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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

Rogers named deputy director

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Though serving in the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department since 1999, Andrew Rogers didn't specifically intend to go into law enforcement as he entered college. He simply sought a career where he wouldn't be stuck in a cubicle and every day would be differ-

ent. "My first law enforcement class, I knew," he said. "I was like, 'This is it.' It was straight A's. It was like the lightbulb went on." Effective Monday, Rogers now is deputy director of the Farms public safety department, filling the role of John Hutchins, who was appointed director following Dan Jensen's retirement.

"Andy has performed exceptionally at all levels within the department and has the respect of our personnel," Hutchins said. "... He knows the community and, most importantly, we work very well together. Andy has been my right hand during the last 15 years, much like I was for Dan." Born and raised in the Farms, the only time Rogers has lived elsewhere was during the four

years he worked as an officer for the Monroe Police Department prior to being hired in the Farms. His father, who worked as a consultant for the city planner for years, suggested Rogers apply for the Farms department after hearing during a council meeting they were hiring. "One of the many things I'm



See ROGERS, page 5A **Andrew Rogers**



Students at Monteith Elementary School and throughout the Grosse Pointes returned to face-to-face learning in March wearing masks and using face shields.

2021 IN REVIEW

A year of challenges in the Woods

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Woods faced its fair share of challenges this year. It endured the loss of two members of council, who passed away within months of each other. Heavy storms left the city dealing with an aftermath of flooding, sewage backup and power outages. A

Parcells Middle School student published a school-shooting threat following the deadly shooting at nearby Oxford High School, resulting in his arrest. This is the year in review. **January** ♦ The city hall flag flies at half-staff in honor of former Councilman George McMullen, a

longtime, beloved member of the community who died from pancreatic cancer late December. ♦ City council approves the Woods-Shores Little League fundraising efforts to hang banners on the fields' fences at Ghesquiere Park. ♦ A resident in the 600 block of Peach Tree Lane is uninjured in a house fire, which left the home

a pile of rubble by the time the fire was contained. ♦ The Woods department of public safety receives a new, state-of-the-art firetruck, replacing a 31-year-old vehicle. **February** ♦ A 62-year-old Woods man drives his SUV off the roadway at Mack

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2021 IN REVIEW

A year of putting plans into action

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City moved forward with major projects this year including Mack Avenue rezoning, an update to its master plan and allowances for apartments and townhomes set for 389 St. Clair. It also listened to resident opinion and discontinued the pursuit of a historic district. This is the year in review.

January ♦ Dr. Nick Gilpin, medical director at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and Beaumont Health director of epidemiology and infection prevention, is the first Beaumont Health employee to receive the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. ♦ City administration gathers public opinion on potential Mack Avenue zoning changes, as the first of the implementa-

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2021 IN REVIEW

A quiet year of city updates

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Shores moved forward this year with updates such as transitioning the city's finance department from manual to election reporting, implementing an ethics policy and changing its water billing structure. It also began laying the groundwork to tackle major infrastructure projects set to cost approximately \$16 million.

This is the year in review. **January** ♦ Finance Officer/Treasurer Cathy Hall resigns after three months in the position. ♦ Councilman Matt Seely resigns from the Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee after members suggest elected officials should not be involved. ♦ A freeze is placed on unessential expenses in

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New districts, for now

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Barring successful legal challenge, the first attempt at which was announced this week, the five Grosse Pointes will sail through the next 10 years with a unified electoral voice in the hubs of

state and federal government. No longer will the Pointes be divided, as currently, in the Michigan House of Representatives. So, too, the sister communities retain combined representation in Congress and the state Senate, according to

new legislative districts approved Tuesday, Dec. 28, by the inaugural Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Committee. Also, the three new districts are more compact, especially compared with the Pointes'
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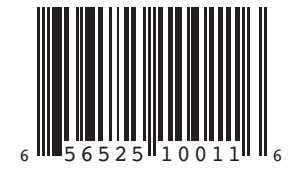
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Authority pegs flooding as inevitable

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Heavy rain coupled with electrical problems at pumping stations are blamed for widespread basement flooding at the night of June 25, according to preliminary findings of an investigative team recruited by the government agency charged with ensuring metro Detroit pumping stations operate properly during heavy rains to guard against flooding.

The team’s preliminary accounting of the storm’s intensity can be seen as a backwards charge of the Light Brigade, this time with storm water assailing pumps destined to be overwhelmed no matter how well they did or didn’t work.

“The intensity and magnitude of rainfall June 25-26 significantly exceeded the design level for the collection and treatment system and was the primary cause of water in basements,” according to the report

presented during a meeting of the Great Lakes Water Authority board of directors Nov. 18.

Rain fell that night at a rate of 7.8 inches over 12 hours, according to a follow-up presentation of statistical modeling at the Dec. 3 board meeting. Peak intensity reached 15.5 inches per hour during a five-minute period.

Preliminary findings predicted a less than 1 percent reduction in basement flooding over 64 square miles had pumps at three eastside Detroit stations serving the Grosse Pointes been working full throttle June 25-26 and during a lesser, but still more intense than average, storm July 16. The latter storm dumped 4.5 inches over six hours, including 11.8 inches during a five-minute span.

The pump stations are Connors Creek on East Jefferson near the corner of Clairpointe, Freud Station one block down Clairpointe toward the Detroit River, and Bluehill, on Bluehill

Street across Mack Avenue from the City of Grosse Pointe.

The Freud station has six pumps and operates only during wet weather. During the June storm, in addition to an external power supply loss, only three of Freud’s pumps worked. One of those started late.

At Connors Creek, five of six pumps worked that night despite an in-house power problem.

All told, only eight of the tandem facilities’ 12 pumps worked, or two-thirds capacity.

Findings also note problems with the pumping network’s power supply, attributable partially to a confluence of storms and an inopportune change in suppliers of electrical power.

“Power supply and reliability and quality are significant ongoing vulnerabilities to the operations of Freud Station and Bluehill,” according to the November presentation. “The timing of (Detroit Lighting Department)/(DTE

Energy) power supply conversion was a critical factor in the number of pumps available at Freud during the June event and at Bluehill in the July event.”

“The Great Lakes Water Authority recently asked the court for permission to engage DTE as part of the switchover from Detroit Public Lighting to DTE powering the Freud plant to make major modifications and upgrades,” said Paul Doherty, a Grosse Pointe Park resident and lawyer representing flood plaintiffs in what may become a class action suit in Wayne County Circuit Court against the authority, Detroit, Park and City of Grosse Pointe.

A judge approved the station’s repairs and upgrades, but also ordered the old equipment be preserved as evidence.

“The fact that Freud had massive electrical problems is going to be well documented,” Doherty said. “I don’t

think it’s going to be disputed.”

He looks forward to deposing rank-and-file pump station employees about system readiness and operations.

“We haven’t gotten discovery yet to learn who was working that day, but my guess is the people who work at Freud and Connors Creek are not going to take the fall for this,” Doherty said. “They’re simply GLWA employees. They don’t have enough skin in the game to take the blame. My guess is they’re going to be very open and frank about the problems they’ve had there for years and say this was the culmination, the perfect storm which caused \$100 million in property damage.”

In the meantime, Park officials retained a contractor to video survey the city’s 41 miles of sewer pipes to look for possible obstructions, breaks or anything that could interrupt flow.

“We also revised an ordinance saying you

can’t have a downspout connected to the sanitary system except for certain exceptions,” Park City Manager Nick Sizeland said. “We have it a little tougher than before. As part of building renovations, our inspectors are looking to see if downspouts have been disconnected.”

“Our goal is to minimize inflow into the system,” said Max Wiener, a newly elected Park councilman.

He also supports seeking state permission to install a valve to send overwhelming surges of storm water directly into Lake St. Clair rather than to Detroit, where back-ups, evidenced by last summer’s floods, are part of the historical record.

“This is a developing design,” Wiener said. “We’re trying to figure out the most environmentally friendly way to do this. We’re trying to figure out the best possible option in case of a catastrophe. The reality of basement flooding was environmental havoc.”

WOODS:

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Avenue, striking a tree, a large garbage can, a parking meter and, ultimately, Merchant’s Fine Wine & Spirits. Alcohol and a single-shot bottle of Tito’s vodka are found on scene.

◆ A house in the 1800 block of Broadstone Road goes up in smoke, with active fire in the basement. While the two residents of the home escape with no injuries, their 18-year-old cat does not survive.

March

◆ Mayor Robert E. Novitke passes away Sunday, March 14. Novitke, a resident more than 40 years, served on council 13 years and was mayor of the city more than 30 years. The Woods city hall was renamed the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center in October 2020, with Novitke present.

◆ Mayor Pro-Tem Arthur W. Bryant is appointed to fill the mayoral vacancy until the November election. Two vacant council seats are met with 19 applications, of which the city selects Angela Coletti Brown and Thomas Vaughn as its newest members.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Live animals, including Frankie, a 25-year-old turtle, were part of Fall Fest in September.

April

◆ The annual public safety report shows a 24 percent reduction in index and non-index crimes in 2020, with 73 reported incidents of larceny, making it the highest reported crime in the city.

◆ A ribbon-cutting ceremony is celebrated, unveiling a new vehicular bridge over Lake Front Park’s marina.

May

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification

Commission hosts its annual flower sale at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, featuring Proven Winners annuals and perennials, hanging baskets, patio pots and Indian Summer Recycling compost.

◆ Concern surrounding COVID-19 has the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission observing Memorial Day virtually by posting a

54-minute video from Memorial Day 1997.

June

◆ Flooding and sewage backup occurs in the Grosse Pointes overnight Friday, June 25, as 7 inches of rain hit the cities in three hours. In the Woods, an estimated 100 homes are impacted.

July

◆ City officials hold a town hall via Zoom regarding the June rain event that left many residents in despair and basements flooded with sewage.

August

◆ A COVID-19 outbreak reported among lifeguarding staff at Lake Front Park shuts down the pool for three days.

◆ Two baby sulcata tortoises, Lily and Coco, are stolen from Lou’s Pet Shop. After posting pictures of the suspects to the shop’s Facebook page, the tortoises are returned to the store with the help of patrons and public safety.

◆ Homes throughout the Pointes are impacted by 80 mile per hour gusts. Woods homes are hit the hardest, with some still without power almost a week later.

September

◆ Council signs off on a three-year agreement with Vector Solutions, a new public safety training program which will offer a thousand classes for police, fire and emergency medical services.

October

◆ The city recognizes department of public works crew chiefs Matthew Crook and Edwin Hall at a council meeting for their above-and-beyond service during the June 25-26 storm event.

◆ City Administrator Bruce Smith announces his plans to retire at the end of the year.

◆ Initial design plans are presented for an

update to Chene-Trombly Park. Anticipated design measures include upgraded fencing, a more distinct entrance to the park, a sand pit, educational pieces, climbing areas and tot-favorable swings, among other things.

◆ Oct. 20, 2021, is designated Donnie Cook Day. Cook is the owner of Lou’s Pet Shop and has become a community icon for animal lovers.

November

◆ Two proposed charter amendments to transfer authority over the city clerk and treasurer from city council to the city administrator are passed handily following the election. City council, uncontested, remains unchanged.

◆ Department of Public Services Director Frank Schulte will become the new city administrator following Bruce Smith’s retirement, effective at the start of the new year.

December

◆ A 14-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods boy and Parcels Middle School student is arrested after publishing a shooting threat online. The threat follows a school shooting at nearby Oxford High School, which left four students dead and others injured.

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The Woods Department of Public Safety hosted an open house in October.

Christmas in Mayfield

Shores delivers truckload of donations

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Christmas meant something different this year for Mayfield and Wingo, Ky., residents staying in the Kenlake Shelter after their homes were leveled by the Dec. 10 tornado outbreak. Rather than Santa’s sleigh, it was a truck from Grosse Pointe Shores full of donations that pulled up to their door the day after Christmas.

“It was a full truckload of all kinds of items and it was a great success,” Shores City Manager Stephen Poloni said of the donation drive.

While the truck was filled with nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, batteries and dia-



Left, department of public works employees and City Manager Stephen Poloni, middle, with the truck bound for Kentucky. Right, the truck is loaded with the first grouping of donations.

pers, more immediate necessities — extension cords, flashlights and pillows — were shipped to the shelter days earlier.

The Michigan Fraternal Order of Police Foundation, partnering with the Shores, also

received approximately \$5,000 in check donations to be put toward the effort.

With some of the funds left over, Poloni said, more items will be shipped down throughout the month as needs arise.

The effort not only



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came from those in the Shores, he emphasized. Donations filled the truck with generosity spanning all five Pointes.

“I think anytime we can help people in need, that’s what our job is to do,” Poloni said. “That’s what

we’re here for.”

While he didn’t personally drive the truck to Kentucky, the city manager did fly down and spend Christmas in the area, staying with family and helping out.

“It was devastating,” he

said. “I was down there for four days and just to see it in person — I know I saw the videos — but to see it in person, to see the devastation and the heartache from the people who have lost everything, it was pretty surreal.”

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tion steps after the completion of the Mack Avenue Corridor Improvement Plan recommendations.

◆ Boundaries are proposed for a historic district, which could include 92 properties in the City.

◆ John Alcorn is sworn in as public safety director.

February

◆ Restaurants and bars are allowed to reopen with restrictions.

◆ Five suspects use a vehicle to ram through a section of the BP service station on Mack to steal the safe from within.

◆ The preliminary historic district study report for the proposed district in the City is unanimously adopted by the Historic District Study Committee, while residents raise concerns over not enough engagement with homeowners, the process being rushed and only favorable information being shared.

◆ Passport Parking, a new parking app that allows payment via smartphone, is implemented in the City.

March

◆ Cindy Willcock is selected as the executive director of Main Street Grosse Pointe.

◆ City council unanimously decides to discontinue the historic district study in response to overwhelming resident discontent with the proposal.

◆ Draft zoning recommendations for the City side of Mack between Fisher and Cadieux are presented, which would consolidate the restricted office district, R-O1, and local commercial, C-1,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The City unveiled its new council chambers and courtroom in June.

into one general commercial district.

April

◆ The creation of a second-floor studio apartment at 16906 Kercheval marks the first residential space on Kercheval in The Village in decades.

◆ A total of 116 teachers district-wide in the Grosse Pointe Public School System call in sick, following a Board of Education meeting, during which a resolution passed 6-1 to continue full face-to-face learning and alter quarantine and distancing guidelines.

◆ City council sets in motion a five-year review and update of its master plan.

May

◆ The City earns a Sterling Community designation as recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 10 straight years of tree growth.

◆ The public safety department announces intent to pursue certification through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

◆ Changes to the Mack Avenue zoning map and ordinance in the City unify the majority of the stretch into a single new district, the C-1 commercial district, while increasing its allowed uses, providing more flexible parking standards and unifying development standards. Six blocks of Mack previously only allowed office uses now are able to have general business uses, while second-floor residential uses also have become a possibility.

◆ For the third year in a row, the City and Farms apply for a joint grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation that would fund 40 percent of resurfacing work on Fisher Road between Mack and Kercheval.

◆ The first annual City of Grosse Pointe Public Works Week Commemoration takes place prior to an open house for the department’s new facility.

June

◆ A fire breaks out in

the rear of Koi Nu Asian after business hours.

◆ Construction of the city’s new court and council chambers, built out of the old 1920s public safety building and fire hall on Maumee, is completed.

◆ The Goethe dead end at University is vacated to neighboring homeowners.

◆ Flooding and sewage backup occurs in the Grosse Pointes overnight Friday, June 25, as 7 inches of rain hit the cities in three hours.

◆ A freak weather occurrence descends upon the southern half of the City Tuesday, June 29, taking down trees and causing power outages.

July

◆ President Joe Biden approves a Michigan disaster declaration for Wayne and Washtenaw counties, opening federal funds for home and business owners affected by the June 25-26 rain event.

◆ A FEMA Disaster Document Center opens at the public safety building on Mack.

August

◆ A request before city council to conditionally rezone 389 St. Clair from single-family residential to transition is tabled as the developers are asked to return to the drawing board and address concerns raised by neighboring residents.

◆ A storm Friday, Aug. 27, brings an inch of rain in 17 minutes according to meters in the City, flooding the intersection at Cadieux and Kercheval and finding its way into the ground floor of two neighboring businesses in The Village.

◆ Ordinances are implemented to require downspout disconnection and strengthen grease and oil disposal regulations for businesses.

◆ \$200,000 in state funding is earmarked for phase one implementation of the Mack Avenue Streetscape Plan for Detroit, the City, Farms and Park.

November

◆ Incumbents Maureen Juip and Chris Walsh, along with newcomer David Fries, are elected to city council.

◆ Investigators determine arson to be the cause of a June fire at Koi Nu Asian.

◆ Rezoning and the site plan are approved by city council for 18 apartment units and eight townhomes set for 389 St. Clair.

◆ The Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods form the country’s first joint Crisis Intervention Team, training at the City public safety building.

◆ FEMA approves public assistance to Wayne and Ionia counties for the June 26 rain event.

December

◆ The Chase Bank at 17449 Jefferson closes and consolidates with the 685 St. Clair branch.

◆ Council votes for Fisher Road from Waterloo to Mack to be resurfaced in 2022.

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, JAN. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Trustees meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Rescheduled Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

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

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

- ◆ Winterfest at Pier Park, noon to 4 p.m. Includes a petting farm, ice-carving demonstrations, ice skating, food trucks, Soup & Chili Challenge and more.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The annual Village tree-lighting ceremony helped kick off the holiday season in November.

City of Grosse Pointe

Stolen bike

Between Nov. 8 and Dec. 18, an unlocked, brown Giant Cypress bicycle worth \$700 was stolen from the 500 block of Cadieux Road.

Repeat thief

After a driver in a white Dodge Stratus committed retail fraud at a business in the Park at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, Grosse Pointe officers located the vehicle near Cadieux Road and Charlevoix Street. Fleeing at a high rate of speed, the vehicle eventually was lost in Detroit. It is wanted in connection with numerous larcenies in metro Detroit.

Operating while intoxicated

A 22-year-old Lincoln Park man was arrested for operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended, after being pulled over for speeding at Mack Avenue and Rivard Boulevard at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bitcoin fraud

After having trouble logging into her Robinhood application Dec. 22, a 53-year-old Farms woman received a call from a man claiming

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to be a customer service representative.

The woman followed his instructions to download a variety of new applications onto her phone, send a photo of her ID card and transfer \$101,835.57 in bitcoin, among other funds.

The funds transferred, which she was told were part of an exercise to determine her validity as the account holder, were never returned.

Musical priorities

A 28-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over at Moross Road and Chandler Park at 2:43 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, after an officer observed her speeding 45 mph, drifting across lanes and remain stopped at a green light for a prolonged period.

While the woman said she was stopped at the green light to change a song on her phone, a preliminary breath test showed she had a blood alcohol content of .157 percent.

She was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol.

Locked out

After being dispatched to assist a resident who was reportedly locked out of his house in the 300 block of Lakeshore Road at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, officers discovered the house was for

sale and the 44-year-old Detroit man was unable to provide identification or proof of residency.

The man gave officers multiple names before they found footprints in the snow showing he had made entry into the unsecured pool house bathroom.

When the owner of the home was contacted, she denied knowing the man, who was ticketed for trespassing violations.

Driving while license suspended

A 58-year-old Detroit man was pulled over at Mack Avenue and Moross Road for an expired license plate tab at 12:27 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29. The man was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was impounded.

Christmas Grinch

A baby Jesus statue was reported stolen from a Christmas nativity on the lawn of an area church at 5:59 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29. A lamb statue also was broken and appeared to have been kicked.

A representative of the church said the statues are very old and antique.

After the department put out a community bulletin asking for information on the theft, the

baby Jesus statue was returned to the church the next day.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Unlicensed

A 20-year-old Roseville man was pulled over for speeding at Mack and Wayburn at 2:28 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30.

The man was found to be unlicensed and was arrested.

Need luck

Two black men, one 5-feet, 6-inches tall and likely 30 years old and the other 5-feet, 10-inches tall and 20 years old, entered a store in the 15000 block of Jefferson at 10:08 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

The first man approached the register, acting as though he were going to buy merchandise. As the second man held the door, the first man grabbed several lottery tickets and fled.

The investigation is ongoing.

Walk of shame

A 40-year-old Park man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 3:46 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 1.

Public safety officers found multiple unoccupied vehicles in the 700 block of Lakepointe that appeared to be damaged from a recent accident. The 40-year-old Park man was located walking in the area and was the registered owner of one of the unoccupied, damaged cars.

Investigation revealed the man was intoxicated and had caused the accident while driving his car.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Missing detector

A black Escort Max 3 radar detector, valued at \$500, was reported missing from a car parked in the 1000 block of North Oxford as of 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27.

The car owner reported the car alarm went off around 8 p.m. the previous night. She reset the alarm, but did not notice damage done to the vehicle.

When she went to move the car the next morning, she found the front passenger window was broken and the radar detector was missing.

Crashed & found

A car parked in the 19000 block of Mack at 5 a.m. was missing at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28.

The car was recovered several days later in Detroit, where it was involved in a motor vehicle crash.

Stolen car

After parking his 2017 Dodge Challenger Hellcat on the side of the road in the 20000 block of Mack at 11:12 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, the car owner came out 25 minutes later to find glass on the ground and his car nowhere in sight.

The vehicle, which had undergone numerous upgrades, is valued at \$70,000.

A nearby business caught the theft on camera and revealed another Dodge Challenger was seen in the area around the time of the theft.

— *Kate Vanderstelt*
Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

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— *Laurel Kraus*
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COVID-19 cases rise in the Pointes

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Between Dec. 21 and 28, the Grosse Pointes saw 401 new COVID-19 cases and 10 deaths.

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is seeing the resulting significant uptick in patients with COVID-type symptoms, according to Glen Clark, M.D., an emergency medicine physician.

The positivity rate in the area currently is

approximately 24 percent, he reported.

“I can say that’s what we’re seeing in our department,” Clark said. “It’s surprising so many patients who come in without symptoms at all,” as anyone admitted to the hospital must be tested.

With urgent cares and drive-thru testing sites at pharmacies inundated by those with potential exposures, patients are beginning to show up to emergency rooms sim-

ply for COVID-19 testing.

“One of the issues right now is the urgent cares are so swamped themselves, people can’t even get in to get routine testing done elsewhere,” Clark explained, “so they’re starting to come into the emergency room for the same purpose.”

Bed capacity also has become a recurring issue.

“There aren’t rooms to put patients, so they

back up in the emergency room with admitted patients and, subsequently, our waiting room times are significantly longer than typical,” Clark said.

While Beaumont does not conduct testing to determine which variant a COVID-19 patient has, Clark said one potential cause of the current spike in cases could be the omicron variant, which is more contagious and easily spread. “Fortunately, I will also

agree many of the patients we’re seeing aren’t as sick as what we used to see,” he said.

However, he added, the sheer volume of cases means a greater likelihood of patients requiring hospitalization or dying from the illness.

The ways to take precaution and best protect oneself remain the same as throughout the past year.

Clark recommends

individuals get vaccinated, wear masks and frequently wash their hands.

“We’re not seeing much flu fortunately,” he said. “Last year was minimal flu, but if we start seeing more flu or other viral infections, that’s just going to compound the issue. Mask wearing and hand washing really mitigated that (last year), so that should be continued.”

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happy for is I know my dad would be so proud knowing that I’m sitting where he used to sit,” he said.

During the last 16 years as a lieutenant, Rogers was integral in the design and purchase of the new Rosenbauer Fire Engine 3; was the first to bring the Nixle alert system to the Pointes; brought Narcan to the department; led the fire division; organized special operations that fell outside of regular shift police work, such as races, parades, VIP details and large weddings; served as liaison supervisor for the Farms reserve officers; and ran and revamped the Field Training Officer, or FTO, program for new employees.

“I think one of my proudest moments with the PD was being in

charge of the FTO program and sitting on the interview boards, selecting recruits and then seeing them through the process of becoming full-fledged officers,” Rogers said, “and I’m proud to say we have a great bunch.”

Goals for his time as deputy director include constantly improving the department and fire division, growing the bond with surrounding communities that share mutual-aid policies and exploring the pursuit of certification through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

Among his many accreditations, Rogers was named the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 Officer of the Year in 2017, and has received two Director’s Unit Awards, three lifesaving awards, eight departmental commendations, seven departmental citations and the department community service

award.

He also received the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety Medal of Valor for his role in rescuing an unconscious man from a sinking car in Lake St. Clair in 2016.

Rogers said a quote by Peter Drucker — “Rank does not confirm power or give privilege. It imposes responsibility.” — describes the mindset with which he is approaching the deputy director position.

“I understand the role and the responsibility of it, because it’s tough,” he

said. “Being a shift commander, which I did for the last 16 years, I come in and I worry about my shift and the eight officers. Now, it’s everyone I have to worry about and I will worry about them, make sure they’re safe and have the proper equipment.”

With Hutchins moving up to director and Rogers to deputy director, the changing of the guard also marks the promotions of Vincent Finn from sergeant to lieutenant and Matthew Hurner from public safety officer to sergeant.



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OUR VIEW

Jan. 6: The day democracy held

Today, Jan. 6, marks the one-year anniversary of the second attack on the U.S. Capitol. The first was in 1814 by foreign troops, the British. The second was at the hands of our own fellow citizens and resulted in five deaths, including a Capitol policeman. Like 9/11 or the tiki torch marchers in Charlottesville, Va., the vision of rioters scaling the Capitol walls will be forever etched in our minds. Jan. 6, 2021, of course, was the day assigned for the counting of Electoral College ballots by a joint session of Congress. And while the rioters were able to delay the counting of the ballots, leaders in the House and Senate and the vice president insisted on not leaving the Capitol and completed the task in the early morning hours. Democracy succeeded. The 2020 election was the most successful presidential election in U.S. history in terms of the number of ballots cast and the integrity in which it was conducted. Our election officials, clerks and volunteers deserve a national pat on the back. Instead, they get threats and harassment. They certainly have our eternal gratitude.

OUR VIEW

2021 in sports

Given the pandemic and resulting player quarantines and difficulty fielding teams, let alone keeping a schedule intact, Grosse Pointe public and private school ADs could have been pardoned if they simply took their ball and went home. Instead, they persevered and our student-athletes brought home trophies. North swimmer Gianni Carlino began the year by taking home a state championship in the 500-yard freestyle, while the girls basketball team won the MAC Red division title. In the spring, North's baseball team took home two post-season titles: district and regional championships. In the fall, the Norsemen boys soccer team won the district championship, only to fall just short of winning the MAC White division title. Not to be outdone, South's Blue Devils won the crosstown rivals' football contest against North to advance to the playoffs, where they beat Lakeview before being sent home by De La Salle. On the tennis courts, South boys took home the MAC Red division title, while doubles pair Blake Discher and Alex Prather took home a state championship. South boys soccer won district and regional titles, only to fall one game short of the state championship. The South boys lacrosse team amassed a 13-2 record to win the MAC Red division, while the boys golf team took second in the MAC Red, earning the team a spot in the state championship and coming in 14th. Blue Devils baseball ended its season 20-13, one game short of a MAC Red title. Of course, the

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Wayne County vaccinations*		
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Vaccinations	718,193	650,427
% of residents 5+	71.1	64.4
% 5-11 years old	22.3	14.6
% 12-15 years old	53.1	47.9
% 16-64	73.6	66.9
% 65+	91.9	85.2
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Pure Grosse Pointe



Department of Public Works crews were hard at work earlier this week after the first snowfall of 2022 Sunday night. The city piled up the snow in the middle lane on Kercheval in The Village Sunday evening, but had it completely cleared out by Monday.

GUEST VIEW By Brendan Walsh

GPPSS faces tough choices

Things are not going well financially for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Combined losses between last year and the current school year will exceed \$8 million, figures confirmed by the Plante Moran Cresa 2021 audit presented to the Board of Education in November, and a December budget amendment approved by the Board of Education that doubled 2022's deficit from \$2.2 million to \$4.5 million. With an annual budget of about \$97 million, GPPSS must grapple with a 5 percent structural deficit. Without corrective action, the district's general fund equity — essentially its cash on hand — would be depleted by the end of the 2024 school year. Finding \$4.5 million in cost reductions won't be pleasant or popular. For some perspective, consider: Closing Poupard, Trombly and the administration building only delivered \$1 million in annual savings. If the district relied only on staff reductions, this could result in over 60 layoffs. Enrollment loss is only the most obvious problem. The fall 2021 pupil count was 6,610, its lowest level in 30 years. Lest the administration's critics nod and blame it on the current leadership, they should know enrollment has declined in 15 of the last 17 years — a 25 percent erosion that has drained a staggering \$24 million from annual general fund revenues. This would be much worse if not for other recent funding increases. The 2021 audit revealed that GPPSS received \$14,608 per pupil from combined



local, state, county and federal funding sources — a 33 percent increase over the last 10 years that even surpasses the inflation rate. Who could have predicted that Wayne County voters would be the ones to save Grosse Pointe's bacon? The 2016 passage of the Wayne County enhancement millage and its \$3 million annual revenue contribution to Grosse Pointe is almost dollar for dollar responsible for the district's 2021 ending general fund equity of \$15 million. The revised 2021-22 budget offers a glimpse of the perils. All of the projected \$6.3 million in cost reduction is the result of cuts in instructional expenses, the budget source for general and special education teachers. While unfortunately logical that teacher reductions follow enrollment loss, the district must walk the fine line of cost containment and customer satisfaction. The district's ratio of students to teachers is at its highest level in the last 25 years at the very time the district must do all it can to attract families and rationalize GPPSS higher millage rates. Grosse Pointe alumni, and the parents who chose this district for its excellent schools, know what is at stake when a district is as financially imperiled as ours is now. A failure to address these issues, and a unified plan to move into the future, will have dire consequences to a hallmark of this community. Brendan Walsh served on the GPPSS Board of Education from 2008 to 2013 and writes about school finance issues for Michigan Benchmark.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Letters longer than 250 words may be edited for length. All letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the editor may be emailed to editor@grossepointenews.com.

BOE president on strategic plan

To the Editor: The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan 5-1 at our Dec. 20 meeting. I was honored to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee along with Vice President Margaret Weertz and Trustee Lisa Papas. The plan, which establishes our blueprint for

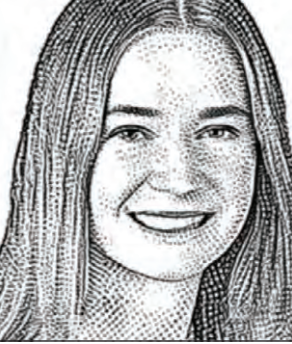
the next three years, represents the work of over 50 people from a range of backgrounds and perspectives (including parents, community members, teachers, administrators and students) who met five times under the direction of a facilitator from the Michigan Leadership Institute. The challenge was to ensure every facet of the school district was represented. Meetings were collaborative and the focus was

on making sure every voice was heard, from students who shared their experiences to municipal leaders who offered their expertise. Whether a teacher, administrator or parent invested in students' day-to-day success or a taxpayer equally committed to the future of the district, each committee member was incorporated into the process. On behalf of the board, I thank them for the gift of their time. The mission the committee agreed on is to "cultivate educational excellence by empowering students, valuing diversity, inspiring curiosity and pushing possibilities." These are the pillars creating a framework for three focus areas: curriculum, instruction and student learning; global competency, real-world literacy and readiness; and family and community

engagement, with goals associated with each. Academics are front and center of the plan, with an emphasis on ensuring every student receives the challenges and support they need to excel academically, thrive socially and emotionally, and achieve their very best through their educational journey and beyond. The following statement encapsulates not only the focus of the plan, but the consensus of the committee: "We believe in learning; an equity of access and opportunity; a culture of unity; fostering and inspiring intellectual curiosity; developing leaders; and a community of well-being." I hope this is a vision we can all embrace and support in the years to come. JOSEPH HERD President, GPPSS Board of Education

I SAY By Kate Vanderstelt

2022: A year for new beginnings



I'm a sucker for reflection. Every birthday, every new year — really every chance I get — I love looking back on the time I've had, pinpointing things I'm grateful for, reasons I'm lucky, things I'd like to be dif-

ferent. Birthdays spent with me always consist of me asking, "If the last year of your life was a chapter, what would the name of the chapter be?" For the world, it seems like 2021 could be titled, "Transitions." After 2020, 2021 was a weird year of in-between-ness: learning how to live in a seemingly endless pandemic world. Somewhere on Facebook I saw a meme: "It feels as though the entire world has been living in the middle of the 'Friends' theme song: 'When it hasn't been your day, your

week, your month or even your year.'" Come on, was 2020 or 2021 anybody's year? As I looked at 2022 — watching the ball drop from my couch, where I lay sick — I hoped it may be the year that opens new doors for the world. We've been living through an ever-changing pandemic world almost two full years now; it's about time we get some new beginnings, right? Though I've never really known how to feel about New Year's resolutions — on the one hand, it's such a clerical

holiday, why wait until the "first of the year" to make a new, good habit happen; on the other, it's kind of fun to see the turn of the year as a fresh start — I've had some running through my head this year. Sure, they could be silly, but you have to resolve to do anything for something to change, right? Why not start now, when broadcasts around the world are telling you it's the perfect time for a fresh start? While in the past, I've made resolutions to learn to play the guitar, "eat less junk" in the

new year, learn a new song on the piano and so on, this year I'm spinning it a little — making it less about tasks and more big-picture. I'm looking at 2022 as a turning point in the book of my life and I'm using the turn of the calendar year to evaluate who I was and who I want to be. After 2021 has left us all in a world of waiting for so long, it seems like 2022 is the year we start making moves toward being the best version of ourselves. Always hoped you would be the nicest per-

son in the room, but can't get away from making sarcastic jokes that just don't come across in the best light? Stop making the jokes; be the nice person. Always dreamed of having that fit, summer body? The New Year's resolution of going to the gym isn't overrated; get in there and make it happen. In 2022, I'm sensing lots of new beginnings, but you can't just sit back and let the world happen to you. Get out there and get it done. The 2030 version of you may just thank you.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1947

75 years ago this week

POINTER SET FOR TELEVISION: At least one Pointer is ready for Detroit's first television broadcasts. What is believed to be the first receiving set in the Pointe was installed in the home of Winslow Case of LaSalle Place in Grosse Pointe Farms. **DEFENSE OF WAR VETERANS EARNS AUTHOR \$300:** Anger of a Pointe woman over criticism of her beloved war veterans has made her an author and earned her a check for \$300 from a magazine

that will soon publish her answer to the criticism. Mrs. Glenn Anderson, founder of the Sunshine Fund, which has done so much for disabled veterans, is the Pointe's newest author.

1972

50 years ago this week

EDUCATION GROUP PUSHING RESEARCH OF RAMIFICATIONS: Mrs. George Maghielse and Mrs. F. Charles Kaess, co-chairmen of the Grosse Pointe Study and Action Committee for Education, have indicated that a top priority

agenda item for 1972 is to research the local ramifications of Gov. Milliken's latest proposal for education reform, including his petition drive to place a constitutional amendment to limit the local property tax. **HOSPITALS BAR MOST VISITORS:** Bon Secours, Cottage and St. John hospitals issued a joint statement that effective immediately and until further notice, all three hospitals have suspended patients' visiting privileges with the only exceptions being the immediate families of patients listed as critical, with administrative permission. A spokesman for the hospitals said the suspension was necessary to avoid possible exposure of patients to the virus causing the current flu epidemic and would be lifted as soon as the epidemic has run its course.

Obituaries: Albert Navarro, Virginia Frazer DeVoy, James Beard, Oscar E. Naumann, Irene Hackenberger, Ellen V. Kleinsmith, Fred Schultz, Laura M. Denison, Emma W. Fish

1997

25 years ago this week

SHORES ADOPTS DOMESTIC ASSAULT/BATTERY ORDINANCE: Grosse Pointe Shores begins 1997 with a new ordinance to handle any domestic abuse situations that may arise. The village council unanimously passed the ordinance, which mirrors the language of the state of Michigan's domestic abuse law. By doing so, it

will allow such matters to be handled locally in the Grosse Pointe municipal courts by the village attorneys rather than by a Wayne County prosecutor. **HOT DOG FOR TIM THE TOOL MAN:** When Tim Allen, former Detroit, comedian and star of ABC TV's "Home Improvement" decided to treat his cast and crew to an authentic hometown meal, he didn't fly the entire production company to Detroit. Rather, he called upon his friends in the Motor City to connect him with someone from National Coney Island so he could place the biggest and longest distance order yet. That someone was Grosse Pointe Shores resident Tom Giftos, vice president of National

Coney Island, and that order included 560 hot dogs, 50 pounds of chili sauce, 20 pounds of chopped onions, 560 buns and two gallons of mustard.

Obituaries: Kenneth Wallace Cunningham Jr., Elenora Liliensiek, Stanley G. Prince, Cadais L. Eddy, Gay Theuerkorn, Juanita Venderbush

2012

10 years ago this week

AUTO AID MOVES FORWARD: The smallest of Grosse Pointes' public safety departments is lending forces to a community-wide fire protection pact. Grosse Pointe Shores elected officials in December

endorsed a five-Pointe agreement to enhance the longstanding mutual-aid pact with automatic aid, which gives a quicker response to a major incident. **CHIEF CHOICE DUE SOON IN SHORES:** At first, there were two dozen candidates for public safety director. Then, there were four. Soon, there will be one. Two candidates are retired Grosse Pointe public safety employees. Another is from an Oakland County suburb. Their names aren't being released. *Obituaries: Mary Jane Elanges, Mary Elizabeth Patterson, Sara L. Patrosso, Mary Jane Rudolph, Jane Carol Thompson, Sharon Sweeny Snyder, Yvonne Stahl*

SPORTS:

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South boys swim team, again, took the MAC Red division title on its way to second place in the Division 2 state finals. Not to be last, the South girls basketball team took home a district championship with a close, dramatic win over North. **University Liggett School** student-athletes took home three state championships in 2021. The Knights' girls hockey team completed an incredible season by winning the Division 1 state championship, adding to its Division 2 state title in 2018. Liggett's boys basketball team, for the first time in decades, won the district championship and progressed well into the playoffs before being eliminated. It was one the Knights' best seasons in ULS history. In the spring, the Knights softball team won the Catholic League championship on its way to a district title and state playoff run. The boys baseball team saw one of its best seasons ever with a winning streak of more than 20 games and its sixth state championship. A walk-off hit by Oliver Service won the Catholic League championship for Liggett. In the water for the Knights, swimmer Ginger McMahon won her third state title in the 100-yard breaststroke, while on the grass, the boys soccer team won the district title and made it to the regional championship game. All in all, we would consider 2021 a successful year in sports for all our student-athletes. We look forward to more championships in 2022, especially after this pesky virus subsides.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 - 7:00 PM.

In accordance with the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers for the Planning Commission to consider amendments to a special land use at 620 St. Clair Street. The following specifications are proposed for the project:

1. Project Type: Wireless Communication Antenna/Tower
2. Current Zoning: P-1, Vehicular Parking District
3. Description: The hearing will consider a revised antenna configuration and replacement of ground mounted equipment for an existing antenna tower. The revised antenna configuration is being proposed in accordance with Section 90-44: Commercial Antennas, of the City of Grosse Pointe Zoning Ordinance, which allows antenna towers when they achieve the standards of the ordinance. The proposed reconfiguration of the antenna will not exceed the volume or dimensions of the current antenna.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on January 21, 2022. Public comments can be mailed to City Hall, dropped off using the City drop box, or sent via email to city@grossepointecity.org. If further information is needed, please contact the Grosse Pointe Building Dept., 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI. 48230, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Telephone: 313-885-5800.

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Pointes seek stormwater improvement funding

By Laurel Kraus
and Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writers

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS AND PARK — Along with the recent good news that cities in Wayne County are eligible to receive public assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the June 26 disaster, three of the Pointes are pushing forward with seeking funding from the federal organization on other fronts.

The City, Farms and Park each have filed notices of intent to apply for FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, or

BRIC, grant funding, a national program intended to fund hazard mitigation projects — in the Pointes’ case, reducing the risk of future flooding.

As a federal/local match program, the BRIC funding level is 75 percent federal and 25 percent local, but additional points can be awarded if the local contribution goes up to 30 percent.

The Farms intends to request 70 percent of the funding of the cost of its upcoming sewer separation project — separation of the systems north of Moross; a storm interceptor down Chalfonte; a

force main down Moross; a stormwater pumping station at the corner of Moross and Chalfonte; and separations of the systems on Mount Vernon, McMillan and McKinley — which is estimated to cost in excess of \$30 million.

“It’s very competitive,” Farms City Manager Shane Reeside said of the BRIC grant, “but, frankly, we think we have a compelling case, because any storm water that we divert from the system not only benefits Grosse Pointe Farms, but it helps all the contributing communities that share that infrastructure that ultimately goes to

Connors Creek.”

Similarly to the Farms, the City would use the funding to redirect the storm sewers north of Waterloo from the Neff Road Pump Station to Lake St. Clair. It also would tackle a stormwater project in The Village on Kercheval and Kercheval Place between Cadieux and St. Clair, increasing the size of the drain pipes from the catch basins and tying them into an expanded storm sewer on Kercheval Place that would lead to the lake instead of the pump station.

“It would help alleviate the types of flooding that occurred in the commer-

cial district this year,” City of Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame said via email.

The Park intends to use any granted money to construct an extreme emergency relief valve at the Patterson Park storm station. According to City Manager Nick Sizeland, the city will apply for 70 percent of the project to be covered.

Aside from the grant, Sizeland said the city is happy to announce potential reimbursement money via FEMA public assistance, to be allocated toward flood cleanup costs.

“We are in the process of getting potential reim-

bursement for flood-related cleanup close to \$900,000 through FEMA,” he said via email.

The City also intends to apply for two additional grants through FEMA: Flood Mitigation Assistance and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

“The state of Michigan indicated it is difficult to obtain these grants, but we are going to give it our best effort,” Dame said of the three grant programs.

Applications for BRIC funding are due Jan. 28. HMGP applications are due within 12 months of the federal disaster declaration.

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the Shores, as the city’s finance department transitions from manual to electronic reporting.

◆ Kenneth Werenski, 34-year veteran of the Shores department, is named the Shores next director of public safety.

February

◆ The Shores, Farms and Wayne County consider an intergovernmental agreement that would fund the development of a basis of design report for an engineering recommendation to drive metal sheet piling in front of the current existing Lakeshore seawall and tie it back, as a \$25 million fix to the chronic deterioration.

◆ City Manager Stephen Poloni also is appointed as the city’s public safety commissioner.

◆ Lt. Scott Rohr, Public Safety Officer Terrence Brown and Public Safety Officer Jason Cook are honored with life-saving awards.

March

◆ City hall reopens to the public, after being closed to the public since the second week of November.

◆ City council unanimously votes to apply for a six-month temporary local watercraft control through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. The application could create a no-anchor zone 300 feet off the shoreline of Lake St. Clair, with buoys placed approximately every 100 feet from Osius Park to the Macomb County line.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s “Heartbeat of Grosse Pointe” street art auction took place at Ford House in September.

April

◆ Pickleball courts are approved for construction in Osius Park.

◆ Following a field investigation and review of documentation supplied by the city, the DNR determines the appropriate conditions do not exist to support the need for a temporary local watercraft control ordinance, citing the Marine Safety, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.

◆ Councilman Doug Kucyk announces his intention to resign as he and his wife, Mercedes, prepare to move to South Carolina in favor of warmer weather.

◆ A completed draft of the Grosse Pointe Shores ethics ordinance is submitted to city council.

May

◆ Amendments to the

city’s sign ordinance mean residents now may have up to five temporary signs per lot; each cannot exceed a height of four feet or a maximum area per side of seven square feet; and there is no longer a time limit.

◆ Council adopts a notice of intent to issue bonds, not to exceed \$16,300,000 and scheduled for 30 years at a 2.5 percent interest rate, to provide funds for four major infrastructure projects throughout the city. These are an approximately \$7.2 million reconstruction of the Cook Road Pumping Station and collection system improvements; a \$3.9 million Lakeshore water main replacement of two lines that run parallel to each other along the sides of Lakeshore Road; a \$2 million replacement of 6-inch

water mains along Oxford Road, while right-sizing what used to be a combined sewer; and a generalized street reconstruction program.

◆ The city’s first official social media presence, the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores [Official] Facebook page, launches.

June

◆ Donn Schroder is appointed to city council, filling Doug Kucyk’s seat for the remainder of his term.

◆ Overnight Friday, June 25, the city records about five inches of rain in a three-hour period. Approximately 150 homes in the 1,100-home city see anywhere from a couple inches to four feet of either sewage or stormwater back up into basements. Discharging approximately two million gallons of the diluted sanitary sewage directly into Lake St. Clair by use of a normally closed output gate spares much of the Shores.

July

◆ The city changes its water billing structure to one currently used by most communities: a variable model rate, with a base charge along with charges for volumetric.

◆ Design engineering begins on three major infrastructure projects: the Cook Road Pump Station replacement or rehabilitation, Lakeshore water main replacement and Oxford Road rehabilitation.

August

◆ Charles Berschback and Kevin Smith pass the primary race and will move on to the November election as candidates for the Farms/Shores municipal judgeship.

◆ A lawsuit against the city for ticketing a resident for a 16-square-foot Black Lives Matter sign in his front yard, stating it violated ordinance requirements of a 7-square-foot maximum for political candidate or ballot issue

signage, is settled. Terms of the settlement include amendments to the city’s signage ordinance, a cash payment from the city to cover the plaintiff’s legal fees and a statement issued by the Shores.

September

◆ An ordinance is implemented regulating the use of bird feeders within the city.

◆ A policy entitled Standards of Ethical Conduct for City Officials, Employees, Appointees, Representatives and Candidates for Office is unanimously adopted by city council.

◆ Public safety announces intent to pursue certification through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

October

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club’s newly renovated Spinnaker Room reopens to members.

◆ \$750,000 is earmarked for the Lakeshore seawall project as a line item in the state’s fiscal year 2022 budget assigned by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

November

◆ Charles “Chip” Berschback is elected the next Farms/Shores municipal judge.

◆ In an uncontested election, John Dakmak and Donn Schroder are elected to city council. Incumbent council members Robert Barrette and Sandra Cavataio retain their seats.

December

◆ City administration intends to pursue an appeal process for the 2020 Census count, stating the city was undercounted.

◆ The Shores collects donations to aid residents of Mayfield, Ky., after a tornado levels the city.

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The Shores honored exiting Chief John Schulte, right, with a radio broadcast of his final call during a meeting in January.

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Mood booster

Therapy dog provides stress relief for frontline workers

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s something in Barklee’s beautiful dark eyes that draws people to him.

There’s a sense of peace and comfort he radiates that has made him a popular visitor among staff at Henry Ford Hospital. It’s also what resonated with Grosse Pointe Woods resident Cyndy Lambert when she first laid eyes on him.

Lambert had no intention of adopting another rescue dog after losing her golden retriever last January.

“I thought, I’m not going to get another dog,” she said. “There are none as good as Woodson. ... But then I saw Barklee online and I just kept thinking about him.”

Barklee, a golden retriever/border collie mix, traveled a long road before making his way to Grosse Pointe. He first was spotted by a National Guard medic near the Rio Bravo border, an area with lots of strays, Lambert said.

“He had been attacked,” she added, “they think by a javelina. It gored him across his back.”

Barklee was taken to an animal hospital in San Antonio, where he stayed one month before he was transferred to Compass Dog Rescue in Huntington Woods.

“The founder rescues dogs from the South, where they have kill shelters,” Lambert said, noting Compass paid for all of Barklee’s medical expenses.

It was on the rescue’s website she first noticed the dog, who was being fostered in Ferndale. Lambert applied to adopt and promptly was scheduled to receive a visit.

It appeared to be love at first sight for Barklee, too.

“He just was rubbing against me and kissing my hand,” Lambert recalled. “I brought



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Barklee in his Henry Ford Hospital “uniform,” complete with I.D. badge and leash holder.

him into the house and he jumped up on the bed and was snuggling.”

The adoption was approved and Barklee, estimated at around 2 years old, settled in nicely at his new home.

“After I got him, he was just so calm,” Lambert recalled, noting the “puppy came out of him” a few months later.

Still, she wondered if his peaceful personality might qualify him as a therapy dog. She connected with Alliance of Therapy Dogs and Barklee passed his first evaluation with flying colors.

“It’s like he was made for this,” Lambert said. “After the Alliance evaluation, they said therapy dogs are born, not created. He was born for this. He didn’t have to do any training.”

The pair did a few test runs at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, where Barklee made a solid impression among staff.

Next, Lambert got him cleared to visit Henry Ford Hospital, where she works as a senior PR specialist. He easily got the OK.

“For the past month and a half, he visits once a week,” Lambert said, noting visits are with staff only. “He’s there if the staff really needs a break, needs a lift. Some of them will even get on the floor with him for full body hugs. They say it’s the best part of their day — and they need it.”

Lambert said she takes visitation requests from staff at Henry Ford Hospital downtown and its Bloomfield Hills location. Often, the pair visit staff at random.

“I think he needs to go twice a week,” Lambert said. “He gets bored. He gets an energy boost from going there. ... It’s almost like he knows when he’s working. We’ll get out of car and he’s bouncing around,

him and she looked up and said, ‘He’s a healer I can feel the warmth from his heart in my heart.’”

When he’s on duty, encouraging smiles among employees and staff at Henry Ford Hospital, Barklee is equipped with his own official hospital ID badge.

When he’s off duty, Barklee enjoys visits to Lou’s Pet Shop, as well as long walks through The Village, along Lakeshore and his new favorite place, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, where he has formed a friendship with Moss, the estate’s goose dog.

The certified therapy dog, who even has his own trading cards, recently won an Alliance of Therapy Dogs sweepstakes, sponsored by Canidae. For the win, Barklee will receive a swag bag and free dog food. Canidae is kicking off the new year by sharing Barklee’s story, Lambert said.

“I encourage people to look at rescues for their dogs,” Lambert said. “I am a huge golden retriever fan, but they’re hard to find now. I would say, be open to other breeds or mixes. You never know what you’re going to get.”



Barklee’s official badge.

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War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “Voices and Votes: Democracy in America,” the traveling exhibition of a major exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History. The exhibition is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, until Jan. 8. The exhibit is free, but patrons must register for specific times to visit. Masks are required in the carriage house.

Ford House

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

- ◆ Starry Lights, Thursdays through Sundays, through Jan. 9.
- ◆ Holiday House Tours and Grounds Pass, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, until Jan. 9.
- ◆ Storytime: “A Day So Gray,” 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11.
- ◆ Talk: “Art Movements: The Driving Forces that Inspired

Edsel Ford,” 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13.

- ◆ Meditation Through Electronics and Light, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, presents “Breath and Integrated Movement,” from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 5. The four-week workshop is led by yoga instructor Cass Ghiorse. Cost is \$50 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. Register by Thursday, Jan. 6 at neighborhoodclub.org.

Mini Picassos

Mini Picassos, 20802 Lennon, Harper Woods, offers the following winter classes and workshops:

- ◆ Art Club, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 3. Cost is \$115.
- ◆ Mini Picassos Saturday Art Club, 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 5. Cost is \$145.
- ◆ Slime Workshop:

The Basics, noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. Cost is \$30.

- ◆ American Girl Doll Art Pop-Up, 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 16. Cost is \$60.

- ◆ MLK Day Art Pop-Up, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17. Cost is \$75.

To register, visit minipicassosstudio.com or call (313) 283-6710.

Questers

Pear Tree Questers will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at Ardmore Café in St. Clair Shores. The group will bring vintage cards for a discussion on antique greeting cards through the ages. The day chair will be Pam Barthel. A contribution to Michigan State Organization of the Questers has been made in memorial for member Marie Brady, who passed away in 2021. Also a donation was given to the St. Clair Shores Public Library for the Selinsky-Green Museum when the group toured the building in November.

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:

- ◆ Mah Jongg lessons, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10, 17 and 24. Cost is \$5 for nonmembers, free for members.
- ◆ Happy Hour, 4 to 5:30



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Sworn in

Michigan native Julianne Smith was sworn in as the U.S. Ambassador to NATO by Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist at The War Memorial Dec. 23. Smith grew up in Farmington and has family in Grosse Pointe Park. After being sworn in, Smith said, “As a Michigan native, it was a special treat to be sworn in this past week at The War Memorial in Grosse Pointe with Lt. Gov. Gilchrist. I am honored to represent the United States at NATO, the world’s most successful military alliance, which plays a key role in America’s defense. I can’t wait to get to work.” During his welcome speech, Gilchrist said he was honored to perform the swearing in. “Julie Smith has proven to be an amazing public servant and we are so proud of her in Michigan and her Michigan roots, I know, make her a thoughtful, hardworking and committed leader. We can’t wait to see what she does.”

Pictured from left are Smith, her husband, David Black, and Gilchrist.

p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. Cost is \$18 for members, \$22 for nonmembers. The event includes light hors d’oeuvres and wine.

- ◆ Strategies for Caregivers, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, with facilitator Kathy Housey.

- ◆ The documentary “King: Man of Peace in a Time of War” will be shown at noon Monday, Jan. 17.

- ◆ Learn the Hustle, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to April 26, with instructor Kevin Smith.

- ◆ Conversational French for new students, Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to April 26, or Thursdays, Jan. 20 to April 28. Classes take place 11 a.m. to noon for beginners, noon to 1 p.m. for intermediate students.
- ◆ Conversational French for returning students, Fridays, Jan. 21 to

April 29. Classes take place noon to 1:30 p.m. for beginners, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for intermediate students.

- ◆ Mindfulness and Meditation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 and 25, with instructor Dr. Lakshmi Saleem. Cost is \$6 for members, \$8 for nonmembers.

The Family Center

- ◆ The Family Center presents “What Every Parent Needs to Know about Vaping,” from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, via Zoom. To register, visit familycenterweb.org.

- ◆ The Family Center presents “New Parent Coffee Hour,” from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Local therapist Mary

Petersen will talk about establishing healthy boundaries around your new family.

- ◆ The Family Center presents “Community Book Club,” from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Whiskey Six, 646 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. The group will discuss “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor Frankl.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.
- ◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, Jefferson Masonic Lodge No. 553, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, Cornerstone Church, 17017 E. 12 Mile, Roseville.

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OBITUARIES

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

Paul John Hawk

Paul John Hawk, 55, the son of Carole Constance Chaundy and William Andrew Hawk, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, just two and a half weeks after his younger brother, Tony, tragically passed away.

Paul was born in Grosse Pointe on Jan. 7, 1966. A graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, Paul earned a Bachelor of Science degree in art history from the University of Michigan, a master’s degree in communications from Wayne State University and a master’s degree in European art history from Vilnius University in Lithuania.

Paul was a gifted athlete who was highly recruited nationwide, including a personal visit to his family home on Bishop in Grosse Pointe Park from the legendary Bo Schembechler. Paul was thrilled when Bo offered him a full-ride scholarship to play football at Michigan after setting a record of 2,032 total yards as a fullback. During the final game of Paul’s GPS senior year, he injured his knee, but convinced his coach to let him back in the game. Paul scored the game-winning touchdown, preserving their second in a row 9-0 season, but seriously damaged his ACL. Not long after, Michigan pulled the scholarship offer and Paul accepted a scholarship from Central Michigan University, where he played running back two years before transferring to U of M. Paul’s knee was never the same and he struggled dealing with the loss of his dream to play at Michigan and maybe someday in the NFL.

Paul loved travel and had a passion for art. After graduating from Michigan, he spent four years abroad living and studying in Vilnius, Lithuania, near the hometown of his maternal great-grandparents. His passion for art led him to join the family business, Chaundy Art Gallery, where he worked closely with his mother, Carole Chaundy and brother, Ralph “Tony” Volpe.

Paul loved Grosse Pointe South sports and was a fixture at football games the past 37 years. He was a devoted uncle, attending soccer, dance, wrestling and volleyball matches come rain or shine. Paul was blessed with an abundance of friends from every walk of life, had a great sense of humor and was devoted to the Grosse Pointe community. The past 10 years were a great example of Paul doing what is right regardless of the personal cost. He was a witness to a potential murder and never backed down despite years of intimidation and harassment. Paul had nothing to gain and lots to lose, but he always chose doing the right thing. He was a man of God and believed deeply in the power of prayer.

Paul is survived by his mother, Carole Chaundy; brother, Kenny Hawk;

step-brother, Miles Volpe; and five nieces and nephews who adored him. He was predeceased by his father, William A. Hawk; and brother, Ralph “Tony” Volpe.

A celebration of Paul’s life will take place at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. The family requests donations are considered to help Paul’s brother’s children, who lost their father a few weeks before Paul’s passing: gofundme.com/f/college-fund-for-volpe-kids

Jacqueline Ann Carver Harvey

Jacquelin Ann Carver Harvey, 92, of Grosse Pointe Farms — after a full and rewarding lifetime that included family, friends, travel and other adventures — passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 27, 2021.

Jackie was born June 18, 1929, to Claud and Betty (nee Walkup) Carver in South Bend, Ind. She graduated from Hamden High School in Hamden, Conn., and then attended Stone Business College in New Haven, Conn. After graduation, she worked in the legal field many years, starting as a legal secretary and eventually becoming the bookkeeper and office manager for Harvey, Kruse & Westen, P.C. in Detroit.

Jackie had many hobbies and interests aside from her legal career. She was a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and more recently attended Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. She served her churches in many capacities, working at rummage sales, editing church cookbooks and helping provide meals for special church functions. She was an accomplished cook and hostess.

A member of three bridge clubs and two quilting groups — her local “Sit & Stitch” and the Quilt Guild of Metro Detroit — Jackie enjoyed hosting luncheons for her many girlfriends. In keeping with a long family tradition, she hosted her own birthday parties when she turned 80, 85 and 90, surrounding herself with her most cherished friends.

Jackie also was a past president of the Grosse Pointe Lawyers Wives, as well as a longtime volunteer at the Bon Secours Hospital (now Beaumont) gift shop. Jackie loved traveling, especially on small cruise ships. She had a home in Greece for many years and often took trips by herself or with her daughters or granddaughter.

Jackie was predeceased by her husband, Richard Alan Harvey, and her brothers, Richard Conway Carver and Robert Andrew Carver. She is survived by her sister, Joan Carver Howard of Park Ridge, Ill.; daughters, Alice Harvey of San Diego, Calif., and the Rev. Jill Harvey (the Rev. Ron Lake) of Niantic, Conn.; granddaughter, Sara Harvey (fiancé Christian Jones) of Brinnon, Wash.;

and a variety of nieces, nephews and friends. Special mention must be given to her best friend, Laurie Pytell, and her next-door neighbor, Michelle Matthews, who took extra special care of Jackie after the pandemic began.

Services will be held at a future time. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jackie’s honor may be made to Detroit Public Television, dptv.org; or Habitat for Humanity, habitat.org.

Daniel E. Andriaschko

Daniel E. Andriaschko was born March 16, 1986, in Heidelberg, Germany, while his parents were living and working in Germany. He died at Ascension St. John Hospital on Christmas Eve morning, Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, after a short illness.

Daniel has an EU birth certificate in seven languages, one of which is English, from the city of Heidelberg and a certificate from the U.S. State Department that states “Daniel Eugen Andriaschko is a U.S. Citizen Born Abroad.”

Dan was born a few hours shy of St. Patrick’s Day, something his mother, Kathy, always was teased about by her Canadian Irish relatives. Daniel died the day before Christmas, as he had a penchant for missing the holidays by a few hours. However, his spirit joined his beloved Irish grandmother, Nana, and his German grandmother, Oma, in time for Christmas.

Dan grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, went to Grosse Pointe North High School, played varsity football and started his career as a chef after graduating from the Macomb Community College Culinary Arts program. Later, Dan switched careers and became a top senior sales agent for American Health Plans in Clinton Township. As a top salesman, he won an all-expenses-paid trip to a Mexican resort on the Pacific coast.

Dan and his dad communicated best when they talked sports. Dan was an avid sports fan and lifelong fan of the University of Michigan Wolverines. He loved to play fantasy football and was good at picking his players.

Like George Bailey in “It’s a Wonderful Life,” Dan had many friends and his life, though short, was filled with the warmth of friendship. To Dan, friends and family were most important. Daniel had a generous spirit and a kind heart. He will be missed by many people, from Michigan to New York.

Dan is survived by his parents, Fred and Kathy; stepmom, Kristine; sister, Elizabeth; niece and nephew, Makenzy and Calvin; aunt, Anna (Dave); uncles, Walt, Jerry and Bo; and many cousins.

A memorial service Mass celebrating Dan’s life took place at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic



Paul John Hawk



Jack Shumate

Church in Grosse Pointe Park on New Year’s Eve morning, Friday, Dec. 31, with his family and friends.

Jack Shumate

Jack Shumate, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021.

He was born March 13, 1936, in Louisville, Ky., and grew up in Louisville and Evansville, Ind.

He received a degree in chemical engineering from Rose Polytechnic Institute and worked for Procter and Gamble and Adler Sock Co., in Cincinnati. Later he worked for Ohio National Life Insurance Co., converting actuarial tables and other information into the new IBM “Big Frame” computer.

In 1962, he received his Juris Doctor degree from Salmon P. Chase School of Law and worked as a prosecutor in the city attorney’s office in Columbus, Ohio, then for the Ohio Department of Urban Affairs, serving as legal and legislative advisor to Gov. James Rhodes.

After a change of administration, Jack concentrated on real estate law, but also did contract work for Famous-Barr Co. He was working for Consumers Energy in Jackson when environmental law was developing and Superfund sites were being identified around the United States. Jack went to work for Butzel Long in 1986, to build its environmental department. He was a frequent author and was recognized as a national expert in environmental aspects of real estate law, including Superfund site cleanup, Brownfield redevelopment and environmental litigation. He served as chairman of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and was one of 23 lawyers from around the U.S. who founded the American College of Environmental Lawyers.

Jack is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia (nee Berry); son, George (Michele Lopez); and daughter, Alice (Kelsey Jordahl).

A memorial service takes place at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Visitation begins at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, japc.org.



Jacqueline A. Harvey



Florence J. Bernhardt

Florence Joyce Bernhardt

Florence Joyce Scott Bernhardt passed away in her sleep Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, under hospice care at Riverview Health & Rehab North.

She was born July 27, 1946, the daughter of William Scott and Joyce (nee Vanderpyl) Scott.

She was predeceased by her mother, Joyce; and sister, Patricia Hutchinson.

She is survived by her children, Scott Bernhardt (Heather) of St. Clair, Paul Bernhardt of Warren and Steve Bernhardt (Jessica) of Ada. She also is survived by her grandchildren, Alex Keizer (Zach), Stella Bernhardt, Carlie Bernhardt, Michael Bernhardt and Charlie Bernhardt; great-grandchild, Kennedy Keizer; and sister, Barbara Huggins.

Florence grew up on Detroit’s east side and attended Finney High School in the late 1960s. She was an avid Detroit Tigers fan and attended the 1968 World Series on her first date with her future husband, Michael Bernhardt. They lived on Detroit’s east side, where they raised their three children and were active at St. Matthew Catholic Church.

In the mid-1980s, Florence and her family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods, where she carried on her love for gardening and ceramics. Florence and her family were parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, where they met many lifelong friends. Florence also enjoyed working at Hudson’s department store at Eastland Mall. This occupation kept her close to her love of the Maurice salad.

Florence was the life of the party and never let her long battle with multiple sclerosis keep her down. During her time at nursing facilities, her personality continued to shine; everyone knew Flo. She was a proud grandparent and beamed when giving her grandchildren tours of the facility and introducing them to staff and patients.

A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m., also at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Flo’s memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, almssociety.org; or St.



Daniel E. Andriaschko



Sharon Meulebrouck

Marie’s Hospice of Detroit, stmarieshospice.org.

Sharon O’Bryan Meulebrouck

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sharon O’Bryan Meulebrouck, 53, passed away Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021.

She was born Nov. 2, 1968, in Detroit, to Dr. Robert M. and Mary Lee O’Bryan. She graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1986, and from Grand Valley State University in 1990.

Sharon was employed in the hospitality industry in California, Utah and Oregon, before returning to Grosse Pointe with her loving companion, her black lab, Casseiopia.

She met her husband of 16 years, Neal L. Meulebrouck, in 2004. They were married on Hamoa Beach in Hana, Maui, Hawaii, in 2006. In 2010 they welcomed twin girls, Ava Leilani and Maya Michelle.

Sharon and Neal loved adventure and traveling together. Sharon loved hiking, swimming, biking, skiing, wind surfing and yoga, and often could be seen with her husband walking their dogs along the shores of Lake St. Clair.

Sharon’s life focus and greatest joy were her twin girls and family. Sharon was blessed with many lifelong friends. Her generous, caring nature and infectious smile will be greatly missed.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Neal; twin daughters, Ava and Maya; parents, Robert and Mary Lee; father-in-law, Roland Meulebrouck; brothers, Robert (Virginia), Michael (Masako) and Paul (Stacy); sisters, Margaret Schuldinger (Mike) and Maureen (Bert); brother-in-law, Brian Meulebrouck (Denise); and 19 nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass took place Wednesday, Jan. 5, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations in Sharon’s honor may be made to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 20542 Harper Ave., Harper Woods, MI 48225, or gpaas.org/; the Belle Isle Conservancy, belleisleconservancy.org/donate; or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.



HONOR & GLORY

Wreaths Across America honors late WWII veteran

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The first wreath formally placed during the 2021 Wreaths Across America ceremony Dec. 18, at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township, was positioned on the gravesite of World War II veteran Eugene Ignasiak.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident died July 2, 2021, at age 97.

His wife, Dorothy Ignasiak, took part in the ceremony, which also was attended by their daughter, Susan Ignasiak and other family members.

“It exceeded any expectations I had,” Susan Ignasiak said following the presentation, which included a welcome from Clinton Township Supervisor Robert Cannon, as well as words from event organizer Karen Straffon. “All the people there were so sincere.”

A heated tent kept some participants warm and out of the elements, while others trooped through a wet wintry mix without umbrellas.

“We usually have a Coast Guard flyover, but the weather was not conducive to that,” Straffon said.

The event did include a Parade of Flags, carried by some 350 children from 30 different youth groups, including several Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

“We want the youth to know what our veterans have done for them,” Straffon said. “They stood around the outside in a circle around the ceremony. There were all different kinds of groups represented.”

The ceremony also included a performance by a bagpiper, a rifle salute and presentations from members of the American Legion Post 4 Color Guard and Honor Guard.

Major Gen. Darren Werner of the U.S. Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command was the keynote speaker.

Dorothy Ignasiak received assistance placing the wreath from re-enactors from the Michigan Military Technical and Historical Society, based out of Eastpointe.

Susan Ignasiak said the ceremony was touching, but also quite emotional for her mother. “It was a very big deal,” she said. “Mom said by putting the wreath on Dad’s grave first, it was Dad’s way of honoring all of them.”

“... I was totally humbled at their graciousness,” she continued. “There are no words. They were there to honor these people and did so by their presence. ... Their silence was powerful.”

Straffon, who has raised funds for wreaths and hosted the ceremony at Resurrection the last 10 years, said 3,800 wreaths were placed at the Clinton Township cemetery this year.

“It’s sad because that’s not even a third of the veterans (at Resurrection),” she noted.

Eugene Ignasiak’s gravesite was selected for a variety of reasons.

“We try and look for someone who passed away this last year and is buried in the veterans’ section,” Straffon explained, noting the honor was made greater by the presence of his widow. “It’s to honor her and him both.”

Ignasiak’s wreath was among more than 2.4 million wreaths placed on the headstones of fallen military across the country during National Wreaths Across America Day, Dec. 18. Similar events took place at 3,136 locations across the country.

Each live balsam wreath is a gift of respect and appreciation, sponsored by an individual or organization and placed on a headstone by volunteers — more than two million nationwide — as a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy.



Top center, World War II veteran Eugene Ignasiak’s gravesite after the fresh wreath was placed.

Inset above, Dorothy Ignasiak, with help from World War II re-enactors from the Michigan Military Technical and Historical Society, placed the first wreath on Eugene Ignasiak’s grave at Resurrection Cemetery. Ignasiak passed away in July at age 97.



Far left, Major Gen. Darren Werner was the guest speaker during the ceremony. Karen Straffon, event organizer, is seated behind him. Left, Wreaths Across America hosted a ceremony of remembrance at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township on Dec. 18.

Veterans celebrated at Pearl Harbor Day event



COURTESY PHOTOS

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

American Legion Post 303 hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day event Dec. 12, at AMVETS Post 57 in Harper Woods.

“We had 12 World War II members pass since our last Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day,” in 2018, said Post 303 Commander Dan McCrary, a Vietnam War veteran and Grosse Pointe Park resident.

Of the post’s 180 members, just a handful who served during World War II remain. Two years ago, there were 16, he noted.

Many members of the post were not able to attend the event; however, the post extended the guest list this year.

“We did something a little different,” McCrary said. “We invited the spouses of those deceased veterans to the dinner and gave them recognition.”

Also in attendance were American Legion State Commander Richard DuBay and his wife, Mary, who serves as president of the Michigan Auxiliary.

The event included opening and closing prayers by Chaplin William Davenport, a medley of military anthems, recognition of the veterans in attendance and a cake ceremony.

Bennett was one of two World War II veterans in attendance. Charles Creagh was the other.

New this year, the post prepared to-go dinners for World War II veterans who couldn’t attend. Meals were provided by 11 chefs-in-training from Dorsey Culinary Arts Academy.

“They did a spectacular job,” McCrary said.

Sixty-five people attend-

“A POW/MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of many American POW/MIAs still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America,” McCrary said. “This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing.”

Around 82,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, Gulf War and other conflicts. There is no number on the missing and unaccounted for from the Afghanistan war.

In his address to attendees, which included members of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association veterans’ art-making program, McCrary expressed the great honor it was for him to talk to the veterans in attendance.

“... I have learned so much and I am so proud to be in the same room with all of you,” he said. “Many observations stand out in my discussions: Love of country, freedom and liberty are often repeated expressions. Faith, hope, pride, peace and service to the community and nation are common bonds holding us together as Legionnaires.

“... The World War II veterans with us today, the Greatest Generation, felt that war was their duty as American citizens and patriots,” he continued. “More than 16 million of you joined the effort to destroy the threat to America

were issued rifles, shovels, typewriters, flew in planes, were dive bombers, navigators, radio operators, built landing strips, jumped out of planes, drove trucks, tanks, jeeps and PT boats. You did what you had to do. You fought well for your country and you made it, but there were also those that died for their country. More than 400,000 lives were lost before freedom rang in 1945. ... We will never forget your sacrifice, bravery and what you have done for our country. We will never forget your legacy.”

The morning of Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, America’s naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by aircraft and submarines of the Imperial Japanese Navy. More than 2,400 Americans were killed and more than 1,100 wounded. The attack sank four U.S. Navy battleships and damaged four more. It also damaged or sank three cruisers, three destroyers and one mine-layer. Among aircraft, 188 were destroyed and 159 damaged.

“That day changed the course of history and it must not, nor will it not ever be forgotten,” McCrary told attendees. “I am sure that there is not a veteran of that war or any person alive on that day that does not vividly remember what he or she was doing and had a strong emotional reaction to it. I know my own father, Mac McCrary, now deceased, was an Iowa farm boy, enlisted in the Army on the very next day and served as a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in the South Pacific. He was proud to have done so, just as I am proud of his service and wish to recognize the sacrifices that all of the veterans have made that are with us today. We are especially grateful to you World War II veterans, because without your commitment and courage to win in the face of overwhelming odds, we would not be here now, enjoying our freedom as the most powerful and greatest nation on earth.”

Post 303

American Legion Post 303 meets the third Tuesday of each month at AMVETS Post 57, 19730 Harper, Harper Woods. The meeting begins with social time at 7:15 p.m., followed by business at 8 p.m. and “Pizza on the Post” at 9 p.m.

Local veterans may email McCrary at grossepointepost303@gmail.com for additional information or call Post 303 at (313) 492-7462.



Top, Post 303 Commander Dan McCrary presented a certificate of appreciation to veteran Larry Bennett for his service during World War II. Above, following tradition, the youngest veteran in attendance, Joe Current, served cake to the oldest veteran at the event, Larry Bennett.



Seniors navigate unique weight loss challenges

Calorie-counting and watching one’s weight is often seen as a young person’s game. But even senior men and women should recognize the importance of maintaining a healthy weight while staying on the move.

Older adults may experience weight gain as lifestyles become less active and metabolic changes occur as a result of the natural aging process.



Weight loss tips

More than two-thirds of Americans, including adults age 65 and older, are overweight and obese, according to U.S. News & World Report. A combination of factors can contribute to weight gain in older adults, including a slower metabolism and a tendency to be more sedentary with age. Empty nesters also may be less likely to cook their own meals, relying on convenience foods - some of which may be high in fat and/or calories.

Sustained healthy weight at any age is linked to improved heart health, mental health benefits like increased self-confidence, healthy joints, and much more. These tips can help aging individuals maintain healthy weights.



Keep moving as much as you can

- Incorporate strength or resistance training into your weekly routine. Hormone production slows down as the body ages, and that may result in a loss of muscle mass. Lifting weights or engaging in resistance training with elastic bands or body weight can restore muscle tone and speed up metabolism. Adults should aim for strength training twice a week.
- Walking the dog, taking a stroll with friends, or hiking a nature trail are all great ways to keep your body moving, stimulating both metabolism and circulation for good health. Swimming, chair aerobics and floor exercises are all great alternatives. There are many workouts for seniors online for all levels of fitness goals. Hobbies that involve activity such as dancing and yoga provide movement that doesn’t feel like exercise. Remember that even a small amount of activity is better than none. Start small, just a few minutes a day, and work your way up to a routine that fits your lifestyle and offers continued progress. Seek out a professional trainer for a customized program that matches your goals. Always check with your physician first before starting any type of workout routine.



Watch portions and snacks

- Practice portion control. A 60-year-old can’t eat the same way he or she did at age 30 or 40. Nutritionists say that, with every decade that passes, people generally need about 100 fewer calories a day to maintain their weights. Cutting calories slowly and steadily helps people maintain healthy weights, especially when they couple this with exercise.
 - Monitor sugar and starch intake. Many older adults have elevated blood sugar levels due to insulin resistance. When cells become resistant to insulin, glucose doesn’t get used up and remains in the blood. Eventually this can lead to pre-diabetes, metabolic syndrome and type 2 diabetes. Many people with these conditions have a hard time losing weight. Avoiding added sugars and extra carbohydrates could help.
- Adjusting your routine and habits are the best way to maintain a healthy weight and good quality of life.

Working out to work it off

There are many options for exercise plans that will keep you energized and active.

Here are a few local experts who would be happy to guide you to the ideal program tfor you.

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Christopher Campbell Greiner

Christopher Campbell Greiner of the City of Grosse Pointe passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021. He was 66.

Chris was born March 27, 1955, in Detroit, to Claude A. “Bud” Greiner and Constantine LaFray “Connie” Ver Hoven Greiner, both now deceased. He graduated high school from Missouri Military Academy in 1974, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Grand Valley State University in 1979, and an electrical engineering degree from Macomb Community College.

Chris worked more than 30 years in the sales and account management of electronics and thermal interface products serving the automotive industry. He started at Greiner & Associates, a firm owned by his uncle, Joseph “Skip” Greiner. He also worked for Vichay Electronics World Wide, Bergquist & Co., in Chanhassen, Minn., and most recently as an automotive account manager with Shin-Etsu MicroSi Inc., in Phoenix, Ariz.

Chris was a member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Michigan Chapter; past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club, Grosse Pointe Power Squadron and Society of Automotive Engineers.

He enjoyed collecting and restoring antique radios from the 20th century and wooden classic boats. He and his wife, Veronica, enjoyed many years boating on Lake St. Clair. Chris began sailing as a young boy on family sailboats and power boats, sailing Port Huron to Mackinac races, as well as various races on Lake St. Clair. As a family, the Greiners won the Port Huron to Mackinac race in 1969, Class C, Gretchen II Cal 36.

Chris is survived by his wife of 23 years, Veronica; sons, Joseph Greiner (Jessica), Daniel Greiner (Dayna) and Zachary Greiner; grandchildren, Everett, Addison and Owen; sisters, Gretchen Dorian and Faye Seel; and brothers, Claude A. “Tony” Greiner Jr. (Maria), Brian Greiner



Christopher Greiner

(Robin) and Jonathan Greiner (Karen).

A private viewing for the family took place Dec. 29, at A.H. Peters funeral home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A celebration of life will take place at a future date. He will be interned at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Memorial contributions in honor of Chris may be made to Bon Secours Chapel Fund, 469 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Jane Mary Forbes

Jane Mary Forbes (nee VanHollebeke), 86, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, in Grosse Pointe Farms, surrounded by her family.

Jane was born May 27, 1935, in Detroit, to Henry and Leona (nee Cleymen) VanHollebeke, both now deceased.

She enjoyed many hobbies including golf, bowling and bridge with her numerous friends. She also was an avid reader. Jane’s true passion was being a homemaker and mother. She was known for her cooking abilities and loved to entertain her friends, children and grandchildren.

Jane was the beloved wife of the late George A. Forbes Jr.; cherished mother of Rebecca McDonnell (the late Joseph) and Nancy Leonard (Robert); loving grandmother of Jane Watts (Edward “Ted”), William Leonard (Taylor), Joseph “Jerry” McDonnell (Elizabeth), Matthew Leonard (Hillary) and David Leonard (Heather); proud great-grandmother of Irving George Watts and Lucy Jane Leonard; dear sister of the late Philip VanHollebeke (Janice), Edward VanHollebeke (Susan) and James VanHollebeke (Pam); and beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering



Jane Mary Forbes

for Jane will be announced at a later date. Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Robert Lockwood Button

Robert Lockwood “Bob” Button, 81, died of pneumonia Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021, at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va.

Born May 8, 1940, in Washington, D.C., he was a son of the late Robert O. and Caroline Lockwood Button of Marshalltown, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife and best friend for 53 years, Nancy Kathleen Button; daughter, Kristin Wright (Frank) of Brookneal, Va.; son, Geoff Button (Kari Sorenson) of Chicago, Ill.; much-loved grandsons, Austin and Matthew Wright and granddaughter, Audrey Button; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Jay Oswood of Marshalltown; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Linda Button of Effingham, Ill.; nieces, nephews and thousands of former students.

Bob graduated in 1962 from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and speech education, and in 1969 from the University of Iowa with a Master of Arts degree in journalism. He taught and advised student publications for four years at West High School in Waterloo, Iowa, and 28 years at Grosse Pointe South High School in Grosse Pointe Farms. He also wrote and edited part-time for the Detroit Free Press and taught high school and college journalism workshops across the country. He was named the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund National High School Journalism Teacher of the Year in 1988, and was inducted into both the Michigan (professional) Journalism Hall of Fame and the National Scholastic Journalism Hall of Fame in 1989.



Robert Button

He came to Charlottesville in 1994, to work as activities director for the Virginia High School League, coordinating statewide activities — theater, forensics, debate, student publications, creative writing and scholastic bowl, the latter of which he helped establish. He was inducted into the Virginia High School Hall of Fame in 2010. Following retirement from VHSL in 2005, Bob became an active volunteer at the Charlottesville theater Live Arts, working backstage, frequently as a stage manager, on 15 shows and more than 20 events, while also serving on the Board of Directors.

A memorial service took place Sunday, Jan. 2, in Charlottesville, Va.

To honor Bob’s memory, gifts may be made to the Robert L. Button Scholarships for Excellence in Journalism at Grosse Pointe South High School. Checks should be made out to the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education with “The Tower Fund” in the memo field and sent to Tower Scholarship, Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236.

Friends request memorial plaque

By Kate Vanderstelt
Staff Writer

After their friend passed away of brain cancer Nov. 14, three Grosse Pointe Woods friends knew they needed to pay homage to the community-loving man.

“We wanted to come here and just say publicly how much we recognize the kindness and generosity and commitment that Andy made to this community,” Joel Harris said at a council meeting Monday, Dec. 20.

Harris was referring to Andrew Pflaum, who was quite involved around the city. Among other projects, his construction company, Apco Construction and Development, spearheaded and fully funded restoration of the Lake Front Park platform tennis courts, which Pflaum frequented, as well as worked to reconstruct the concession building at Ghesquiere Park, a project close to Pflaum’s heart as he played Little League there, as did his son, Will, and daughter, Maddie.

Harris used three words to describe Pflaum and why he is deserving of commemoration at the council meeting: kind, generous and committed.

“(Andy) was kind to everybody,” Harris said. “You can’t find a single person that ever met Andy that would say anything bad about him. And the projects that he helped out with on behalf of the city reflect that kindness. ... He’s made (these places) nicer places for the little kids

as they go around and he did so at a time when his own children (were at the) age past where they could benefit from it. He just did it out of the kindness of his heart because he wanted people to have those experiences. ...

“Andy was really generous,” he continued. “Not only was he willing to contribute financially to make these things happen, but he spent a lot of time doing it, as well, and he never asked anybody for anything in return. He just did it because he thought that’s the right way to do things and he wanted to give to this community.

“And finally he was committed,” Harris said. “He was committed to making the community he lived in a better place for other people and that commitment is, frankly, rare these days.”

Harris, along with Steve Lorenz and Drew McSkimming, asked council and city administration to consider placing a plaque in honor of Pflaum by the platform courts. After a motion by Councilman Kenn Gafa and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vicki Granger, the memorial passed unanimously.

The 16-square-inch bronze plaque will cost the city \$729 and will read: “Restoration of these platform tennis courts and the concession stand at Ghesquiere Park was made possible through the generosity of Andrew Pflaum (1964-2021) dedicated to his memory in gratitude by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.”

CHURCH EVENTS

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Lincicome as its new pastor and head of staff. Lincicome will preach his first sermon at Memorial this Sunday, Jan. 9. Services are at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, kicks off the six-week

series, “The Creed,” from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10. For more information and to register, email Carmen Dusina at carmendusina@gmail.com.

St. Michael’s

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, has canceled its Jan. 20 Lunch, Laugh and Learn program, due to the rapid increase in COVID-19 illnesses. More information about its Feb. 17 program is forthcoming. Call (313) 884-4820.

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Proven winners open GPAA’s 2022 season

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association opens its 2022 season Thursday, Jan. 13, with two exhibitions that are proven winners.’

Solo show

Robert Maniscalco won his solo show, which will be hung in the art wing hallway at The War Memorial, as a prize for his Best of Show entry in the “Our Rivers, Our Lakes” 2021 exhibition. Well known

in the area as owner of the Maniscalco Gallery on Mack Avenue from 1997 to 2005, Maniscalco, who now lives in South Carolina, is a sought-after portrait painter, doing commissioned work for state agencies as well as individuals.

His show will include recent landscapes, still life and portraiture, as well as a couple of commissioned portraits loaned to him for the

exhibit from the collections of prominent Grosse Pointers.

In late March he will return for a demonstration lecture and classes. Check the Grosse Pointe Artists Association website for details.

‘My Favorite’

“My Favorite” is the theme for the show opening at the same time in the GPAA’s main gallery at The War Memorial. Remembering the strong

moment when they finally conquered a technique or their own doubts.

“It was my first spontaneous painting,” Kay Cadwell said of her entry, “Memories of Lake Michigan.” “Over 30 years ago, I was with family up north. I joined a one-day painting activity. To my surprise the leader used my painting to point out how to create a sense of flowing water. This experience encouraged me to paint and attempt other artistic forms.”

“Bike Tech” is Jackie Rybinski’s favorite watercolor.

“The complexity of composition was a breakthrough,” she said.

The public will have two opportunities to join the artists as they talk about their favorites.

◆ An in-person forum at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at The War Memorial.

◆ A virtual forum via Zoom at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Log-in information has yet to be announced.

Both shows are open



“Bike Tech” by Jackie Rybinski will be featured in the “My Favorite” exhibition.

ning Jan. 13. The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Robert Maniscalco’s solo exhibition, featuring “Thirst,” opens Jan. 13.



Kay Cadwell’s “Memories of Lake Michigan” will be featured in the “My Favorite” exhibition.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW

New Year’s resolution? No.

Q: I’m always getting pulled in a hundred different directions and I keep getting roped into things I don’t really want to do. How do I learn to say no?

A: Our capacity to give, to focus on what is most important to us, is finite. So is our time to do it. As we think about what we want to commit to in this next year, it’s helpful to remember we have to safeguard the time and energy needed to make it a priority. Knowing how to say no allows us to be intentional about what we value.

How to Say No

Even if we believe saying no has merit, we may not know how to do it. Like all skills, it takes practice and patience, but here are some guidelines:

◆ You don’t have to give a reason; that may leave room for people to negotiate or persuade you. Practice a simple “no, thank you” or “thank you for your kind invitation, but unfortunately I have to decline.” Other versions include: “I’m not able to do that right now.”

“I have another commitment at that time, but appreciate you thinking of me.”

“There are other things that need my attention right now and I need to focus on those.”

“No, I won’t be able to make it, but please let me know how it goes.”

“I can’t right now, but I know you will do a wonderful job.”

Experiment with what sounds best to you. Write it out. Practice so it becomes familiar.

◆ If you feel uncertain or don’t know how to say no, don’t give an immediate answer. Give yourself time and space to think about it and to consider your own needs. You can say, “I need a little time to think about it. I’ll get back to you.” If pressed, let the person asking know if they need an answer right away, you have to decline.

Creating some time gives you a chance to think about the “why” of your choice and if it is consistent with what you genuinely want to do. What feelings come up if you don’t do what is being asked of you? Can they be toler-

ated? Are the negatives you are anticipating grounded in reality? Will that be better or worse than saying yes?

◆ Don’t assume responsibility for someone else’s disappointment to your decision. Your responsibility lies in being clear and respectful, not rationalizing your decision or making it OK for anyone else.

◆ Start with incremental change. If a hard no is too stressful, start with smaller steps like not volunteering to take on things you don’t want to do, waiting to see if others step up or not responding immediately to a request. Be cautious of over-functioning out of habit. Expecting to be effortlessly more assertive can stir up a great deal of anxiety and undermine change.

◆ Know that if others have always known you to be accommodating, they may resist change and struggle to accept your assertiveness. In relationships that are especially important to you, try to stay connected, even if the other person reacts negatively to your limits. Sometimes it is helpful with those who’ve earned your trust to share how hard it is for you to say no and ask them for support.

Saying no can be direct, gracious and respectful. Used deliberately, a selective no honors what is most important to us and gives us the room to show up in a meaningful way for what we value most. As we think about what we want to focus on in the new year, it helps to consider how a good no would work in the service of those goals.

Mary Beth Garvey, LMSW, is a licensed social worker with more than 25 years of experience providing individual, group and family therapy in the private and public sectors. Check out her blog at marybethgarveytherapy.org/.

The Family Center provides free programs and resources that empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional and physical challenges. Learn more at familycenterweb.org.

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We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer

Happy New Year from We Tried it! Given that it's a new year and most people are into their resolutions and betterment, it's only logical that we review something timely. Therefore, we are starting out with a bang.

Actually, for me it was more like a thud, but more on that later. As usual, the internet universe was listening to my thoughts and I was seeing a certain scale on all of my social media and email accounts



repeatedly. It's called FitTrack and claims to capture and give you info on 17 different metrics. So naturally ... I HAD TO TRY IT!

I have never had a nice scale, so this was very fancy for me. The scale is sleek looking and light, so can be moved around or stowed easily.

To get started, you basically unbox the scale and download the FitTrack app on your phone. Once you have downloaded the app, you can go through and set up your profile. Usually I find entering information annoying, but it seemed like a positive thing and I was

happy to take the time (just a few minutes).

Once you have synched your scale with your app, you are ready to go. When you step on the scale, you wait a moment until it has gathered all the info it needs. Then voila! It all pops up on your FitTrack app automatically. From Body Mass Index to subcutaneous fat to body water to percent of fat (and 13 additional metrics), you will see everything. For me personally, it was a huge wake-up call and it took me a few minutes to recover from the shock of it all. Hiding in pants with an elastic waist for two

years has not been doing me any favors. With an added incentive of an upcoming Florida trip, I began weighing myself daily. Normally professionals recommend not doing that, but for me it was one more tool to help start turning the ship around. Even if you don't lose pounds every trip to the scale, there's usually a metric that shows improvement — which is a nice, positive and motivating perk.

Here are the details: FitTrack is in the \$85 range. It lists a retail price of \$199, but it always seems to be on sale. The

scale took a while to arrive. I recommend going the Amazon Prime route, rather than ordering from Facebook or other places.

If you need a little jumpstart and some accountability in 2022, we give the FitTrack five out of five alligators. What more could you want from a scale?

Good luck to all of you with your new year's resolutions!



5 OUT OF 5 ALIGATORS

The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

Save the inundate

On dating apps, guys who message me always end up losing interest. My friend thinks my repeatedly replying before the guy writes back is the problem. I'll reply to a guy's first message and, while awaiting his response, have more to say and add messages (usually no more than four). I'm an enthusiastic person. What's the problem with showing that honestly?

— Authentic Woman

Most of us bring an important understanding to our workplace: The fact that we have a feeling is not reason to let it give us marching orders. That's why, when our

idiot boss makes us stay late to complete a "super important assignment" (busywork no one will ever look at), we say, "Sure thing!" -- and only picture ourselves attaching battery cables to his nipples at a CIA black site.

Admittedly, anger is an obvious target for emotional restraint. But enthusiasm, while praised on elementary school report cards, should not be flung around like birdseed. Chances are your storm of messages -- a monologue in the space for a conversation -- sends the wrong messages about

you, such as: "desperate" and "has the social skills of a 5-year-old."

Unfortunately, avoiding the impulse to act on our emotions is hard work.

Psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Amos Tversky explain that emotions are "fast": popping up immediately -- automatically -- and motivating us to act.

Rational thought, however, is "slow" (and, frankly, lazy). We have to yank it out of bed and feed it a bunch of mental energy to make it do its job -- for example, explore whether our emotions' directives might have ruinous con-

sequences. This feels, shall we say, *unfun* -- and also depressing when all we can do is damage control after some off-leash emotion has blown up our life.

Consider that the "job" in online dating is not getting someone to like you but seeing whether you like them enough to take it beyond the small screen.

As an experiment, you might put your impulse to reply on a strict diet: One message from a guy. One reply from you. Period.

As a perhaps helpful model, try to come off like a rare vintage of fine wine -- that is, hard to get -- as opposed to red wine spilled across a white shag carpet



(impossible to get rid of...save for a willingness to broaden one's stain removal methods to include arson).

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New year's arrival offers chance for a fresh start

DEAR READERS: Welcome to 2022! A new year has arrived, and we leave the last one behind.

As always, this new year brings with it our hopes for a new beginning. Today presents an

opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's Resolutions -- which were adapted by my late mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:

JUST FOR TODAY: I will live through THIS DAY ONLY. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY: I

will decide to be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. And I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's

only around the block.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

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New year’s reset Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

I tried making lentil soup a long time ago when I first really got into cooking. I used a ham bone because my mom always did, but other than that- I had no idea what I was doing. It tasted like a bowl of dirt. It was totally my mistake and from this I learned the key to lentils is washing them very thoroughly. Really wash them. This simple step makes them one of my most favorite protein sources. This recipe doesn’t use a ham bone, but I found that tomato paste gives it a smokey flavor, so I don’t really miss it. The carrots give the soup a great sweetness while the balsamic gives it a subtle tang. I used two different types of lentils for this recipe. The red is for a creamy thickness and

the green is for texture. I’m ready for a reset this new year. This soup is hearty, cozy, healthy and so warming. Serve with garlic bread for dipping. And for more soup recipe ideas, check out the many cookbooks at Atelier in the Village (ateliergjp.com).

- Lentil Soup
- 3 tbsp olive oil

¾ cup green or French lentils

1 cup red lentils

2 celery stalks diced

1 small to medium onion

3 carrots diced

1 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes

3 tbsp tomato paste

3 tbsp balsamic vinegar

1 tbsp fresh thyme

1-2 tbsp parsley

½ of squeezed lemon

6 cups, vegetable broth

Heat stock pot over medium heat and add the olive oil, onion, celery and carrots. Season with salt and pepper. Saute until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste and cumin. Work around the pan to caramelize for a couple minutes. Wash the lentils in a fine mesh strainer and work them around with your fingers. Since you are using two kinds of lentils, wash them separately. I like to add the green lentils first for a couple reasons. One, they take longer to cook. And

two, you have control of the soup thickness by adding the red lentils during the last 30 minutes of cooking. I like my lentil soup to be thick so I use a full cup of red lentils. But you can always add more liquid later. Add the green lentils, chopped thyme, tomatoes and balsamic vinegar to the pan. Stir and cover with the broth. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to a simmer for 30 minutes while covered. Check the liquid amount at this point and add red lentils. Stir and keep simmering for another 30 minutes, covered. Remove about 3 cups of the soup and blend it until smooth. Or use an immersion blender and gently puree making sure the soup is slightly still chunky. You don’t want it smooth, just



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- incorporated.
- Check the seasoning!! Add salt or pepper, more herbs or vinegar. Figure out what tastes good to you. I stirred in parsley and squeezed lemon in at the last minute.
- Garlic Bread
- 1 baguette sliced horizontally

3 large garlic cloves

1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 tsp salt

Finely chop the garlic into a paste. Add to a bowl with the olive oil, oregano and salt. Microwave for 1 minute to infuse the flavors. Drizzle the mixture over the bread halves. Cook at 425 degrees until the bread is crispy or around 10 minutes.



Sauvignon Blanc

Those involved in a close liaison with wine for decades make lots of demands on the wines we’re happiest to consume. Just because a wine is tasty is no reason to get excited about it, I believe, if it fails one crucial test: it doesn’t smell sort of like the grape listed on the front label. When you buy a BMW, you expect it to do what a BMW is supposed to do. Likewise for any product that relies on performance -- writing instruments, knives, software... If I buy a riesling and it smells more like after-shave or pomegranates, it’s not a good example

of riesling, no matter how “tasty” it may be. Holding wines to this standard isn’t something most wine buyers do. If you’re content to drink a \$3.99 wine that has no varietal authenticity, you’re probably happy it’s wet. But when paying \$15 or more, we should demand that it smell roughly like



what it’s supposed to. But that calls for some expertise. If you can’t describe what a cabernet is supposed to smell and taste like, it’s hard to criticize it if it smells more like shoe polish or motor oil. Look at sauvignon blanc from different areas, all of which are valid, in my view. Although several sound bizarre, I’ve loved my life-long learning of varietals tied to different soils. Start with the fact that sauvignon blanc isn’t a floral variety. Its main aroma leans more on herbs. In cool climates, and especially in windy areas, it often displays green or herbal notes similar to grass, veggies, tarragon, green tea and green olives. In many areas of New Zealand, such as the cool, windy northern tip of the South Island (Marlborough), sauvignon blanc aromas are so distinctive that most wine lovers can identify not only the varietal but also the region. Few areas of California can make wine like this. But some come

close. Sonoma County’s Russian River Valley, Livermore Valley, and parts of California’s central coast, including Monterey County, often make sauvignons blancs with some of the same “green” aromas. Decades ago, Monterey had yet to learn how to tame that character and some of its sauvignons blancs were too strong for some reviewers. With our recent understanding of the New Zealand style, many central coast sauvignons blancs today display fascinating faces that once might have been disparaged. California’s Dry Creek Valley is cool enough to ripen the variety so it can deliver a bit more of the true varietal aroma. Although Russian River Valley can produce slightly more spice and exotic notes, Dry Creek sauvignons blancs seem to age a bit better. The Napa Valley’s primary grape, cabernet sauvignon, prefers warmer climates. But Napa also has some sauvignon blanc that has delicate varietal nuances. (Some of these wines are aged in oak barrels, giving them a different

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Classic Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: How I wish I were a really good writer. Then, maybe I could put my thoughts into words and let you know exactly how I feel. I am an 86-year-old woman who is still keeping house, driving my car and enjoying life. I was blessed with a wonderful husband. He lived to celebrate 61 years of marriage with me. This morning, I decided to do some washing. I put my clothes in the machine, patted the side of the washer and said, “Do your job.” And it did! While waiting for my washing to be done, I sat in my living room and watched TV -- waiting for the “ding” to tell me the washing was done. Then, I got up and put the clothes in the dryer. Sitting there, I thought: Dear God, what a wonder-

ful life I lead. How blessed we are with all the modern conveniences. Do we appreciate them? Then, I looked in my kitchen and saw an electric stove, a microwave, a refrigerator, a toaster, a mixer and many more items that I haven’t listed. I am not wealthy, but I’m not poor, either. I am just a simple, average, middle-class old lady who is living on Social Security and feeling truly blessed that I live in this wonderful country of ours. -- Mary Tury in Stockton, Calif. Dear Mary: Thank you for your beautiful, from-the-heart letter. Very few of us appreciate all the marvelous inventions of our time, especially those everyday appliances that make our lives

easier. It was good of you to remind us. Dear Ann Landers: Do you remember the old saying “April showers bring May flowers”? Well, the true story I am about to tell is a takeoff on that adage. There was a man in our town named August Flowers. He married a woman named May. She then became May Flowers. In time, they had a baby girl and named her April. One day, friends came over to meet the newcomer. When the mother brought her out, after all the “ooohs and aaahs,” she sat the baby on her lap for more admiring comments. Suddenly, the mother looked stricken. It seems the baby had wet all over her lap. The mother then good-naturedly said, “Well, it’s true. April Flowers brings May showers.” -- J.P. in Gilroy, Calif. Dear J.P.: I wonder if that good-natured mother ever heard of plastic pants that go over cloth diapers. I recommend them.

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MOVIE REVIEW
“The Beatles: Get Back”
2021 - 7hrs 48min

I'll date myself by saying I grew up listening to the Beatles. They're indisputably the greatest rock band of all time. I remember hearing rumors about them breaking up in the late 60s, and when they eventually did, I was deeply saddened.

Naturally, I saw the documentary "Let it be", which chronicled their last days together. It left me pretty depressed—seeing the way John and Paul left George out of the creative process. The anxiety Yoko created with the rest of the group. And the tension in the studio when they were working on their songs. When it ended I sort of felt that yes indeed, we should let them be. It's time.

What a difference a few decades and the brilliant handiwork of an editing genius like Peter Jackson make. He's an unabashed Beatles fan and he approached Paul and Ringo and the spouses of George and John, with a request to re-edit the more than 60 hours of footage from the original recording sessions. The result is absolutely astonishing.

I don't think you need to be a Beatles junkie to watch all seven plus hours of this film, but it

doesn't hurt. Truth be told, I could have watched a couple more hours of the Fab Four and not have been bored for a minute!

In Mr. Jackson's version of their final project, the four musicians all get along and delight in making music together. It's mind-blowing to me to witness Paul and John sit around with the seeds of a song in their heads, and then noodle around on their respective instruments, cobbling a hit tune together. All the while, winging it on the lyrics until it just sounds right. Such genius is nothing short of jaw dropping!

Missing is the sense that Yoko is pulling John away from his band mates. That said, there is one scene where she's featured wailing away like an injured animal and I said out loud, "Enough! Turn off the microphone already!"

If you're not familiar with the story, it was an extended recording session that was to culminate with the group performing their new songs at a concert. The first time the band was to perform live in ages. They had become a studio band, and relied heavily on the production wizardry of George Martin. Their music simply couldn't be performed live any longer.

In this case, their recordings sessions went on so

long, they had to cancel their original venue. The band ended up performing atop the Apple Studios roof, to the delight of a mid-day work crowd.

During their time together, they moved from one original tune to another, plus a wide range of tunes covering the entire spectrum of the rock and R&B eras. Not to mention, pulling songs from their own phenomenal library.

One aspect that caught me by surprise was the addition of Billy Preston. I never thought that much of him until I saw this version of their recording sessions. He really added a lot to their sound. Maybe he was the sort of impetus they needed to keep going.

When the film ended I was left with the feeling that they could have gone on to make a lot more phenomenal music together. It's a brilliant piece of editing that will leave you feeling privileged you got to see these remarkable musicians, and yes, friends working together.

Currently streaming on Disney Plus.

★★★★☆

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.



E V E N T S

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

- THURSDAY JAN. 6**

 - » **Scott Gwinnell Jazz Orchestra**
7:30-11 p.m. Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave, Detroit.
 - » **Starry Lights**
5-9 p.m. Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- FRIDAY JAN. 7**

 - » **Motion City Soundtrack: Commit This To Memory 17 Year Anniversary Tour**
6:30 p.m. The Fillmore Detroit, 2115 Woodward Ave, Detroit.
 - » **Sullivan Fortner Trio**
7:30-11:30 p.m. Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave, Detroit.
 - » **Starry Lights**
5-9 p.m. Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- SATURDAY JAN. 8**

 - » **Detroit Pistons vs. Orlando Magic**
7 p.m. Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward, Detroit.
 - » **Hustle Fitness**
2:00 pm Robert C. Valade Park 2670 Atwater, Detroit.
- SUNDAY JAN. 9**

 - » **Detroit Lions vs. Green Bay Packers**
1 p.m. Ford Field, 2000 Brush St., Detroit.
 - » **Intro to Winter Birding with Detroit Audubon**
11 a.m.-12 p.m. Robert C. Valade Park 2670 Atwater, Detroit.
 - » **Self Care Sunday Stroll**
2 p.m. Robert C. Valade Park 2670 Atwater, Detroit.
 - » **Starry Lights**
5-9 p.m. Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores.
- MONDAY JAN. 10**

 - » **Detroit Pistons vs. Utah Jazz**
7 p.m. Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward, Detroit.
- TUESDAY JAN. 11**

 - » **7th & 8th Grade Book Group**
7-8:30 p.m. Central Library, Grosse Pointe.
- WEDNESDAY JAN. 12**

 - » **Detroit Pistons vs. Phoenix Suns**
7 p.m. Little Caesars Arena, 2645 Woodward, Detroit.
 - » **Thoughts to Action Discussion Group**
7-8:30 p.m. Grosse Pointe grossepointelibrary.org
 - » **Pictures At An Exhibition - Detroit Symphony Orchestra Florida Tour Send-Off Concert**
7:30pm - 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201
- Grosse Pointe Badminton Association**
6:30-8 p.m. 20600 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

Tuesday Night Book Discussion
7-8 p.m. Offsite. grossepointelibrary.org



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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022:

You're a hardworking person who likes to be organized. You make lists, and you plan ahead. You are practical, cooperative and happy to be low-key. Good news! This year will be more social and fun-loving! Let your hair down, relax and enjoy the company of others. Have good times with old friends..

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
A secret or something going on behind the scenes might surprise you today or catch you off guard. Be aware of this. However, please note: It might be important to be cool and act like you're not surprised so that the secret stays secret. (These things happen.) Tonight: Stay cool.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Today you will be surprised or caught off guard by a friend. Or perhaps it's a member of a group or a group itself. Either way, something unexpected will occur.

Alternatively, you might meet someone new today who is a real character. Tonight: Be forgiving with a friend.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
You might get a surprise today from a boss, parent, teacher or the police. Oh yes, be ready. (You don't want to get busted.) Something might make you feel rebellious against authority today. Make sure you act in your own best interests. Never underestimate the power of courtesy. Tonight: Be patient with authority.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Travel plans will change today. Double-check details, schedules and itineraries, because something might change at the last moment. For some of you, you might suddenly have to travel when you didn't expect to do so. Stay on your toes. Tonight: Pay attention to the details.

LEO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Double-check details regarding banking, bill payments, issues related to insurance and anything to do with inheritances and estates, because something unexpected could impact these areas for you. If you're asleep at the switch, it could cost you money. Tonight: Avoid quarrels about shared property.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You might attract someone to you today who is new and exciting! Or possibly an old friend will come back in your life in an unexpected way. Even a partner could surprise you today, because everything is a bit of a crapshoot. Fortunately, this surprise might be interesting. Tonight: Be cooperative.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Your work routine will change today because of something unexpected. You might have problems to do with technology and computers. Delays and cancellations, along with late paperwork, could create a snafu. Incidentally, something unexpected might happen to your pet. Be alert. Tonight: Protect your health.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Parents should be extra vigilant today, because this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Meanwhile, a surprise invitation might come your way. If so, act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Alternatively, social plans might be canceled or changed. And so it goes. Tonight: Keep the peace.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your home routine will be interrupted today. Possibly, a small appliance will break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might knock at your door. A family member might have news. Definitely get dressed. Tonight: Avoid family disputes.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This is a mildly accident-prone day, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Meanwhile, this is an exciting day because you will enjoy meeting new faces and seeing new places. You also will be full of clever, original, new ideas! Tonight: Guard against knee-jerk reactions.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Keep an eye on your money and assets today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Likewise, be wise and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, write down your clever, moneymaking ideas, because they might be worthwhile when you later reconsider them. Tonight: Avoid money arguments.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with wild, wacky Uranus, which gives you a feeling of pleasant recklessness. You want some excitement and stimulation! This is why you might poke someone to wake them up out of their lethargic routine. Tonight: Stay chill.

BORN TODAY
TV chef Nigella Lawson (1960), actress Kate McKinnon (1984), actor Norman Reedus (1969).

Contract Bridge

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East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 9 7
♥ A J 5 3
♦ J 7 4 3
♣ Q 7

WEST
♠ —
♥ 9 7 6
♦ A Q 10 8 2
♣ J 10 9 3 2

EAST
♠ 6 3 2
♥ K
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ A K 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 8 5 4
♥ Q 10 8 4 2
♦ —
♣ 4

The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♣ 1 ♠ 3 ♣ 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♦ Pass 4 ♥
Pass 6 ♣
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Today's deal, from a Harvard-Yale bridge match some years ago, provides ample proof of the high caliber of play to be found at the university level.

South, Bill Cole of Harvard, wound up in six spades after the auction shown. His initial one-spade overcall admittedly "kept a little in reserve." After West made a limit raise in clubs and North raised spades, Cole cue-bid to show first-round control of diamonds. When North responded in kind in hearts, South bid the slam.

East won the opening club lead with the king and continued with the ace, ruffed by Cole. He then drew three rounds of trump ending in dummy, taking note of West's void in spades. Declarer now made the excellent play of a low diamond from dummy, a move designed to find out where the missing diamond honors were located.

After East played low, Cole ruffed and drew these conclusions:

1. East would surely have gone up with the ace of diamonds if he had it, or played an honor from the A-K or K-Q. Also, West would have led a diamond originally if he held the A-K. Therefore, East held the diamond king and West the A-Q.

2. The opposing clubs figured to be divided 5-5, since either opponent would probably have bid differently with six of the suit. Additionally, East must have at most four diamonds, since he would have opened one diamond with five cards in each minor. So East's distribution might well be 3-1-4-5.

3. This brought Cole to the key question of who had the king of hearts. He reasoned that if West held that card plus five clubs, the A-Q of diamonds and a spade void, he would have bid more than he did. Therefore, East had to have the heart king.

4. So at trick seven, Cole led a heart but did not finesse. Instead, he put up the ace and dropped East's king, thereby proving himself a bridge player as well as a scholar.

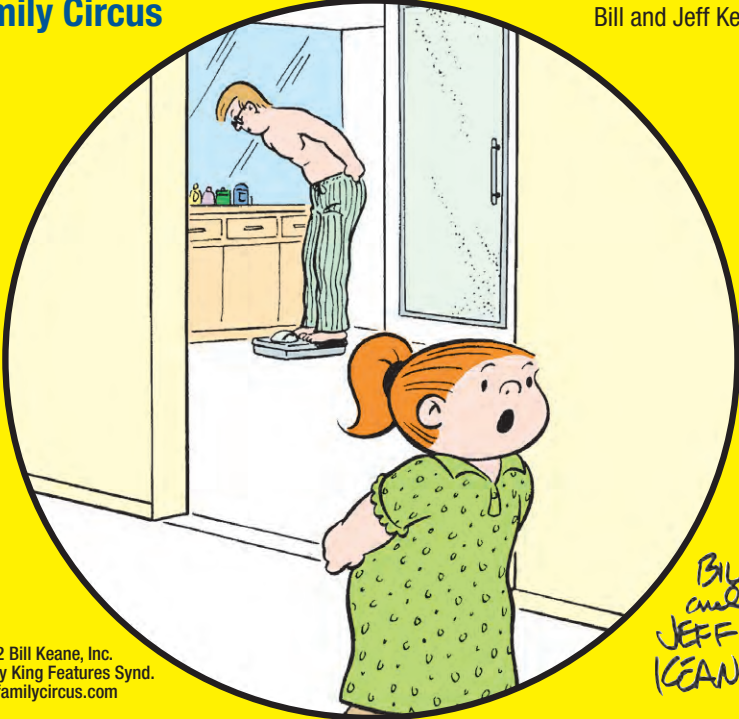
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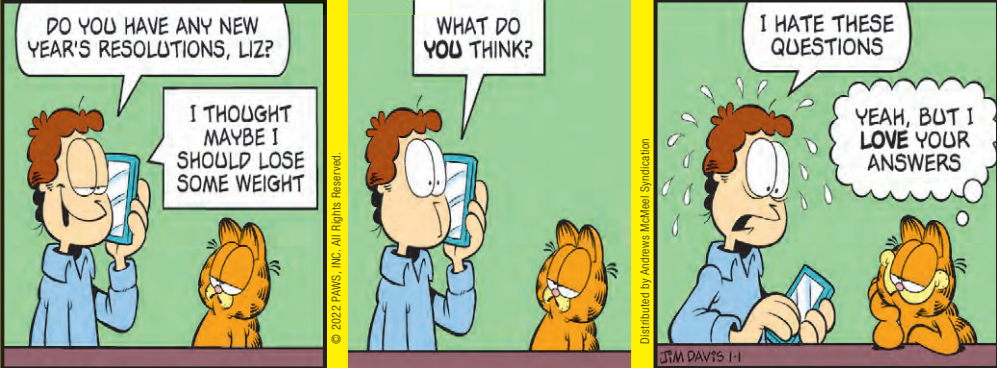


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“He’s in the bathroom mumbling at the scales.”

Garfield

Jim Davis



Dilbert

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Beetle Bailey

Greg and Mort Walker



UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

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12/30 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg January 6, 2022

ACROSS

- It's made in the morning
- Threaded fastener
- The "Star Wars" movies, for one
- A super long time
- Samuel of the court
- Pony's gait
- Not wear boxers, say (in this clue's answer, note letters 5, 7 & 9)
- Baptism or marriage
- Defendants' outs
- Where the Mekong River flows
- Palindromic songbird
- Existed temporarily (... letters 3, 5 & 7)
- Feels it after CrossFit
- Jeers for the other team
- Cider season
- Theresa of "Long Island Medium"
- John Grisham's subject
- How the needy live (... letters 4, 6 & 8)
- Kyoto cash
- Getting the job done
- If not
- ... gel (soothing stuff)

- Cold-blooded
- Meaty lunch option (... letters 3, 5 & 7)
- Once around a track
- Historic times
- Get some air
- "Let's chat privately," on Insta
- Furious, or a theme hint
- Bunches
- Extra life, in video games
- Mixer with whiskey
- Greek god with a bow
- 35-Across school subjects
- Gesture of comprehension
- DOWN
- Pretzels' package
- Praise may boost it
- Literally, "ten contests"
- Dance that originated in Rio
- Insurance request
- Lather, repeat
- Takeoff guess, for short
- Try to win over
- They're stuck in juice boxes
- Become evident
- Was accepted

- Gave no peace to Sun, in Spanish
- Rap battle devices
- Saltwater treat
- "It matters to me"
- Is adjacent to
- "That's so uncool!"
- Modern prefix with "scrolling"
- Street of horror
- Camera brand whose name sounds like something that takes shots
- Started a poker pot
- Smooching on the subway, e.g.
- Athleisure company

- Whale watching, say
- Puppy
- "Hey," in Honduras
- the fields we go ...
- Take stock of
- "Eternals" star Gemma
- Wall of some mazes
- Set of plates?
- Dance in a Lou Bega hit's title
- Car part that moves in arcs
- Two cents, idiomatically
- Fish and
- Some TVs
- Trending
- Plastic Band
- Commotion
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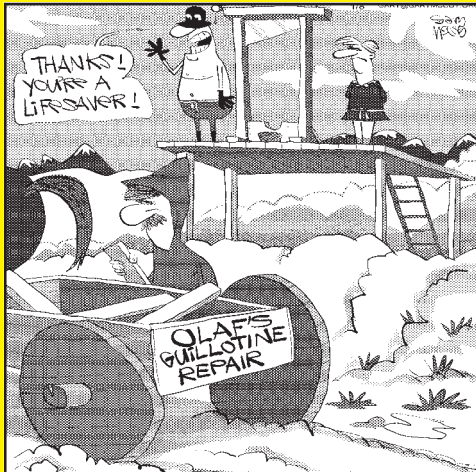
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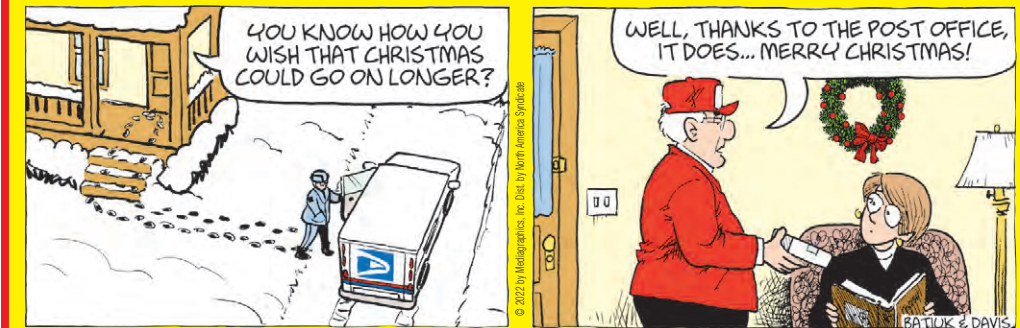
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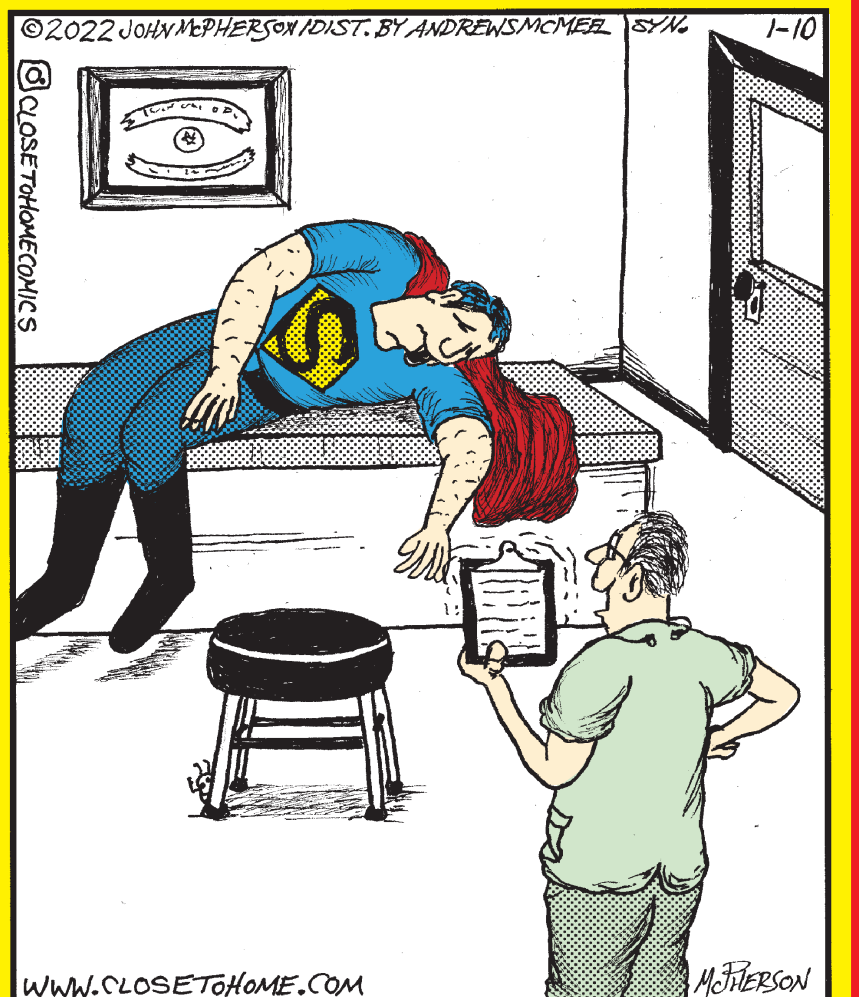


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Blue Devils outlast West Bloomfield in Roundball Classic

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

After a break for the holidays, the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team was back on the court Thursday to take part in the 2021 Motor City Roundball Classic. The Blue Devils made the trip to Ferndale to face West Bloomfield and were able to survive a close matchup with the Lakers and emerge with a 53-46 victory.

The opening quarter was low-scoring and defensive. It showed how evenly matched the two sides would be throughout the afternoon. South was able to pull in front at the end of the first eight minutes with a 12-8 lead.

Things stayed mostly

defensive going into the second quarter. Staying on their same pace from the opening period, the Blue Devils had a narrow 24-22 lead heading into the locker room at halftime.

The Lakers kept things close throughout the second half, but South was able to manage just enough to remain in front. The Blue Devils were in front by three at 40-37 at the start of the fourth and final quarter.

West Bloomfield kept pushing to keep up and was eventually able to pull the game even at 42-42 with just over five minutes remaining. Both sides were stout on defense in the final minutes, neither wanting to give up any ground.

South was able to inch

back out in front and a Karter Richards three-pointer with just under two minutes left made it a five-point lead for the Blue Devils and seemingly sealed the win. Some late-made free throws and good defense helped South pull away with the win by seven.

Richards finished the game as South's second-leading scorer with 15 points. The Blue Devils were led by Anthony Benard, who put up 20 points and was named Motor City Roundball Classic game MVP.

South returns home Friday to host L'Anse Creuse North. South gets to enjoy back-to-back home games as Roseville comes to town next Tuesday.



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The Blue Devils were honored after the game as winners in the Motor City Roundball Classic after defeating West Bloomfield 53-46.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Anthony Benard scored 20 points in the win over West Bloomfield and was named the game's MVP.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The name Ayrault has become synonymous with basketball at Grosse Pointe North High School in recent years. Adam Ayrault is helping keep that sentiment alive by being a leader both on and off the court for the Norsemen boys basketball team.

Now in his junior year, Ayrault has been with the varsity team at North since he was a freshman. His sister, Annabel, is a standout on North's girls team and Ayrault's dad, Andy, also is his coach on the varsity boys basketball team. In a family where basketball is in their blood, Ayrault knows his family is responsible for helping him become the player he is today.

"We'd be playing in the back yard every day growing up, learning from each other," he said. "Especially during quarantine last year. We did a lot of two versus two stuff."

Being the coach's son might not always be easy. However, Ayrault is proud to have his dad

coaching him in games, at practice and at home.

"I love having him as my coach," he said. "He treats me like every other player. There's no special treatment. It's a game and it works for us, so I like it a lot."

Having family around him has helped Ayrault through his entire career, especially this year. North's team is relatively young, meaning he is one of the most experienced players on the squad as a junior.

Being a junior with a couple of years on var-

and is now putting that into practice.

"You've got to lead by example and do what you have to do to help the team win," he said. "Pushing guys in practice and picking them up is something that I've been working on this year being an upper-classman and a captain. It's something I learned from watching older players when I was a freshman and sophomore."

At 6 feet, 4 inches, Ayrault can play both guard and forward. He can stretch the floor and be both a force in the paint and a shooter from outside. His style fits with the trend of positionless basketball that is becoming more and more common across the game.

Ayrault's play also fits well with the style of North's team, as the Norsemen are a team that does not have a ton of size. Being able to play inside while also

shooting from mid-range and beyond the three-point line comes from a mix of pure skill and hard work for Ayrault.

"It's kind of natural, but also over the summer I spent a lot of time in the gym getting shots up," he said. "I went to the gym every day and took as many shots as I could and worked really hard. A lot of guys came out too and we worked with each other and pushed each other to get better. It's paying off this season for sure."

His shooting skills were on display a few weeks ago when the Norsemen took on Grosse Pointe South in a rivalry matchup. Ayrault scored 31 points and hit four three-point shots in the first quarter alone as he helped lead North to a 68-64 win.

The huge first quarter from Ayrault provided a major spark for the rest of North's team in that game and played a major role in eventually leading them to victory.

"We put it in our heads that we were going to come out strong and do whatever we can to win," he said. "The first quarter was a spark for us especially. ... It set the level for the rest of the



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Adam Ayrault

game and how we needed to play. We each had a role that we needed to play to win that game and we stuck to it."

More performances like the one against South are sure to be in store for Ayrault throughout the rest of this season and into his senior year. Although putting up big numbers on the stat sheet is never a bad thing, defense is really where he wants to see himself improve throughout the rest of his career.

"One thing that I want to work on is my defense," Ayrault said. "I think I rely a lot on my athleticism with that. There's always stuff you want to work ... whether it's shooting or getting open and moving without the ball - stuff that everyone needs to work on and we will work on a lot this upcoming summer."

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South falls to Bobcats

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The girls basketball team from Grosse Pointe South returned to the court last week after a holiday break to take part in the Motor City Roundball Classic. The Blue Devils took on the Bobcats from Grand Blanc and were unable to keep up offensively most of the night as South suffered a 68-43 loss.

South jumped out to an early lead by a couple of baskets to begin the game, but Grand Blanc went on the first of a few scoring runs that made it difficult for the Blue Devils to recover. A 10-0 run for the Bobcats took the game from 4-0 South to 10-4 and helped Grand Blanc to a 14-10 lead at

the end of the opening quarter.

Another 10-0 scoring run by Grand Blanc to start the second quarter put the Blue Devils behind by even more. Despite strong first halves shooting the ball by Madison Benard and Kamryn Richards, South continued to fall behind on the scoreboard. Benard and Richards combined for 23 of the Blue Devils' 27 points at the end of the first half, but South still trailed 33-27 heading into the break.

The second half saw most of the same to start as Grand Blanc's scoring out-paced that of South. After three quarters, the Bobcats were able to have a somewhat comfortable 13-point lead entering the final frame.

South's offense seemingly collapsed in the final quarter, only scoring four points in the last eight minutes of the game. Grand Blanc ended the game with another scoring run, this time 13-0 while cruising to the win by 25 points.

Richards and Benard were the bright spots on offense for South on a day that was largely disappointing when it came to scoring. Benard finished with 14 points, while Richards led the Blue Devils with 17.

The Blue Devils now prepare for their first crosstown rivalry meeting of the season as they face Grosse Pointe North on the road Thursday night. South gets a week off after that before hosting Port Huron next Thursday.



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKENNA

South sophomore Hayden Crane has made an impact on offense this season helping the Blue Devils with 8 goals.

Blue Devils hockey enjoys early success

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Starting the season with a young team and a new head coach, the Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team might be surprising some with the success it has had so far. The Blue Devils have fought through a tough early schedule to get some important and impressive wins, but know they have to keep on getting better.

South is off to a 7-3-1 start and currently in second place in the MIHL South division since the season began mid-November. With first-year head coach Brandon Contratto leading the Blue Devils behind the bench, the new coaching staff is pleased with where the team is and where it could be headed.

"The players know we have a relatively young team compared to a lot of the competition we're seeing out there," Contratto said. "As a staff and team, we're extremely pleased with the way the guys have progressed and we've seen improvements from some of our younger depth players so far."

The Blue Devils have had to face some tough challenges through the first nearly two months of the season, but have

not backed down in many situations. South lost its season opener to De La Salle, but followed it with an impressive win over Livonia Stevenson and took Cranbrook to overtime.

South kept the momentum rolling with a four-game winning streak through late November and early December that included overtime victories against Port Huron Northern and U of D Jesuit. Wins like those are showing that this Blue Devils team can compete with pretty much any team in the state and Contratto chalks that up to his team's ability to learn and adjust.

"(It's) our willingness to buy into a team structure," he said. "We have a lot of youth and even some of our seniors are in their first year with the varsity team. ... It's a different system than they're used to and different from what other high school teams do, but they've bought into our defensive zone system."

That strong defense is backed up by goalie Dougie Cowan, who holds a .915 save percentage so far this season. Senior defenseman and captain Jake Spitz also is playing a major role.

Spitz leads the team in points with 20, including 13 assists. Hayden Crane's eight goals are the most so far this season for South. River Kraus also has had a big impact with four goals and six assists, although the Blue Devils will have to adjust to being without his contributions for a little while due to injury.

Overall, things are going pretty well for South's team through the first half of the 2021-22 season. There is still plenty of tough competition ahead for the Blue Devils and making sure the team is prepared to fight every minute of every game is key.

"We had a tough time getting out to quick starts in the first period of games and really came out to play in the second and third periods," Contratto said. "We weren't really there from the drop of the puck. We've already seen improvements, but want to keep it going — especially over these next few games."

South returns from break to take the ice again Thursday when they host Detroit Catholic Central. The Blue Devils are home again next Thursday to host MIHL South division leaders De La Salle.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South freshman Madison Benard scored 14 points in the loss to Grand Blanc.

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High School

SPORTS

HOME GAMES

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Thursday, January 6

5:30 pm Girls JV Basketball vs. GP South @GPN Gym

7 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. GP South @ GPN Gym

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Dance Team Performance @GPN Gym

Friday, January 7

4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Henry Ford High School @GPN Gym

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Henry Ford High School @GPN Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Henry Ford High School @GPN Gym

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Dance Team Performance @GPN Gym

Saturday, January 8

5 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Mercy @East Side Hockey Arena

Tuesday, January 11

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. New Haven @GPN Gym

6 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. University of Detroit @Fraser Ice Arena

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. New Haven @GPN Gym

Wednesday, January 12

6:30 pm Girls Varsity Gymnastics vs. Port Huron @GPN Gym

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Thursday, January 6

5:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Catholic Central @East Side Hockey Arena

Friday, January 7

4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. L'Anse Creuse @Main Gym

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. L'Anse Creuse @Main Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. L'Anse Creuse @Main Gym

Tuesday, January 11

4 pm Boys Freshmen Basketball vs. Roseville @Main Gym

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Roseville @Main Gym

6 pm Boys Varsity Swim & Dive vs. Chippewa Valley @Boll Athletic Center

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Roseville @Main Gym

Wednesday, January 12

5 pm Boys Varsity Wrestling MAC Gold Quad @Main Gym

6:30 pm Girls Varsity Gymnastics vs. Port Huron @GP North Gym

7:30 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Sacred Heart United @East Side Hockey Arena

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Thursday, January 6

5:30 pm Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Frankel Jewish Academy @Gym

Friday, January 7

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Oak Park @Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Oak Park @Gym

Saturday, January 8

2 pm Girls Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Downriver United @McCann Ice Arena

Tuesday, January 11

5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball vs. Cabrini @Gym

7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Cabrini @Gym

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Grosse Pointe News

Girls basketball roundup

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

G.P. North

Similar to the boys team for the Norsemen, the girls basketball team from Grosse Pointe North has started the season with strong performances resulting in wins. North has won five of its first six games to open the new campaign and is building a strong foundation for the rest of the season.

The Norsemen opened the 2021-22 season with a 15-point win over St. Clair Shores Lakeview. It was followed by the team's only loss so far, a 43-35 defeat to Mercy in the CHSL vs. MAC Challenge. Junior stand-out Annabel Ayrault had 17 points in that game despite the loss, establishing her as one of the focal points of this year's North team along with teammates such as Sophia Borowski and Natalie Babcock.

Following the loss to Mercy, the Norsemen were able to tally four straight wins before

heading into their holiday break. The streak began with a narrow 42-40 win over Henry Ford II. After that, North defeated Berkely, L'Anse Creuse North and Regina all by double digits to improve to a 5-1 record to start the season.

With a strong performance in their non-conference schedule, the Norsemen now turn their attention to conference play. The 5-1 record has North currently as the second-best team in the MAC Red behind Port Huron. North has its first MAC Red game Thursday hosting Grosse Pointe South, followed by another conference game next week against Utica Eisenhower also at home.

G.P. South

It has been a slow start to the new season for the girls basketball team at Grosse Pointe South. A series of tough losses have the Blue Devils at 1-4 through their first five games as a challenging MAC Red conference schedule now looms.

Things were looking

tough for the Blue Devils right from the start this season with back-to-back losses by more than 20 points to Henry Ford II and Marian in the team's opening two games. Those losses were followed by another defeat at the hands of St. Clair Shores Lakeview before South got its first victory of the season with a 54-36 win over Romeo.

South lost its most recent game 68-43 against Grand Blanc in the Motor City Roundball Classic. However, that game saw two solid performances from the pair who have really stepped up to help lead the Blue Devils so far this season.

That pair is senior Kamryn Richards and freshman Madison Benard. Richards was expected to be a leader for South this season and has made an impact with performances like a 10-point game in the win over Romeo and scoring 12 points in just the first half of the most recent game against Grand Blanc.

Benard has had some

success as a freshman in her first few high school games. She finished with 14 points against Grand Blanc, 11 of those in the first half. Her biggest day was in South's lone win so far as she scored 23 points against Romeo. Playing at this level during the start of her first high school season, it will be interesting to see what Benard can do for the Blue Devils not only throughout the rest of this season but in years to come.

South hosted Utica on Tuesday in its full return from the holiday break. The Blue Devils then begin MAC Red conference play Thursday with a visit to Grosse Pointe North.

University Liggett

Beginning the season in late November, it took the Knights a few games to find their stride to start the new campaign. Opening the season with three straight losses followed by a pair of wins before the holiday break could mean there are better things ahead for this



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Annabel Ayrault had 17 points in North's only loss of the season so far against Mercy.

year's girls basketball team at Liggett.

The Knights opened the season at home the final day of November and suffered a tough 53-17 loss to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Liggett took another loss in the second game of the season, also on its home court, falling to Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

A third consecutive loss came for the Knights on the road to Southfield Christian. However, things have begun looking up for Liggett after a tough stretch.

Games in back-to-back

days mid-December also brought back-to-back wins for the Knights. Liggett defeated Bloomfield Hills Roeper 41-28 to enter the win column. The next night, the team took a second victory by defeating East English Village Prep 32-22.

With the holiday break ending, the Knights were back in action for the first time since the win over the Bulldogs on Tuesday night with a road game at Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart. Liggett is back at home Thursday to host Frankel Academy.

Boys basketball roundup

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

G.P. North

The Norsemen are out to a strong start through the first month of the season. Despite beginning the new campaign with a close loss, North has not looked back since and looks to be at the start of what seems to be a promising season ahead.

North is 3-1 and currently tied with New Haven for the best record in the MAC White division, although conference play is yet to fully get underway. What is really helping carry the Norsemen through their strong start is the offense. Through the first four contests, North is averaging just over 63 points per game, making them the best offensive team in the White division and one of the best in the MAC overall so far.

North has scored 60 or more points in three of its first four matchups. The only game the Norsemen did not cross the 60-point mark was in the season-opening loss to Chippewa Valley 51-47.

Following that loss, the Norsemen bounced back with a 61-54 win over St. Clair Shores Lakeview. North continued winning with victories over East English Village Prep and crosstown rivals Grosse Pointe South. It was in

those wins where two real stars seemed to emerge for North.

Junior Adam Ayrault and sophomore James Phillips have been making an impact on North's team during the early part of the season. The duo combined for more than 40 points in a dominant win over East English Village. Ayrault was on fire in the team's last game, a rivalry win over the Blue Devils, scoring 31 points, while Phillips also crossed the double-digit mark with 11.

MAC White play starts up for the Norsemen as they come off of a long holiday break. The Norsemen get back to action Friday night hosting Henry Ford II and stay at home Tuesday to face New Haven.

G.P. South

The Blue Devils have not been quite as lucky during the early part of this boys basketball season. There is still plenty of time to turn things around, but losing four of the first five games shows that this South team is still struggling to find its identity.

It took the Blue Devils three weeks to find their first victory of the season with a win over West Bloomfield in the Motor City Roundball Classic. Before that, it was four

straight losses that brought South to a 1-4 record as conference play approaches.

Those early losses did not come against the easiest of opponents, however. South's season-opening loss was a 81-66 defeat against Detroit Loyola and was followed by another loss at the hands of Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep. Those games would serve as tough tests for just about any team, especially one as young and inexperienced as the Blue Devils.

The brightest spot for South during an otherwise slow start to the season has been the play of Anthony Benard. The junior was expected to be a leader and play a major role for South this year and he has not disappointed so far.

Benard scored 25 points in the Blue Devils' loss to Grosse Pointe North a few weeks ago. He was voted the game MVP in South's first win of the season with another 20-point performance.

With currently the worst record in the MAC Red, the Blue Devils now prepare for conference play. South hosts L'Anse Creuse North on Friday then takes on Roseville at home next Tuesday.

University Liggett

The University Liggett School boys basketball team has played three games so far this season and only one has resulted in a victory for the Knights. Despite suffering two losses by more than 20 points, the Knights have plenty of games left to get back on track and have had some promising performances through the first few games.

Liggett opened the season on the road against Walled Lake Northern in what ended as a dismal 74-33 loss. The Knights fell in their home opener a few days later to Southfield Christian before earning their first victory with a 58-42 win over East English Village Prep.

The Knights have



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Alex George had 10 points for Liggett in the team's first win of the season against East English Village Prep.

received solid contributions from a number of players in both the singular win and the pair of losses. When defeating the Bulldogs, Liggett had three players reach double digits on the stat sheet — Alex George, Jarren Purify and Joshua Pierce.

Pierce also led the team in scoring during the loss

to Southfield Christian with 13 points. In that game, Preston Barr contributed eight points and showed off his speed up and down the court.

The Knights returned from a long holiday break Wednesday night to face St. Clair Shores South Lake on the road. Liggett is back home Friday to host Oak Park.



North's James Phillips has been a key contributor for the Norsemen this season, including a 20-point performance against East English Village Prep.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2021

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)approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 6, 2021 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Review meeting held on December 14, 2021 and the Planning Commission meeting held on December 15, 2021.
- 2)approve the changes to the City Council meeting dates as listed for 2022; January 3 to January 5, 2022 for the New Year Holiday; January 17 to January 19, 2022 for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr; February 21 to February 23, 2022 for the observance of President's Day and September 5 to September 7, 2022 in observance of Labor Day, and further that the City will meet on June 13, July 11 and August 6, 2022, the second Mondays only of the summer months.
- 3)That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

- 1)(1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 123546 through 123653 in the amount of \$378,306.90 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 Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$14,444.47 for professional services during the month of November for the following projects: 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-260; Storm Sewer Repair, #180-256; Emergency Storm Sewer Repair, #180-229; 2020 Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-233; 2021 Sanitary Sewer Repair, #180-259; Beaconsfield Resurfacing, #180-253 and #180-231; Water Svc. Material Invest, #180-265; Miss Digs, #180-255; Kelly Road Pedestrian Cross, #180-208; Everstream Fiber, #180-274, #180-277 and #180-275.(3) approve payment to Uni-Dig, Inc. in the amount of \$8,700.00 for leaf disposal in conjunction with the curbside leaf pickup program.(4) approve payments to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$7,953.70 for assistance with leaf pickup, fall maintenance and snow plowing and salting in various areas of the City.(5) approve payment to SAFEbuilt LLC in the amount of \$28,672.00 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of November 2021.(6) approve payment in the amount of \$6,734.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.(7) approve payment to Master Maintenance National in the amount of \$5,225.00 for the renovations and repair work at 21226 Briarstone and \$9,007.09 for the repair work at 21101 Kenmore as part of the CDBG rehab loan project.
- 2)to renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2022 in the amount of \$257,299.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 3)to approve the Kelly Road Corridor Plan as required in the process of the City becoming Redevelopment Ready.

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200 HELP WANTED GENERAL

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ATTENTION: by MICHIGAN LAW DAY CARE FACILITIES (In-Home & Centers) Must Show Their Current License To Advertising Representative When Placing Your Ads. THANK YOU. Parents- Please Verify All Child Care Licenses!

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Street Numbers honored at 8:30 a.m. Friday Check out marciawilkestatesales.com to see some featured items! We accept cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and AMEX

409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE

NEW YEAR MOVING SALE! Everything must go! Furniture, decor, antiques, kitchenware, rugs and more! Beds galore- 4 poster trundle, daybed trundle, boys bed set, antique double; kitchen table + 6 chairs, wrought iron patio set, mirrors, tables, lamps and much more. Priced to sell. Cash only. Friday, Saturday 9- 2. 68 Muskoka, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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