet and network.”

For more information about the Special Needs Resource Fair, visit familycenterhelps.org or call (313) 447-1374.

Upcoming alliance events include its third annual dance for people with special needs in May and a parent workshop in September.

“We hope, if it’s well-received, we’ll do it at least annually,” Bingaman said of the parent workshop.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Reunion

Grosse Pointe North High School’s Class of 1984 is searching for classmates for its 40th reunion, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at Fishbones Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 23722 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$40. The reunion includes a cash bar, light appetizers and live ‘80s music by Lunar Sessions. For those in town early, a casual gathering at Rustic Cabins in Grosse Pointe Park takes place Friday, Aug. 23. For tickets, email amytholland@live.com or call (313) 790-9667.

Posterity Gallery

Posterity Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts the class, Trinket/Pandora Box Making with Pat Tapper, from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22. To register or get tickets, visit posterityartgallery.com or call (313) 884-8105.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ **1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Redeemer United Methodist Church, 20571 Vernier, Harper Woods.**

◆ **7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.**

◆ **8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.**

◆ **12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, Roseville Library, 29777 Gratiot, Roseville.**

◆ **1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday,**

March 5, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

The Helm

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

◆ The movie, “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s Disease, 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 27, with instructor Treena Horton of the Alzheimer’s Association-Michigan Chapter.

◆ Crafting with Linda: Spring Banner Making, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, with

instructor Linda Tocco. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

◆ **Out-to-Breakfast Bunch, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, at The Original Pancake House.** Cost for bus service is \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Diners are responsible for the cost of their own meals.

◆ **Field Trip: DSO—Red Carpet Film Scores, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 8.** Cost is \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

◆ The movie “The Age of Adaline” is shown at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 8. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.

◆ **Addiction: Understanding and Helping Others, 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 13, with presenter Brooke Wakeford, preventionist with CARE of Southeastern Michigan.**

Library

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

visit grossepointelibrary.org.

◆ **GPPL Friends \$5 Bag Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.**

◆ **Readers’ Choice Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.**

◆ **Origins of Country and Rock n’ Roll, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.**

◆ **D&D Club, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.**

◆ **4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Ewald, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.**

◆ **In Cold Mug Book Discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Bogartz Food & Spirits, 17441 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.**

◆ **You Kill Me: The True Crime Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.**

◆ **5th & 6th Grade Book Group, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.**

◆ **Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.**

◆ **The Man Behind the Camera, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.**

◆ **Storytime, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.**

◆ **Teen Game Club, 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 29, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.**

◆ **Baffling Bill the Magician, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 2, at Woods, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.**

GPA

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

◆ **Needle Felting Small Creatures with Ann Jacob, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24.**

◆ **Portraits in the Style of John Singer Sargent with Donald Cronkhite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 29, March 7 and March 14.**

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Christopher Schultz will discuss how easy it is for young people to be introduced and get addicted to drugs. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS BOARD OF REVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2024 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 11, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 25, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor’s office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org or www.michigan.gov/taxes; Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor’s office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 25, 2023, until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00%
Commercial	48.01%
Industrial	49.77%
Residential	42.63%
Timber-Cutover	50.00%
Developmental	50.00%
Personal Property	50.00%

City of Harper Woods
Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of ~~Grosse Pointe Farms~~, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2024 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024
From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd.

G.P.N.: 2/15/24; 2/22/24; 2/29/24; 3/7/24

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.

Mary Ellen Corbett

Mary Ellen Corbett, 91, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, in Grosse Pointe. She was surrounded by her five children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law.

Born March 13, 1932, in Detroit, Mary Ellen lived an extraordinary life characterized by selflessness, devotion to family and a passion for the simple joys in life. Mary Ellen was a proud graduate of Grosse Pointe High School. She received an academic scholarship to the University of Michigan, where she earned a degree in education and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Mary Ellen met her husband, David Patrick Corbett, at the University of Michigan, where together they cultivated a lifelong passion for U of M football.

Mary Ellen was predeceased by her beloved husband of nearly 47 years, David Corbett; her parents, Charles and Frances Hiener (nee Archibald); sister, Caron Hutton; brother-in-law, Timothy Hutton; and brother, Charles Hiener.

Mary Ellen’s legacy continues through her cherished family. She is survived by her loving children, Kathleen Corbett (Gary Bowman), David Corbett (Polly Brainerd), Jeanne Corbett (Karl Kromp), Paul Corbett (Marc Meisel) and James Corbett (Jennifer). Her role as a grandmother was one of her greatest joys and she will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Sarah Bowman (Christin), Catherine Baker (Ross), Meghan Bowman, Spencer Corbett, Caitlin Bowman, Cecily Corbett (Emma), Maxwell Corbett, Cassidy Kwiecinski (Adam) and Ian Corbett. She also leaves behind her adored great-grandchildren, William Baker, Zephyr Bowman, Lucy Baker and Brynne Bowman, who will miss her warmth and stories.

Mary Ellen started her career as a kindergarten teacher and then embraced her role as a homemaker, creating a warm and welcoming home for her family. She was a woman of many interests and talents, finding joy and companionship on the golf course, at the bowling alley and around the bridge table. Her competitive spirit was matched only by her grace and sportsmanship. She was a member of the Wayne County Medical Auxiliary, on the school board for St. Paul Catholic School and a volunteer for more than 40 years on the Bon Secours Assistance League.

Those who knew Mary Ellen will remember her loving nature, kind heart and selfless devotion to her family and friends. She was a woman who led by example, showing that the most profound impacts are often made through quiet acts of kindness and consistent support. Her presence was a comfort, her laughter was infectious and her guidance was a constant source of strength for all who were fortunate enough to be part of her

life.

As her family bids farewell to Mary Ellen, they celebrate a life well-lived and a woman well-loved. Her memory will continue to inspire and her legacy will live on in the lives she touched. She was the heart of her family and, though she will be deeply missed, the love she gave will forever be cherished.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, with Rosary at 7 p.m., at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., with a visitation at 9:30 a.m., on her birthday, Wednesday, March 13, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A luncheon will be held at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms, immediately after services.

The family extends their gratitude to all who shared in Mary Ellen’s journey and contributed to her lifetime of happy memories. Her light shone brightly during her time with them and it will continue to illuminate the paths of those she loved.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, thecapuchins.org/donate.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Carl “Mr. D” DeRaedt

Carl “Mr. D” DeRaedt, 88, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024. He was born June 6, 1935, in Detroit, to Camelle and Marie DeRaedt.

Carl was predeceased by his wife, Nancy Primeau DeRaedt; longtime companion, Mary Bommarito; and son, Mark K. DeRaedt.

He is survived by his daughters, Kimberleigh Bill (Gary) and Dawn Brownlee (Dan); grandchildren, Jeanette Parker (Stephen), Christopher Bill (Charlotte), Katherine Bill, Shelby Eppich and Jon Carl Eppich; and great-grandson, Nicholas Parker. He also is survived by Carl Bommarito, Tony Bommarito, Alexandra Kaiser (Zach) and Michelle Primeau Holtcamp (Brian).

Carl worked for The Detroit News for 38 years as a district manager. He became known to his carriers as “Mr. D.” He enjoyed working with the carriers and getting to know them and their families. He retired 38 years ago and found odd jobs to keep him busy, often running into carriers from years past and always remembering them by name.

In his free time, he enjoyed many activities with his friends. He could make a new friend anywhere he went. He could give a detailed account of how a golf course played even if he hadn’t played it himself in years. He loved a winning bet at the casino, as well as family parties and celebrations. He always had a smile on his face and something nice to say about every-

one.

Carl was very proud of his family. He was a supporting and loving father to his three children and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Any activity in which they were involved, he was right there cheering them on. As his grandchildren got older and started their careers, he was the first one who wanted to hear about them, asked a million questions and enjoyed the time spent talking with them. Family meant everything to him. He was the only 88-year-old whose loved ones needed to schedule plans in advance, as often his schedule was full of time well spent with everyone who loved him.

A visitation for Carl was held at A.H. Peters Funeral Home in Warren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Carl’s memory may be made to American Heart Association, heart.org/?form=FUNELYZXFBW.

Susan Kathryn Ellison

Susan Kathryn Ellison, 84, of Grosse Pointe Woods, died Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, Va., following a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 16, 1939, to Jeanette and Walter Betsch. Susan grew up in Bexley, Ohio, and graduated from Bexley High School. She acquired a bachelor’s degree in home economics from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Sue was working as a cooking demonstrator for a gas company when she met Henry William “Bill” Ellison. They married and purchased a home in Grosse Pointe Woods, where they raised their two children, Patricia and Peter.

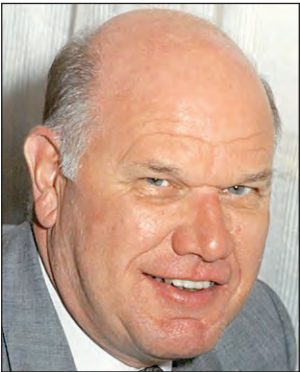
Following Bill’s retirement from GM and subsequent acquisition of Horolovar, a historic clock parts business, Sue fulfilled the role of shipping clerk until Bill’s second retirement. Sue and Bill served as ushers for the Fisher Theater in Detroit for more than 40 years and Sue volunteered as a historic interpreter at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum (“the Old House”) in St. Clair Shores. Sue also occasionally attended Society for Creative Anachronism history re-enactment events with her children.

Sue was a longtime member of the Eastside Handweavers Guild and Michigan League of Handweavers. She was an avid fiber artist and worked in many genres, including loom weaving, basket weaving, knitting, pieced quilting, tailoring and crazy quilting. Her creations frequently won awards at the Handweaver’s Guild of America “Convergence” conference and other events.

Sue was predeceased by her husband, Bill, in 2022. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Susan Ellison, (Lloyd Eldred, Ph.D.); son, Peter William Ellison (Margaret Deppe, Ph.D.); and grandchildren, William Hager



Mary Ellen Corbett



Carl DeRaedt



Susan Kathryn Ellison

Eldred and Marshall Charles Eldred.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Susan’s memory to the Eastside Handweaver’s Guild, Attn: Ami Lelji, 11178 Saar Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48314; or The Old House, 22500 11 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

Mary C. Stelmark

Mary C. (nee Sweeney) Stelmark, 79, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, on her birthday and just 10 days after her husband, Joseph.

Mary was born Feb. 13, 1945, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Farrigal “Fred” Sweeney and Mary Muldowney.

Mary grew up playing with friends, cousins and her two brothers all over New York City. Both of her parents were born in Ireland and Mary was incredibly proud of her Irish heritage. Mary had an austere upbringing as the daughter of a gravedigger and a custodian, which gave her a strong work ethic. As a preteen, she taught herself American Sign Language so she could communicate with a deaf friend. She excelled in academics and, after graduating high school, worked full-time while getting an associate degree. She also completed her bachelor’s degree at night at Baruch College.

Mary liked to move. She spent winters skiing in upstate New York and summers visiting the Hamptons with friends. In summer 1970, she spent a month with her cousin, aunt and mother visiting family in Ireland. That fall, she set off on a road trip to San Francisco with friends, where she ended up living for two years, creating friendships that lasted her entire life.

Returning to New York to be near family, Mary worked as a secretary for federal judges in the Southern District of New York. She eventually started her own secretarial services business, which allowed her some bonding time with her only employee, her father.

Mary bumped into Joseph Stelmark at Pippin’s, a bar in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and they were married not long after on June 15, 1975. They lived in Bay Ridge and then bought a home in Staten Island, where they lived around seven years until they moved to Michigan when Joe was promoted.

After nine years of marriage, Mary gave birth to her and Joe’s only child, Joseph C. Stelmark III, in 1984. Mary and Joe spent the next few decades working full-time, raising Joey and spending numerous nights and afternoons at concerts, practices and games. She was a proud mother.

Mary was very involved with her faith, volunteering as a second-grade catechism teacher and eucharistic minister at St.



Mary C. Stelmark



William Yordy

Philomena Catholic Church. She also served as a eucharistic minister at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, where she had started to undergo training as a grief counselor.

Mary was a meticulous planner and in addition to managing both her own and Joe’s lives, she continued planning travels, including fantastic family vacations to Ireland, the Northeast, Disney World and the Southwest, as well as a family reunion in the Upper Peninsula. Her plans were thorough and the trips provided the family stories that will last a lifetime. In her spare time, she was an avid reader and loved mysteries.

Mary was very close with her family throughout her life. She always checked in on her brothers, in-laws and nieces and orchestrated multiple family gatherings and reunions. She was very close with her mother throughout her life and brought her mom from New York to live with her and the family in Michigan for the later stages of her life.

When Mary retired, she and Joe enjoyed traveling the country and the world. They spent four years traveling the U.S. to see their son’s Michigan lacrosse games and took annual trips to Cancun with great friends. Other travel highlights included anniversary cruises and trips to Alaska and Europe.

Never one to get bored, Mary made the most of her free time in retirement. Fearlessly, she started an acting career at 70 years old, joining multiple acting groups, producing, acting in and directing multiple shows. Mary also was a member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, serving as an officer for a time. She also donated her time and insights by tutoring at the Dominican Literacy Center. Most importantly, Mary got to spend quality time with good friends, her husband, her son and her granddaughters.

She is survived by her son, Joe Stelmark (Emily); brothers, Fred Sweeney (Joan) and Owen Sweeney (Elizabeth); as well as many nieces and nephews. She had two grandchildren, Madeline (2.5) and Juliette (10 months), whom she loved and often bragged about.

Mary will be remembered as an active member of her community, an outwardly caring family member who always had time to listen and a wonderful friend and advice

giver. Most of all, she was a devoted and loving wife, proud mother and the best Grandma Mary.

A celebration of life for Mary and Joseph was held at St. Clare of Montefalco. In lieu of flowers, Mary would have preferred a donation to an organization that meant a great deal to her, the Dominican Literacy Center, dlcliteracy.org/donate.

William “Bill” Yordy

William “Bill” Yordy, 75 passed away Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024.

Bill was the beloved soulmate, best friend and husband of more than 40 years to Diane; friend and brother-in-law to Charles “Chuck” and Sue Reti; proud and loving uncle to his nephew and godson, Nathaniel “Nate” Reti; beloved kitty dad to Beaujolais, Cabernet, Juliet, Bowser and Poochie; and younger brother to Charles Yordy (Sharron). Bill was predeceased by his parents, George Samuel and Elizabeth.

Bill had a long and storied career in accounting, rising from a junior clerk as a young man to several controllerships to the chief financial officer for organizations ranging from automotive and manufacturing to film and video, healthcare and nonprofit for the developmentally disabled.

He and Diane shared a passion for many activities, including University of Michigan football, fine wine, cooking and dining, bike riding and gardening.

Both became Advanced Master Gardeners and volunteered their expertise and time to several groups.

He will be remembered as a kind, generous and fun-loving man by all who knew and loved him, of which there were many.

Private funeral services were held. A celebration of life in Bill’s memory will be held at a later date.

Donations for research to combat and conquer the insidious tumor that took Bill are respectfully requested in lieu of flowers. Donations may be made in Bill’s honor to support glioblastoma research at the University of Michigan, Michigan Medicine Office of Development, 777 E. Eisenhower Pkwy., Ste. 650, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, or victors.us/billyordy.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

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Dennert O. Ware

Dennert “Denny” O. Ware of Grosse Pointe died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, surrounded by his family. Born in 1941 in Kalamazoo, he was the son of Harris and Marion Ware. In 1964, he married the love of his life, Lillian Suzanne Espy. Together, they raised six children. His nine grandchildren lovingly referred to him as “Opa.”

A man of character and integrity, he was a force to be reckoned with. He spent the vast majority of his life trying to improve outcomes for others, professionally in the medical device arena and personally through volunteer activities. As president and CEO of three different companies — Kinetic Concepts Inc., Boehringer Mannheim Corp. and Roche Diagnostics Corp. — as well as chairman of the board or on executive leadership committees for several innovative medical start-ups, he focused on improving patient outcomes and enhancing the way medicine was practiced.

As a philanthropist, Denny focused on developing the next generation through capital campaign leadership, advisory positions and investments in public service and educational organizations such as Christel House, Haven For Hope, the Mackinac Arts Council, Boy Scouts of America, the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering at Purdue University, UTSA and St. Mary’s University.

He garnered prestigious recognitions for his accomplishments from leading organizations. In 2005, he was named Medical Device Chief Executive Officer of the Year by Frost and Sullivan. In 2006, Ernst and Young named him Houston and Gulf Coast’s Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2016, he was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame.

In retirement, he fell in love with historic Mackinac Island, where he purchased his first business, Mission Point Resort. Through his leadership, the resort and his team have won national awards and accolades. The Michigan Historic Preservation Network bestowed the Excellence in Historic Building Renovation Award in



Dennert O. Ware

2023 for his work on Silver Birches Lodge. To him, the island was a cherished adventure, where he enjoyed integrating himself into the fabric of the community.

Denny was a man always on the go, splitting time between Grosse Pointe, San Antonio and Mackinac Island. In addition to his strong work ethic, he enjoyed being around family and friends, traveling, entertaining, coin collecting, boating, cooking, drinking good coffee and sharing great meals. Most meals were perhaps “the best he had ever had,” leaving his children laughing because for him, it was true.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth Ware, Dennert O. Ware Jr. (Myrna), Kathryn Conner (Ty), Sarah Fielden (Clint) and Mark Ware; daughter-in-law, Ami Martin; and grandchildren, Dennert Oliver Ware III, Lillian Patricia Ware, Mark Harris Ware, William Sullivan Ware, Isaac Britt Conner, Jack Sutton Whittemore, Lucy Kathryn Whittemore, Mary Grace Whittemore, and Benjamin Tyler Conner.

He also is survived by his sisters, Mary Brant, Margaret Rives and Kathryn Fell. He was predeceased by his wife, Suzanne Ware, and son, Andrew Sutton.

The viewing will be held 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Porter Loring McCullough. A funeral Mass will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at St Joseph’s Catholic Church Downtown.

Graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Cemetery in Indianapolis. A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held on Mackinac Island at 2 p.m. Monday, June 17, at Silver Birches.

The family expresses gratitude to the tremendous care team at MD Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made



Ronnie Lynn Watkins

to Denny’s favorite charities, Christel House International at christelhouse.org, Haven For Hope at avenforhope.org, and the Mackinac Arts Council at mackinacartscouncil.org.

Ronnie Lynn Watkins

Ronnie Lynn Watkins, 77, passed away Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, surrounded by his loving family at his home in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ronnie was born June 28, 1946, in Tampa, Fla., to Carroll and Leona Watkins. Later in life, he met and married the love of his life, Marcia, on July 3, 1968. Together they shared 55 years of marriage and raised four children, whom they loved and cherished. Ronnie’s career in retail sales spanned more than 55 years, during which he worked at J.L. Hudson’s (Northland Center), Jacobson’s and Saks Fifth Avenue (Somerset Collection). After retiring, he found joy in working at The Henry Ford museum and Greektown Casino.

Beyond his work, Ronnie had a zest for life. He enjoyed downhill skiing, golf, kayaking and visiting amusement parks, with Cedar Point being a favorite. The family also spent time at their cottage on the North Channel in Clay Township. Halloween was Ronnie’s favorite holiday and he delighted in decorating and celebrating Hallo-Weekends at Cedar Point. He and his wife were active volunteers at the Blizzard Ski School.

Ronnie was not only a fast learner, but also someone who generously shared his knowledge with those around him. Above all, he treasured every moment spent as a husband, father and grandfather. His absence will be deeply felt by all who knew and loved him.

Ronnie is survived by his loving wife, Marcia Watkins; beloved children, Rachel Baker



Bruce Kiernan

(Mike), Bradford Watkins (Melissa), Candace Wall (Ryan) and Elizabeth DeGuvera (Jared); cherished grandchildren, Aaron, Sydney, Charlie, Wyatt and Lucy; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; and siblings, Ellis, Ernie, Arlene, Carroll and Ricky. His family wishes Ronnie’s memory will continue to bring comfort and warmth to those who loved him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Share memories with family at faulmannwalsh.com.

Bruce Kiernan

Bruce Kiernan, 74, of Grosse Pointe and formerly of Amherst, N.Y., died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024.

A longtime businessman in the mortgage industry, Kiernan graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended Northern Michigan University. He was the former co-owner and co-founder of American Equity Services. He also was a devoted stepfather, uncle and grandfather. He loved photography, golf, sports cars and rock ‘n’ roll music. Kiernan was proud of his hometown of Grosse Pointe and returned there in his retirement years. He loved spending time with his lifelong friends.

Bruce was predeceased by his parents, Gordon Arthur Kiernan and Madeline “Petsy” (nee Hedly) Kiernan; and his nephew, Scott Kiernan. He is survived by his stepson, Scott Boyer (Jerika); grandchildren, Tripp and Bailey Boyer; brother, Gordon A. Kiernan Jr.; sister, Toni Hom (the late Ray); nieces, Cindy Hom and Anna Lee; nephews, Trey Kiernan (Tory), Ted Kiernan (Yvelisse) and Ryan Kiernan (Ellen); and great-nieces and great-nephews, Riley, Jake, Mikayla, Morgan, Clayton, Kayse,



Raymond C. Walsh

MacKenzie, Austin and Sydney.

Raymond C. Walsh

Raymond C. Walsh, 72, of Grosse Pointe Park, entered eternal rest Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Raymond was born and raised in Secaucus, N.J., to Raymond and Ethel Walsh. He graduated in 1974 from the University of Dayton, where he met his beloved wife of 48 years, Mary (nee Murphy). He worked as a mechanical engineer and retired from NGK Locke.

Raymond enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, traveling, hunting and spending time at the lake. He was known for his famous one-liners.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Michael Walsh (Clare), Lauren Walsh Gray (Rob), Morgan Walsh and Brittany Walsh; and grandchildren, Madeline, Ella and Erin Walsh.

A Mass was held at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Sandra Honer

Sandra Honer, 85, of Grosse Pointe Farms, passed away peacefully Monday, Feb. 12, 2024.

Born May 27, 1938, in Detroit, to Jeff and Stella (nee Sajewicz) Bennett, Sandra grew up in Birmingham and graduated from Birmingham High School. She attended one year at Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., but would have been the first to say her greatest achievements were her children and grandchildren. For this she did not need any classes; she was a natural. Sandy was a generous soul with a huge heart and never had a bad word to say about anyone. She truly loved life and there was never a shortage of fun, laughter or adventure.

This sense of adventure inspired many trips



Sandra Honer

and cruises to several countries across the globe. Sandy became quite the expert traveler who truly enjoyed learning about and connecting with other cultures, people and customs.

Sandy also lived in a handful of states, spending most of the last 35 years in Sun City West, Ariz., with her beloved husband, Wesley Honer. Although the community was considered a “retirement community,” Sandy and Wes did anything but. Together they were active community and club members and participated in a number of activities, including golf, horseback riding, dance, arts and crafts, bowling, gambling and dominoes. Thanks to Sandy’s passion for dominoes, the tradition will live on in their family for years to come.

In 2018, Sandy moved back to Michigan to be closer to family. She subsequently was diagnosed with advanced-stage dementia.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother whose nurturing heart and generous spirit will be greatly missed, but will forever bless the lives of those who knew and loved her.

She will be deeply missed by her children, Jeff Shannon, Karen Lawrence (Cameron), Thomas Shannon (Wendy) and Robert Shannon (Germaine); grandchildren, Jessie, Johnathan, Emily, Nathan, Benjamin, Peter and Annette; and great-granddaughters, Rogan and Cameron. She also is survived by her sister, Karen Bettcher (Larry); and numerous nieces and nephews. Sandy was predeceased by her parents, Jeff and Stella Bennett; her loving husband, Wesley Honer; and daughter-in-law, Dawn Shannon.

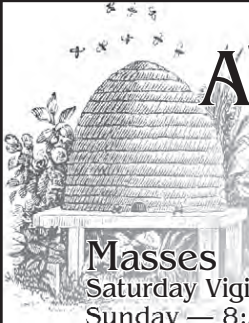
A celebration of life will occur at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Make a Wish Michigan, bit.ly/3HYRgFX.

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Howard J. Parmentier

Howard J. Parmentier, 83, died peacefully at home Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, surrounded by his three children and two “kitties.”

He was born May 3, 1940, in Detroit. He was a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, where he raised his three children, two stepsons and two granddaughters, all of whom attended Grosse Pointe North High School.

His father, Albert Parmentier, was the assistant diving coach for the girls at North in the 1980s.

Howard frequently called former Grosse Pointe News sports writer Bob St. John about his granddaughter, Justine Lynn, who played soccer at North, then advanced to play on the Elite Hawks team and later played women’s soccer at Indiana University after graduation in 2015. Grandpa Howard live streamed her games on his com-



Howard J. Parmentier

puter. His other granddaughter who grew up with him, Chandler Lynn, went on to compete in gymnastics at Rhode Island College while pursuing her nursing degree. He was very proud of all of his grandchildren and his entire family.

Howard worked for Chrysler and retired from General Dynamics, as well as AZ Automotive Corp., as an MRO buyer. He also was a veteran who served in the United States Coast Guard in Chicago from 1960-64, and spent two years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves.

Howard was a family man to his core; his family was the most important thing in his life. His children and grandchil-

dren competed in soccer, hockey and gymnastics, and he went to as many of their games and events that he could.

He was a history buff and sports fan. Howard was a huge University of Michigan fan his whole life, as well as a fan of the Detroit Tigers and Lions. He also was a boater on Lake St. Clair on and off throughout his life. He played organized baseball and bowled in several leagues for many years.

Howard is survived by his daughters, Justine “Tina” (John) and Alexa (Johnny); son, Howard “JP” (Tammy); sister, Jonell (Jim); granddaughters, Brittany (Jesse), Justine and Chandler (Zach); grandsons, Jeffrey “JJ,” Andrew and Brandon (Hailey); as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Albert and Shirley Parmentier; and siblings, Albert, Gary, Lynne and Denise.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, May 17, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

‘Hot Music for a Cold Night’ is March 1 at GP Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts its second annual “Hot Music for a Cold Night,” a live music fundraising event open to the public, from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 1.

The event features award-winning local jazz group, Hot Club of Detroit, in a tribute to Django Reinhardt. Hot Club of Detroit are 12-time Detroit Music Award winners and international recording artists with Mack Avenue Records. The band features Evan Perri on guitar, Colton Weatherston on guitar, Jordan Schug on bass and Carl Cafagna on saxophone.

The program also includes the emerging local jazz ensemble, the Belos Quartet.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Alternatives for Girls, which helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation.

Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available for sale; attendees are welcome to bring their own alcoholic drinks to the show.



Evan Perri



Jordan Schug

For more information visit [gpuuc.org](https://www.gpuuc.org) or find the event on the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Facebook page.

‘Historic Irises’ topic of Garden Center lecture

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center welcomes Cathy Egerer, past president and current outreach coordinator of the Historic Iris Preservation Society, who will present “Historic Irises: Preserving Beauty from the Past,” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Egerer raises endangered historic irises in her Upper Peninsula garden as part of the HIPS preservation program, through which they are disseminated to gardens around the world to prevent them from disappearing.

During her lecture, she will trace the history of bearded irises from early species to modern culti-

vars, as well as share how HIPS is accomplishing this and how gardeners can join its efforts. Guests will learn about best care practices and new breakthroughs in combating iris borers, plus tips and tricks to make iris care easier. They’ll also discover how to add these classic garden jewels to their own plantings.

Tickets — available at https://bit.ly/GPGC_Iris — are free for Grosse Pointe Garden Center members; \$10 for non-members.

Regular hours come to Provencal-Weir House

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society recently announced regular hours at the Provencal-Weir House. The historic 1823 home — the oldest in the Pointes — will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every second Saturday.

“Starting Feb. 20, our board of directors member Erin Dindoffer will be giving of her time to our community,” said Leslie Wagner, immediate past president and PW House curator. “Often wearing period costume as a re-enactor, she will give tours, serve tea and be able to sell items in our vintage store. She even bakes a bit.”

This is part of the revitalization of the PW House since Wagner has been in charge.

“Extensive renovations have been completed with the fundraising help of the Fox Creek Questers,” Wagner said. “Now enjoy regular hours and watch for upcoming design charrettes to get the community involved in what they would like to see at this historic home. We will be striving to make this one of the top house museums in our nation.”

Dindoffer, who studied



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Above, Erin Dindoffer will give tours, serve tea and sell items from the vintage store during regular operating hours at the Provencal-Weir House. Right, curator Leslie Wagner, left, and Vice President of Education Kay Burt-Willson add costumed flair to the historic house.

liberal arts at Purdue University, worked in surgical services for 12 years, “but learning about art history, early American history and culture were always my hobbies,” she said. “Hearing family stories from my grandparents while growing up created a deep interest in genealogy, which led to working on my family history

through ancestry.com over the past seven years. On the side, I have been studying Nazi art looting and art restoration for the past four years.

“I was very excited to join the board of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society in the fall of 2022, which has the mission of preserving and honoring local history,” she continued. “As we approach our



Colton Weatherston



Carl Cafagna



nation’s 250th year in 2026, my hope for the future is that the younger generation develops a palate for how important accurately documenting our history is and how integral the historical society is to all of the

Grosse Pointes. It began in 1945, with the focus on local history, and I hope to have it continue for decades to come.”

Dindoffer now joins Kay Burt-Willson, the historical society’s vice president of education,

who is a re-enactor in the role of Mrs. Provencal every second Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. During that time as well, guests may enjoy tea and tours, as well as browse through the vintage store.

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Small businesses, youth being honored at annual chamber event

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Tickets are still available for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Breakfast, which takes place Thursday, Feb. 29, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Traditionally an evening affair, this year’s event, as the name suggests, is a breakfast, with doors opening at 8 a.m. and the program starting at 8:30 a.m.

“The decision was made to make the switch to breakfast from dinner because we know how busy people are in the evenings,” said Abigail Turnbull, chamber membership and events coordinator. “As we are also tight in between school breaks, we felt a morning event would be more manageable for busy schedules.”

The event will begin with networking as guests arrive. The program kicks off with a morning meal prepared by The War Memorial staff.

“Our presentation will begin with business owners who applied for our Small Business Grant sharing their stories, followed by a video presentation,” Turnbull said. “Attendees will then get

the opportunity to vote on who they believe should be awarded the funds.

“After that, we will award the Youth Entrepreneur Scholarship winners, who will also have the opportunity to present their business plans to the audience,” she continued. “To conclude, the Small Business Grant winners will be selected as the live voting concludes.”

Three small business owners will be presented awards and three young

entrepreneurs will receive scholarships.

“Our selection committee had a very difficult time choosing, as the amount of applications grew exponentially this year,” Turnbull said of the youth winners.

She noted that the scholarship winners and grant contenders are being kept under wraps until the Feb. 29 event.

“However, I can assure you that they are impressive,” she said. “And the students have been pouring their hearts into their work for a long time. The

future certainly is bright for these students and we are thrilled to see this program growing as the chamber is honored to have a place where we can give back.”

While the window for sponsorships has closed, tickets for the breakfast may be purchased by emailing info@grossepointechamber.com.

“It is important that the chamber recognizes small businesses and future business leaders with an event like this because our members and supporters in the community are connected to endless people and stories that offer great advice from experiences,” Turnbull said. “Our mission is to pro-

mote our area through building business and personal connections so people can see the value in their own backyard. By connecting young professionals in particular to longstanding business leaders provides great opportunity for growth. We are lucky to have such a supportive community.”



ASK THE EXPERTS By Henry Ford Health

Self-care for the winter blues

During the colder days and shorter daylight hours of winter, it’s not unusual to experience symptoms of the “winter blues.” These can include a lack of energy or motivation, moodiness, cravings for comfort foods, a desire to sleep more and a temptation to hibernate at home.

Although most of us can relate to these feelings to one degree or another, the blues do not have to be an inevitable part of the season, according to Matthew Moore, M.D., a family medicine doctor with Henry Ford Health.

“People often confuse the winter blues with seasonal affective disorder (SAD), which is a form of major depression and should be treated with the help of a medical professional,” Moore said. “But, for the winter blues, there are definitely ways you can lift your mood and your energy level.”

Below are some tips to help you face the winter with less dread and more enjoyment.

- ◆ Make plans with friends and family members. Give yourself something fun to look forward to.
- ◆ Go outside. Even if the weather is cold, a short walk in fresh air can change your outlook. (Bundle up appropriately and follow weather advisories.)
- ◆ Sit by a window. Exposure to natural light helps boost your mood.
- ◆ Get moving. Whether you’re working out inside or outside, when the weather permits, the psychological and physical effects of exercise have been shown to improve mood and reduce anxiety.
- ◆ Keep warm and cozy. Being cold and uncomfortable can bring on the blues. Try to relish the nice parts of winter, like a cup of hot tea, a cozy blanket, a snuggle with a beloved pet and so on.
- ◆ Avoid self-medicating with drugs

or alcohol. Temporarily masking your feelings can be harmful to you in the long run.

- ◆ Stay connected. Surround yourself with positive, supportive people.
- ◆ Eat your fruits and veggies. The nutrients will give your body the energy it needs, and some foods are known to boost mood.
- ◆ Limit comfort foods. Empty carbs, sugar, salt and fatty foods increase sluggishness and weight gain.

A little self-care can improve your mood in any season. But if nothing you try seems to help, it’s time to see your doctor. Feeling depressed most of the day, nearly every day, is a sign of major depression — along with feeling hopeless or worthless or having frequent thoughts of death or suicide.

“These signs should never be ignored,” Moore said. “Major depression can be effectively treated with psychotherapy, medications or combinations of these. Don’t wait to seek medical advice.”

Matthew Moore, M.D., is board certified in family medicine, caring for patients of all ages at Henry Ford Family Medicine – Grass Lake. For more health tips, visit henryford.com/blog.

Did you know the Grosse Pointe Public Library has six light-therapy lamps available for check out? You can also look up healthy recipes or research travel plans while you’re there. The library, The Helm, The Neighborhood Club and The Family Center all have great opportunities to connect with people and try new activities.

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org.

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Adult children back at home and expecting chef Mom

Dear Gabby: My young adult children are living at our house again as they have both landed entry level jobs and can't really afford to be on their own yet.

We are happy to have them, but it seems they expect a gourmet dinner at night — with their mother as the resident chef. How can I get them to pitch in?

— Not Enough Cooks in the Woods

Dear Not Enough,

It's a little surprising adult children have not

realized it's inappropriate to not pitch in when your landlords don't even charge rent, but until you speak up they will continue riding on Easy Street.

We all crave the comforts of home, and having dinner at the ready is certainly a nice perk for them. Perhaps as they navigate the stress and newness of adult life, they appreciate being cared for in this way.

But everyone needs to grow up sometime, so why not combine a new skill with togetherness as a family?

Set up a schedule that

gives you a day or two off, and puts them on the hook for "cooking."

Try buying a simple cookbook like this one (left) and suggesting each family member choose and make at least a meal a week. Or have them pick something from a cooking website like allrecipes.com — I find the recipes on there easy to follow and good tasting.

If they don't love to cook or what they make tends to be inedible, pool together some local restaurant menus and have them order and

pick up some takeout. Better yet, rotate trying out a brand new restaurant every other week.

I bet you'll discover the joy of having some quality family time where no one is stressed by the prospect of cooking and doing dishes. And you might find your family's new favorite dining spot. Bon appetit!

— Gabby

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

Husband wants to reconcile after affair

DEAR ANNIE: My husband and I have been having a rough time. He cheated on me with a young woman and got her pregnant. I think this was her goal, secretly. She knew he had a wife and wanted him to leave me.

Anyway, the baby will be born soon, and now that my husband is seeking reconciliation, I feel stuck in the middle. I've already been through my hurt stage and would hate to go through it again. What should I do?

— BETRAYED

DEAR BETRAYED: What you want to do. Whether you decide to stay or go, you'll have made a valid choice.

I will say, infidelity does not have to be the end.

Many couples have worked past betrayals and come out the other side stronger than ever, with the help of couples' counseling. If you and your husband enroll in marriage counseling, this could be the case for you.

But if you are past that point, mentally, I wouldn't blame you for leaving. Trite but true, listen to your heart.

DEAR ANNIE: I am blessed to not have real problems like so many endure, but I would appreciate your opinion on a predicament.

I am a healthy 90-year-old man. I have outlived two wonderful wives. My first love and I were together for only eight short years. She came

down with acute leukemia. During the five months that she suffered with it, one day she told me, "Dear, you will have to get the kids a new mother." We had a 3-year-old son and a little girl that was only a year old when her mother died in early December.

I was devastated. But then a concerned neighbor friend asked me one day, about two months later, if I would like to meet a nice girl. I said that I wasn't ready quite yet. After a while, I called her. The most difficult trip I ever made was driving down to meet her. It turned out to be the best trip I ever made. We married about 10 months later. Losing my first wife made me appreciate my second wife all the more.

Fifty-one years later, my second wife had a light stroke which brought on the beginnings of dementia. Of course, it progressed. Four years later, it took her life. We had 55 years of bliss together.

I have been alone now for three and a half years, with the support and love of my children. Five months ago, a very dear friend lost her husband of 63 years, and I'm interested in seeing if there might be something between us. I am not happy living alone. I have the feeling that I could be a great support for her. She lives alone now, too, and I want to help her.



Dear Annie

by Annie Lane

I need to give this special lady more time to grieve over her loss. Presently, she wants to go on as she is, us just being friends. My daughter told me to not push her too hard. And I agree. What is your advice to me?

— CW

DEAR CW: I'm sorry for your losses. I think it's wonderful that you enjoy companionship so much. As the song goes, "People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." But your daughter is right that you should

give your lady friend space to grieve. And in the meantime, I would encourage you to learn how to enjoy the pleasure of your own company. Try a new hobby, enroll in an online course, write your memoirs. Take some time to really nourish your own sense of self. Then you'll be even more present if and when you do get into another relationship.

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

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Lent is definitely fish and chips season

Lent is upon us. For the next few weeks, the question will constantly be, "Who has the best fish and chips?"

While it comes down to personal opinion, let's get into it all, including some Lenten specials in our local surrounding neighborhoods.

Lent is definitely "fish and chips season." And while this meal is on most restaurants' regular menus, Fridays during Lent is when this entree really shines ... and sells out!

Some local hotspots for this favorite Lenten dish are Pat O'Brien's, Uncle Harry's Deli (carryout only on Fridays) and Gilbert's Lodge in St. Clair Shores; Little Tony's, Telly's Place, Ferlito's Restaurant and Champs Rotisserie and Seafood in the Woods; and along Kercheval at The Bronze Door, SideStreet Diner, Village Grille and Brine Oyster House. Irish Coffee Bar & Grill in Grosse Pointe Farms and Marge's Bar on Mack in Detroit cannot be left out of this discussion either.

Stepping away from this specific dish, The Charlevoix in the Park has an amazing Icelandic beer-battered cod sandwich, a shrimp po' boy and just recently added an eggplant po' boy to their menu as an

excellent vegetarian option.

I love a good crab cake, too. Fridays during Lent, my lunch go-to is Caffe Far Bella on Greater Mack in St. Clair Shores. They offer the perfect lunch-sized portion of two Maryland lump cakes. This place is a hidden gem, but that's a whole other article.

Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe and Hook, both on Jefferson's Nautical Mile, serve my other two favorites. Both of their appetizer-size portions are perfect for a meal

as well — if you don't like sharing! Hook also offers an extensive Lenten menu that's available Wednesdays and Fridays during this season. Some options include Chilean sea bass, clam strips and a whole Mediterranean grilled branzino.

This season would be nothing without local church fish fries! Both Star of the Sea and St. Paul on the Lake are opening their doors every Friday. Star is offering an excellent menu from 5

to 7 p.m. St. Paul, with the help of the Knights of Columbus, is offering an all-you-can-eat buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. And, over on Marter Road at Assumption Cultural Center, Marchiori Catering hosts an all-you-can-eat seafood buffet every Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. All locations have adult and children pricing. Check out their Facebook pages to view their menus.

Two other places that happen to be neighbors —



Marchiori at Assumption.



Caffe Far Bella crab cakes.



Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

and are locally owned by some of our neighbors — are Jefferson Street Pub and Terry's Terrace, both located on Jefferson in Harrison Township. The pub is showcasing perch and cod specials, as well as

its famous clam chowder. Terry's currently is running its amazing, as-seen-on-Fox2-Detroit, February Lobster Fest menu. I can honestly say the lobster bisque at Terry's is excellent any time of year.

There are lots of options here and I'm sure many others I've missed. Either way, hopefully this helps you decide.

Stay tuned. Stay hungry.

The Charlevoix Icelandic cod sandwich.



Gilbert's Lodge Fish and Chips.



Hook Crab Cakes.

We Tried It!

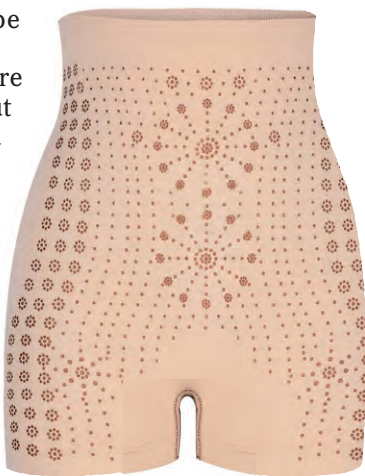
by Anna Lizer



Let’s face it, if a product seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Occasionally there are surprises of course, but for the most part a cheap internet product won’t change your life.

This week we are breaking down an item that is so incredibly bad it’s shameful that someone is making money from dumb people like me. A product so bad, it went straight



from the package to the garbage can.

It might seem hard to believe, since we will try just about everything for this column, but this is the worst product of all time. It’s (trying not to lol when typing this) the infrared negative oxygen shaping and lifting bodysuit.

The claims are that it will shape your body, provide some sort of infrared heat from the inside out, hide your flaws in clothes, and

“stimulate hip acupuncture points” to help promote blood circulation and therefore “give users the perfect buttock shape.”

Needless to say this is all complete malarkey and when the package came, what’s essentially inside is a cut off pair of hosiery with dots printed on it (is that supposed to be the infrared or the acupuncture points?)

First of all, it’s not even tight, so forget any aspirations of shaping your

body. Second, there are no infrared or acupressure points happening. Third, it felt like the contraption that one is given while in the hospital after giving birth. IYKYK.

I was so mad when I put this on I ripped them off and rage-chucked them in the garbage and vowed to never buy anything on the internet again.

Lucky for all of us, that feeling was fleeting and we’ll be back next week with yet another viral product that promises to

solve all of our problems. Zero alligators, infrared negative oxygen shaping and lifting bodysuit. If I could give less, I would.

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.



0 Out Of 5

Hearty vegetarian Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

I’m always looking for vegetarian recipes to make especially during the Lenten season. Sometimes, I get sick of fish.

This recipe is stick to your bones good. Hearty white beans are the backbone. Cherry tomatoes are roasted to caramelized perfection, which really elevates the flavor of the dish.

As an extra level of health I added swiss chard but you could use any green in this. It has a bit of heat from red pepper flakes.

My favorite part is a last minute addition of lemon juice. It just brightens it all up. It’s finished with a spoonful of chopped parsley and lemon zest over top which makes the whole dish taste fresh.

You can use chicken broth, bone broth or water. I chose vegetable broth this time.

If you so choose, add a big helping of parmesan cheese and extra olive oil at the end. This is absolutely something I’ll be making again and again and

again. Hope you will too.

Cheers, Mombeau

White bean stew with roast tomatoes and greens

½ cup chopped, fresh parsley

Zest of 1 lemon

Juice of the lemon

2 (10 oz) containers, cherry tomatoes

¼ cup olive oil

1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves

1 medium onion, chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

½ tsp red pepper flakes

2 15 oz cans, white beans

3 cups vegetable broth or water

4 cups chopped swiss chard

Kosher salt and black pepper

Start by chopping the parsley and combine with the lemon zest. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 425, add the tomatoes, thyme leaves and oil. Roast for 25 minutes or until soft and blistered.

When the tomatoes are almost done roasting, sauté the onion, garlic and red pepper flakes in a soup pot with 2 tbsp of olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.

Add the white beans, broth and roasted tomatoes plus any juice that has accumulated. Bring to a boil and then turn down to a simmer. Cook for about 15 minutes.

Use a potato masher and gently mash the soup. You don’t want to make it a paste.

Some mashed beans will create a thicker texture to the soup.

Season with more salt and pepper.

Keep tasting for your



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preference. Stir in the chard and let it wilt down.

At the last minute, add in the lemon juice. Serve the soup in bowls with

the parsley and lemon zest mixture over top. Finish with crusty bread.



Wine waiters

The dynamic between a wine waiter and a patron in a restaurant depends on whether it’s an upscale coffee shop or a white tablecloth spot and can include arcane dialogue.

This obviously depends on the skill levels of the parties. When one knows a lot more about wine than the other, a key factor is: How egotistical is one person about showing off? It matters not if it’s

the patron or the server; the disparity in knowledge creates a potential scenario in which one party can be condescending.

Watching scenes like this develop across the aisle, as I have numerous times, is always a fascinating lesson in human behavior and can make for some funny tales.

On one occasion at a snooty San Diego restaurant (now thankfully out of business), the wine

waiter was a pro — one of the few class acts in the place. As we dined, a party of four arrived led by what I saw as a snob smelling of Lamborghini leather and \$100 per ounce aftershave.

After the lead guy had perused the wine list, the waiter asked if they would be having drinks or perhaps a bottle of Champagne.

“Champagne!” exclaimed the snob, “what else is there?” as if to imply any other aperitif wine wasn’t good enough. Then the guy did something that tipped off who he was. He ordered the most expensive bubbly on the wine list, a bottle of Krug Champagne — but he pronounced it like “ugg,” not “kroog” as it should be pronounced.

The wine waiter flinched. It was clear that he knew he was in for a bad hair day with someone who had a lot more money than class.

A tiny bit of education can be a terrible thing, and that bubbly moment led to a number of other awkward scenes in which the wine waiter seemed always to be teetering on the edge of quitting and taking a job as a shepherd.

Then there was the sommelier in 1990 who treated three women to

his best impersonation of Inspector Jacques Clouseau.

One of the women, who clearly knew very little about wine, asked for three glasses of the house red. Without saying that there were three house reds, he brought three glasses of the most expensive one and began to explain about the vineyard from which the grapes came. The information was incorrect, and the ladies didn’t care.

The final bill included \$75 for three glasses of the house red! That led to an argument that ended up badly, with shouting and threats of, “We’ll never dine here again,” and finally a compromise by the manager.

One good tactic is to ask waiters for suggestions. State the kind of wine you’re seeking and the price range that’s comfortable. If the waiter’s suggestion isn’t acceptable for some reason, you can comfortably return it since the wine steward suggested it in the first place.

Or ask for a taste. Many classy restaurants will do that.

When in a restaurant and you’re unable to decipher the wine list, ask for assistance. If you get a lot of hemming and hawing, you can safely

assume you’re on your own.

Wine of the Week:

2022 Villa Wolf Dry Riesling, Pfalz (\$14) — The fresh, tropical aroma of peach and pear fruit is matched with a lovely level of citrus (lime) and great acidity to balance off the slightest bit of residual sugar. For those who don’t like austere

dry wines, this nicely produced German effort is an excellent value, either as an appetizer or served with poached scallopsm.

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Left, Aldis Hodge as Brian Banks and Greg Kinnear as Justin Brooks in the 2018 movie “Brian Banks,” directed by Tom Shadyac.

MOVIE REVIEW
“Brian Banks”
2018 - Rated PG-13
1 hr 39 min
★★★★☆

Just imagine for a moment, being a teenager, obsessed with football, with a promising career ahead of you, and then having your world shattered. That in a nutshell is what “Brian Banks” is all about. It’s the inspiring, true story brought to the big screen by director Tom Shadyac, whose previous work includes “The Nutty Professor,” “Bruce Almighty” and “Patch Adams.” This is a more serious effort and hopefully he’ll continue in this direction.

Sixteen-year-old Brian Banks (Aldis Hodge) is a smart, gifted and motivated young athlete playing football for Long Beach Polytechnic High School. He lives and breathes the sport from the moment he wakes up until he shuts his eyes at night. College scouts have been knocking at his door and he finally commits to join USC, with dreams of eventually playing in the NFL. From the looks of it, he has it made. That is, until out of nowhere, a bombshell drops.

One day he joins a fellow student Kennisha (Xosha

Roquemore) for some relatively innocent fooling around in a stairwell at the school. When things don’t go her way, she accuses him of raping her. He’s subsequently arrested and brought to trial.

His attorney gives him

fearing it was going to spend a good deal of time focused on the horrible conditions of his incarceration. I wasn’t looking forward to scene after scene of him getting beaten up by fellow inmates and prison



Brian Banks (Hodge) in uniform.

some terrible advice when she tells him to take a deal and plead no contest. Although she’s convinced he’ll probably get off with probation, the judge sentences him to six years in prison and a five-year probation. Brian’s life is essentially over.

I had a bit of trepidation going into this film,

guards. Fortunately, it doesn’t go there, and concentrates on him coming to terms with his life. He’s taken under the wing of a teacher played by Morgan Freeman, who helps him deal with his inner rage. He offers the advice that “the only thing one can control in life is how one responds to life.” As you’d expect, Mr.



Freeman plays a convincing and inspiring character.

A majority of the film deals with what happens after Banks is released from prison. He’s on a tether, which forces him to stay close to home. This prevents him from playing football and with his criminal record, it’s nearly impossible to land a job. What’s more, since he’s been convicted of a sex crime, he’ll be forced to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The director does an

Banks has run out of options, he presents his case to attorney Justin Brooks (Greg Kinnear), the founder of the California Innocence Project, a non-profit group dedicated to taking on cases like Brian’s. While Brooks eventually agrees to represent Brian, he warns him not to get his hopes up. It’s extremely rare for these types of cases to get overturned.

When Brooks’ entire team of young law students and attorneys rally behind him, you know in



card. Also on Hulu and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you

would have been better off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you’d recommend to friends.

★★★★★ So good you’d actually go out and buy it!

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition.

They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy.

I’ll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit 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.



Brian, (Aldis Hodge) comforts his mother (Sherri Shepherd).



Leomia (Shepherd) and Karina (Liburd) in court.



Brian’s mentor in prison played by Morgan Freeman.



Brian with his friend Karina (Melanie Liburd).



Right, Brian Banks, played by Aldis Hodge makes his case to attorney Justin Brooks, played by Greg Kinnear.

Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or major decisions after 11 p.m. EST today (8 p.m. PST). The Moon is in Leo.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, February 22, 2024:

You have eclectic tastes and many hobbies. You have an inquisitive mind and love a mystery. This is a year of change and new opportunities, which means you have to stay light on your feet. Be flexible; you might suddenly go off in a new direction.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

Today you might be tempted to go overboard partying, drinking and having a good time. Or you might find that a social occasion or something to do with the arts is suddenly changed or canceled. Meanwhile, parents should be aware that this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. **Tonight:** Be vigilant.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

Your home routine might be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, a minor breakage could occur or surprise company might appear at your door. It's also possible that a gathering might suddenly take place at your home. (Stock the fridge.) **Tonight:** Be flexible.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. However, you might meet new people, see new places and have new plans! You feel optimistic, and you're full of ambitious, "big" ideas. (Big ideas are fun.) **Tonight:** Listen.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

Keep an eye on your belongings and money today, because something unexpected could impact your assets. For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Likewise, something you own might be damaged or lost. Or the opposite might be true and someone gives you a gift. **Tonight:** Check your assets.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with both lucky Jupiter (this is like getting hit with a pillow) and unpredictable Uranus (this you have to take seriously). You might feel rebellious. Expect your day to suddenly change because of an unexpected event or person. Get ready. **Tonight:** You're strong.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a restless day for you. Fortunately, you can deal with these unsettled feelings by working hard. This will also give you a sense of reward. Today Mercury moves opposite your sign, which will increase your discussions with close friends and partners. Yada, yada, yada. **Tonight:** Solitude.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Very likely, a friend will throw you a curveball or surprise you today. Possibly, this surprise will come from a group. It could have a financial element — unexpected funding could arrive or expected funding could be canceled. **Tonight:** Schmooze.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Do be aware today, because a parent, boss or VIP (including the police) might do something that catches you off guard. It could be pleasant, because Jupiter is in the picture. Nevertheless,

it will be unexpected. **Tonight:** Be flexible.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Travel plans might delight you out of the blue today. (After all, you are the traveler of the zodiac.) Admittedly, travel plans could also be canceled or changed. This unexpected quality also might impact publishing, legal matters or something to do with medicine. **Tonight:** Explore!

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Funding that impacts the care and education of your children might change today. You also might discover that you have enough money for a vacation or a fun time out — or that you don't have enough money for these pleasures. It could go either way. Something to do with the resources of others will surprise you today. **Tonight:** Check your finances.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A partner or close friend will say or do something you least expect today. They might have a suggestion that involves real estate, where you live or a family member. Even though it's surprising, it also might appeal to you or be exciting. **Tonight:** Observe.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

Your work routine might be interrupted today, especially something to do with high-tech problems or the arrival of new tech equipment — possibly shortages or new personnel. Work-related travel might be a surprise. Give yourself extra time to have wiggle room for the unexpected. **Tonight:** Work.

BORN TODAY
Actor Kyle MacLachlan (1959), actress Drew Barrymore (1975), actress Jeri Ryan (1968).

Color the Picture



Find 6 Differences



Contract Bridge

NOT ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

West dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 9 5
♥ J 10 5
♦ K 9 8 2
♣ K J 6 3

WEST

♠ A Q J 8 7 6
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ 5

EAST

♠ 4 2
♥ K 6 4 2
♦ A Q J 3
♣ 8 7 4

SOUTH

♠ K 10 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ 10 5
♣ A Q 10 9 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT		

Opening lead — queen of spades.

One advantage of playing weak two-bids is that they frequently cause the opponents to bite off a bit more than they can chew. As with all preemptive bids, weak twos present a challenge to the enemy, who often overreach themselves by bidding a game or slam unwarranted on their combined values. The outcome may then depend on the proficiency of the defenders.

Consider this deal from a team-of-

four match. At the first table, the bidding went as shown, and North-South wound up in three notrump with only 23 high-card points. Declarer then made the contract after West led the queen of spades and East turned up with the king of hearts, allowing South to score one spade, three hearts and five clubs for nine tricks. West's two-spade bid at this table thus backfired, pushing North-South into a game they almost surely would not have reached if left to their own devices.

Not surprisingly, the bidding went the same way at the second table, but here the outcome was altogether different after West hit on the inspired opening lead of a diamond. East won the trick with the jack and shifted to a spade, taken by West with the jack.

West led another diamond, won by East with the queen, and East returned another spade. When the smoke cleared, East-West had scored six spade tricks and three diamonds to put the contract down five — 500 points — a terrible penalty to pay for a marginally ambitious contract.

The deal thus demonstrates both the advantage and disadvantage of pre-emptive bids, as well as the difference judgment can make in determining the final outcome.

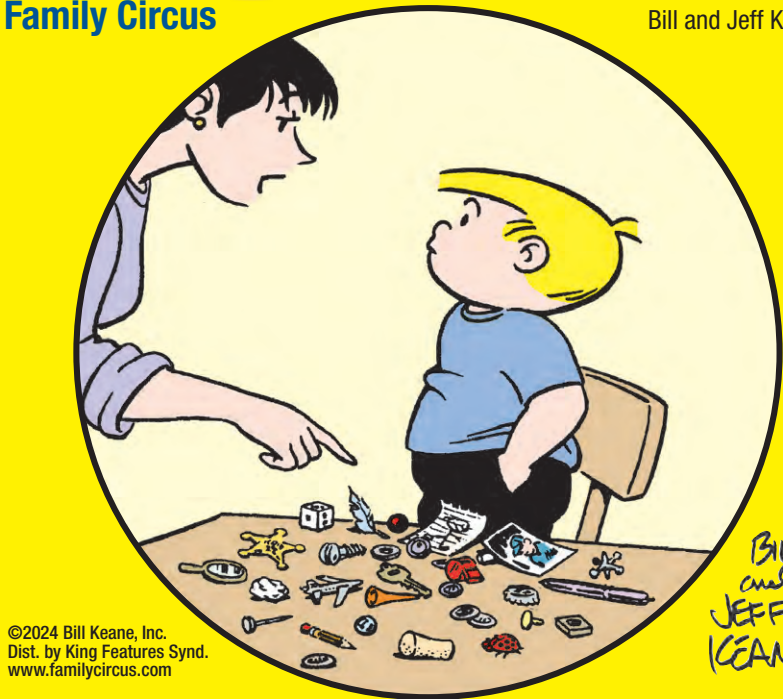
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"Now the other pocket."

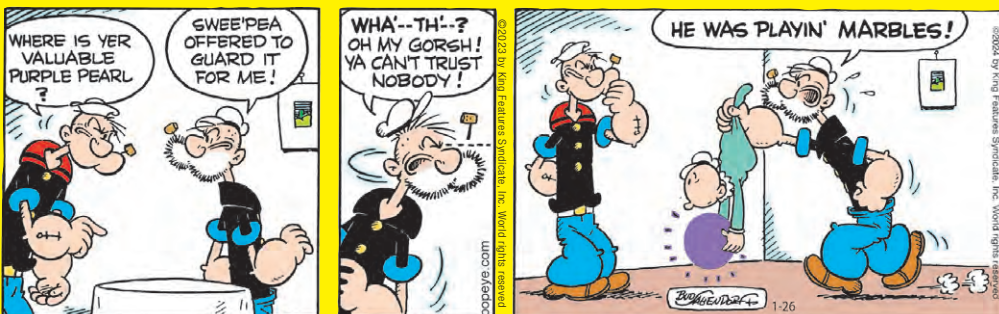
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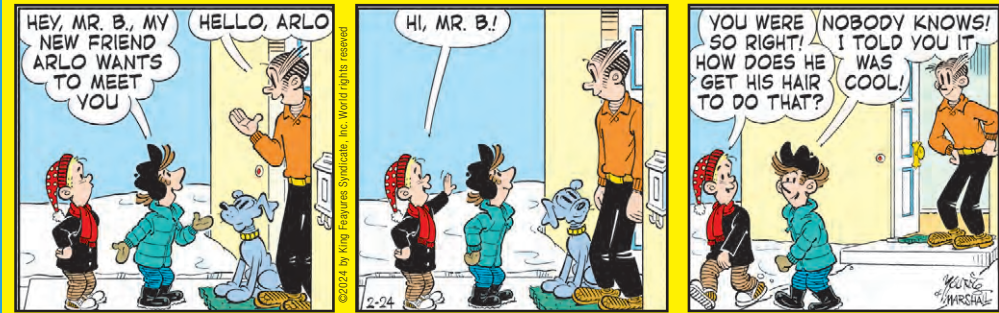
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Greg, Brian, Neal and Mort Walker



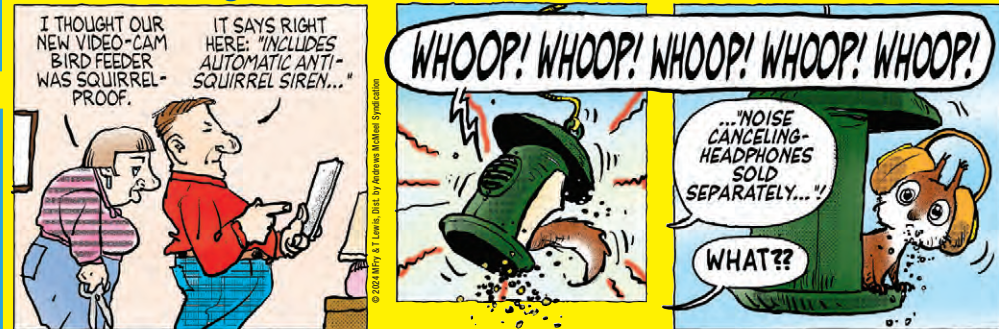
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Andy Capp

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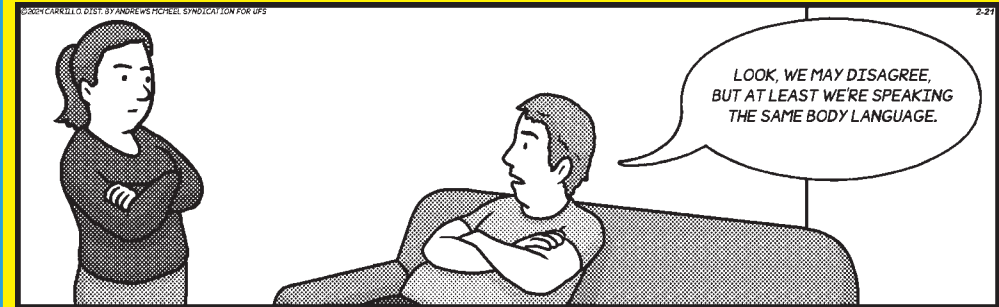
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Created by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart. Currently by Mason Mastroianni



F Minus

Tony Carrilo



Ziggy

Tom Wilson

Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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5		3					

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

Previous puzzle solution

8	6	2	5	3	7	4	9	1
4	5	3	8	1	9	7	6	2
7	9	1	2	4	6	8	5	3
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5	1	4	3	7	8	9	2	6
9	2	6	4	5	1	3	7	8
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6	3	9	1	8	5	2	4	7
2	7	8	6	9	4	1	3	5

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Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 22, 2024

ACROSS

- "Said "Not guilty," perhaps
- "Gaggle group
- What happens when you're busy making other plans, it's said
- Norse symbol
- Monsters that may be green
- Singles
- Hoppy beers, briefly
- Journalist played by Sacha Baron Cohen
- Shape of a planet's path
- **Alternative to org
- **Cambridge engineering sch.
- **Trusted adviser
- Sherlock's teen sister, or an anagram of "Leona"
- Operates
- Kinda sorta
- Dilapidated
- Hot brown beverage
- Grow bored with
- "Ratatouille" rat
- Unkept vow, or what's split across each set of starred clues' answers
- Romeo, to Juliet

- Garlicky condiments
- Rush on the gridiron
- 25, for the draft
- Fourths of a gal.
- Part of NAACP: Abbr.
- Homes of protons
- *** franca (common language)
- ***Completed a marathon or campaign
- ***Driving aid?
- Something for a subordinate to watch "Dude!"
- Fishing vessel
- Sorrows
- Houston batter
- Possesses
- Gets off the fence
- ***"Assembly of witches
- ***"Part of a poker pot

- Sends a bill to
- Scary
- Night class for a certain U.S. immigrant
- Zayn who left One Direction
- Pres. advisory group
- Set free
- Impossibly perfect
- Fodder for a trotter
- Fuming feeling
- Wrestler-turned-actor John
- Second-guesser's question
- Hopping amphibian
- One of five around the waist, say
- Chocolate-covered morsel at the movies

- Spanish cheer
- Fashion's capital in Italy
- Cookout food, for short
- Zig's counterpart
- Detroit record label
- "Let me clarify ..."
- African fly
- "Poison" shrub
- Power to decide
- Loch monster
- Hard to come by
- Unnamed author: Abbr.
- One less than a crowd?
- "Teen Wolf" network
- Certain scarf or snake

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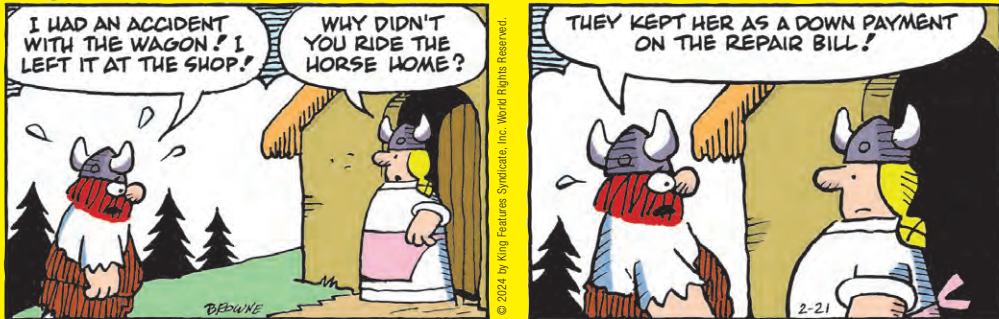
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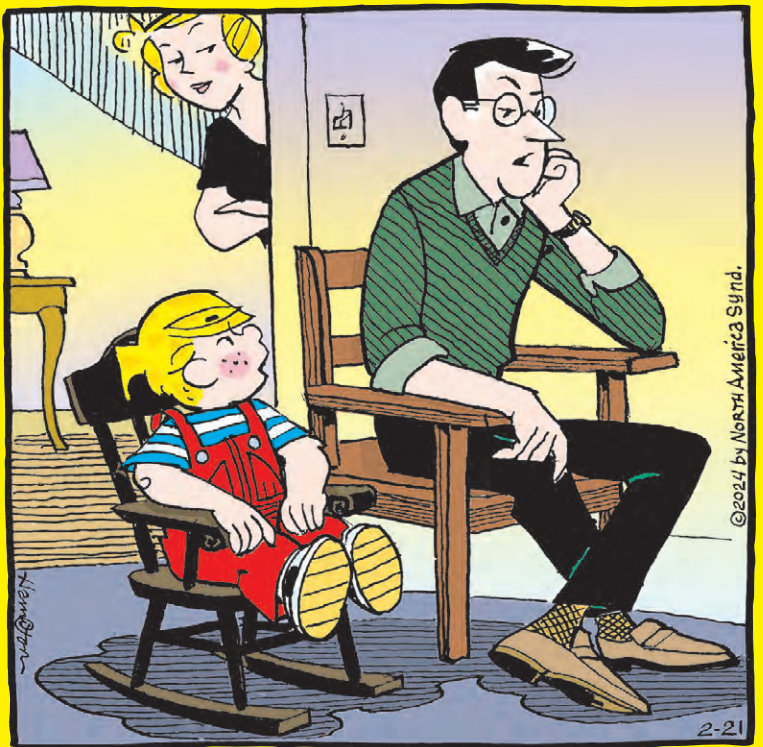
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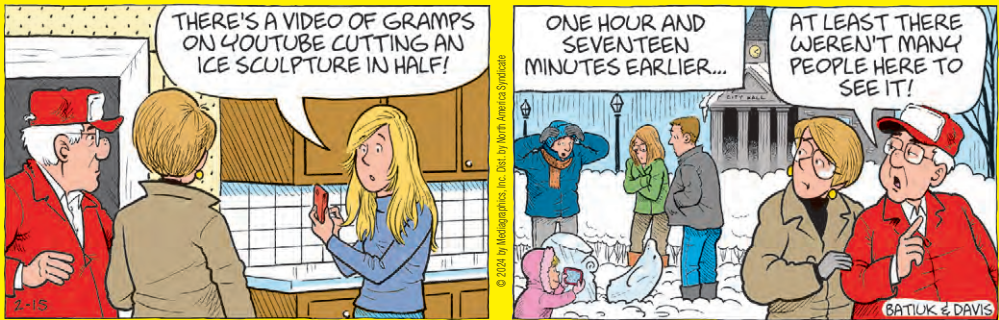
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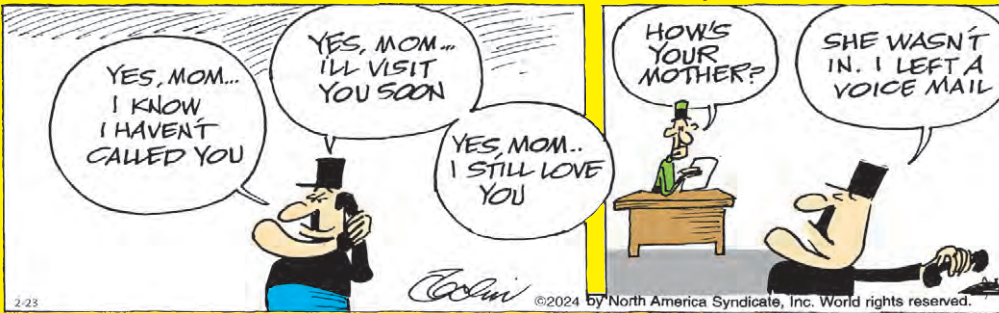
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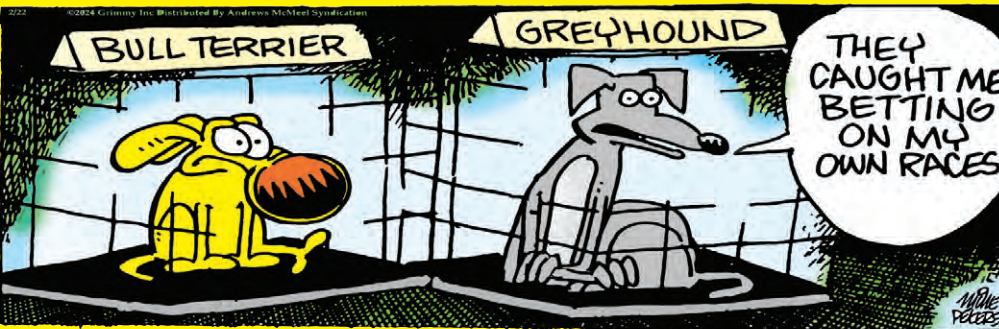
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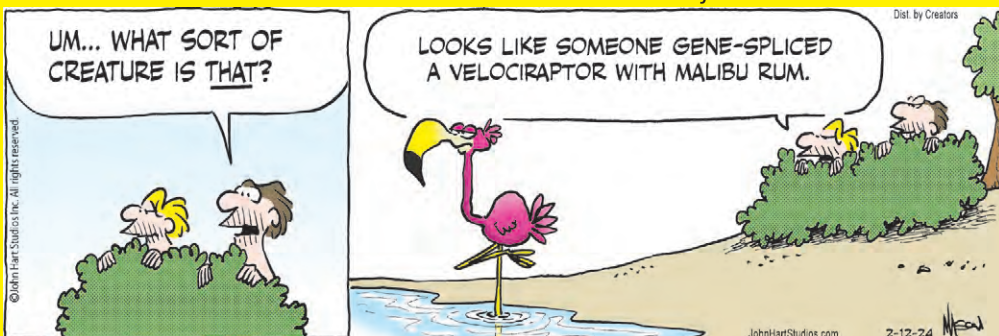
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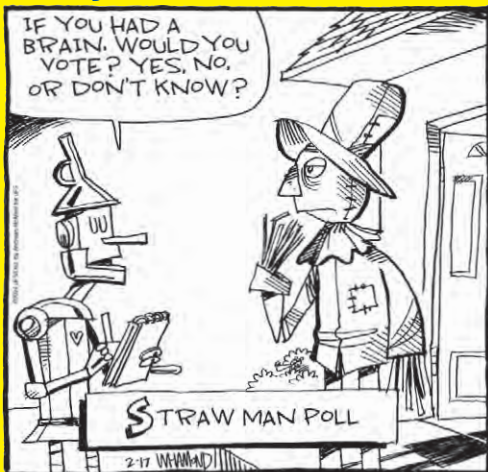
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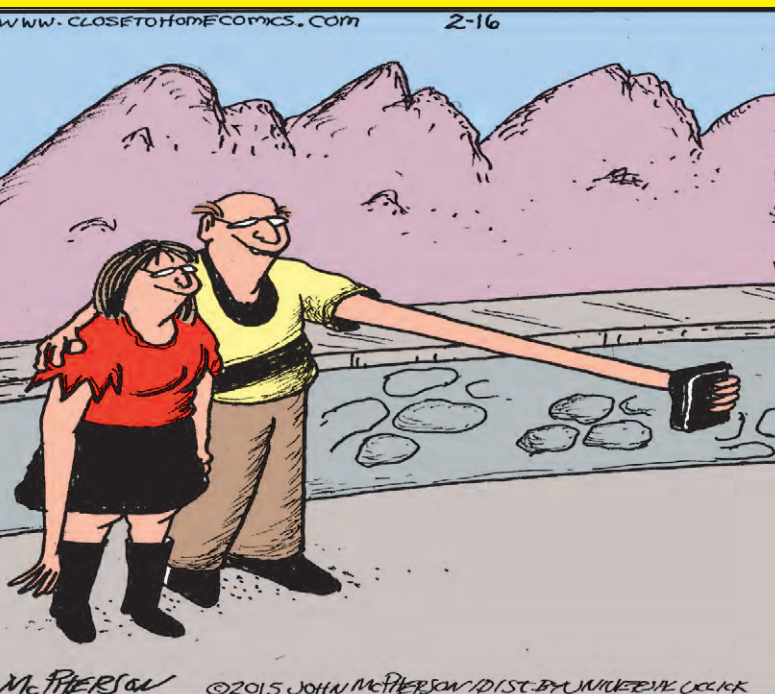
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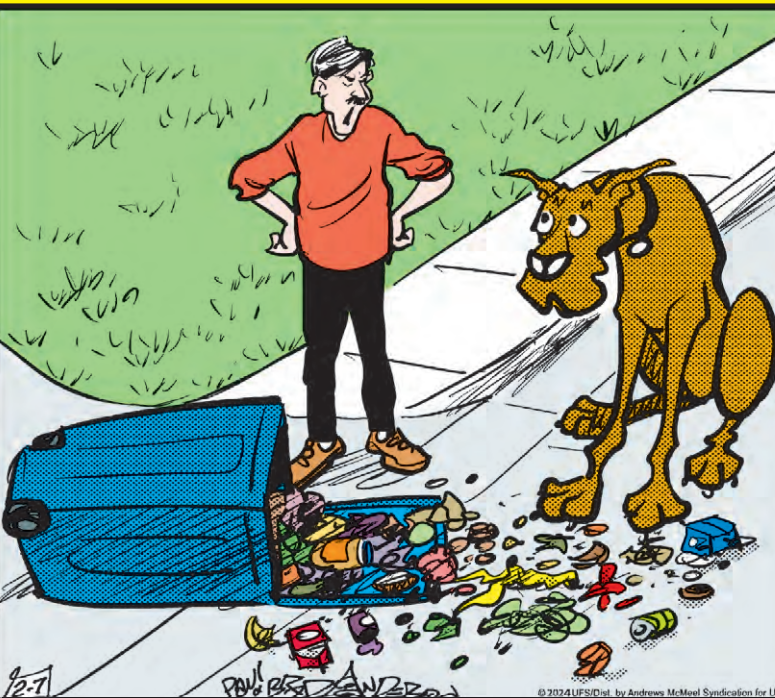
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RAINBOW POWER!

Total the number of fruits and vegetables you will eat, by color, today. Can you eat at least one in each of the five color groups?



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BLUE/PURPLE
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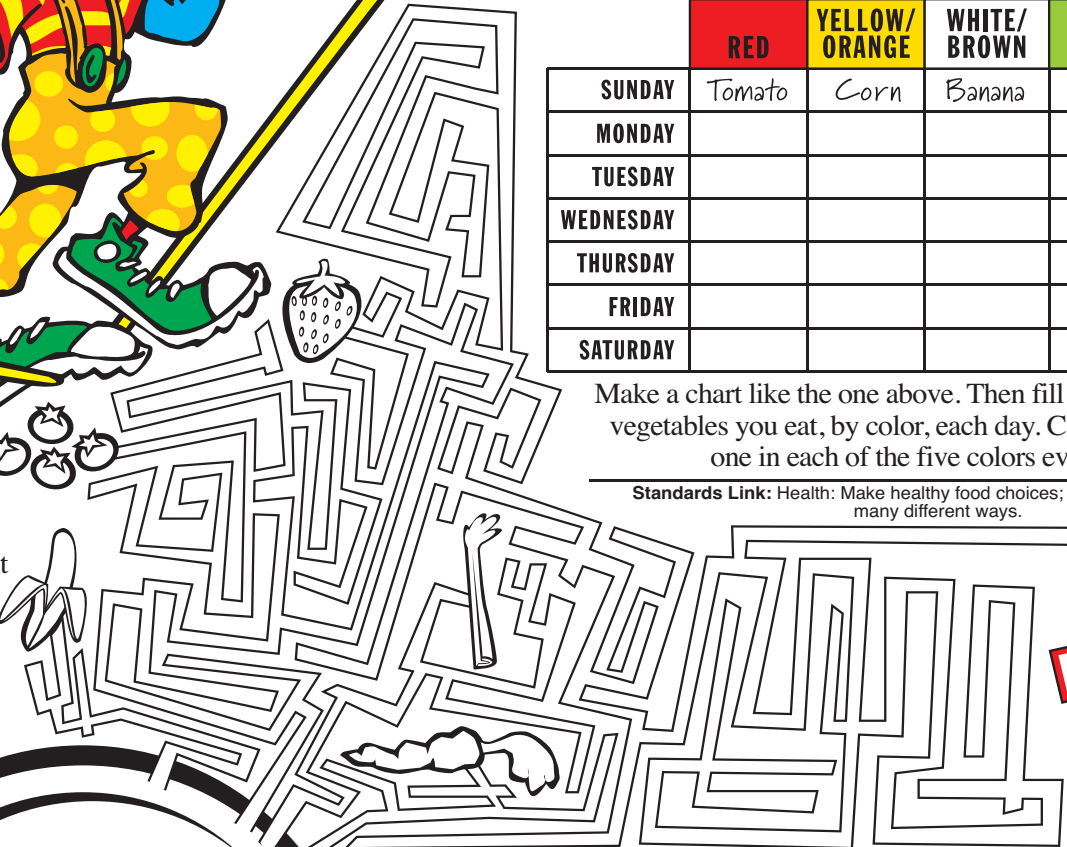
EAT A RAINBOW EVERY DAY!

Eating a variety of fruits and vegetables that are brightly colored is an easy way to get the mix of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients that you need from your food. Pick foods that are brightly colored inside and out.

Here are some examples of foods that make up the food rainbow!

Red	Yellow/Orange	White/Brown	Green	Blue/Purple
Tomatoes Watermelon Cherries Red grapes Cranberries Strawberries Red cabbage Raspberries	Oranges Apricots Cantaloupe Carrots Lemons Pineapples Sweet corn Mangos	Garlic Onions Bananas Turnips Pears Potatoes Jicama Cauliflower	Lettuce Kiwi Green grapes Avocados Artichokes Spinach Celery Cucumbers	Blueberries Blackberries Plums Raisins Eggplant Purple grapes Prunes Elderberries

Follow the maze to place each fruit or vegetable on the plate. Color each item and its path the correct color of the rainbow.



PUT A RAINBOW ON YOUR PLATE

Cut out these fruits and vegetables. Then paste them on the plate to create a clown face using the different foods as eyes, mouth, nose, hair, etc.



Standards Link: Health: Make healthy food choices; group food choices in many different ways.

Extra! Extra!

Health Food on the Go

Look through the newspaper for photos or drawings of different fruits and vegetables. Cut out these pictures. Paste them into the shape of a truck or a car.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to access content curriculum.

	RED	YELLOW/ORANGE	WHITE/BROWN	GREEN	BLUE/PURPLE
SUNDAY	Tomato	Corn	Banana	Peas	Raisins
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					

Make a chart like the one above. Then fill in which fruits and vegetables you eat, by color, each day. Can you eat at least one in each of the five colors every day?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Banana NICE Cream

With an adult's help, you can make this frozen, healthy treat!



STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

- 4 cups frozen banana slices (about two bananas)
- 2-4 tablespoons unsweetened almond or another kind of milk

MAKE IT!

- Place frozen banana slices and 2 tablespoons of unsweetened milk into a food processor or blender.
- Blend on high for 1 to 2 minutes.
- If blender is having a hard time blending, add a little more milk a little at a time.
- Once well mixed, your banana NICE cream will be like a soft serve ice cream. Enjoy it that way or put into a bread pan and freeze for 1 to 2 hours.

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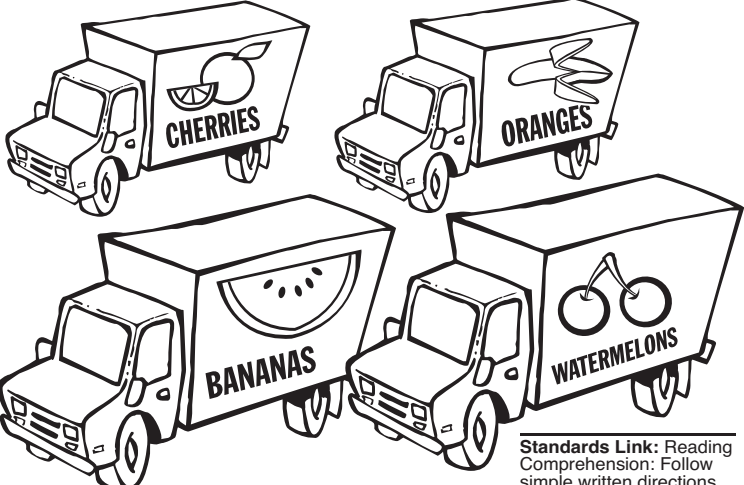


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Who switched these names on the fruit trucks? Draw lines to show where each label belongs. Then color the picture!



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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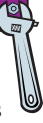
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Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Good **nutrition** makes people feel energetic and healthy.

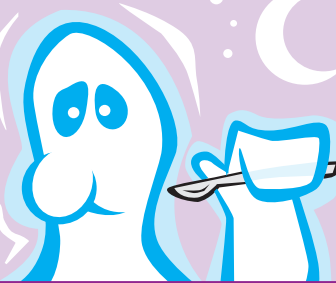
Try to use the word **nutrition** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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Grosse Pointe South boys varsity basketball defeated Warren Lincoln 59-56 on Saturday, Feb. 17, to win the MAC Red/White Tournament championship.

South tops Lincoln in instant classic for MAC Red/White title

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Anchor Bay High School gym was packed on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, for one of the most highly anticipated matchups of the boys high school basketball season. Regular season MAC Red champions Grosse Pointe South were set to face off against Warren Lincoln, MAC White champions and the No. 3 ranked team in the state going into the game. The excitement of the game surpassed even the high expectations of the fans, with the Blue Devils surging in the second half to

win 59-56. “We want to play our best basketball at the end of the year and we’re doing that,” South boys basketball head coach Steve Benard said. “... When we get two or three days of practice to prepare for a game, then we can beat any team, and we had three days to prepare for this... That’s one of the top teams in the state of Michigan right there.” Saturday’s game was a battle all throughout, with both teams looking like heavyweight fighters trading blows. The offenses for both the Blue Devils and Abes came out firing in the first half.

While Lincoln looked to have an advantage in the first quarter, South still kept it close, trailing only 15-11 after the first eight minutes. The second quarter saw more fireworks on offense, the game almost looking like a track meet. Lincoln maintained a narrow lead, but South stayed close behind, trailing by just two with the Abes up 30-28 going into halftime. While the first half looked more like a track meet, the start of the second half was anything but that pace. South and Lincoln both seemed to have a slightly more defensive approach to

open the third quarter, and with some shots struggling to fall, there were just 15 total points scored in the third frame. However, the Blue Devils took their first lead since early in the game near the end of the quarter, with Karter Richards sinking a pair of free throws to put South in front 37-36 going into the final eight minutes. That lead change also shifted the momentum much in South’s favor. Offense for both teams once again picked up in the fourth quarter, with big shots from Vince Vachon and Tory James helping the Blue Devils extend their lead to

seven, 57-50, with just under two minutes to go. Lincoln would then go on a six-point run, pulling back to within one in the game’s final seconds. Richards sank another pair of free throws to put South up by three, and Lincoln’s final shot attempt was no good, sealing the tournament title for the Blue Devils. Richards finished the game with 22 points while fellow senior Nate Davey made a big contribution scoring 14. James had 15 points, 12 of which were scored from beyond the three-point line. “We pride ourselves on being unselfish and all

our guys have the green light,” Benard said. “All our guys can play and they all have a job to do. Karter (Richards) shares the ball around and everyone feeds off that, and we just have confidence. So many players stepped up today.” South plays its final game of the regular season and also celebrates senior night at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, hosting Denby. The Blue Devils then head into the playoffs, with their first game of the district round set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Detroit King against either King or Detroit Western.

— Meg Leonard



PHOTO BY JENNIFER WENGEL

Stars on ice

For the first time in four years, Grosse Pointe Unified’s high school figure skating team finished first overall to win the district championship Tuesday, Feb 13, at Dearborn Ice Skating Arena. The skaters will compete in the state championship on a team and individual basis March 9 and 10, at Southgate Ice Arena in Southgate. The team combines athletes from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools. Pictured, from left, are North’s Luc Henri, South’s Claire Wengel, North’s Remy Henri and North’s Abby Owczarek.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior defenseman Drew Brady tallied 14 assists during the regular season for South boys hockey.

COURTESY PHOTO

Brady leads Blue Devils from blue line

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In his four years with the boys varsity hockey team at Grosse Pointe South, Drew Brady has held true to the idea that the name on the front of the jersey means the most. The senior defenseman is the definition of a team player for the Blue Devils and is making the most of his final season alongside his teammates and friends. Brady finished the regular season as South’s leader in points with 25, 14 of those being assists. He takes pride as a defenseman in creating opportunities for his teammates and having the option to shoot the puck himself or pass it and create a play, making Brady like a general on the ice. “From the blue line, you really see everything that’s going on,” Brady said. “You can see where people are and try to help them out and tell

them where guys are. You can call for the puck at the point and try to get a nice shot in and try to have some traffic to create a nice rebound for your teammates.” Brady has made his presence known with shots from the point, his 11 goals this season counting for the second most on the Blue Devils. Creating plays for his teammates, however, tends to be the option that he favors, knowing that the difference between a goal and an assist on his own stat sheet is negligible as long as the result helps South win games. “Scoring is great and all, but setting up your teammate with a nice pass and creating a

chance and ending up with an assist is just as good because it ends in a goal and gives the team an opportunity to win the game,” Brady said. Even with some great statistics to end the year, his senior season has been a bit of a roller coaster for Brady and the Blue Devils. It all began in the offseason with a coaching change for South, something that Brady has become all too familiar with over his high school career. Alan Koroloewicz stepped in during the off-season to take over the

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Drew Brady

School: Grosse Pointe South
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when the Blue Devils endured a seven-game losing streak that lasted from mid-December until nearly the end of January. However, that losing streak galvanized the Blue Devils, with Brady stepping up as a leader to help rally the team along with his fellow seniors and captains. South turned things around in late January, ending the regular season by winning five of its last eight games and setting up for what Brady hopes will be a strong postseason run. “I think we really started to come together as a team and gel, and we really started to bond with each other, which helped pick up our play,” he said. “...The season has had its ups and downs, but as of late we’ve been doing a lot better. I think we’re going into the playoffs with a lot of momentum.” Everything that Brady does is all in an effort to

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True Blue Devil

- Led South boys hockey with 25 points during regular season
- Finished 2nd on team with 11 goals
- Currently serving as an assistant captain in his senior year

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Regional winners on way to Ford Field

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

All year, high school wrestlers around the state of Michigan all have one goal in mind, to make it to Ford Field in March and wrestle for a state championship. Tickets to Ford Field and the individual state finals were punched last Saturday, Feb. 17, during the regional round, with wrestlers from Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North both moving on to represent the Pointes on the state's biggest stage.

South
The Blue Devils will have their best representation at the state finals in school history. Four South wrestlers, three boys and one girl, all earned qualifying spots in Division 1 at Ford Field during regionals, with two Blue Devils also earning individual regional titles.

Wyatt Hepner continued his dominant junior season by following up his district title win with a regional title at 138 pounds. Hepner, who entered regionals with a perfect 44-0 record this season, won his first two matches last Saturday to set him up in the regional final. He took on the bracket's top seed, Ozia Wilson from Dakota, in the championship round,



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Milania Rodriguez, center, celebrates with some of her South teammates and coaches after becoming the first girls wrestler in school history to qualify for the state finals.

and Hepner ended up on top with a 3-0 points decision to claim the regional title.

Senior Paul Wilson also brought a regional title back to South at 175 pounds. Wilson is headed to Ford Field for a second consecutive season, as he defeated Hussein Ajami from Dearborn Fordson 4-2 on points in the regional final match.

South's third state qualifier in the boys division was junior Josh Lemanski. Lemanski lost to Troy's Zephyr Fegley

in his first round matchup, but battled through the consolation bracket to earn himself a spot in the third-place match. He went on to pin Landen Fetty from Romeo to clinch third place in the region and secure his spot at Ford Field.

On Sunday, Feb. 18, one of South's girls wrestlers also battled her way to a place at the state finals. Senior Milania Rodriguez took fourth place in the girls Division 1 regional tournament in the 135-pound class, making her the first ever girls wrestler from South to ever advance to the state finals.

North
With three boys wrestlers making it to the regional round, the Norsemen ultimately ended up with just one competitor who moved on to Ford Field in Division 2. North's lone state finals qualifier was Preston Auld, who is headed to states for a second year in a row at 144 pounds.

Auld, a senior, advanced to the regional semifinal round before losing to Carter Simota from Jefferson. However, Auld was able to recover in the consolation bracket and eventually defeat Annapolis' Oscar Gutierrez 4-0 on points in the third-place match.

"(Auld) has had an incredible four years and is looking to cap it off with another fantastic

accomplishment by getting on the podium (at states)," North wrestling coach Jaron Nelson said.

North's other regional qualifiers did not advance far enough to earn spots at Ford Field. Andrew Persyn advanced as far as the consolation bracket semifinals in the 150-pound class before being eliminated. Sophomore Derand Sacko wrestled at 157 pounds and suffered back-to-back losses ending his



PHOTO BY MELISSA SPAIN

North senior Preston Auld is headed to the Division 2 state finals at Ford Field for the second year in a row, finishing third in the region at 144 pounds.

chances for a state finals bid.

Maddelyn Walter from North wrestled in the girls regional tournament for a second year in a row. Competing in the 100-pound bracket, Walter lost to

Richmond's Pauline Chapman in the first round, ending her day.

The individual wrestling state championships for all divisions will be held at Ford Field in downtown Detroit beginning on Friday, March 1.



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From left, Josh Lemanski, Wyatt Hepner and Paul Wilson all qualified for the Division 1 boys wrestling state finals thanks to their performances at regionals Feb. 17.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Drew Brady serves as an assistant captain of South boys hockey during his senior season

ATHLETE: *Continued from page 1D*

help the Blue Devils win. It is what he prides himself on along with his fellow seniors like George Knowlton, Anderson Tigges and Hayden Crane as well as longtime friend Vincent Scegllo.

South won its first playoff game on Monday, Feb. 19, defeating Port Huron 10-1. With playoffs underway, there is no way of knowing exactly when Brady's final game as a Blue Devil will be. It all becomes about taking in the moment and always looking forward no matter when the end might be.

"I always try to take everything one shift at a time," Brady said. "Forget the bad things and take the good things as they come. Try to win every shift you play to give your team the best opportunity to win the game."

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ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 1:00 P.M.
MONDAY, MARCH 11TH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
795 LAKE SHORE RD.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan (http://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf). Appointments may be made by calling 881-6565. **Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/18/24) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner.** You may call 881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at 313.881.6565 or email pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov.

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Norsemen dispatch Blue Devils 43-31

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

In their first two meetings of the girls basketball regular season, Grosse Pointe North had gotten the better of crosstown rival Grosse Pointe South. The two sides met again Thursday, Feb. 15, this time with the stakes raised a bit higher, facing each other in the opening round of this year's MAC Red/White League Tournament. North, the No. 2 seed in the tournament, played host and once again was able to claim bragging rights over South, winning 43-31.

"Playing a team for the third time and having it be a rivalry game, I was concerned going in, but felt like we really had a good frame of mind," North girls varsity basketball head coach Gary Bennett said. "We had a good mindset about competing and being really focused, so I was real pleased with our effort both mentally and physically."

The back-and-forth first quarter made it seem as if last Thursday's game would end up being a much closer



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South junior Morgan Duff (No. 23) guards North's Jenna Winowiecki. Winowiecki had 19 points in the Norsemen's win over South Thursday, Feb. 15, in the opening round of the MAC Tournament.

showdown than it ultimately was. Both teams traded some shots and the Blue Devils did hold a brief, slim lead. North would inch back out in front to lead 11-10 at the end of the first frame.

Offense slowed down on both sides in the second quarter. South man-

aged only two points in the eight minutes before halftime, a dry spell that ultimately helped the Norsemen lengthen their lead even more, making 18-12 in favor of North going into the break.

South's struggles to score continued in the third quarter, allowing

North to begin pulling away. The Norsemen surged on offense to open the second half, with senior Jenna Winowiecki knocking down some big shots to keep building on the lead.

Leading 31-18 at the end of the third quarter, North looked to be rolling into the end of the game. The Blue Devils did have their most productive quarter in the final frame, but it was not enough to catch up to the Norsemen, who sealed the win by double digits.

"I don't think we shot the ball particularly well, but I think we defended well and took care of the ball," Bennett said about what the Norsemen did right in the win. "Those are the things we talk about all the time, giving great effort on defense and taking care of the ball. We feel like when we do those things, we're playing a pretty good basketball game and I think we did them (against South)."

Winowiecki led the Norsemen with 19 points in the win, while junior Eva Borowski had 10. South junior Maddy

Benard was the only Blue Devil to get into double digits with 15.

North moved on to the semifinals of the MAC Tournament, where it faced Ford II on Tuesday, Feb. 20, after press time. The championship game of the MAC Tournament is scheduled for 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24, at Warren Fitzgerald.

South traveled to Utica Tuesday, Feb. 20, after press time to play in the consolation bracket of the league tournament. The Blue Devils return home at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, to host Lakeview.

'A celebration of girls basketball'

A special night is on tap to honor graduating seniors from Grosse Pointe South girls varsity basketball team at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, against Lakeview High School in the Blue Devils' main gym.

Coined "A Celebration of Girls Basketball," the team invites all youth basketball players to attend the game and take part in a post-game meet and greet with the players, while enjoying a loaded concession stand and giveaways throughout the night. Youth players are encouraged to wear their team jerseys.

Girls K-8 who attend also will receive a free "Girls Can Hoop" t-shirt.

"We want young basketball players to come and feel the excitement of a high school game and feel connected to older players," said Kevin Richards, South girls varsity basketball coach. "This event showcases what a great game the sport of basketball is for girls to be a part of, too."



Gymnastics nails league's top spot

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics (GPUG) tumbled its way to the biggest win of the season by earning 133.9 points and finishing in first place out of six teams at its league championship Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Birmingham Groves High School.

The team competes in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Division 1, Region 4, and beat league rivals Berkley-Athens, Troy-Avon-dale, Bloomfield Hills, Fraser and Birmingham to capture the title on Valentine's Day.

In addition to the top team finish, GPUG scored the top individual finishes on the day. Allie Mattes won first All-Around in Division 1, while Lucy Tull finished first All-Around in Division 2. Mattes also took the top spot on beam and bars, and finished third on floor and fourth on vault. Tull took the top spots on vault and beam in her division, and finished

third on bars and floor. Several other GPUG gymnasts placed individually in the meet, including the following in Division 2:

- ◆ Jessi Taylor, who finished fourth in the All-Around competition. She also finished fourth on floor, fifth in vault and ninth on bars.

- ◆ Penny Roustemis, who finished sixth All-Around and on vault. She took eighth place on beam and ninth on floor.

- ◆ Anna Nguyen, who finished seventh on beam.

- ◆ Makiya Latham, who finished in eighth place on floor.

In a fun twist to the team's successful showing at the league meet, three GPUG teammates also won the informal handstand contest, including Mattes, Taylor and Natalie Whittaker.

GPUG hosts a "Last Chance" meet for gymnasts who hope to qualify for regionals at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at Grosse Pointe North. The regional meet will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, at Groves High School.



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Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics embraces their first-place trophy after winning the league championship on Valentine's Day.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE

2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will meet in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:			
Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 12, 2024	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 12, 2024	Tuesday	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
March 19, 2024	Tuesday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
March 26, 2024	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	

Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2024 Board of Review Petitions are required and must be submitted at to the Assessor's Office prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in-person before the Board of Review is end of day Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper. All board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act." If you have any questions, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 434-2452.

Eric Dunlap
City Assessor

G.P.N.: Publishing Dates
2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24

City of **Grosse Pointe Park**, Michigan

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2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2022 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting

March 12, 2024 1:00 PM

Appeal Hearings

March 12, 2024 1:30 PM to 9:00 PM

March 26, 2024 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. In person hearings are by appointment only and write in petitions will be accepted. COMPLETED 2024 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS (L-4035 FORMS) ARE NECESSARY, and must be filled out entirely prior to your appointment or petition drop off. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal before the Board of Review is by Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by a taxpayer representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by the Assessor's office end of day Tuesday, March 28, 2023 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

More information on Board of Review dates and times of the meetings will be posted on the city website.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200

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One shining moment

GP athletes make college commitments official

By Meg Leonard
Senior Editor

Ceremonies took place this month for 15 student-athletes from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School who made their college commitments official by signing their National Letters of Intent (NLI). The signings signified the moment when an athlete’s verbal commitment became a formalized binding agreement between themselves and their future college or university.

These happy celebrations gathered the student-athletes’ families, coaches, classmates and teammates to honor their hard work, commitment and competitive spirit.

Here’s a look at where these gifted student-athletes will be heading:

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

- Ethan Bailey-González**
Football
Hardin-Simmons University (Abilene, Texas)
- Rocco Cardinale**
Baseball
Wayne State University
- 
- Rylee Nugent**
Swim and Dive
Southern Virginia University (Buena Vista, Va.)
- Lucie Leonhard**
Cross Country
NOVA Southeastern University (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
- Marcus Robinson**
Track and Field
Olivet Nazarene University (Bourbonnais, Ill.)

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

- Hunter Belanger**
Football
Northern Michigan University
- 
- Ben Bryan**
Swim and Dive
Middlebury College (Middlebury, Vt.)
- Alex Rothis**
Football
Albion College
- Ruby Verlinden**
Lacrosse
Northwood University
- Dailey Jogan**
Swim and Dive
Aquinas College (Grand Rapids)
- Anne Wayman**
Ice Hockey
Grand Valley State University
- Alayna Okonoski**
Diving
Oakland University

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT

- Brynn Collins**
Lacrosse
Hope College
- Zach Hill**
Football
Siena Heights University
- Jordan Stefanides**
Football
Wayne State University



Anne Wayman, right, commits to play women’s ice Hockey at Grand Valley State University with her mom, Erin, by her side.



Blue Devil Hunter Belanger, center, flanked by his parents, Cris and Mark, makes things official to play football at Northern Michigan.



Ruby Verlinden, center, and her parents, Sarah and Michael, delight in her commitment to play women’s lacrosse at Northwood University next fall.



Alayna Okonoski, center, joins, from left, her dad, David; sister, Lillian; brother, Logan; and mom, Melissa, as she officially commits to become a diver at Oakland University next fall.



South varsity football head coach Chad Hepner, back center, watches Alex Rothis, front center, with his family as he becomes an Albion College Briton.



South’s Ben Bryan, sitting at center, will swim at Middlebury College in Vermont next season. He was joined at his signing by his proud family, including, from left, mom, Jessica; sister, Caroline; grandfather, Norman Silverman; sister, Heidi; and dad, Robert.



Dailey Jogan, sitting at center, will join Aquinas College’s swim and dive team in Grand Rapids next fall. From left, her dad, Tim; mom, Colleen; and brothers, Jackson and Thomas celebrate the moment, along with her sister, Brigit, a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard stationed at Sector Virginia, who tunes in via Facetime.



Design by Mary Schlager
and John Pigott



Erica Hill, left, and James Hill, right, join their son, Zach Hill, as he signs on to play football at Siena Heights University.



Misty Stefanides, right, takes a peek at son Jordan Stefanides' letter of intent to play football at Wayne State University.



Liggett senior Brynn Collins, center, commits to play women's lacrosse at Hope College with her parents, Brett and Darby, seated and brother, Griffin, standing.



Norseman Rylee Nugent will compete for the women's swim and dive team next fall at Southern Virginia University in Buena Vista, Va.



North senior Marcus Robinson will run track and field at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., starting next fall.



Ethan Bailey-González, middle, is officially set to play football at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. His parents, George and Clarissa, join him at his signing ceremony earlier this month.



Put me in, Coach! Beginning next fall, Rocco Cardinale will suit up to play baseball at Wayne State University.



North senior Lucie Leonhard will run cross country at NOVA Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Grosse Pointe North photos by Molly Lau

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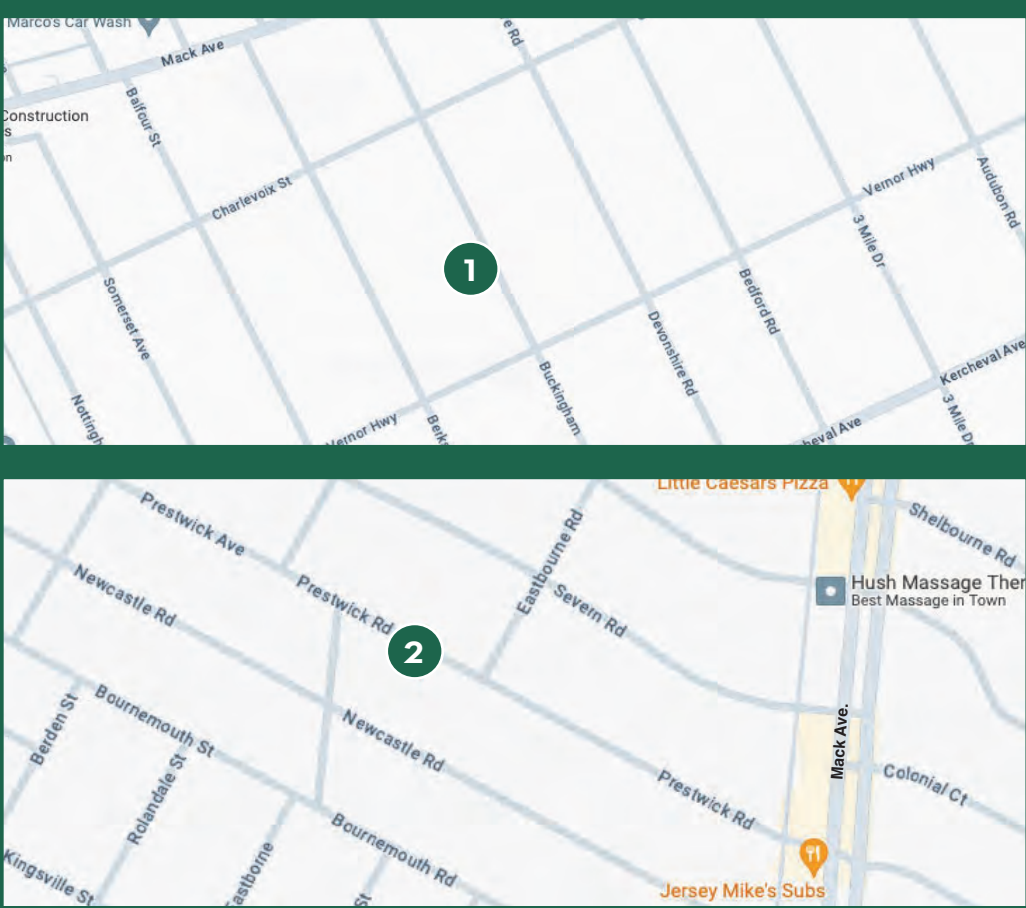
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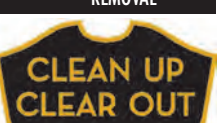
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