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## Mask mandate eased

**THE GROSSE POINTEES** — At the Feb. 14 Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, a mask exemption resolution was discussed and passed on a 4-2 margin.

The resolution provides students and officials the option to not wear a mask while actively participating in athletic competitions or the performing arts.

The resolution fell short of making masks optional for all school activities, including in classrooms.

The approved resolution comes as Wayne County has said it likely will lift mask mandates entirely for schools Feb. 28. In an email to district families, Superintendent Jon Dean confirmed if the mask mandate is lifted at

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## Getaway and stay-cation ideas for winter break



Whether you plan to stay in the Pointes or head north for some skiing, we've collected loads of exciting things to do that will keep everyone in the family happy. Enjoy a safe and fun school holiday! See pages 5-8C.

## Vote local in HOUR's Best of Detroit contest

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTEES** — In its 22nd annual year, HOUR Detroit Magazine recently released its list of finalists for the Best of Detroit contest. Now through Tuesday, March 15, voting is in place for HOUR Detroit readers to select the best eateries, bars, retailers, personalities and more in the metro Detroit area.

With many Grosse Pointe and nearby eastside businesses nominated — including the Grosse

Pointe News, a finalist for best local newspaper — now's the time for Pointers to show all of Detroit the best of its community.

With more than 200 categories in the contest this year, Grosse Pointe businesses have been nominated as finalists in 24. Finalists were selected based on a majority of write-in votes by the public. Each category typically consists of five finalists.

In years past, Grosse Pointe has claimed the crown on multiple

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## Reunited!



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Melissa Hamilton's English bulldogs, Oreo and Luna, were happily reunited with their owner five days after being taken from the front yard of their Grosse Pointe Woods home.**

## Bulldogs returned five days later

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Five days after two English bulldogs, Luna and Oreo, were stolen from their Grosse Pointe Woods front lawn in the 2000 block of Stanhope Friday, Feb. 4,

they were reunited with their family of six, bringing the Hamilton household back to a full occupancy of eight.

"My babies are back!" Melissa Hamilton, owner of the dogs, shouted with glee.

While the family sat waiting, hoping the com-

munity would help return the 6-month-old puppies to their home, Luna and Oreo went on quite the journey. An unknown, heavy-set black woman took them from their front yard in a dark-colored SUV. Later

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## Infrastructure, finances are top admin goals

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The city clerk got a pay raise in time to partially offset the nation's highest rate of inflation, 7 percent, since she started working for Grosse Pointe Park 40 years ago.

Clerk Jane Blahut, who also is municipal finance director, earned the 3.5

percent cost of living raise and separate \$5,000 performance bonus for helping obtain a \$3 million to \$4 million federal grant to help the Park convalesce from flooding during storms last summer, according to Councilwoman Christine Gallagher, chair of the personnel committee.

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## Village-wide Wi-Fi, social district to be explored in 2022

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — While much of the efforts of Main Street Grosse Pointe so far have taken place behind the scenes, laying the groundwork for the more tangible projects and noticeable improvements to The Village, the recent adoption of a transformation strategy has opened the door to a schedule of 2022 committee project plans.

Two such projects going hand-in-hand and anticipated within the year, "if at all possible," according to MSGP Director Cindy Willcock, are public Wi-Fi and out-

door speakers in The Village, which would provide background music and broadcasting during events.

While the project potentially could grow to encompass Wi-Fi in public spaces throughout the City, it currently is unclear what the parameters of citywide Wi-Fi would be at such a preliminary stage.

"That's something that a lot of cities are looking at," Willcock noted, "and so I think Grosse Pointe is very forward thinking."

With the growing popularity of social districts, as well as their proven success at enhancing

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## Woods clerk resigns, search begins

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Following the resignation of former Grosse Pointe Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway, the city has announced the beginning of its search to fill the position, something it hasn't

had to do in more than 25 years.

Hathaway's resignation comes after a motion was made by Councilman Todd McConnaghy at a council meeting Monday, Dec. 20, to effectually force her hand at resigning, or give the city power to terminate her job. The motion passed

unanimously.

According to Mayor Arthur Bryant, now, almost two months later, "Lisa Hathaway voluntarily resigned and took her retirement."

While Hathaway thanked the community and councils she served,

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# Get out in the snow

## Submit your snow creations today

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — After its first year proved successful, the Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission encourages residents to submit their family-friendly snow creations to the second annual snow creation contest by Monday, Feb. 28.

“The residents were excited (last year) to get out and be encouraged to play outside during the winter,” Recreation Supervisor Nicole Gerhart said of the motivation to bring the contest back another year.

Not just a traditional snowman contest, residents should aim for creativity when crafting their submissions. Last year’s winners included a giant armchair, a Rapunzel-like snow princess and a snow-built campfire scene.

To submit an entry, email a picture of the snow creation to [LFPassistant@gpwmj.us](mailto:LFPassistant@gpwmj.us), along with a name for the creation, family name, address and number of



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**The Lawlis family placed second last year with their “Rapunzel” creation.**

individuals in the household. As was the case last year, the top three sub-

missions will be awarded a trophy with the photo of their creation on it.

— Kate Vanderstelt

# Chilly Fest for all

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Organizers of this month’s Chilly Fest winter celebration are making sure there’s no cross pollination between axe throwing and a petting zoo.

The two attractions are among many spread among three commercial districts in Grosse Pointe Park from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

“We’ve included Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack,” said Chad Craig, parks and recreation director. “We will have activities on all three of those streets. We’ll also have the (K-Line) trolley going up and down those three streets picking up and dropping off.”

The celebration and trolley transportation are free and open to everyone, not just Park residents.

“It brings people together to enjoy activities that our parks and rec department puts on,” said Robert Klacza, chair-

man of the recreation committee. “We try to have something for everybody.”

**Chili Cookoff**

A highlight is the fifth annual Chili Cookoff hosted by Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack Avenue.

Drop off begins at 1 p.m. Tasting is 2 to 6 p.m. Tasting bowls cost \$1 for two. Winners in six categories are picked at 5:45 p.m. Prizes consist of \$100 gift cards to Red Crown restaurant on Kercheval, \$75 gift cards to Park Place Market on Charlevoix and \$50 gift cards to Cabbage Patch Saloon.

Contestants submit pre-heated entries in Crock-Pots with serving ladles.

Register by completing a form on the Park municipal website, [grossepointepark.org](http://grossepointepark.org), and delivering it to the recreation office at Windmill Pointe Park or emailing it to Craig at [craigc@grossepointepark.org](mailto:craigc@grossepointepark.org). Or, register by calling the recreation

department at (313) 822-2812, Ext. 200.

**Street activities**

Attractions and activities on Kercheval and Beaconsfield feature fire pads. Craig is trying to arrange ice sculpting or blacksmith demonstrations.

“Between Nottingham and Beaconsfield, we will have a trackless train,” Craig said. “In front of The Zealous Root and Pointe Hardware, we’re going to have a petting zoo.”

At The Beauty Parlor on Kercheval, stylists will apply colored tinsel and style wild hairdos with bold, superhero colors.

“Colored tinsel is applied with a bead so you see a little sparkle incorporated into your hair,” said Lisa Kvintus, owner of the salon. “It’s free. It’s temporary. The color washes out. We tell moms how to take out the tinsel or they can come back and we’ll take it out. It’s quick.”

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foot traffic and giving customers a reason to stick around, MSGP also plans to explore the potential of a social district in The Village this

year.

The City looked into a social district prior to MSGP’s creation, Willcock noted, but recent interest in one has risen significantly.

With the final decision up to city council, MSGP will study whether there

is a need for a social district, its feasibility, what the hours would be and other factors.

“Our committee felt that it was time to re-explore it and see if it was something that would fit in The Village in a way that’s still true to our vision and who we are as a district,” Willcock said. “We don’t want to be like any place else, but would that be something that would enhance the experience of being down here?”

More tangible improvements community members may notice throughout the year include a partnership with Project Bloom to

create more sustainable plantings in The Village, so entire beds don’t need to be replaced each season, as well as to maintain color and greenery in the winter months; replacing the 15-year-old garland used to decorate the light poles at Christmas time; continuing the replacement of two-decade-old street furnishings that began last year; and working with the City on its CVS parking lot resurfacing project to begin in spring.

“I think we’ve got a really good solid path that we’re on now and we’ve got a lot of good projects that make strategic sense that we’ll be able to show those results,” Willcock said. “... It feels like it’s been a long time coming. There’s so much work that needs to be done to

then start doing things, but in the long run, it makes such a huge difference and it makes us so much more successful as a district and as an organization.”

A 2022 calendar of events and activities sorts each month into a theme for branding: March is Read GP for National Reading Month, April is Spring into The Village and May is Art in The Village.

While the beginning of the year is more promotional, the second half will see well-known activities such as the Sidewalk Sale and Paint the Windows, which are moving to August, Buy Nearby Weekend Oct. 1-3, Pink Night Oct. 6, and the tree lighting Nov. 18. New this year will be a post-Santa parade chili cook-off Nov. 25.

Another new initiative, Pop-Ups in the Plaza, leaves space during the summer months for MSGP to get creative with additional opportunities to engage the community and explore the feasibility of new events on a smaller scale, while remaining in line with the organization’s vision and already set schedule.

Including the return of Music on the Plaza, the committee may consider food trucks, vendors, artists and more.

“It’ll be deliberately planned out,” Willcock explained of the pop-up concept. “As we start getting closer and working through things, we’ll have more finite ideas. It won’t be random. It’ll be purposeful. It’ll fit with our vision. We’ll have measures of success and it’ll help us help our businesses.”

To join MSGP as a volunteer or committee member, email Willcock at [cwillcock@grossepointecity.org](mailto:cwillcock@grossepointecity.org).

While a full list of the organization’s 2022 committee project plans soon will be uploaded on the city website, Willcock also may be contacted for more information in the meantime.

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# Park unveils new logo

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The new city logo is official.

It channels Emerson’s advice to “simplify, simplify” by summarizing the city’s heritage, natural features and attractions into a two-tone blue and white circle.

“Sometimes less is more because it translates well into all sizes and scales,” said Linda Boyle, Park deputy city clerk and former graphic artist for Olympia Entertainment. “I wanted to preserve the traditions of Grosse Pointe Park and the things that are prevalent, the water and trees, but make it more contemporary.”

She designed the logo during normal work hours.

“If the city had contracted an outside firm, it would have cost a lot of money,” Boyle said.

“A project such as this would cost the city with an outside firm \$10,000 to \$15,000,” said Nick Sizeland, city manager. “Fortunately, we have an in-house graphic designer.”

The idea for an updated logo predated last summer’s storms and nearly citywide basement flooding, but was set aside while administrators focused on recovery and prevention.

Boyle used two shades of blue against a white background to represent a shoreside view of a sail-

boat on Lake St. Clair. Leafy branches curl around the image within a circular design outlined by the city’s name and year founded, 1907.

“This is symbolic, not literal,” Boyle said. “The tree shows nicely. Boating has always been a huge part of this community.”

Six members of the city council approved the logo Monday, Feb. 7. Lone opposition came from Councilman Vikas Relan.

“It doesn’t seem representative of my city,” he said.

He wanted the image to include a Tudor-style house.

Tudor or not, front-entrance Colonial or not, neo-Georgian or not,

bungalow or not, kit house or not (there’s at least one in the Park), Boyle likes the updated image and the city administration’s openness to change.

“I think it’s a great, positive promotion,” Boyle said of the updated image. “I don’t see a lot of negative with it.”

Inserting the new logo onto the municipal website won’t cost anything other than her time.

The logo will be phased in over coming months and years on letterhead and other printed material as those supplies are replenished, Sizeland said.

“Initial estimates are \$10,000 to \$13,000,” Sizeland said of the cost to rebrand letterhead,



Grosse Pointe Park’s new logo by Linda Boyle.

equipment, plaques and vehicles.

Boyle’s job at Olympia centered on branding for the Detroit Red Wings and Tigers.

“I was used to working under fast, heavy deadlines,” she said.

She produced game collateral, playoff tickets, logos for the players’ charities, playoff logos, The Pucks for Paws calendar featuring hockey players with their dogs, brochures and the sign in front of Joe Louis Arena.

# GP Fire Prevention Team hits the ground running

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Calling 911 isn’t meant for when children get in a fight with their siblings or don’t want to do their homework, as noted by a team of officers at the start of a fire safety and education interactive presentation at Defer Elementary School last Friday. It is, however, very much meant for the unlikely case of a fire at a child’s home.

The Grosse Pointe Fire Prevention Team was formed pre-pandemic by Stephen Poloni, who was director of public safety for the City and Park at the time, but didn’t become active until recently, because the pandemic made it unsafe to go into the schools.

While Poloni always has had a heart for the work, originally starting a fire program in the schools in 1989, the current fire prevention team’s creation followed a tragic 2019 Fisher Road house fire.

“I think that highlighted the need for doing more than we were doing,” Poloni said.

With two officers from each of the Pointes volunteering to take part in the team, its intent is to visit one elementary school a month, including the private schools, and see each on an annual basis.

The team already has debuted at Maire, Kerby and Richard elementary schools.

“There’s less fires now than there was 20 years



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe Fire Prevention Team details safety tips with third graders at Defer Elementary School.

ago, but fire prevention is just as important, because it prevents tragedy (and) it gets information out there,” said John Alcorn, Grosse Pointe director of public safety. “When you give kids an idea of what to do in an emergency, that’s what they can fall back on and that’s the idea: Here’s how we prevent it and if something bad does happen, here’s what you do.”

Along with providing students a toolkit of knowledge on how to best protect themselves and aid in firefighters’ efforts to rescue them — from ways to get out of the house to what to do once out — one team member also dons his full fire gear, with the intent to familiarize the young students.

“A child’s in a scary situation to begin with and then you bring in a fire-

fighter with all their gear, their helmet, their mask, their self-contained breathing apparatus (and) it can be an intimidating figure,” Alcorn explained. “They sound different. They breathe differently. So we let them see it. We let them see what’s going on and why we wear it, what it does and it gives them a chance to see it in a controlled, friendly environment, so they understand a little bit more.”

Emphasized during each presentation, students are not meant to walk away with fear of an impending fire.

“It’s all about education and safety,” Alcorn said. “It’s not about fear. That’s the biggest thing is in those demos we talk about (how) you see fires at a campfire or we use fire to cook our food. It’s nothing to be scared of.

We just have to be careful and respect it.”

Through Poloni’s 40 years of connections and the generosity of several community members, approximately \$35,000 was raised for the program. The funds have gone toward custom handout materials for the kids, team uniforms, high tech equipment and robots to be used at special events.

Fire prevention team members are Team Leader Officer Thomas Card and Officer Esho Matty from the Park, officers Austin Giarmo and Jarod Jones from the City, Officer John Ross and Firefighter Larry Stocking from the Farms, Sgt. Terry Brown and Officer Jeffery Roybal from the Shores and officers Miles Adams and Jeff Martel from the Woods.

## Fire safety tips for children

- ◆ Get out of the house before calling 911.
- ◆ While getting out of the house, “stay low and go.”
- ◆ Leave pets behind for firefighters to rescue.
- ◆ If the fire is blocking your child’s path to a sibling, the child should get out first so he or she can tell the firefighters where the sibling is.
- ◆ If the door is warm, don’t open it.
- ◆ Shoving a blanket or clothes under the door can help keep out the smoke.
- ◆ Make sure your child knows how to open their bedroom window. In the event it won’t open, the child should know it’s OK to break it with a chair, toy, etc.
- ◆ If your child’s bedroom is on the second floor, consider getting an escape ladder that hooks onto the window and can be stored under the child’s bed.
- ◆ Children may instinctively want to hide in a closet or under the bed, but this makes it difficult for firefighters to rescue them. If the child can’t immediately get out, he or she should yell out the window so everyone knows where they are.
- ◆ Without a ladder and in an emergency situation, the child may have to jump. Officers noted it’s safer to jump out a second story window than to breathe the harmful smoke or be near a fire that may be coming through the door.
- ◆ If the child is trapped in an area of the house without a window, such as a bathroom, he or she should keep the door closed to buy time and make a lot of loud noise for firefighters to follow.
- ◆ Decide on a family meeting place. This could be the mailbox, a big tree in the front yard or a neighbor’s house.
- ◆ “Close before you doze.” Sleeping with the bedroom door closed can prevent fire spread and buy your child more time with clean air.
- ◆ Don’t put clothes or any cloth material on top of or near lamps or space heaters.

# The Week Ahead

## TUESDAY, FEB. 22

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

- ◆ Great Lakes Water Authority public hearing, 2 p.m. via Zoom or in-person at GLWA, 735 Randolph, Detroit.



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“(She) is focused and effective,” Gallagher said of Blahut, a Park employee since the early 1980s. “Her constant communication to our community is something fundamental to the smooth functioning of our city. Along with Jane’s day-to-day responsibilities and goals for 2022, her primary focus should be on a five-year financial strategy for Grosse Pointe Park.”

“I’m very grateful and appreciate the confidence they’ve shown in me,” Blahut said the next day. “It was awfully nice of Christine to say those things.”

City Manager Nick Sizeland received a \$10,000 raise, representing 10 percent annually, plus a \$5,000 bonus.

“This is also for his work on the application for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funds of \$750,000 following the flood,” Gallagher said. “Manager Sizeland is enthusiastic and motivated to move Grosse Pointe Park forward.”

“I’m extremely grateful for the confidence the city council has given me,” Sizeland said.

“Congratulations to our staff,” said Mayor Michele Hodges during a city council meeting Monday, Feb. 7. “You’ve earned every penny.”

The council approved

the raises and bonuses unanimously.

While Blahut focuses this year on financial planning, Sizeland is deep in flood matters.

“Sizeland’s primary and immediate focus is on flooding protection for the city of Grosse Pointe Park and the installation of the EERV (extreme emergency relief valve),” Gallagher said.

During interviews for the city manager job nearly three years ago, Sizeland stressed the importance of infrastructure. He shares the new council’s emphasis.

“I look forward to continuing to serve the residents with a focus on our city infrastructure,” he said.

State approval is needed for the city to install the relief valve, which would discharge excess water from sewers directly into Lake St. Clair instead of backing up into basements, as happened twice last summer in the Park and multiple southeast Michigan communities.

Gallagher said the personnel committee also evaluated city attorney Jake Howlett, whose contract is undergoing regular review.

“The city attorney has performed his services well,” Gallagher said. “Jake is pleasant and capable. The city council and administration appreciate the time and attention Jake has given to Grosse Pointe Park.”



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Hands-on hobby turns into burgeoning business

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There’s a storage room toward the back of Pointe Hardware & Lumber where Chelsea Cousineau has carved out some space for herself. She calls it her “own little studio” and it’s where her new business, Detroit Craftswoman, began to take shape.

Crafting works of art from wood is a fairly recent undertaking for Cousineau, who has spent most of her life at the hardware store owned by her father, Randy Cousineau, and uncle, Ric Becker. Though she’s always been creative, finding the right medium took some time.

“I was always interested in art,” she said. “It runs in my blood.”

Following in the footsteps of her artist grandmother, who preferred stained glass and acrylics, Cousineau was influenced by her surroundings when she selected her medium of choice. Creating art from wood seemed a natural avenue, though it began as merely a hobby.

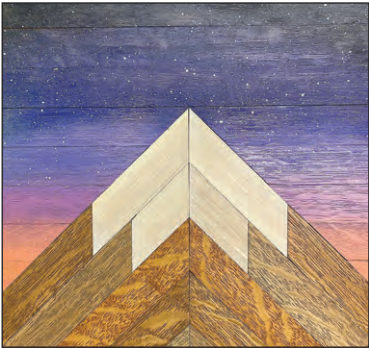
“I was young and short on cash,” she recalled. “I needed a birthday present for my mom or dad. I thought, let’s see what I can do with wood.”

Early on, she spray painted stenciled designs on planks of wood, but expanded her woodworking repertoire after a little online browsing. Seeing what others were doing broadened her artistic



Chelsea Cousineau holds up one of her favorite pieces in her studio at Pointe Hardware & Lumber. A selection of colorful stains she created sits next to her.

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JODY MCVEIGH



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Cousineau uses stain, rather than paint, to color her artwork to maintain the natural wood grain in each piece.



horizons.

“It started as one thing and turned into, what else can I do?” she said. “I’m always trying to progress, trying to see what else I can make. What can I add? What can I change?”

“I really wanted to figure out how to take it further and had seen some really cool geometric patterns from a quilting book that I knew I could cut if I learned how to use a miter saw,” she said. “It’s really progressed from there as I continue to try new things

and learn to use different tools.”

Cousineau realized her hobby could be turned into a business after a social media post generated fairly lucrative offers for her work. She’s made everything from Christmas ornaments to serving trays and currently is working on a series depicting the national parks. Her mountain pieces are her biggest seller, she said.

She also receives cus-

tom orders, recreating clients’ photographs in wood.

“I want people to look at my pieces and connect to them in a somewhat nostalgic way, reminding them of a special vacation or a place they love,” she said. “It makes me happy to recreate people’s memories. Every time I get a new order, I try something new, something different.”

She appreciates the fine details in a plank of wood, the different grain patterns, which she uses to create textures in her artwork. She appreciates the natural beauty of wood so much, she chooses to stain her work rather than cover it up with paint.

“I create my own custom stain colors,” she said. “I never use paint, always stain, in an effort

to maintain that natural grain pattern in the wood. I’ve always felt like the grain of the wood is so beautiful and I really want to showcase it rather than cover it up. ... I’m taking things I learned from my grandma, using techniques I learned from her with acrylics, and putting my own twist on it.”

She starts with a base of clear pre-made stain and adds pigment, creating a rainbow of colors that add another dimension to her work. With more than 130 colors on her pallet, she continues to make more — mixing up the perfect

resources — the shop I get to use and the help of everyone who has taught me how to use different tools or pushed me to try new techniques,” she added. “I’m truly blessed to be able to live my dream life as an artist and I’m excited for what the future holds for me as I continue to learn and expand my artistic abilities.”

She also has found tremendous support from the community. The Chesterfield native moved to Grosse Pointe Park when she was 20. She’s still nearby, because she fell in love with the area.

“The people here are very supportive of what I’m doing,” she said. “Mostly all of my orders have been local.”

Looking ahead, Cousineau would like to fine-tune her business, update her website to accept orders and streamline the operation a bit.

“I’d like to have my wood art business be my full-time job, taking in larger custom orders, with a gallery and workshop/studio combined,” she said, “maybe even do workshops with precut designs for others to stain and assemble themselves.”

Though she has a degree in marketing from Oakland University, Cousineau said she never really felt like corporate marketing was the job for her. For some time, she debated what her future would hold and wondered if staying in the family business was the right move.

“Being in the position I’m in now makes me feel like I definitely made the right decision,” she said, “and I’m very grateful to have the resources available to make this happen and for everyone who has supported me and believed in me.

“This is my heart and soul,” she added. “I love doing it.”

To check out her inventory, visit [detroitcraftswoman.com](http://detroitcraftswoman.com). To place an order, message Cousineau on Facebook or Instagram @detroitcraftswoman or email [detroitcraftswoman@gmail.com](mailto:detroitcraftswoman@gmail.com).

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Grosse Pointe Park

Suspended

A 32-year-old Detroit man was arrested at the intersection of Mack and Alter shortly after 10:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, upon being caught speeding.

Lights damaged

Someone vandalized exterior lights hanging from a rear fence in the 1100 block of Audubon between Saturday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Feb. 11.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Exit struggle

A black man in his 50s with a thin build walked into a store in the 20000 block of Mack at 7:07 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, wearing a black beanie, black coat, black thermal pants, black shoes and a blue disposable face mask. He filled a cart full of merchandise, then tried to leave the store without paying.

A store employee attempted to stop him at the exit, grabbing his cart to keep him from leaving.

A struggle began and the man pulled out a pair of pliers. He punched the employee multiple times with his fist before the employee was able to grab the man’s collar, pulling off his neck chain.

The man escaped the store with the shopping cart and attempted to load the merchandise in a dark-colored sedan occupied by

an unknown woman.

The vehicle drove north on Mack with an unknown amount of merchandise and the suspect fled on foot in the same direction.

The store employee denied injury and refused medical attention.

Surveillance video is being reviewed from the store as part of the investigation.

Wake-up surprise

When he got in his car to take his child to school at 8:51 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, a resident in the 100 block of South Brys noticed personal property stored in the center console at 6 p.m. the night before was on the floor of the vehicle.

Two pairs of Ray-Ban sunglasses, valued at \$160 a piece, were taken from the car.

The vehicle had been parked in the driveway and was left unlocked overnight Thursday, Feb. 10.

Fake MI driver

A 27-year-old Woods resident was driving down Fairholme when she disregarded a stop sign at an intersection at 3:06 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, almost crashing into a car traveling northbound on Holiday.

Though she produced a Michigan driver’s license, a search showed she never obtained a Michigan driver’s license. The woman was issued citations for disobeying a

stop sign, license never acquired and failure to change address.

The car was turned over to a licensed family member.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Larceny arraignment

A 49-year-old Grosse Pointe woman was arraigned on charges of larceny by false pretense and using a computer to commit a crime Friday, Feb. 11, following a report that a victim paid her approximately \$4,000 over the course of 1.5 years for legal services that were not rendered.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stolen plates

When a resident in the 400 block of Belanger Avenue noticed two Michigan license plates that had been removed from vehicles he sold were still listed in the Secretary of State system with his name and vehicle information, he discovered the plates had been stolen from his unlocked garage.

Unauthorized charges

An employee of a landscaping company received a notification at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, that the company credit card, which is to be used by employees to get gas and is left with staff at a business in the 19000 block of Mack Avenue, was fraudulently being used at a sports store in Roseville.

Asleep on the job site

An employee of a local business was found unconscious in his vehicle in the parking lot at 3:54 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. With multiple empty liquor bottles in the driver’s side door, the 20-year-old Canton man had a blood alcohol content of .22 percent and admitted to officers he has a drinking problem and wants to work on it.

He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and having open intoxicants.

Wrong way

A 40-year-old Detroit man was pulled over after turning out of a business onto Mack Avenue and traveling eastbound in the west-bound lanes at 10:29 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10.

The man, whose right eye was swollen and said he recently had surgery on it, also had a record of his license being revoked 10 times and two traffic

warrants out of Detroit.

He was issued a citation for driving while license suspended and the vehicle was impounded.

License suspended

After being pulled over on Mack Avenue for an out-of-service headlight at 2:08 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, a 23-year-old Harrison Township man was cited for driving while license suspended and no proof of insurance.

Forgive, forget

After leaving the scene of a three-car accident at Moross Road and Chalfonte Avenue with heavy front-end damage to her vehicle, a 61-year-old Harper Woods woman was pulled over at 4:18 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, stating she had no recollection of the accident.

When a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be .246, she was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

To Grandma’s house we go

After disobeying a “No turn on red” sign while speeding 45 mph on Moross Road at 3:49 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, a 32-year-old Detroit woman was pulled over and exhibited unsteady balance and the inability to follow instructions.

Although telling officers she was rushing to an emergency at her grandmother’s house, the address she provided was in the opposite direction.

A preliminary breath test showed she had a blood alcohol content of .15 percent, for which she was arrested.

—Laurel Kraus  
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‘HOUR’ VIEW

We’re a finalist  
in Best of HOUR

Forgive the pep in our step in the newsroom lately on these dreary, gray winter days. But we are feeling a spirit of community pride and growing momentum for our newspaper and countless award-worthy local people and places nominated for HOUR Magazine’s 2022 Best of Detroit contest.

For the first time since HOUR began its “Best of Detroit” contest in 2000, the Grosse Pointe News has earned the chance to win “Best Newspaper (Local).”

Nominated among newspaper giants like The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press, and community publications like The Macomb Daily and The Jewish News, we are feeling a local, collective pride for the recognition of our commitment to bring you important news, features, events and editorial content



salient to our readers.

While we hope to earn this honor when the voting ends March 15, we know we are not without our detractors. We hear the feedback, positive and negative. We are in constant motion evaluating what we do well, what we can improve and where we may have misstepped. These are the hallmarks of a community forum like a newspaper. Week to week we aim to offer a snapshot of what we are doing and who we are as a community. How that can change and evolve each week excites all of us in the news business.

This nomination also makes us aware of our mantle of responsibility to everyone who lives and works in Grosse Pointe. We view it as our duty to cover the traditional and historical, as well as the fresh and groundbreaking facets of our five cities.

We also encourage you to cast your votes in support of Grosse Pointe’s many dynamic businesses, restaurants and professional athletes (vote Miggy!) who are also nominated by HOUR. We hope your votes are informed by your drive to support all things local and influenced by the magic of experiencing them.

Long gone are the days here where you had to venture out of “The Bubble” to find specialty food, services or products in town. Today it’s possible to find the best ethnic and farm-to-table food, cigars, wine, independently-owned bookstores, flower, toy and coffee shops, home-grown honey, a bustling jazz cafe and charcuterie and grazing tables without ever entering a highway ramp.

Who says we are stuffy and old-fashioned in Grosse Pointe? Likely the folks who have not been here lately. But those who have come from outside of our city boundaries are taking notice that we have some of the best of everything to offer.

Beyond a magazine’s contest, we are eager to hear people talking not about some controversy, but about the stiff competition we are giving establishments across the city — traditionally assumed as better — and taking a run at their crown.

Let’s get the best of Grosse Pointe’s best some metro-wide recognition. We are grateful to experience the good vibes and exciting buzz that comes with our community’s continued progress and momentum.

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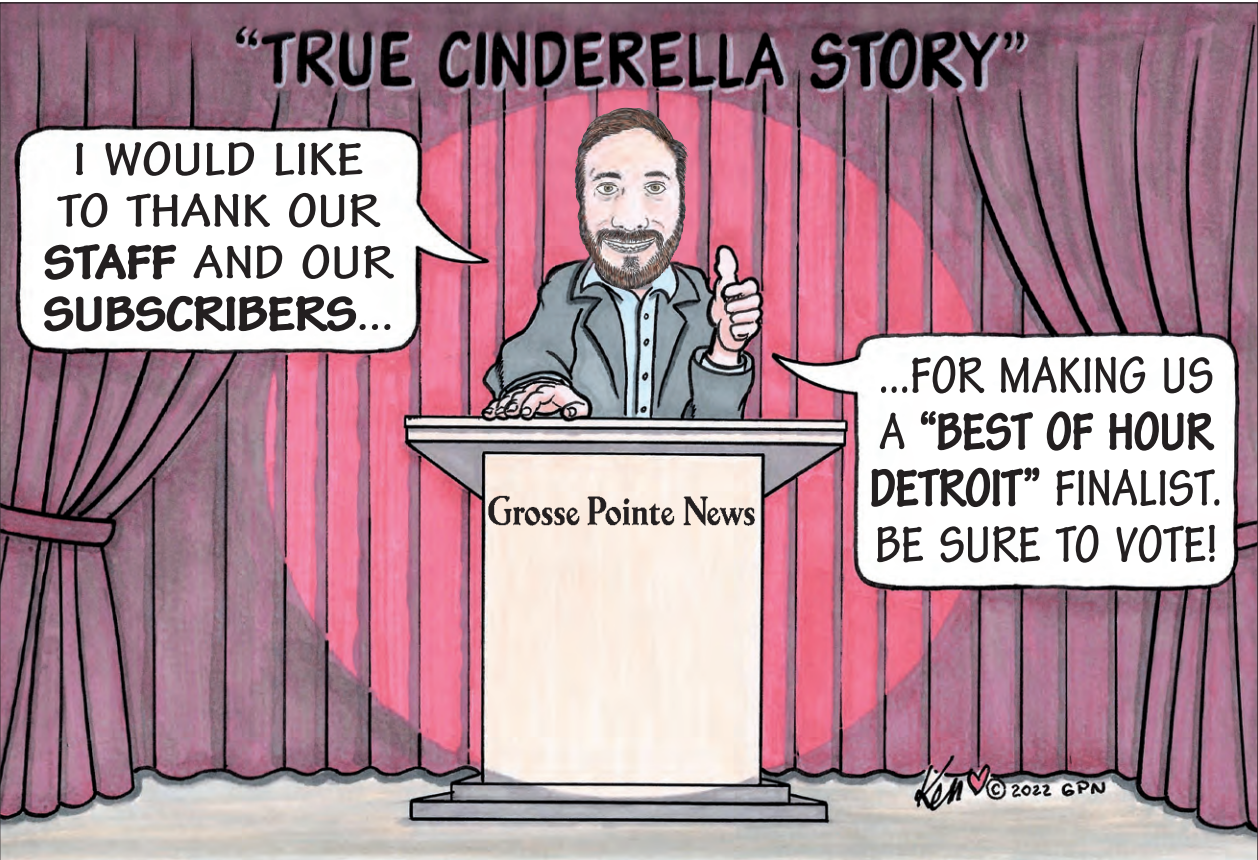


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PONDERING IN THE POINTES By Greg Theokas

The gold standard?

“We may have come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.”  
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1950 — when I was 4 years old — my parents experienced what it was like to come to America in “different ships” and be excluded from “the same boat.” It happened right here — in Grosse Pointe.

Both of them were born in Greece and emigrated before they could complete high school. Maybe because of that, they wanted the best possible education for their children. For them, Grosse Pointe schools were the gold standard. Among the best in the nation.

But moving here wasn’t easy. In those days there was something called the “point system.” If you were born in southern Europe and didn’t have a college degree, local real estate agents steered you away from Grosse Pointe homes.

Nevertheless, the schools were such a powerful attraction that my parents refused to give up. So, they turned to a contractor friend who built their home on a lot that he owned in the Farms. The “point system” was circumvented and I enrolled in Monteith’s first kindergarten class.

Things have definitely changed since then. America and the Grosse Pointes have become more fair and far more open. The “same boat” is no longer a distant dream.

Even so, there’s growing pressure to use the K-12 curriculum to address what some perceive as systemic racism. It’s driven by their assessment that traditional legal remedies haven’t accomplished enough to achieve racial equality.

Along those lines, two local groups — WeGP and the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP — published a December open letter that calls for reshaping the Grosse Pointe schools’ K-12 curriculum and administrative guidelines. Race would be the determinative factor for 1) curriculum reviews, 2) discipline policies, 3) hiring practices and (4) restorative justice.

Also, in December, five school board members approved a strategic plan that resets Grosse Pointe teaching practices, largely along the same lines.

A new — and very influential — three-person Race, Equity and Inclusion Council will 1) revise the curriculum; 2) use “trauma-informed” culturally responsive approaches to discipline; 3) have deliberate, focused, diversity-based staff recruitment and (4) impose grading “equity.”

Yet there are unanswered questions. If systemic racism is a pervasive societal issue, shouldn’t the remedy be statewide? The responsibility



of the Michigan Department of Education (which oversees nearly 900 school systems)? And shouldn’t the remedy be state funded?

Does it make sense for an individual school system to commit its children, staff and finances to a local program that has no impact beyond its district boundaries?

Today’s Grosse Pointes are a far cry from the community that rejected my parents. Is the school board’s K-12 initiative justified by a commonly acknowledged local shortcoming?

Two board members oppose the strategic plan. One of them (who is a non-racial minority) pointed out that even the three-person council “is not diverse.” And no one knows if the new curriculum will introduce complex topics — like guilt, privilege and victimhood — into K-4 classrooms.

Implementing the strategic plan strains the school system’s limited teaching staff and financial resources. Meanwhile, many long-standing concerns are passed over.

Among them:  
Between 2018 and 2022 the school system lost more than 1,000 students — a huge number when compared to similar communities, like Birmingham. There’s an ominous, continuing budget deficit — \$4.5 million per year — caused by declining state per-student revenues. The school system’s sizable administrative costs should be reduced to match enrollment declines.

Standardized test scores are mediocre, at best. In 2021, 43.7 percent of students failed the college readiness testing (as determined by SAT and ACT scores). Advanced placement and honors classes are marginalized. And sensible early childhood options are needed. The “we don’t do diapers” approach doesn’t attract young working families.

Besides the above, many Park residents are legitimately aggrieved by the closure of Trombly — and the subsequent overcrowding at Defer. The school system’s founding principle — a half-mile walk to each elementary school — has been cast aside.

To make things worse, Park public safety officers no longer guard the busy Jefferson and Kercheval crosswalks used by children who walk or ride bikes to Defer.

These concerns deserve top priority in any strategic plan. They are what matter most to the majority of families. If ignored, my parents’ gold standard Grosse Pointe schools will continue to decline. Becoming less attractive to future homebuyers with children — especially given our very high property taxes.

And although everyone says they don’t want it, the only way to sign up more students (and reduce the structural deficits) may be through open enrollment.

Perhaps that is the ultimate strategic plan.

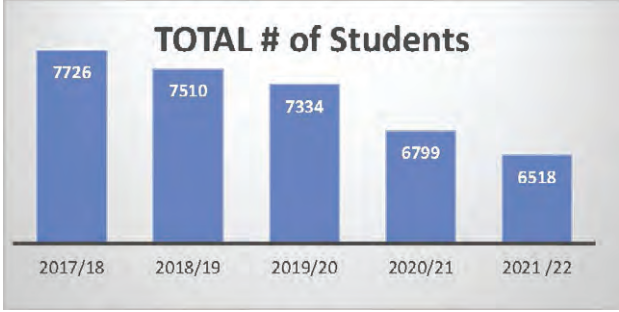
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Leadership matters

To the Editor:  
There is more to discuss than CRT. Grosse Pointe Public School System administration

directed by Superintendent Jon Dean must answer the real question at hand in our district, “What is being done to bring our students back?”  
The projected 150 K-12



student enrollment losses for 2017/18 and 2019/20 school years were used to solidify Dean’s K-4 program goals and to shift fifth grade students into middle schools and close Trombly and Poupard. (Plante Moran Cresa 2018 Facility Town Hall; p. 23).

Factually, district enrollment rose in 2018

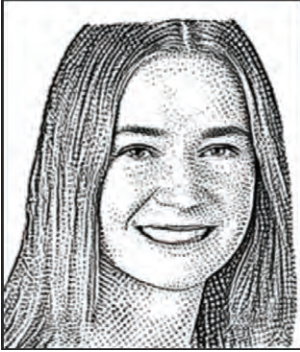
and 2019 for kindergarten, first and second grade per state of Michigan’s statistics. The data shows since the announcement of closure in 2018, one in every five fifth graders have left the district. (mischooldata.org/student-enrollment-counts-report).

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I SAY By Kate Vanderstelt

# Valentine’s Day traditions



I feel like Valentine’s Day is one of those gushy holidays that people either love or hate. I have always loved it; how can you hate on love?

Thinking back on all the sweet things that have gone on as each Feb. 14 comes and passes, my love of “love day” just makes sense. In elementary school we’d have to decorate little shoeboxes, with a hole cut out of the top. The perfectionist that I was, I remember frequently getting frustrated that the hole wasn’t perfectly cut, or then that the construction paper I was trying to wrap the box with was not creasing and gluing perfectly around the edges. Regardless,

the box would get decorated and I’m sure it was just as cute as any, whether perfect to little Kate or not. The school day would be filled with bringing in your own little cheesy valentines (usually picked based off of what your favorite movie/characters were at the time) and stuffing your classmates’ boxes full with candy and cute messages. I still like perusing the Valentine’s Day aisles at Target and trying to decide: If I were a kid right now, what cheesy little cards

would I be choosing to bring in to class? My mom always went above and beyond to make Valentine’s Day special for my three siblings and me growing up, too. Every Feb. 14 morning, we’d wake up and open our bedroom doors to a curtain of streamers blocking our path. The streamers were covered in hearts and on the hearts were adjectives that described us. I remember being so excited to see the words — athletic, funny, loved — on my hearts. As I grew older, obvi-

ously Valentine’s Day became a lot less about being loved by your family (though my mom still did manage to send a streamer along in a box to me this year) and a lot more about the people in romantic relationships. Those coupled up would flaunt it on Feb. 14 and the bitter singles would roll their eyes in disgust. I’ve definitely had my moments (check last year’s I Say around this time!), but I’ve learned to appreciate Valentine’s Day as more than just flexing a relationship.

By definition the day is for celebrating love and what’s better than celebrating one of the best things this world has to offer? For now, I celebrated this year by indulging in an early morning pink-themed breakfast before the Monday work day came with a couple of my best friends, spreading the love I share with them. Instead of blowing off the holiday and wearing all black because you’re “anti-love,” I hope this year on Valentine’s Day you wore red or pink, told your people you love them and gave some love to yourself, too. It’s a beautiful day to do so!

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1947

75 years ago this week

**POLICE RADIO CALLED OBSOLETE:** Criticism of the present Grosse Pointe police radio system and recommendations for a change are contained in a report prepared by Thomas K. Jefferies, superintendent of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores. Mr. Jefferies says the report is no criticism of the personnel or routine operation of Station WRDR. The report asserts that the present system is expensive to operate and inefficient. **765 IN CITY LOSE VOTING RIGHTS:** In the process of sending out

notices to voters in Grosse Pointe City whose registrations had expired by reason of not voting at the two preceding elections, Clerk Norbert P. Neff sent out cards to 1,092 such lapsed names. He only received responses by Jan. 28, the last day, from 327 voters requesting to be reinstated on the voting register.

### 1972

50 years ago this week

**FILM ‘TICKS OFF’ RESIDENTS:** Stanley Kubrick’s “A Clockwork Orange” opened at the Woods II Theater and has generated a generous amount of word of mouth

in the process. Some residents, including members of the Grosse Pointe Motion Picture and Television Council, have found the X-rated film, to say the least, upsetting. After City Administrator Chester B. Petersen received 18 anti-“Orange” calls from residents, Kubrick’s film will receive a place on the Woods council agenda at its next regular meeting. **PARK TO LOSE FIRE CHIEF:** Fire Chief Henry De Clerck retires Feb. 29, after 43 years and nine months service to the Park Fire Department, with the exception of 30 months in the United States Navy during World War II. Chief De Clerck, who will be 65 on Feb. 26, became chief in March 1970.

*Obituaries: William Bromme, Thomas Campau Gillis, Verna L. Lichtwardt, George J. Mahoney, Joseph C. Mink, Anne Evans O’Dowd, Blanche Tower*

### 1997

25 years ago this week


**LAKE ST. CLAIR WATER LEVEL RISING:** Weather conditions in 1996 make it possible for lake levels around Michigan, including Lake St. Clair, to reach record levels in 1997. John Love of the Army Corps of Engineers, which monitors lake levels, said 1996 was an unusually wet year, with eight of the 12 months receiving above-average levels of rain. In addition, last summer was a cool one, which

meant less lake water evaporated. **SCHOOL BOARD OKS LEASE WITH SOC:** Services for Older Citizens is one step closer to achieving its goal of building a permanent facility. After months of planning and negotiating between the Grosse Pointe Public School System and SOC, the school board approved language for a 30-year ground lease. The action paves the way for SOC to build a proposed 4,800-square-foot permanent facility adjacent to Barnes School on Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods. *Obituaries: Christina Amenda, Evelyn T. Voorwerk, Charles J. Goering, Ester E. Porter, Voilante E. Wollesen, Post Fordon, Charles B. Pischea, Arthur C. Walker*

### 2012

10 years ago this week

**BEST OF THE BEST:** Grosse Pointe South senior Cam Gibson and junior Carmen Benedetti were named to the prestigious Louisville Sluggers Pre-Season High School All-American Baseball Teams. The players on this list represent not only amazing athletic ability and talent in their respective positions, but also are among the most sought-after players by professional and college recruiters. *Obituaries: Helen Ruth Fisher, Wayne Niles Jacobus, Alica R. Muallem, John C. Leonard III, Donald J. Putrycus*



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As further justification for school closure, Dean cited needing the closures’ savings even though their estimated overall closure savings were less than 1 percent of the budget (District Reconfiguration Options#2 01/14/2019 p. 15), and both 2018 and 2019 fund reserves were actually increasing.

Interestingly, the approved 2018 capital improvement bond allocated \$13 million for these two schools. Where is that money actually being spent?

Likewise, Dean predicted enrollment losses of 390 students over a five-year period. In reality, over 1,200 K-12 students have left and the losses continue to mount.

In terms of learning, state test scores in 2021 cite 43 percent of students do not pass college readiness in math (State of Michigan CPEI).

It is proven the decline of GPPSS student population is not a result of population shifts or decrease in family size as suggested. The surge in K-8 departures and the fact that 70 percent of the district’s 1,200 students left after 2020 are a direct result of Dean’s policies toward K-4 programing,

Early Child Care and COVID. At \$14,608 funding per student, our school district will lose over \$17 million annually.

It is clear closing schools is not the answer. We need policies that encourage families like mine to stay in the district, NOT look for a better education elsewhere.

We need leadership that inspires. Our community deserves better than the exodus at hand.

MELISSA FRADENBURG  
Grosse Pointe Farms

Where is the transparency?

To the Editor:

How has the Grosse Pointe Public School System spent their COVID relief dollars and why won’t they tell us without a FOIA request?

In 2020 and 2021, Congress passed three stimulus bills that provided nearly \$190.5 billion to the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund.

To date, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has been awarded and included about \$7 million of this COVID relief funding in the 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 school budgets. They are expecting another \$4.4 million in funding over the next

two years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024).

When GPPSS adopted its initial 2020/2021 budget in June 2021, the beginning fund equity balance was just over \$15 million. The school budget amendment adopted in November for the 2021/2022 school year projects an end-of-year fund balance of about \$10.3 million — a drop of \$4.7 million in two years despite receiving \$7 million in COVID funds!

This means without the COVID ESSER Funds, the district would have already lost \$11.7 million, leaving a general fund balance of \$3.4 million. That is somewhere around 3 percent fund equity, which would put GPPSS on a path to state oversight.

Said another way, in the last five years, we’ve given GPPSS millions of dollars in additional millage funding (through the Wayne RESA millage), closed schools to save money and raised millions of dollars more via bond funding; we’re now at a point where we’re completely dependent on state COVID money to keep our finances afloat.

These numbers come directly from GPPSS budgets, the state of Michigan website and the GPPSS administration itself.

So the logical next

questions are: What have the students of GPPSS received as a result of these relief funds? Where has the \$7 million been spent? These are crucial questions, since if we don’t know what the COVID money is being spent on, how will we know what programs will be affected once the COVID cash infusions decline and eventually go away?

Unfortunately, the administration refuses to answer these questions and instead hides behind the Freedom of Information Act. This is the exact response I received from GPPSS when I asked for an accounting of COVID spending to date: “The information you are seeking is not readily available. Please submit a FOIA request if you would like this information.”

My immediate thoughts were that there must be some state or federal requirements for documenting how these dollars are being spent. Nobody gives away money without attaching some strings. It did not take me very long to find the most recent guidance which covers this spending.

On Jan. 21 the Michigan Department of Education released its most recent guidance titled, “Financial Accounting Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic Last Updated January 21, 2022.” This document states every dollar must be accounted for in school budgets.

So again I will ask why GPPSS is hiding behind FOIA to provide information they are already required to provide to the Michigan Department of Education. Where is the transparency? Where is the money?

TERENCE COLLINS  
Grosse Pointe Park

Strategic plan: right direction

To the Editor:

I was a member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Strategic Planning Committee. As a parent, it was important to me that the district is prepared for both what the students are needing, along with the ever-changing global economy that awaits them.

I attended every meeting, putting in the time to discuss, learn and debate with members of the community. What was first and foremost in these discussions (which were open to the public) was the importance of academic excellence, along with a myriad of learning opportunities for students to excel in

their chosen concentration. We discussed ways to ensure that EVERY student had the opportunity to be prepared for life after high school. Whether it was a career in engineering or a career in the trades, we listened to the voices of fellow STUDENT strategic planning members, along with sharing our own experiences in a real-world setting.

The conversations among committee members were deep, lengthy and eye opening. I am proud of the way in which various stakeholders contributed to the ideas set forth in the plan, specifically about ensuring that EVERY child gets a fair shake with where their vocations may go.

Next, I’d like to address the debate sparked by the diversity, equity and inclusion aspect of the plan. Why is this community so up in arms? We had current students in the room with the rest of the planning committee, sharing stories about what they and their peers would like to see in our education system. A fair shake. Being accepted for simply who they are and knowing that they can go into a school building with trained professionals to welcome them and their various backgrounds with no judgment.

Why would we, with such a storied history, not want to be a beacon for having a public education system that sets up every single child for success?

BLAGICA BOTTIGLIERO  
Grosse Pointe Woods

Issues are not partisan

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe chapter of the League of Women Voters welcomed the opportunity to co-sponsor our Feb. 9 event, “What History is Being Taught in Our Schools,” with the NAACP, a valued community leader.

More than 120 people registered for this important program where they could learn more about the way American history is taught in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. You can find a link to the video at lwvgrossepointe.org.

The League of Women Voters of the United States is proud to be non-partisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public. Because of that, our local chapter is uniquely positioned to host public forums about significant issues related

to the public institutions we all support. Understanding what history we are teaching children in the local public schools is one of those significant issues.

Our excellent panel of speakers ensured that attendees at our event left with a good understanding of how the state of Michigan enacts standards that guide the curriculum in the state’s public schools, including Grosse Pointe, how the district selects books and how history teachers build lessons to align with those standards and curriculum. We also heard from a recent Grosse Pointe graduate about how the state, the district and the school fell short in ensuring the curriculum includes a broader representation of history.

What’s covered in American history has long been controversial. So what is occurring in this moment is not unusual. Some individuals question whether Grosse Pointe is doing enough to incorporate the histories of groups that have long been left out of our history books — especially blacks, women, Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans and LGBTQ.

Others believe introducing this often-unflattering history into classrooms will undermine a child’s love and respect for this country. Some white parents worry that children will be uncomfortable learning about some of this history and made to feel guilty for actions taken by earlier generations.

All of those perspectives are worth considering and exploring in civil discussions in this community. Issues are not partisan. Our LWV will continue to be a strong voice in the community, providing opportunities through programs and candidate forums to discuss differing viewpoints. The league invites the broader community to join us for future events. On March 23, we will be hosting a fireside chat with our three female mayors (Grosse Pointe City Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Michele Hodges and Harper Woods Mayor Valerie Kindle), and in April we will be presenting a program to help the community better understand infrastructure needs throughout the Grosse Pointes. The public is welcome at both of these events. Learn more by visiting lwvgrossepointe.org.

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Farms sets sights on master plan update

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — With the City of Grosse Pointe about a third of the way in and Grosse Pointe Park nearing the end of its master plan updates, a third Pointe set off across the start line on a similar re-vamping project with unanimous approval from Grosse Pointe Farms City Council Monday night.

Following a nine-month

timeline and with funding to McKenna Associates not to exceed \$25,000, the efforts are intended to produce a comprehensive vision to guide council decisions for up to the next 20 years.

First, city planners will need to analyze the current demographics, trends and data in the Farms to understand what has changed since the last master plan update.

“We’ve heard over and over again about an aging

population,” said John Jackson, city planner with McKenna. “If you look at the 2020 Census, there’s been a growth in the population in Grosse Pointe Farms, so that’s exciting, but the household makeup continues to change and by 2045, SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) is anticipating that there is going to be less than 30 percent of the households

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occasions. In 2021, Apple Blossom Baby was named best kids’ clothing store, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe was named best jazz club, SideStreet Diner was the second best diner and Noor Jahan Indian Cuisine was the third best Indian restaurant.

In 2020, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe also was featured as the third best jazz club in the Detroit area. In 2019, Grosse Pointe was featured for having the most scenic drive in the area, along Lakeshore, also a designation received in 2018. Also that year, Grosse Pointe had three other winners with edmund t. AHEE jewelers as the best single location to buy an engagement ring; Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe as best suburban jazz club; and Churchill’s Cigar Bar as the best franchise cigar bar.

In 2016, The Whiskey Six was recognized as Detroit’s suburb’s best new bar; and in 2015, Marais tied for best French food and Capricious made its way onto the board with a tie for best accessories. AHEE jewelers and Lakeshore Drive also made appearances.

With 24 category nominations in 2022, local favorites have a chance to place in more categories than ever before.

Nominated in food categories are Luxe Bar & Grill for best classic burger; Coriander Kitchen & Farm for best farm-to-table restaurant;

Estia Greek Street Food for best fast/casual restaurant, best food truck and best Greek restaurant; Garrido’s Bistro for best Latino restaurant (other than Mexican); and Original Pancake House for best restaurant for breakfast.

Atwater in the Park has been nominated for best brewery/bar and best Michigan beer, taking on big names like Bell’s Brewery and Founders Brewing Co.

Local nominated retailers include Bikes, Blades & Boards, up for best bike shop; Coreander’s Children’s Bookshope for best bookstore; Farm Field Table as best butcher shop/deli; Churchill’s, with multiple locations, as best cigar shop; Hill & Hill, also competing for the best cigar shop title; Viviano Flower Shop as best flower shop; Capricious for best high-end clothing store; Apple Blossom Baby for best kids’ clothing store; and Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy as best toy store.

The Community &

Personalities section features the Grosse Pointe News as a nominee for best local newspaper. In the Arts & Entertainment category, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe has the opportunity to retain its title as best jazz club in the area.

In Services, Thyme & Honey is nominated for best caterer. Health & Beauty features St. Clair Shores plastic surgeon Daniela Rodriguez, nominated for best cosmetic surgeon; Detroit Barber Co. for best hot shave; and Yoga Shelter and Full Lotus Yoga for best Detroit yoga studio.

To vote, patrons must include their name, email address and city. Voters also have the opportunity to specify why they voted for some of their favorites, with the potential their quote may end up printed when winners are announced. Voting may be found at [hourdetroit.com/best-of-detroit-2022-online-ballot](http://hourdetroit.com/best-of-detroit-2022-online-ballot) and must be submitted by March 15.

Ballot stuffing will not be tolerated, according to HOUR.

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Devon Grace Krasner** of Grosse Pointe Farms was named to the University Honors & Engineering College Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester at the University of Michigan. She is a 2019 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and is majoring in biomedical engineering with a minor in German.



Devon G. Krasner

**Conor Dailey** of Grosse Pointe Farms, a student at Ball State University, was initiated into the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.



Emily S. Reed

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Alex Johnson**, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2023, has earned the spring 2021 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. Johnson is a psychological science major and a graduate of University Liggett School.

**Tanner Belanger** and **Riley Francis** of Grosse Pointe Farms were named to the Dean's List for the 2021 fall term at Alma College.

Grosse Pointe Woods is stepping toward a nursing career by working in a clinical rotation. Fredrick is one of 77 students in the Bachelor of Nursing Science degree program at Saginaw Valley State University who began nursing clinicals during the fall semester.

Grosse Pointe residents **Elizabeth M. Becker** and **Emily S. Reed** were named to the fall 2021 Chancellor's Honor Rolls at the University of Tennessee at Martin. Becker received honors; Reed received highest honors.

**Cameron Zak** and **Jordan Zak** of the City of Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's List for the winter/spring term at Centre College.

**Isabella Cubba** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester. Cubba is majoring in media arts production.

**Jessie Trube** of Grosse Pointe Park was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester at Slippery Rock University.

**Kyle Lawrence** of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2021 semester at Northwestern Michigan College.

# History topic of forum discussion

By Michael Hartt  
Schools Reporter

On Feb. 9, the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Branch sponsored the virtual event, "What U.S. History Do We Teach in Our Schools?"

The event was primarily panel based, with speakers in several focus areas providing information to attendees. Panelists included David Hales, a social studies consultant at Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency; P.J. Palin, chairman of the Grosse Pointe South High School social studies department; and Biana Garcia, a 2016 graduate of Grosse Pointe South.

According to Joan Richardson, program vice president of the LWVGP, the aim of the event was to educate voters about the increasingly discussed topic of history instruction in a non-partisan manner.

"Our goal is to pay attention to what happens with the public institutions (affecting) the community," Richardson

said. "And this is clearly something that people have been raising a lot of questions about, not just in Grosse Pointe, (but also) at school board meetings across the country."

Hales' discussion focused almost exclusively on state requirements for teaching history. He especially emphasized the balance between the control given to school districts to decide their curricula and the aspects of the curriculum that are decided at the state level.

Palin discussed, more specifically, how history classes are taught within GPPSS. He would not address the contentious topic of critical race theory in detail, saying he does not believe it is taught by any of the district's teachers.

Community member Kelly Boll, who wrote a letter to the editor dismissing the event last week, disagreed with this narrative.

"Technically critical race theory is not being taught in the schools because it is an academic university-caliber subject," she said. "But the

implementation of the theory (is) happening in our schools, where you have the students focus on identity groups, being victims and being in separate groups, all struggling. (In contrast to) the American way, where an individual has limitless opportunity, and through hard work and determination they can achieve many of their goals."

Palin, following up on his comments, instead discussed the practices he believes are used regularly by the district's teachers.

"Grosse Pointe schools do teach history that you might refer to as the history that challenges one's traditional thinking," Palin said. "I think it is OK to feel uncomfortable when discussing history and I know that my colleagues and I challenge our students to see alternative viewpoints."

Garcia, as the only former student on the panel, discussed her experiences learning about history in GPPSS. She emphasized the times in which she thought nuanced discussions regarding race were lacking and how she thought

those gaps could be filled.

"It was apparent from day one that Grosse Pointe had a really uncomfortable issue with race," Garcia said. "In a community like Grosse Pointe that has an age-old history of very strict racially motivated redlining, I think educators should really be trying to formulate ways to teach children the truth — but comfortably — and that was never brought to me as a child."

Finally, Cynthia Douglas, president of the Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP Branch, closed the event with her thoughts regarding the current way history is taught in GPPSS and the ways in which she thinks it could be improved.

"As we have heard, the standards (for GPPSS) cover a wide range of history criteria; however, there are many uncomfortable moments in history that need to be told as outlined in The 1619 Project, for example," Douglas said. "True and accurate history is important to understand how this country was developed by those with white privilege."

# South suits up for Winter Spectacular

Grosse Pointe South choirs, under the leadership of new director Vince Matia, are taking their show on the road — to Indiana the first weekend in March, to be exact — but not before setting the stage with a test run in front of a live audience.

South's Winter Spectacular: A Competition Preview Concert takes place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The public is welcome.

"We are rebuilding after COVID," Matia said. "Last year we were not able to perform that much. Now, we're getting back into

Grosse Pointe South's big, spectacular shows."

The March 2 performance is a preview of its set as a show choir, he added. Three of South's choirs will present for an audience to prepare them for the competition. The set includes numbers by The South Singers, The Tower Belles and The Pointe Singers.

The South Singers, comprised of students in ninth through 11th grade, is a junior varsity chorale ensemble of singers and dancers. The all-female Tower Belles includes singers and dancers from ninth through 12th grade, while the Pointe Singers includes students in 10th through 12th grade. All

three groups have earned top honors at Michigan School Vocal Music Association solo and ensemble events, among other honors.

"The students have really risen to the occasion, even the beginners, The South Singers," Matia said. "All the groups are excited to go (to Indiana). They'll do well; they've been working really hard."

Around 70 students will perform in the Winter Spectacular, which is more than a typical choir concert. It includes set

changes, costume changes and props, Matia said.

"It's singing, acting and dancing all together," he added. "I tell people to imagine it's like a little 20-minute musical."

Tickets for the show range from \$5 to \$10 and are available online at gpsouthchoir.org.

"We need a big audience," Matia said of the preview. "The students need to feel what it's like to have people cheer for them."

— Jody McVeigh

# MASK:

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the county level, GPPSS will not require masks at that time.

Trustees Lisa Papas, Colleen Worden, Margaret Weertz and Christopher Lee voted in support of the resolution, while trustees Joseph Herd and David Brumbaugh voted against it. Trustee Ahmed Ismail was not in attendance.

Those who voted for the measure said they did so primarily because many parents came forward expressing support for it.

"I wanted to say that I am 100 percent in support

of the resolution and, with transparency, in support of any resolution to unmask our kids. Six months of a mandate is neither an emergency or a surge," Weertz said. "Choir parents from all political persuasions (spoke to us and said) they would like this."

Brumbaugh, in contrast, said he voted against the resolution because he did not have the same experience with community feedback regarding the topic and does not think masks are affecting the performances of performing arts students and athletes.

— Michael Hartt

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# South’s ArtFest is March 16-18

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

ArtFest — a more than 40-year tradition at Grosse Pointe South High School — returns in person to the school Wednesday, March 16, to Friday, March 18. Featuring the work of hundreds of students from all grade levels, the show includes pieces in a variety of mediums. “There will be around 300 to 400 students represented,” South art teacher Amber Mades said. “Some turned in one piece, some turned in up to eight or maybe even 10. It’s very big.” All of the artwork was made in school, during the variety of art classes South offers, including art and design, metals, sculpture, drawing and painting, computer graphics, figurative art and photography, as well as Advanced Placement courses in drawing, photography, two-dimensional and three-dimensional art.

“There are a lot of opportunities,” Mades said. “We have very talented students, some who have been taking art classes since they were freshmen and now they’re seniors who are very advanced. There are so many amazing pieces. I’m very impressed with the work they do, from realistic lifelike drawings to beautiful ceramic pieces you could put in your living room. “This is a great time to show off what we’ve



Clockwise from left, Lyla Paschke’s sculpture earned a Gold Key; Olivia Bachert earned a Silver Key in the Jewelry category for this piece; and Ellen Martin received an honorable mention for this painting.

been doing,” she added. The purpose of ArtFest is to support students in their creative endeavors. Apart from showcasing their talents, some students will sell their work. “A lot of it will go up for sale,” Mades said. “Eighty percent of proceeds go to the students; 20 percent is for the Robert R. Rathbun Memorial Scholarship Fund, which are scholarships we give to students pursuing an art career in college.” In addition to showcasing student art, ArtFest gives students monetary awards provided through general donations. “Anybody can donate a monetary award,” Mades said. “Last year we had 50 or 60 awards, all money.” Donations range from

\$25 to \$1,000 and donors may specify an award title, medium, number of recipients and amount of each award. There’s still time to donate; those interested should contact parent volunteer Laura Wholihan at wholihan@hotmail.com by Tuesday, March 1. Mades suggested visitors check out the show “the sooner, the better.” “The earlier you get there, the better your chance to purchase something,” she added. “If you wait, everything could be sold out.” ArtFest takes place in South’s multipurpose room. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, to Friday, March 18. Awards and scholarships will be announced at 7 p.m. March 18.

Purchased artwork will be available to pick up Saturday, March 19. “This is going to be

great,” Mades said. “I’m excited to be in person. And I’m looking forward to meeting my students’ families at the art show on Friday night before the ceremony.”



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# City nears pre-2009 taxable value levels, receives unmodified audit opinion

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — A look back at the City’s fiscal year 2020-21 audit as it enters the new year shows the municipality has remained in sound financial condition, receiving an unmodified audit opinion and maintaining its AAA bond rating.

General fund revenue increased by \$350,000 from the previous year, which can be attributed to a 50 percent increase in federal and state grant money due to COVID-related grants, along with a 2.5 percent increase in property taxes, which sits as the City’s main revenue source.

That stated, the City’s taxable value, hit hard by the housing crash, still has not returned to

pre-2009 levels. The value, noted at \$399 million in 2009, has reached \$384 million as of 2021.

Current projections anticipate the City will recover to pre-2009 values in 2023.

“It’s taken the city about 12 to 13 years to be at the same level that you were back in 2009, and the reason for it is, (taxable value) can decrease significantly year over year; however, increasing it is limited by state law,” said Spencer Tawa, senior manager for Plante Moran. “We do want to commend the city, though, for even with this decrease and kind of lost revenue, still keeping a healthy fund balance and managing the city’s funds appropriately.”

General fund expen-

ditures also increased by approximately 7 percent in fiscal year 2020-21.

The most significant contributing factor was a \$400,000 increase in public safety expenditures. This can be attributed to a number of changes, including an approximately \$100,000 contribution to the pension system; the transition from a shared public safety director with the Park to a full-time director; several lengthy vacancies being filled; and many employees beginning to reach the high end of a five-year salary phase-in for new employees.

In keeping with recent years, the City’s pension system reportedly is 105.1 percent funded, meaning assets have been set aside in access of the liabilities calcu-

lated by the city’s actuary.

“As of June 30, 2021, the city has actually recorded a net pension asset on their books, in comparison to what most cities have is a net pension liability,” Tawa said, “so we do want to commend the city for having this. This is probably one of my better cities that have the funded percentage for the pension plan.”

The 2020-21 fiscal year also marked the first time the City was

required to make a contribution to its pension system since fiscal year 2014-15, totalling \$130,602.

While the required contribution will continue for the next few years, Tawa said, it won’t be a significant percentage of the city’s general fund revenue.

On the other hand, the City’s other post-employment benefits, or retiree healthcare, system only is 7.73 percent funded, an increase from 6.2 percent fund-

ing the prior year.

“There is a \$13 million liability on your books for this,” Tawa explained to council, “however the annual expenditures for the retiree healthcare fund are about \$500,000 and the city has made it a policy of just contributing that as they go, or paying it as you go.”

As the plan now is closed, he added, the city shouldn’t see any unexpected significant increases to the OPEB liability.

# Kayak rack rentals extended

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Deadlines slacker than a leeward shroud give kayakers another shot at renting a storage rack at Patterson Park.

Kayaks aren’t rigged, but that’s not the point.

What matters is the Jan. 13 deadline for final payments came and went. The same with another.

“We didn’t get quite as many final payments as we were hoping for,” said Chad Craig, parks and recreation director for Grosse Pointe Park. “So, we extended that to Jan. 28. We still have not gotten quite as many final payments as we wanted, so we’re going to do one more round of calls and emails and start turning those over.”

Racks cost \$200 per

summer.

“We’ve always tried to be fairly lenient because in January and February not everyone’s thinking about summer yet,” Craig said. “Sometimes they’re out of town for a few weeks or a month and completely forget.”

## Boat wells

Boaters with crafts up to 55 feet long have until the Ides of March: Tuesday, March 15, a date Julius Caesar would have better spent sailing — Et tu Brute? Then raise anchor, Caesar — to rent among 270 slips at Windmill Pointe Park.

Costs are \$583 to \$2,893 and include electricity and water, according to the municipal website.

“I’ve sent out a reminder to all boaters,” said Chris Delmege,

park supervisor. “They’ll get another one in the next couple weeks reminding them that final payments will be due.”

## Well repairs

Prior to the marina opening April 15, a contractor is scheduled to repair dock and pier supports.

Work is estimated to take 60 hours for a total cost of \$30,000. The job should be finished by summer, according to Delmege.

“We have Dean Marine coming out before the season starts,” Delmege said. “He has a couple finger piers to repair. There are support pilings collapsing on them. He’s going to replace those. On Pier 3, the main pier, there’s a support hanging in the water.”

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council adopted the following ordinance at its meeting held on Monday, February 7, 2022. The ordinance was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and will become effective February 27, 2022, and is hereby published by title:

**An Ordinance to Amend City of Grosse Pointe Woods Code of An Ordinance to Amend the City of Grosse Pointe Woods Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, in General, to Add Regulations placing the City Clerk, City Treasurer, and City Departments under the Supervision of the City Administrator.**

The ordinance is available for public inspection or purchase from the Office of the City Clerk, at the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or [www.gpwmi.us](http://www.gpwmi.us).

Paul Antolin  
Deputy City Clerk

G.P.N.: 02/17/22

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the City of Harper Woods Board of Review for March 2022 will be meeting at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 14, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 28, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review from the Assessor’s office or on line at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org), or [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes); Property Taxes; Forms-Instructions; Board of Review

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal in writing/ letter to the Assessor’s office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 28, 2022 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2022 are as follows:

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Developmental .....	50.00%
Personal Property .....	50.00%

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
LESLIE M. FRANK  
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# Greek traditional with a modern take

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

With its third location opening at 20871 Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods in December 2021, the owners of Estia Greek Street Food are spreading the love of their childhood food favorites with a hint of more modern elements.

“‘Estia’ means ‘hearth,’” owner Nina Rochelle said. “Back in the ancient times, the hearth was the center of the home where people would gather and you (would) cook.”

Rochelle’s husband, Paul Bittas, developed Estia with his cousin, George Xenos. Their first location opened in Troy in 2015.

Estia is a “quick-service, Greek-inspired restaurant,” Rochelle said, adding the aim is to take traditional menu items, like gyros, bowls and salads, and put a modern twist on them. The restaurant is set as a service line, similar to Chipotle, and all items are customizable.

As the concept took off, the partners opened a second location in Warren in 2018, and were able to add a food truck



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Owner Nina Rochelle holds a gyro wrap and a bowl. All the items on Estia’s menu are customizable.**

in 2020, which frequented the Grosse Pointe area, Rochelle’s home.

“We brought our food truck over here because I have some friends that own businesses around here that let us bring the truck to their properties,” she said. “... The community really embraced it and loved the concept of it.”

Noting the Grosse Pointes lack businesses in the Greek food indus-

try, Rochelle took on the Grosse Pointe location of Estia as a close-to-home project.

“When it’s the community that you live in, I feel like you have a little bit more eyes on you,” she said. “I see people from my children’s school, I see my kids’ Little League coaches, I hear about us at the grocery store. I think this was more hyped up, especially for us, because the other two locations, we don’t live in



**The food at Estia is cooked fresh daily, all day long.**

those cities. Of course we hear stuff, but not like you are in your own backyard.”

They officially opened doors in their hometown Dec. 6, 2021, after planning the storefront since October 2020. Unlike Estia’s other locations, the Woods restaurant features a smaller footprint, meant to adapt with the way the pandemic has altered dining. The restaurant holds 30 to 40 diners, with carry-out being a popular option.

The location features a mural embodying the concept of the restaurant. At the center of the

mural is painted a large bust of Estia, the Greek goddess of the hearth, and a god beside her. As they look out to the sides, graffiti blends with the traditional art.

“(It’s) old world but with a modern vibe,” just like the restaurant, Rochelle said. “We wanted it to look like people had just been over the years adding onto the picture.”

Of being in Grosse Pointe, Rochelle said it’s the community that makes the business.

“You come here for the community,” she said. “(At) other restaurants we have a huge business

following ... but this is all residential. I feel like the businesses in this town are carried by the residents of the Pointes and that’s such a nice (partnership).”

With parking available in a municipal lot behind the building, Estia is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Orders may be placed ahead through Estia’s app, available for download via goestia.com. Catering is available 24 hours in advance by calling (313) 998-2100 or through the website.

Estia also is accepting applications for hire via in-store inquiry.

# My Career Snapshot: Using metrics to open the door

By Kate Vanderstelt  
Staff Writer

My Career Snapshot was the brainchild of Grosse Pointe Farms resident Rex Roy when he lost his job due to the COVID-19 pandemic, leading him to need to sum up a whole career to find his next job.

“I needed to prepare to get back into the market myself,” Roy said. “I’ve had almost a 40-year career in marketing and I wanted to apply the same presentation techniques that I had used for clients for years to myself.”

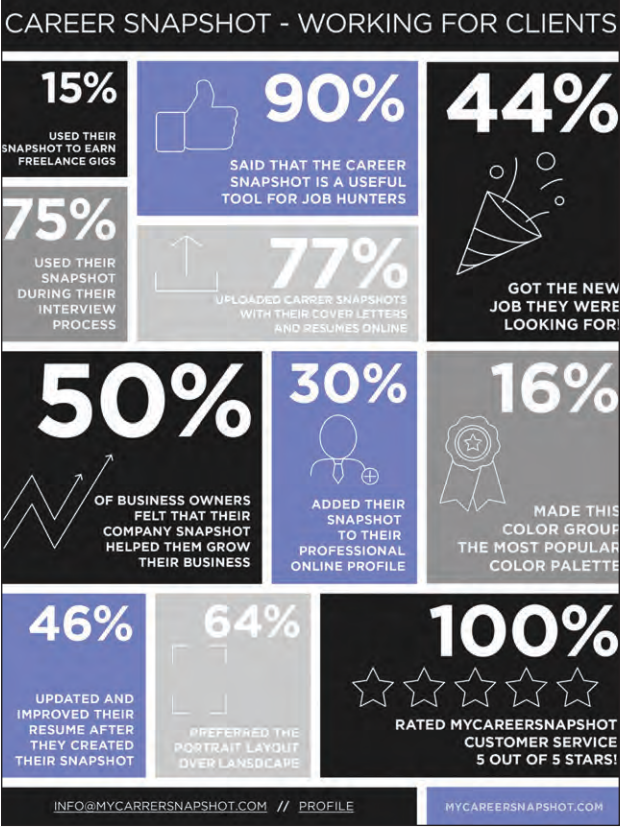
Roy took one of his key learnings throughout his career to apply it to his next big venture — the start of My Career Snapshot. His goal was to create a visually captivating page using an individual’s metrics to tell their story.

“One of the things that I took away from doing so much client work is that metrics are critically important in the sales

process,” Roy said. “If you’re going to make an impression, if you want to demonstrate your value or your capabilities, metrics — numbers — are a key to communicating that quickly.”

Not necessarily summative of a career, the snapshot aims at helping a job-seeker network and get their foot in the door with companies. Clients use the snapshot almost as a pre-resume, attaching it to online applications and LinkedIn and using it as a conversation starter.

“A resume checks a couple of boxes that the industry requires,” Roy said, “which is, they want to see your full work history; they want to know how long you’ve been in positions; things like that. So resumes absolutely have a purpose. This is not to supplant the resume. It’s to augment and support. ... (It’s) to open the door so you can then get your resume in the right person’s hand.”



**A survey conducted August 2021 shows, through a snapshot, the metrics of the business’s success.**

My Career Snapshot launched summer of 2020, and has been helping clients get their

resumes in the right hands since.

Clients visit mycareer snapshot.com, fill out a

questionnaire that guides them through important metrics, sit back and let the designers create a “You by the numbers” page, using boxes to present metrics in a visually appealing way. While the metrics may focus on certain job-oriented achievements, the snapshot also has been used to insert personality into the job-search process, with metrics like “188 mph hit driving Bugatti Veyron super sport,” “500,000 miles flown to 45 states & 25 countries,” “3,000 cups of coffee drank throughout career” and more.

“... (Resumes are) not a good door opener,” Roy said. “It’s not a good conversation starter. And if you’re going to get hired, you need to start a conversation. If you’re going to get hired, you need to get noticed.”

The snapshot, then, Roy said, is the perfect way to get a conversation working and “get the person back in the process,”

unlike the sterile environment of 4- to 6-second resume-scans.

“The democratization of applications has kind of ruined it for everybody,” he added. “HR people hate having to look at thousands of resumes (and) applicants hate being one of thousands of applicants. You have to have a different way of getting noticed.”

Roy noted he’s found the snapshot to be a successful tool among older, more experienced applicants looking to get another job.

“People like that are more likely to have personal interactions where they can use it or a network where they can distribute it,” he said. “They also have the most difficulty summarizing their career. It’s really, really difficult, and resumes are horrible for long careers. (The) snapshot gives you this platform by which you can go and pick out the biggest wins for whatever that next thing is that you’re doing.”

With a discount currently available on the site, My Career Snapshot costs \$319. Career coaches also are invited to partner with the service and receive a substantial discount for their clients.

“To my knowledge we are the only company in the country that’s producing something like this,” Roy said. “That really is focusing on networking, personal branding, applying and interviewing. It is genuinely a brand new tool that doesn’t exist anywhere else.”

Aside from those hunting for their next big career move, the snapshot also has been used to service small businesses and athletes seeking recruiters.

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# LEGO contest through February

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A 36 percent surge in LEGO sales boosted revenue 46 percent during the first half of 2021, according to the company, which is why everyone wanting to go with the flow or see what the excitement’s about will join the LEGO Challenge for Grosse Pointe Park residents.

“February is sometimes cool, gloomy and not great, so we’re having a free activity open to all ages, a LEGO challenge,” said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

Entry is free through February.

Contestants must build a custom LEGO vehicle, not a model made from a LEGO vehicle kit.

Prizes go to the top two entries in four age categories: 3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 12 and 13 and older.

“If there are any big kids out there who like LEGOs, they can join,” Craig said. “I figured it would be something fun.”

The contest is online. Enter by emailing a photo of the submission to [craigc@grossepointepark.org](mailto:craigc@grossepointepark.org).

“We’ll put their photos on Facebook,” Craig said.

— Brad Lindberg

# CHILLY:

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“On Charlevoix,” Craig said, “we will have axe throwing, pony rides and horse-drawn carriage rides. On Mack, we have Rope-A-Phobia (a rope obstacle course) near Alma Kitchen.”

Axe throwing is confined within an enclosed trailer.

“There are bays on

both sides giving room for, I believe, six individuals,” Craig said. “They’re all required to throw at the same time. They have instructors. It’s a safe activity.”

Some activities, such as axe throwing and tinsel applications, require online registration through SignUpGenius.com.

“Jump on the website and fill in the time slot,” Craig said.

# CLERK:

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she said she’s excited to see what the next chapter brings, noting she has been looking into working for election-related nonprofits.

“There are certain things that are happening in the background pertaining to elections where they’re looking for election officials who have long-term experience to support an initiative that will allow every eligible voter an opportunity to vote,” she said. “That is something that I have always been passionate about and, aside from elections administration and following election law, this is kind of a pivot to a new perspective and a new work, a new important work that needs to be done in elections, not only in the state of Michigan but across the United States.”

Council began discussing next steps in replacing Hathaway, who was with the department 28 years, at a committee of the whole meeting Monday, Feb. 7. While administration works on a job description for the clerk’s position, they also have reached out to several clerks in surrounding communities to form

a committee to aid in the search and evaluation process.

“I don’t really think that we have the knowledge or skills to sit and evaluate people who are going to be our city clerk,” Bryant addressed his council. “So this is kind of taking off on what the ... police do and that is they set up a board of people from outside who can really evaluate these people and that’s what we’ve done.”

It is likely the committee will interview candidates, narrow the list and provide council with the names of the top qualified candidates, among whom council will make the final decision.

“We just want somebody who’s really good at being a city clerk and is good at handling elections and the other incidents of being a city clerk,” Bryant said. He added council will be particularly interested in individuals who are “a good manager and (have) a good personality.”

Once the position is open, it will be posted on the city’s website, [gpwmi.us](http://gpwmi.us). Bryant hopes to have the position filled and settled by election time.

Deputy Clerk Paul Antolin will fulfill responsibilities in the interim.

# PLAN:

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in Grosse Pointe Farms that have children. That means there’s a lot of households that have two and even one person living in them, so what does that mean in terms of housing?”

While preserving the culture and existing quality of life in the Farms will be top priority, the plan also will explore sites throughout the city that might be underutilized or subject to change, as well as a future land use plan.

“Part of the planning process isn’t necessarily instigating change, but managing it,” Jackson said.

“We saw that when we went through the redevelopment of the Tennis House. Things like that are going to pop up from time to time, so rather than trying to react to it, how can we be prepared when those situations come up in the future?”

This flows into a zoning plan, ensuring the city’s zoning ordinance aligns with master plan land use policies.

“We deal with so many zoning requests from the Muir and Mapleton area that we should look at changing the zoning, so that it’s a little easier for folks to make changes to their property,” Councilman Neil Sroka

noted as a possible focus point within the efforts.

Provencal is another area of the city with a similar situation, Jackson added.

Community outreach is scheduled to begin the second month of the process, following a kick-off meeting with city officials and the analysis of community data and demographics, and continue until the adoption of the updated plan.

As some people are less comfortable with gathering in large groups in recent years, an emphasis will be placed on online engagement with surveys, a project website and reaching out via social media.

“The emphasis that you have on public participation,” Councilman Lev Wood told Jackson, “I think that’s going to be key.”

Not only will the finalized master plan be uploaded on the city website for resident viewing once it is complete, but a draft will remain accessible as the city progresses through changes.

“This plan is going to be available on the website, so people can see it and respond to it throughout the process,” Jackson said. “There’s going to be ongoing dialogue.”

The Grosse Pointe Farms master plan last was overhauled in 2000, with a few reviews since.

# DOGS:

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reports indicated she and the pups drove to Detroit, where they met their next owner.

Reportedly, the woman pulled up next to a Detroit man who was walking his own English bulldog. Rolling down her window, she asked the man if he’d like to purchase two more pups to match his own. After denying her request, she lowered her asking price and the man purchased the dogs.

Within the day, media reports on the stolen dogs reached the man and he confirmed he had purchased Oreo and Luna. He brought them to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, saying he didn’t want any reimbursement, just to reunite the pets with their loved ones.

When the puppies returned to the Hamilton household, Hamilton said they had a poor odor and seemed frightened.

“They’re using the bathroom in the house, which they weren’t doing before,” she said.

The inconvenience of having to readjust is a low price to pay in having these family members back, however.

“The kids are super thrilled,” she said. “I’m super thrilled. Oreo and Luna sat (in) their favorite place, which is right in front of the fireplace. It’s like they never left.”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Luna and Oreo were reunited with their owner last week.

With what she planned to give as a reward, Hamilton donated \$500 to the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

“Miss Corinne (Martin) did a fabulous job helping me,” Hamilton said. “She went above and beyond, so I just wanted to show my gratitude.”

Along with her thanks to GPAAS, Hamilton said she was grateful to the community as a whole.

“Thank you to the

Grosse Pointe community, period,” she said. “All the (missing dog post) shares, I’m just very overwhelmed and grateful for the community that I live in.”

Despite the happy ending, the public safety department is continuing its investigation with hopes to identify the unknown woman who stole the dogs. It currently is working off a couple of leads.



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TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

From 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

and

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

and

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>.





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Laura Test and Ryan El-Yafouri’s “Paradigms.”



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Pat Tapper and Jamie Feldman’s “Diversity.”

## Partnership project Artists collaborate for one-of-a-kind exhibition

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

The collaborative efforts of dozens of artists are among the works currently on display at the Padzieski Art Gallery in Dearborn. The exhibition, which opened Feb. 8, is the culmination of a months-long project created by Grosse Pointe Park artist Michelle Boggess-Nunley.

First announced last June, Boggess-Nunley’s Art Collab Project randomly paired artists in varying mediums to work together on pieces that combined their strengths and visions. A total of 66 artists signed up for the effort, producing 33 works of art. Though the ongoing pandemic stretched out the timeline, the group’s final products are complete and on display.

And Boggess-Nunley’s vision — uniting a community of artists experiencing isolation during COVID — also has come to fruition.

“During the pandemic, we were very disconnected in the art world,” she said. “No galleries were open, there were no exhibitions. When things got back to normal, we were still disconnected. It made me think, what could bring us together? This art project is meant to get us together and try to collaborate.”

Artists signed up on Boggess-Nunley’s website — boggessart.com — and were paired at random, bringing a uniqueness to every piece created. They were given one month from start to finish.

“The work these artists sent in, from the first email I opened, I knew we had something very spe-



Jason Kimble and Laura Earle’s “Battle for the Planet.”

cial,” she said. “I am so proud of the artists and what they were able to create. ... As people and artists, we tend to want to stick to our comfort zones. With the Art Collab Project, we’re forced out of our comfort zones and it’s bringing us together as an art community.”

Several Grosse Pointe artists participated in the project, including Grosse Pointe Park residents Patricia Joy Andrews, Vikas Relan, William Schippert, Carley Klott and Valarie St. John, as well as Grosse Pointe Farms resident Pat Tapper and City of Grosse Pointe resident Linda Allen.

Tapper, a retired graphic designer, found her passion in photography. She was paired with Jamie Feldman, another photographer.

“He and I were surprised, because we’re two photographers,” Tapper said. “I thought I’d be matched with a sculptor or something.”

The pair met and immediately hit it off, sharing ideas and selecting a street art composition as their project. Tapper put her graphic design skills to use creating the back-

ground for the piece,

while Feldman scoured the streets for subject matter. “It just kind of developed like a painting would,” Tapper said. “Jamie made it very easy. He’s very low key. I was willing to defer to him. He gave me the rights to put it together. His contribution was giving me photos. He kept supplying me with street photography that was out of this world.”

Tapper said the outcome of their efforts, a piece called “Diversity,” was a pleasant surprise.

“Even though I was the one primarily putting it together,” she said, “I wasn’t sure where it was going. When Jamie saw

the end product, he said, ‘I love it! Let’s stop.’”

Feldman also was matched with City resident Linda Allen, pairing his photography with her painting skills. The pair created “Natural Whimsy,” a photographic image with acrylic on canvas.

“It was nice to meet someone different in the art world,” Allen said. “It was nice to develop a relationship. ... Because of the pandemic, I’m not going out as much. Being able to meet new artists, new people, was fun.”

Allen took on the project as a way to work through a bout of artist block.

“The whole premise of

the collaboration idea intrigued me,” she said. “I thought it would be a challenge working with someone else. I was excited to open myself to the possibility.”

And a challenge it was. She and Feldman found themselves crunched for time due to their travel schedules. The one-month timeframe turned into less than a week for the pair, who connected on a Friday via phone and met the following day when Feldman dropped off his photo on canvas to Allen, who got to work and completed the piece that Tuesday.

“Because of the time crunch, we made quick decisions,” she said. “The photo he picked is from the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. ... He composed the photo of a cabbage butterfly, an egret and black-eyed Susans from different photos he took. He gave it a real soft, dreamlike look. The photo was gorgeous.”

So gorgeous, Allen said, she hesitated to add her own touch, but ultimately added color and created depth and definition to the piece.

“Jamie was real open to

anything that I did,” she said. “Because the photo was so sensitive, so beautiful, I went more with complementing that beauty.”

Though she felt timid at the start, she picked a direction and went with it, creating a piece with which both artists were pleased.

“It was really a joy,” she said. “The final result I’m really happy with.”

Another unique pairing included interactive artist Laura Earle of Farmington Hills with tattoo artist Jason Kimble of Highland. The pair created “Battle for the Planet,” a giant interactive domino set that uses superheroes to touch on the theme of global warming, Boggess-Nunley said.

In “Diametric Fallacy,” sculptor Luke MacGilvray of Hamtramck and painter Wendy Fournier of St. Clair Shores teamed up to create “Pillar One: The Klowns of the Apocalypse” and “Pillar Two: LOVE.” The contrasting pillars represent the choice people have between two seemingly opposite ideas: love and fear.

Park resident Valarie St. John, a textile artist, was paired with Irina Tsuker of Studio IT to create “Water is Life,” a fabric and mixed media piece. The entire project was made out of recycled materials, Boggess-Nunley said.

Park resident Will Schippert, who specializes in digital art, teamed up with Nina Caruso, an abstract and experimental artist from Detroit, to create “Invoke.” Using Schippert’s digital artwork printed on canvas — a scene Schippert cap-

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“Water is Life” by Valarie St. John and Irina Tsuker.

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From left, Dr. Leslie Wagner, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Board of Trustees, and Mason Ferry, capital campaign chairman of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society Board of Trustees, accepted the donation check Feb. 7, from Nancy Collins, president of Questers Grosse Pointe Chapter, and Prudence Billiu and Priscilla Schaupter, co-chairs of projects and donations for Questers Grosse Pointe Chapter.

# Grosse Pointe #147 Questers presents gift to GP Historical Society

Grosse Pointe #147 Questers was organized more than 60 years ago to further the philosophy of International Questers, with the mission to keep history alive by supporting preservation, restoration and education of historic articles and structures.

That giving tradition continues today. Since its inception, Grosse Pointe #147 Questers has donated to Belle Isle,

Pewabic Pottery, Freer House and many other local projects. In addition, the group has supported several projects of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society amounting to more than \$15,000.

In 1988, the chapter was asked by the GPHS to create a tour guide and map of historic landmarks in the Pointes. Most recently, the group pledged \$5,000 to be

used for the new administration and collection resource building. The final payment of \$2,500 was presented last week. Recently, a longtime member wrote a brief history of the group, concluding with these remarks: “We all share a love of research and learning about history. We always get the work at hand done and manage to have a good time doing it.”

# AREA ACTIVITIES

### Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts a variety of programs. To register for the following, visit [grossepointelibrary.org](http://grossepointelibrary.org).

- ◆ Tween Art Lab — Pastels and Paintin’, all day Thursday, Feb. 17, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ Nonfiction Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, via Zoom.
- ◆ Keep This Toss That, 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, via Zoom.
- ◆ Thoughts to Action Discussion Group, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, via Zoom.
- ◆ 4th Monday Book Discussion, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Ford House

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

- ◆ “Storytime: Love Is ...” at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through

Feb. 22.

- ◆ Nooks & Crannies Tour, select times Tuesdays and Sundays, through March 31.
  - ◆ Ice & Snow Fest, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.
  - ◆ Storytime: “Lulu & Rocky in Detroit,” 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays during March.
  - ◆ Night Skies & Nightcaps, 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, March 4. Learn to mix the perfect nightcap from Detroit City Distillery.
  - ◆ Talk: The Arts of Detroit, 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 11. Learn about the 1920s roots of two of Detroit’s premier arts organizations.
- For tickets and information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday,

March 1, Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Park.

- ◆ Noon to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 11, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

### GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers a watercolor workshop with new teacher Nancy Philo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20. Register at [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

The GPAA’s next Your Old Mansion lecture takes place Sunday, Feb. 27, and features Jefferson East CEO Josh Elling, who will discuss progress in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood, including the future of the Vanity Ballroom. For

tickets, visit [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org).

### The War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Grosse Pointe Chamber Music at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Tickets are \$15; students are admitted free. Visit [warmemorial.org](http://warmemorial.org).

### Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club hosts its next meeting at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Conference Center, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The speaker is Claudia Werner, president of Building Up. Guests are welcome.

### Men’s Club

The Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Tompkins Community Center, located in Windmill Pointe Park. Larry Burns, president and CEO of The Children’s Foundation, speaks. The Children’s Foundation includes Children’s Hospital of Michigan, the Jamie Daniels Foundation and

the Paul W. Smith Golf Classic. Visitors are welcome. The club encourages attendees to wear face masks when not eating, drinking or speaking to the group. Cost is \$20, paid at the door. To reserve a seat, email [gmcattendance@gmail.com](mailto:gmcattendance@gmail.com) or call (313) 550-9661.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. Kim Towar and Paul Rentenback present “Happy 117th Birthday Rotary International.” Visit [grossepointerotary.org](http://grossepointerotary.org) for information. Those who wish to join the meeting via Zoom should email [grossepointerotary@gmail.com](mailto:grossepointerotary@gmail.com).

### 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:

- ◆ Watch “The Bridge on the River Kwai” at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks and the movie.
- ◆ Mindfulness and Meditation, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, with Dr. Lakshmi Saleem.
- ◆ Fireside Chat with the Housing Experts, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 9. The topic is “Selling Your Stuff.”
- ◆ The Demographics of the Aging Population, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, with facilitator Thomas Jankowski, Ph.D. This program is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers.
- ◆ Watch “Queen Bees” at 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 11. Cost is \$2 for members, \$3 for nonmembers, and includes snacks.
- ◆ Rosa’s Fitness

Combo Class, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays, with instructor Rosa Hunter. The class includes tai chi, yoga, ball exercises, cardio and balance, as well as brain exercises, sign and foreign language, affirmations and more.

### Healthy GP

Healthy Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods meets via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Its mission is to reduce substance abuse among youth and across the community, as well as promote optimal mental health through action, education and collaboration. Those interested in attending meetings should email Sasha Murphy at [smurphy@careofsem.com](mailto:smurphy@careofsem.com).

### Alliance Francaise

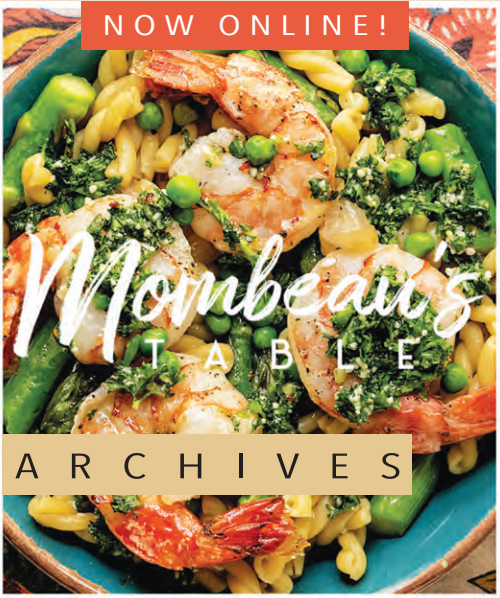
The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe is an organization that promotes French culture through monthly activities for members. The group seeks members for its new membership year, which begins in September. It also offers French lessons for adults at Assumption Cultural Center, from September to May each year. Detailed membership information may be found at [afdegrossepointe.org](http://afdegrossepointe.org).

### Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

### Lakeshore

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# Storyteller shares Grosse Pointe roots in debut novel

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Amy Sewell fondly remembers her childhood in Grosse Pointe. She especially remembers the teachers who cheered her on, believing in her and inspiring her to exercise creativity. An established documentarian and lifelong writer, Sewell — who was Amy Ottens back then — recently published her first novel, “Pocket8s,” in which she pays tribute to her former stomping grounds, as well as draws attention to two seemingly unrelated subjects — euthanasia and playing poker.

Billed as a “psychothriller about chance, timing, euthanasia and luck,” “Pocket8s” tells the story of Dutch, a “complicated heroine” who does two things well — plays poker and kills people. When a job goes south, she begins to question her ability and intentions. “She’s off her game,” Sewell said. “She starts to question herself when other matters come up.” The idea behind “Pocket8s” was 16 years in the making, which the author details on her website, amy-sewell.com. She was inspired to tackle the topic of “self-delivery” after her mother-in-law shared pro-euthanasia sentiments. Sewell did her due diligence researching and feels it’s a topic more people should talk about. “I believe in everyone’s personal choices and decisions, whether it’s family or religion or whatever. Just talk about it,” she said. “We need to get to know ourselves better. ... Someone told me we treat our animals better than we treat our people when they’re suf-



COURTESY PHOTO

Amy Sewell recently published her first novel, “Pocket8s,” a psychological thriller.

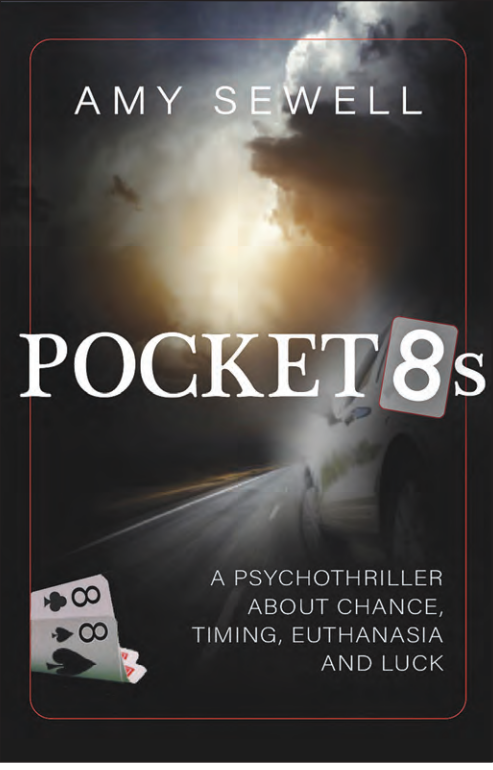
fering. I started thinking about my mother-in-law. Can we be more humane with other human beings? Absolutely. “I don’t want to sound too dark — I’m really very optimistic and I like to have fun — but it’s healthy to talk about,” she added. “I think it’s important. ... If more thought went into it, it could be more of a comfort to those passing on and to the family.” In the book, Dutch watches for “tells” when deciding to take on clients, same as when she’s playing poker. And while Sewell is familiar with poker, it was another card game that inspired Dutch’s affinity. “While it wasn’t poker, the basis of the group playing cards (in the book) was a factual reference,” she said. “We had a rag-tag group and we’d play Hearts all the time.” The closeness of old friendships is echoed throughout the plot of “Pocket8s,” a portion of which is set in Grosse Pointe.

“We had lawyers’ kids, the Ford kids and then the kids mostly who I hung out with, the troublemakers,” said Sewell, who currently lives in New York. “But we had good souls. We had camaraderie. People watched out for each other. That camaraderie comes across with Dutch and her poker friends. “When I speak about Grosse Pointe, it’s a flashback to 1970s Grosse Pointe; I haven’t lived there in 30 years,” she added. “I really wanted it to be authentic, to write what I know. Grosse Pointe is a beautiful backdrop. There are a lot of different threads to pull; it’s complicated, complex. There may be a hundred or a thousand neighborhoods out there just like it, but I didn’t live in them.” Sewell and her family became a part of the community when she was in elementary school. “We’re a sailing family, so it was about being close to the lake,” she said, noting her family’s

membership at Bayview Yacht Club and then the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where she eventually was married. But the teachers, not the sailing, left the biggest impression on the author. “Coming into third grade at Ferry Elementary, I had Miss Harris as my third-grade teacher,” Sewell said. “I wrote a book in her class, a fiction book about a wax flower garden. I grew these wax flowers and then the sun came out and all the flowers melted.” Beyond telling their stories, students crafted bindings and fashioned pulp to create covers for their books. It was a labor of love, Sewell discovered, noting how proud she was of her creation. Years later, she tracked down Harris in hopes of finding her long-lost book. Harris, who had retired to Florida, didn’t know the book’s whereabouts, but remembered the story well. She was the first of a line of teachers who impacted Sewell’s life. “I also had three amazing high school teachers,” Sewell recalled of her time at Grosse Pointe North High School. “I had Mr. Harchick for creative writing. I wrote a horribly depressing essay and a horribly depressing sonnet. He entered my work into a creative writing contest ... and I won. Mr. Barr was my literature teacher. He had us read

Nathaniel Hawthorne’s ‘The House of Seven Gables’ and then write about how we related to it. I related it to the Rolling Stones’ ‘Paint it Black.’ ... And my art teacher, Mr. Ebert, was such an influence in my life.” Though she wanted to pursue a career in art — “My father said no, I would starve” — Sewell ended up earning a bachelor’s degree in communication and media studies from the University of Michigan, then an MBA from Schiller International University. She currently works as the operations director of Harmony Labs, whose mission is “to create a world where media systems support healthy, democratic culture and healthy, happy people.” In addition to her day job, Sewell is an accomplished documentarian — “Mad Hot Ballroom” — and the author of two nonfiction books, “The Mad Hot Adventures of a Documentary Filmmaker” and “She’s Out There! The Next

Generation of Presidential Candidates.” “Pocket8s” is her first venture into fiction. “My lifelong pursuit always was to write fiction,” she said. “‘Pocket8s’ took 16 years to berth and birth. ... COVID hit and I said, ‘Oh my goodness, if I don’t finish this fiction book ... My next one is already written,’” she continued. “I hope to launch it in 2023. I have an idea developed for a third. ... I’m going to write about things I’m passionate about. I hope when people read it they become passionate too. My goal is to start a discussion.” Included on her website are a series of book club questions and discussion points related to “Pocket8s,” meant to aid in starting conversations. “I would like it to be approached from a compassion standpoint,” she said. Though she’s not writing for the money, she said, if she were to turn a profit on “Pocket8s,” she’d donate it to charities she supports — Reel Works, which is “helping build a diversity pipeline in the production industry,” by offering after-school programs that pair teens with professional filmmaker/mentors to create documentaries, narrative and experimental films; and Vote Run Lead, whose mission is to “unleash the political power of women as voters, candidates and leaders to create and sustain an equitable democracy.” “Pocket8s” is available to purchase on amazon.com.



# Soroptimist celebrates 100 years

One hundred years is a milestone celebration for any non-profit women’s service organization. Soroptimist International, whose mission is to provide women and girls access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment, has reached that milestone. The first Soroptimist Club was founded 100 years ago in California. Soroptimist comes

from the Latin “soror,” meaning “sister,” and “optima,” meaning “best,” fully translated to mean “best for women.” Eighty dedicated women signed the first charter and chose to provide vocational guidance to girls as one of their first service projects. One hundred years later, Soroptimist is more than 72,000 women strong in 121 countries worldwide. To celebrate the 100th anni-

versary of Soroptimist, Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, founded in 1956 and active in the community more than 65 years, proclaimed a monthly initiative of “100s.” To name a few, members donated 100-plus children’s books to Head Start classrooms in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods; 100-plus cleaning sup-

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# OBITUARIES

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## Timothy E. Fitzgerald

Timothy E. Fitzgerald of Harrison Township passed away Monday, Feb. 7, 2022, at Ascension St. John Hospital after a brief illness. Timothy was born Feb. 16, 1945, in Detroit, to William B. and Eleanor J. Fitzgerald, who, along with his brother, William B. Fitzgerald (Margaret), predeceased him.

Timothy married the love of his life, Karen E. Fitzgerald (nee Lee), and together they enjoyed 54 years of marriage. Timothy is survived by Karen; his sons, Timothy P. Fitzgerald (Denise) of Marshall and Michael W. Fitzgerald (Kari) of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and grandchildren, Sean, Patrick, Brody, Frank, Connor and Dillon Fitzgerald. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Timothy graduated from Austin Catholic High School in 1963, and immediately went to work for the Wayne County Road Commission. He was promoted through the ranks to become manager of the Maintenance & Power Department for what is now the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Authority. Timothy retired in 2005, after 42 years of service to the citizens of Wayne County.

Timothy was a veteran of the Michigan Army National Guard and protected the citizens and businesses of Detroit during the civil unrest in 1967.

Timothy was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit his entire adult life. He also was a member of the St. Matthew Dads Club, a committee member for the annual St. Matthew Golden Harvest, a volunteer for St. Vincent DePaul Society, a volunteer for many years with Special Olympics Michigan and a member of the De La Salle Collegiate Dads Club supporting his son's high school.

Timothy will be fondly remembered for his kindness, telling great stories of past family experiences and dedication to his family.

A funeral Mass took place Feb. 12, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, MI 48224; or the

Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

## Margaret Ann “Peggy” Posch

Margaret Ann “Peggy” Posch (nee Kollar), 77, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, in Macomb Township, after a long battle with cancer.

Peggy, along with her twin sister Pamela, was born Nov. 21, 1944, in Detroit, to Gertrude and James Kollar, both now deceased. She grew up in Bloomfield Hills and attended elementary and high school at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. She graduated in 1966 from Mercy College in Detroit, where she met her husband, Joseph L. Posch Jr. They married in 1968.

Peggy moved to Grosse Pointe Shores in 1974, and raised five children over the course of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. She was an amazing mother, loving but strict, and knew the subtleties of keeping a herd of children on track. Her supporting roles speak to her dedication to family: troop leader, room mother, hockey mom and would-be politician's wife. She also was a relatively mellow but quite persistent stage mother for many years.

It was the leading roles she created for herself that demonstrated the woman she was. Over the years she was a musician and a ballerina, a teacher, a socialite and a real estate agent. She volunteered for many local organizations, most notably the Junior League of Detroit, for which she served as president. After she turned 40, she went back to school at Wayne State University, earning a master's degree and Ph.D. in research and evaluation. She worked for years as an associate professor in education. Her research focused on parental involvement in student education in the Detroit Public Schools. After she left, she spent 15 years consulting in health care.

Though so accomplished, it was her family that made her the happiest. She loved being a mother and it meant so much to her that her children stayed close into adulthood. This was an example she set, as she

stayed close with her eight siblings throughout her life. When grandkids came along, her favorite times were their visits with Grandma.

Peggy died in the early morning, peacefully at home, with her husband and all five children close by. She is survived by her best friend and loving husband of nearly 54 years, Joe; their children, Joe III (Dennis Miriani), David (Mandy), Jean Shore (Jerry), Michael (Kelly) and Christina Herman (Adam); granddaughters, Sojourner, Pepiot, Molly, Leslie, Stella, Lillian, Grace, Annabelle and Audrey; and step-grandchildren, Blake, Perrin, Evan, Parker and Nicole.

Visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. The funeral takes place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, cancer.org.

## Anne Hinchman Berry

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Anne Hinchman Berry, 89, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022.

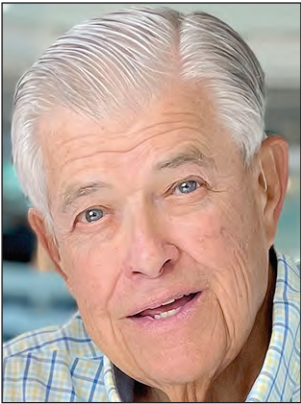
Anne grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1949. She attended the Katharine Gibbs School in Boston and later became an indispensable member of the O p h t h a l m o l o g y Department at Henry Ford Hospital.

Anne married Sterling Price Berry in 1959, and shared 61 years with him until his death in 2020. Together, they raised five daughters, Julia Berry, Ginna Ericksen (Matt), Martha Long, Barbara Pappas (William) and Melissa Hibdon (Terry). In addition, she was a bonus mom to many.

She was the proud grandmother of Nick Ericksen, Melissa Ericksen Burns (Will), Andie Long, Peter Ericksen, Emily Ericksen Johnson (Alex), Stephanie Long, Theodore Pappas and Sterling Hibdon, and great-grandmother to Hazel Burns. She was

Pointe will award a total of \$11,000 to five women who are working toward certificates and degrees and two others who have made a positive difference in the lives of women through leadership in community service organizations.

The public is welcome to attend the awards dinner, which starts at 6:30 p.m., to meet the seven awardees as well as Soroptimist members. Call Bette Lepouttre at (586) 557-3287 to make a reservation. Tickets are \$35. Visit [grossepointe-soroptimist.org](http://grossepointe-soroptimist.org) for more information.



Timothy E. Fitzgerald

honorary grandmother to Alejandro Lleras (Leah) and Mark Holley (Karen), and great-grandmother to their children, Maddie and Olivia Lleras, and Charlotte Holley. She was the beloved aunt of Ken Berry (Connie Nassios), Judith Garver (Patrick), Emma Meston (Jim), Sara Howell (Brad), Carolyn Gray (Dan), David Hinchman, Ted Hinchman and many grandnieces and grand-nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents, David and Anne Hinchman; brothers, David Hinchman and Ted Hinchman; brother- and sister-in-law, Douglas and Mary Berry; niece, Nancy Hinchman; and nephew, Thomas Berry.

Anne was devoted to serving others and followed her mother's example by holding leadership positions in organizations including the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Children's Home of Detroit and Junior League of Detroit. She also was an active member of the League of Women Voters.

As a new mother, Anne turned her focus from working professionally to expanding her volunteer endeavors, many of them focused on enriching the lives of children. Anne was a longtime Sunday school teacher at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, also serving as superintendent of the program. When her daughters joined Girl Scouts, she volunteered to go on campouts as the first-aid provider, then became a troop leader and continued to lead well after her daughters graduated from scouting. Together with her husband, Sterling, she was a strong advocate for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. They participated in both school-level activities and districtwide initiatives, such as leading campaign efforts for school board members and co-chairing millage campaigns. Anne also was a board member for the organization now known as the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Outside of her extensive volunteer projects, she was generous to friends and strangers alike, quietly supporting a variety of organizations. In later years, Anne and Sterling went north in the summer to spend time at Interlochen, where she established a scholarship fund for the Interlochen Arts Camp; they went south to Sarasota, Fla., in the winter, where she supported the Pelican Cove Art Club. Anne will be remembered as strong, smart, beautiful and kind, with a quick wit and dry sense of humor.

Anne was laid to rest with a graveside service at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

Memorial contributions may be made in Anne's name to Grosse



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Mado Olga Hoey Nie Lie

Pointe Memorial Church, [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org); or Interlochen Center for the Arts (Berry Family Scholarship), [interlochen.org](http://interlochen.org).

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## Mado Olga Hoey Nio Lie

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Mado Olga Hoey Nio Lie, 86, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022.

Mado was born April 2, 1935, in Batavia, Indonesia, to Olga Hoo and Jan Han. She was the eldest of five children. She spent her childhood in Indonesia, then immigrated with her family to den Haag, Netherlands, where she attended high school and later studied at the University of Leiden.

In Leiden, she was courted by the love of her life, Kim Lie. They married Nov. 2, 1957, in den Haag. Shortly thereafter they immigrated to the United States, where Kim started his medical residency at Grace Hospital in Detroit. Their oldest son, Winston, was born in 1960. They had 10 children over the span of two decades and filled their house with love, laughter and music. In 1966, they moved to Grosse Pointe Park and eventually into their dream home on Windmill Pointe where they raised their children. Mado became a United States citizen in 1970. She was blessed with 59 years of marriage to Kim, 10 children and 16 grandchildren.

Mado was a tireless philanthropist and patron of the arts, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital, Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University, Detroit Historical Society, Grosse Pointe Symphony and Grosse Pointe Historical Society. Most notably, she served as president of the Junior Women's League for the DSO and trustee of MOT.

Mado had a passion for traveling the world to see friends and family or discover new places with her husband. At home, she and Kim hosted numerous social gatherings and charity events, opening their home frequently to visiting musicians, singers, exchange



Anne Hinchman Berry



Ronald Larry Monahan

students and other visitors to the Detroit area.

Mado was predeceased by her husband, Kim; daughter, Ons Kindje; son, Winston; and brother, Sandor Han.

She is survived by her children, Roxane, Marc (Anja Derckx), Lancelot (Vivian Preston), Parcival, Günther, Tamara (Greg Fobare), Natasha (Christopher Wilde), Sergei (Kara Conway) and Ariadne (Justin Bult); grandchildren, Maja, Asia, Lillian, Audrey, Emilia, Josephine, Greta, Harrison, Andrew, Amstel, Zealand, Skylar, Declan, Dylan, Ophelia and Atticus; and siblings, Youandi Schrijvers, Marguerite Diederiks and Menno Han.

Visitation takes place from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A Celebration of Life is scheduled for summer 2022.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mado's memory may be made to Michigan Opera Theatre, [michiganopera.org](http://michiganopera.org); Detroit Symphony Orchestra, [dso.org](http://dso.org); or Detroit Institute of Arts, [dia.org](http://dia.org).

## Ronald Larry Monahan

Ronald Larry Monahan of Grosse Pointe Park passed away Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at age 81.

Ronald was born June 7, 1940, to Frank and Bertha Monahan. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1958, earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Wayne State University in 1962, then a master's degree in 1964.

Ronald worked for Burroughs Corp., then for General Motors and finally for Chrysler Corp., in the Product Development Department at the Auburn Hills facility for 20 years. He was an avid ham radio operator, traveler and photographer.

Ronald was predeceased by his father, Frank; mother, Bertha; brother, Milton; and sister, Maureen.

He is survived by cousins in the McAllister, Hale, Arnold, Straley and Monahan families.

Arrangements were made through William Sullivan Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

Funeral services for Ron take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at While Chapel Cemetery, 621 W. Long Lake, Troy.

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plies to Turning Point, which helps survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault; 100-plus bottles of hand sanitizer to My Sister's Keepers, a nonprofit located in Highland Park that works with youth; and 100-plus cans of food to Gleaners, a food bank in south-east Michigan. They also performed more than 100 random acts of kindness and shared more than 100 things they learned during the pandemic.

Whether through Soroptimist's Live Your Dream educational awards, the Mentoring for Success program, anti-human trafficking initiatives, supplying tuition for high school girls in Ghana, Africa, the Dream It Be It program or volunteer service to Positive Images, local Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe members are proud of their accomplishments for women and girls.

Wednesday, March 9, at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores, Soroptimist International of Grosse





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## Navy proud

Cmdr. Robert Elizondo, a native of Grosse Pointe Woods and air boss assigned to Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2), tracks aircraft in support of Noble Fusion on Feb. 6. Noble Fusion demonstrates that Navy and Marine Corps forward-deployed, stand-in naval expeditionary forces can rapidly aggregate Marine Expeditionary Unit/Amphibious Ready Group teams at sea, along with a carrier strike group, as well as other joint force elements and allies. This collaboration allows these teams to conduct lethal sea-denial operations, seize key maritime terrain, guarantee freedom of movement and create advantage for U.S. partner and allied forces. Naval Expeditionary forces conduct training throughout the year, in the Indo-Pacific, to maintain readiness.

## New lectures planned at The Helm

Always looking to provide new, interesting and worthwhile information about aging and aging-related issues, The Helm at the Boll Life Center welcomes two new lectures in March.

Thomas Jankowski, associate director for research at the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, presents “The Demographics of the Aging Population,” from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10.

For nearly 30 years, Jankowski has studied aging and older adults. By the year 2045, nearly 22 percent of the population will be age 65 and older, which Jankowski postulates will lead to dramatic changes in the economic and social fabric of communities and

require accompanying shifts in municipal and social services, consumer and labor markets, transportation, health care and volunteer and recreational outlets to meet the needs of an older population.

In this workshop, Jankowski will examine aging population trends in Michigan and the challenges and opportunities that will accompany this dramatic demographic shift.

This lecture is free to members and \$5 for nonmembers. Registration is required.

A second lecture, “The Benefits of Sleep,” takes place from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, March 24. Kathy Housey, a certified trainer with the Athletics and Fitness

Association of America, leads this program, which is sponsored by Promedica.

Sleep cleans and rewires the brain. Housey will explain the important link between deep relaxation and quality sleep on attaining, maintaining and recovering optimum brain health. She’ll also provide practical strategies for improving nightly sleep. The session ends with a seven-minute guided relaxation session to refresh and reset the brain.

This lecture is free to members and nonmembers, but registration is required.

Members and guests of The Helm are asked to register online at [helmlife.org](http://helmlife.org). Others may call (313) 882-9600 for assistance.

## Chamber to host annual membership, awards dinner

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce will host its annual membership and awards dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the awards presentation at 7 p.m.

The chamber will celebrate and recap 2021, then recognize and honor

companies and organizations that have distinguished themselves by demonstrating innovation, resilience and an ability to adapt to the challenges presented by a global pandemic.

The public is invited to join us in the celebration. Tickets are \$75 per person.

For more information or to reserve a seat, visit [grossepointechamber.com](http://grossepointechamber.com) or call (313) 881-4722.

## Understanding Medicare at The Helm

Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods residents who are about to turn 65 — meaning they are about to become eligible for Medicare — likely have received numerous mailings from different insurance companies urging them to sign up for prescription drug, Medicare Advantage or Medicare Supplement plans.

A variety of options usually comes with a variety of questions. The Helm at the Boll Life Center would like to help.

“New to Medicare” — during which Medicare counselors provide a comprehensive overview of Medicare, including coverage, costs, pros and cons of different optional plans, and how to sign up — is a 90-minute class

offered at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The class is free, but space is limited. Call The Helm at (313) 649-2110 or email [asaigh@helmlife.org](mailto:asaigh@helmlife.org) to make a reservation. Additional classes will be scheduled at The Helm throughout 2022.

The Helm also offers free, individual appointments with Medicare counselors throughout the year to help those eligible to receive Medicare better understand their options, choose a plan that best suits them and answer any specific questions they may have.

Contact Aurelie Saigh at [asaigh@helmlife.org](mailto:asaigh@helmlife.org) or (313) 649-2110 to get in touch with a Medicare counselor.



Youth Services Librarian Rachel Charette lets Nora Gentner hug Mr. Bear when storytime is over.



Wednesday mornings, weather permitting, Outdoor Storytime with Miss Rachel and Mr. Bear takes place on the plaza at Central Library. On Feb. 9, Youth Services Librarian Rachel Charette read “Can You Make a Scary Face?” by Jan Thomas and two other books, plus led the group through a few songs.

## Al fresco at the library

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Between stories and songs, participants are led through some stretches.

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tured in the Upper Peninsula — Caruso added translucent acrylic paint to the canvas to transform the piece.

“It was really just Nina and I having a great introductory conversation and talking about what possibilities could exist for this end project,” Schippert said. “I’ve never been part of a collaboration, so I wasn’t sure how it would fit in with what I do. From being a new artist to being in something like this ... it was really fun to work with such talented people.”

Bringing the art com-

munity together was the exact point Boggess-Nunley wanted to make.

“I ended up with something different than what I expected,” she said. “I knew we had a lot of talent in the area, but ... it was fascinating to me how engaged the artists became — to see them have an idea and grow with it as the idea evolved; having different artists with different ideas that came together to create something that wouldn’t have happened otherwise.”

To commemorate the project, Boggess-Nunley created a digital book for the artists to share with friends and family.

“I’m also going to make a tangible exhibition

book for each artist,” she added.

Boggess-Nunley not only coordinated the effort, but participated as well. She was paired with Thomas “Art” Taylor III of Eastpointe. They created a plein air painting — while social distancing in the rain.

“We were outside Posterity Gallery,” she recalled. “It was pouring rain — cats and dogs. And this was during social distancing. While we were painting, we decided to let the rain paint with us. You can see raindrops on the finished project. It was cool.”

Their aptly named “Let the Rain Paint With Us” was the outcome. The pair became good friends

through the experience — a sentiment shared by Tapper, Allen, Schippert and many other participants.

Boggess-Nunley said she may offer the project again if she gets positive feedback, “but what’s most important to me is how proud everyone should be of their work and creations,” she added. “You have to see them in person to see the amount of talent and hard work that went into these.”

Those interested are invited to view the exhibition in Dearborn, through March 18.

“I’m looking forward to being part of a really cool show,” Schippert said. “Michelle is impressive

and dedicated. She’s been submerged for a while. The extent of her vision played out nicely. It’s such a fun idea. And what’s nice is, in the area, we’re not competing against each other. The whole collaboration idea to me was a sure thing because of the sharing nature of artists in the area. ... This is one of those sparks not necessarily intended, but something to bring us together to do more together.

“The moment these very talented people, the moment their art gets seen ... all kinds of things are going to happen from this,” he added. “This has the potential ... to result in all kinds of new art and new ideas.”

The details

**What:** The Art Collab Project exhibition  
**Where:** Padzieski Art Gallery, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn  
**When:** Now until Friday, March 18  
**Hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays  
**Extras:** Artist discussions are planned at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, and Thursday, March 10. A virtual discussion takes place 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. An artist appreciation and closing reception is planned from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 18.  
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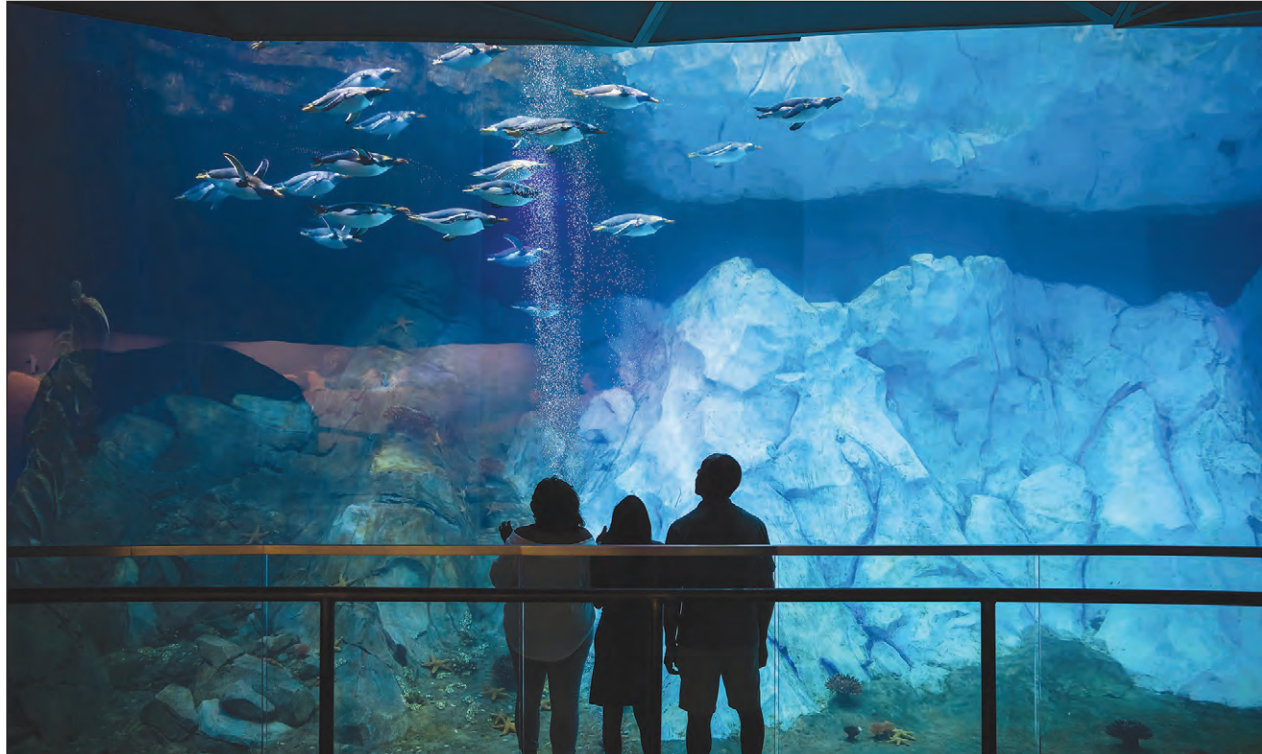
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# The Science Advice Goddess

by Amy Alkon

## Dense like nobody’s watching

*I read your column about why women apologize more than men, and the science makes sense. What you didn’t address is why men don’t admit they’re wrong or apologize. So while women operate according to the survival instincts you described, men oafishly bumble through life without a clue they screwed up and owe someone an apology. They don’t even know how to apologize in the first place! Explain that, science lady!*  
— Annoyed

You’ve got loads of company in believing women default to “mea culpa” while men are all “mea do no wronga.” And sure, as you note, I did show that women apologize *more often* than men -- both when they realize they’ve wronged somebody and in situations where an apology is beyond ridiculous: “I’m sorry, but could you pass the salt?” Women likewise use more hinty, tentative language (“I hate to bother you”) and “whimperatives,” linguist Jerrold Sadock’s term for direct orders -- like “Stop yelling at me!” -- meeked-up into questions: “Would you mind not yelling at me?”

(Answer -- at 90 decibels: “WELL, YEAH, I WOULD!”)

Women don’t hide what they’re saying behind a bunch of verbal bramble because they’re weak. Female indirectness seems to have evolved to help ancestral mamas (and mamas-to-be) avert conflict and avoid retaliation and physical harm.

A beatdown could easily break their reproductive “machinery” or jeopardize their ability to feed and care for babies they’d had -- making it “goodbye forever!” for their genes.

Because, right now in 2022, our minds are powered by antique, ancestral-era psychology, we women are still “programmed” to be mealymouths -- despite how, these days, we can neatly take out any club-wielding brute with a well-aimed Hello Kitty-embossed Smith & Wesson.

However, the fact that men apologize *less frequently* doesn’t mean they are *less willing* to apologize when they’ve wronged somebody.

As social psychologist Karina Schumann put it in her research on sex differences in “apology behavior”: “Despite wide acceptance of the stereotype that women apologize

more readily than men” (“more readily” being the important nuance), “there is little ... evidence to support this bias.”

Schumann had male and female undergrads keep a diary for 12 days and log each time they apologized to someone -- as well as each time they or someone else did something they felt called for an apology.

There were four categories of offenses: failed obligations (like showing up late), inconveniences (calling a wrong number), physical offenses (denting a borrowed car), and “relational” offenses (hurtful interpersonal behavior like lying, cheating, or putting the toilet paper roll on “backward”).

Schumann *did* find that the women apologized more than the men. But don’t gloat just yet!

Women also reported *doing* more things they felt called for an apology. So, you could say, “Awww...see, they care more about how their behavior affects others!” However, the women also found more of others’ behaviors objectionable and apology-worthy.

Men, on the other hand, showed more of a “what-ever, dude” attitude about much of the stuff women found offensive. This atti-

tude was reflected in research by psychologist Joyce Benenson on men’s and women’s issues with their college roommates. The women found their roommates much more obnoxious than the men found theirs: messier and louder, as well as smellier and more disgusting (“which is hard to believe,” writes Benenson, “as usually men care less than women about ... hygiene”).

Schumann’s results suggest that “women offer more apologies than men do” (and are more likely to see an apology as necessary) “because women have a lower threshold for what constitutes offensive behavior.” This brings us to Schumann’s stereotype-debunking finding: “Men were no less willing than women were to apologize for their behavior once they categorized it as offensive.” And guess what: “Their apologies were similarly effusive.”

Male-female differences in perception can lead to ugly misunderstandings. “For example,” Schumann notes, “If women perceive offenses that their male romantic partners do not notice, women might interpret an absence of an apology as evidence that their partners are indifferent to



their well-being” (rather than the natural result of leaving a man to guess what he’s done).

“Similarly, men may regard their female partners as overly sensitive.”

However, the real issue seems to be that “men and women unwittingly disagree at an earlier stage in the process: identifying whether or not a transgression has even occurred.”

Understanding this -- what men and women don’t understand about each other -- the supposedly worst apology (bordering on criminal!) that a husband or boyfriend can give, “I’m sorry you feel hurt,” isn’t necessarily the

atrocious it’s made out to be.

Look to a man’s intentions. Is he generally a good-hearted guy who shows you he loves you and wants to make you happy? If so, maybe give him credit for doing his semi-clever best.

Ultimately, for a man, love means never knowing exactly why you’re sorry.

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## I did not want to manage, but now I do

**Q:** A management position became available in our small but important department. I was the most experienced and capable employee, and the manager, our boss who was leaving, expected me to apply for it. I did not want the job, but when I think back to my reasons, I think I made a bad decision.

I would have gotten the position without question.

The boss always teased me for being perfect because in six years I had never made a mistake, so I would have knocked other candidates out of the running. I sure could have used the good salary increase I would have received, but I told myself I wouldn’t like the job because I am not authoritarian and do not like telling people what to do.

Our boss was a good guy,

but he always made a point of reminding us that he was the boss. I thought managing professionals would be filled with daily confrontations and I would be dealing with former co-workers complaining and treating me differently than before. When I reflect on my decision, I see how wrong I was about myself and being a manager. What can I do now about it?

**Q:** It sounds like it is too late to apply, but you could speak to the boss over your immediate boss about any future management positions. It’s OK to say you made a mistake by not applying. Explain that after reading books on leadership and management, you now see you would have been a good fit for the position. Becoming the manager of your department in the future will depend on how well the new manager fits into

the role, how well he/she does and how long he/she chooses to stay. You may have passed up a good position, but the best way to determine your worth in a career is to apply for jobs outside your company.

Update your resume, adding all decision-making projects and including all achievements (“six years without an error on the job” is quite impressive). If you think you qualified for a managerial position in your department, you may very well qualify for a similar position elsewhere. You will not discover your value until you send resumes.

Depending on how discreet you can be in your job search, start networking with employees in comparable companies to yours. Don’t announce you are job-hunting but be clear that you’re preparing for the future. You are researching the field to

## At Work

by Lindsey Novak



become more knowledgeable about similar companies and their internal departments. Remember, networking is a social exchange, not a sudden, one-way question-and-answer session for your benefit alone. If not handled properly, you could damage a potential connection that could have been helpful in the future.

When you make appointments for interviews, rehearse with a recruiter, job coach or a friend you respect professionally. Speak about your projects, discussing your responsibilities and job similarities that readily transfer to a position with greater responsibility. As you have

read current books on leadership and management, also mention how your personality and abilities align with the latest thoughts on leading, motivating and inspiring a team. Finally, take measures to ensure that whatever made you hesitate to interview for the manager’s position in your company doesn’t crop up again. Say yes to every opportunity and see what happens.

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## Mixed signals abound after long separation

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been talking to my ex-boyfriend of more than 22 years. We have a grown son. We are now in our 50s and talking and texting again. I still love him, and I want a relationship with him, but I’m not sure he wants me back. I don’t know if he’s interested in me or just being friendly.

Can you help? At the end of our last phone call he said, “It’s been a long time. Twenty-two years. We are both different people now. I don’t know if it could be like it was then,” and we said goodnight.

Should I wait for him to text me back? I don’t even know if he’s dating someone. He didn’t say.

Please help. -- SECOND CHANCE IN THE EAST

**DEAR SECOND CHANCE:** Continue talking to your ex and let this scenario play out further. Is he initiating these calls and texts, or are you? If it’s him, that’s a hopeful sign.

Yes, it is true you are both different people now -- but that can be a plus. With the passage of time, you both may have mellowed and matured.

If the discussions continue, you will find out soon enough if he’s involved with someone or interested in getting back together. And remember, if he’s just being “friendly,” the son

you share is a good reason for keeping that friendship going.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife is very protective of our dog, “Spencer.” I agree with her that Spencer should not receive table food. Yesterday, my wife put a large pile of dog vomit on my desk. She said it “proves” I have been feeding Spencer. Her accusation is not true.

I may have done some peculiar things in my time, but I have never put vomit on someone’s desk.

How should I respond? -- FLABBERGASTED IN IOWA

**DEAR FLABBERGASTED:** There can be

various reasons for a dog having an upset stomach besides having consumed table scraps.

Spencer should be checked by a veterinarian to be sure there isn’t something else going on.

As to your wife putting vomit on your desk, well, since you asked -- I wouldn’t blame you if you made it plain that SHE is in the doghouse.

**DEAR ABBY:** When someone gives a gift to someone, shouldn’t it be opened in the presence of the giver? My 12-year-old daughter ran cross country, and after the season ended, there was a banquet. At the banquet, several kids



## Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

approached the coach and gave him cards. We gave him a gift certificate. When my daughter gave him the envelope, he laid it down with the other cards and said, “thanks.” I think he should have opened it and read the contents while my daughter was standing there (my daughter would have been so pleased). What do you think? -- LISA IN COLORADO

**DEAR LISA:** Once a gift is given, it belongs

to the receiver to do with as he or she pleases. Your daughter’s coach was under no obligation to open the envelope in your daughter’s presence.

If he recognized the envelope contained more than good wishes, he may have wanted to spare the other athletes embarrassment if they could not afford to be as generous as your family.

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# Chicken a la King

## Courtesy of Mombeau’s Table

In my opinion, Chicken a la King is the greatest cafeteria food of all time when done correctly. This recipe surprised everyone in my family because it was that good. It’s almost a deconstructed chicken pot pie with pimentos. This dish is creamy, hearty and comforting. Pimentos are an unexpected yet welcomed addition. In my research as to the origin of this recipe there are many accounts as to where and who originated the dish. Chicken a la King was created sometime in the 1890s but each account is different. I do know that the recipe was published in the New York Times in 1893, 1900 and 1905. Fannie Farmer published the recipe in her cookbook, in 1906. It became a very popular dish during the mid-to late 20th century. These days we have access to a rotisserie

chicken for meals like this, but I prefer to roast bone-in, skin-on chicken breasts. Roasting them is easy and delivers perfectly juicy chicken every time. Chicken a la King can be served with buttered noodles, rice or puff pastry (specifically puff pastry shells). I had a difficult time finding puff pastry shells so I baked off a sheet of pastry that was cut into four squares. It worked effortlessly. Try this classic recipe, there is a reason it has been around so long.

Chicken a la King	
1 stick of butter	
8oz white mushrooms	
1 medium onion, diced	
1 4oz jar pimentos	
½ cup flour	
½ cup white wine	

1 ½ cups chicken broth
1 cup of milk
1 tsp each, poultry seasoning, garlic powder onion powder
1 chicken bouillon cube
1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper
3 bone in/skin on chicken breasts
1 sheet of puff pastry dough, dethawed
1 egg
Chopped parsley for garnish
Preheat your oven to 375. Start by roasting the chicken breasts. Add olive oil and a generous amount of salt and pepper over top of the chicken. Roast for 40 minutes.



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Remove the skin and shred once cooled. Next, in a large stockpot, add the butter, onion and mushrooms. Saute for 5 minutes and then add the flour. Cook the flour for 3 minutes so the raw taste is cooked out. Add the wine and continue to cook until it’s reduced by half. Next add in the chicken broth, milk, pimentos, bouillon cube and seasonings. The sauce should be a slightly thick consistency. Once everything is combined, add the shredded chicken. Have your oven at 400 and gently roll out the puff pastry. Cut into 4 squares and place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper. Mix up your egg in a small bowl with a tablespoon of water. Brush the egg wash over top of the pastry. I like to sprinkle the pastry with salt and pepper as well. Bake for 15 minutes or until brown, puffed and crispy. Serve the stew in a bowl or a plate and place the puffed pastry over top. Garnish with fresh parsley.



# Unseasonal touring

By any measure, Ezra Pound was a controversial figure, but it was one of his poems that joined forces with the current inclement weather as I hunkered down in my den to suggest you spend this cold period visiting a wine country area. That poem, sanitized here (this is a family publication, after all), is dedicated to the inconvenience of cold, wet areas. “Winter is icummen in/ Lhude sing ---damn / Raineth drop and staineth slop and how the wind doth ramm! / Sing: ---damn. Skiddeth bus and sloppeth us, an ague hath my ham. / Freezeth river, turneth liver ...” it goes on. So, why would I suggest a wine country visit when the conditions are so chillingly challenging? Most people visit wineries in summer, but that means a surfeit of tour-

ists. Driving and parking are tricky, or aggravating; tasting rooms are jammed, and the amount of information you can learn is limited. The sanest time of the year to tour wine country regions is when the tourists have finally fled to the relative safety of rainy or snowy city streets. Napa Valley, the most iconic U.S. wine region, is so difficult to negotiate in summer that I routinely hear from those who have tried to do it. Mainly they complain about the difficulty of getting to the tasting bar; wall-to-wall people; the difficulty of getting restaurant reservations. By now, most such annoyances have cleared out. The relative peace includes the possibility that an actual winemaker may be available for a chat. It’s a time when winery personnel can

take breathers. Making wine is a fascinating process, but in summer everyone is swamped with work. The start of the new year in the Northern hemisphere is a time of comparative calm. And not only at the wineries. All regions’ ancillary services are more available. It’s easier to get a hotel booking, a dinner reservation, a parking space, and a queue-less restroom. To plan a trip for pre-spring periods, here are a few tips: -- Hotels are safe, but for a more enjoyable and adventurous time, try a bed and breakfast. At breakfast you’ll meet other travelers and can share experiences. -- Ask tasting room personnel which wines they have that can be found only at the winery, such as “library wines” -- older



releases that are still available, usually limited. Some wineries have little gems hidden away that they sell at fair prices. Also, many wineries make special wines just for tasting room visitors. -- Rather than lug bottles home, inquire about having the winery ship them for you. Most these days will ship your wines home. -- Always eat a hearty breakfast before going wine tasting in the morning. Consuming alcohol on an empty stomach can be risky. And don’t skip lunch. -- Make use of the spit bucket. Winery personnel won’t think you don’t like the wine. It helps to avoid a citation. -- Plan ahead to see if the wineries you’re planning to visit have picnic areas for lunches -- on the off chance that the weather clears. That allows you to try one of your purchased

wines with local foods from a deli. -- Bring a notebook and take note of wines you tasted. Many will be available near where you live and frequently at a discount. To find out more about Dan Berger and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# Village Olympics



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Sophia Borowski and her dad Mike Borowski team up to play corn hole during The Village Olympics, which took place Feb. 12, and coincided with the Beijing Olympics.



Henry Melville shows off the S'more he made.



Trent Borio roasts a marshmallow to make S'more.



Eva Borowski tries curling with a Frisbee instead of a stone, while her brother, Luke, and her dad, Mike, "brush" the court to help the Frisbee go further.



Ian Sexton shoots hockey pucks to score.



Oliver Miller tries out the football toss.



Max Coats poses with the Olympic slalom sign, where he appears to be flying downhill.



City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak gets ready to place a medal around Allyson McLaughlin's neck.



Josephine and Olivia Fedirko hold up the medal they won by participating in a few of the games at The Village Olympics.



# EVENTS

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17
- » **All the Things**  
Aretha's Jazz Cafe, 8-11 p.m.  
350 Madison.
  - » **Coding with Boomer**  
Zoom, 4:15-5:15 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
  - » **Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
  - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
  - » **D.R.U.G.S. & Scary Kids Scaring Kids: Velocity Records Tour**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 5:30 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
  - » **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
  - » **Marina: Ancient Dreams In A Modern Land Tour**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
  - » **Tween Art Lab - Pastels and Paintin**  
Central Library, All day  
10 Kercheval Ave.
  - » **Storytime with Miss Jane**  
Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org
  - » **Non-Fiction Book Club**  
Zoom, 7-8 p.m.  
grossepointelibrary.org

- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
- » **Digital Marketing Strategies For Small Businesses**  
MotorCity Casino Hotel, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
9009 SE Adams St #1911.
  - » **Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
  - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 7:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
  - » **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6 & 8:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
  - » **Eric Nam: There & Back Again World Tour**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
  - » **Greensky Bluegrass**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
  - » **MEMBA with Fabian Mazur**  
Magic Stick, 9:30 p.m.  
4120 Woodward Ave.
  - » **Music Hall Presents "Tango Argentina"**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
  - » **Tango Argentina**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
- » **Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
  - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 2 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.
  - » **Michael Zaporski**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.
  - » **Marc E. Bassy: Nothing In This World Tour**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
  - » **Sleigh Bells**  
Magic Stick, 8 p.m.  
4120 Woodward Ave.
  - » **TANEC "The Soul of Macedonia"**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
- » **Bridal University**  
Ford Field, 12-4 p.m.  
2000 Brush St.
  - » **Disney On Ice presents Mickey's Search Party**  
Little Caesars Arena, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
  - » **Disney Presents The Lion King (Touring)**  
Detroit Opera House, 1 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
1526 Broadway St.

- » **From Egypt to Now Makers Series: Print-Making**  
Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 3 p.m.  
315 E Warren Ave.
  - » **Greektown Casino Hotel Presents William So**  
Music Hall Center, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison.
  - » **II Divo**  
Fox Theatre, 8 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
  - » **joan**  
The Shelter, 7 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
  - » **Sky Covington**  
Woodbridge Pub 5169 Trumbull, 7:30-11 p.m.  
1970 Yemans.
  - » **William So**  
Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 8 p.m.  
350 Madison St.
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21
- » **Legendz Of The Streetz**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
  - » **The Kid LAROI: End Of The World Tour**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
  - » **Legendz of the Streetz Tour 2022**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.

- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
- » **Dream Theater**  
The Fillmore Detroit, 7 p.m.  
2115 Woodward Ave.
  - » **Grosse Pointe Badminton Association**  
Parcells Middle School, 6:30-8 p.m.  
20600 Mack Ave.
  - » **Jacob Banks North American Tour**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 7 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
  - » **Oklahoma! (Touring)**  
Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
  - » **Read, Rhyme & Play**  
Zoom, 10:30-11 a.m.  
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- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
- » **Detroit Red Wings vs. Philadelphia Flyers**  
Little Caesars Arena, 7:30 p.m.  
2645 Woodward.
  - » **K. Flay The Inside Voices Outside Voices Tour**  
Saint Andrew's Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
431 E Congress St.
  - » **Noah Jackson & Full Circle: Residency & Session**  
Cliff Bell's, 7:30-11 p.m.  
2030 Park Ave.
  - » **Oklahoma! (Touring)**  
Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
2211 Woodward Ave.
  - » **Kathy Kosins**  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, 6:30 p.m.  
97 Kercheval.



# What to do on WINTER BREAK



**Ski** Ready for some slope time? Michigan's got some of the premier top ski spots to schuss the stress away! Check out two of the best Up North destinations on the following pages, where you can plan a fantastic family getaway during your break. Plan a week or a weekend that you'll all remember forever.

Children and parents alike look forward to the kids' school break. Everyone anticipates and fantasizes about this extra family time to plan a much-needed getaway with family or friends, or to just chill out for an enjoyable and relaxing staycation around the house. We've assembled some great ideas to help you maximize the gratification of your winter break.

Whether you want to head for the hills for some Up North skiing, or hang around your home address for family (or grown up) fun, we hope you'll make use of the next few pages of inspiration and tips to make the most of this precious time off, either together or solo. Invest in yourself with health and beauty treatments, upgrade items around your home, or declutter closets to prep for spring — the time is all yours!

## Spa day

Staying local this President's Day holiday? No worries! You can still treat yourself. It's the absolutely perfect time to escape to a spa treatment at Taylor Reese. A mid-winter facial treatment can lift the spirits and the skin. If you can spare a few days of looking a little snake-y, the VI Peel is a great way to refresh and rejuvenate that beautiful face. Treatments are designed to lift pigment, remove sun damage, alleviate acne scarring, and fight fine lines and wrinkles. It's safe for all skin types and shows visible results in as little as seven days. Go, you!





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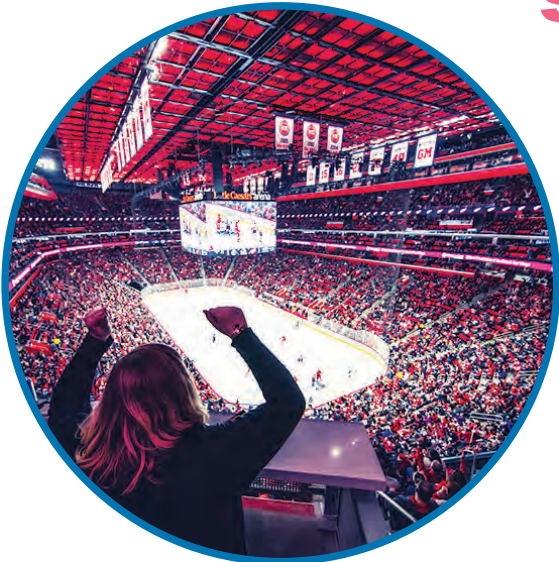
Visit [worldofwintergr.com](http://worldofwintergr.com) for more information.

## Volunteer

Give back to the cutest, fuzziest neighbors ever! There are great volunteer opportunities available at GPAAS (Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society). Radar (pictured here) and his other friends — all up for adoption — would appreciate your help. Participate with dog walking, cat and dog enrichment visits, laundry assistance and pet fostering. Visit [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org) or call (313) 884-1551 for more information or to donate. It's break time well spent and just might earn you a wet kiss on the nose!



## Get Red Wings fever



Take in a Detroit Red Wings game. They're playing the Colorado Avalanche on Wed., Feb. 23 and the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sat., Feb. 26. Both games at 7:30 p.m, Little Caesars Arena. Tickets are available from about \$60 and up at [nhl.com](http://nhl.com).

## Add some sprinkles



Have some kid-friendly fun making and decorating snowflake cookies. Recycle those Christmas cookie cutters — but focus on the snowflakes or trees and decorate them in icy blues and forest greens, with white frosting for snow. Make them early in the week so you can enjoy them all vacation long.



## Go sledding

There's some great sledding all around Grosse Pointe, and knowing some basics will help you get the most out of it.

Dress in layers, even if it seems warm at home, because it may be colder and windier at the top of hills. Invest in a snow helmet to protect the head, Moosejaw on Kercheval has a great selection.

Wait until some (braver or more experienced) sledders have already gone downhill, allowing them to compact the snow, which should make for a smooth ride. Choose hills that are free of bare spots, holes, trees, and obstructions, also ones that do not end abruptly at a road. Hills with a long, flat areas at the end make for easy, safe stopping. Then let 'er go!



Getaways

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Mt. McSaubu offers breathtaking views for snowboarders and skiers.



It's a family-friendly atmosphere at Mt. McSaubu. Partake in lessons to improve skills for all ages.



With beautiful Michigan lake views as a backdrop, it's no wonder Mt. McSaubu is a favorite nationwide.

By Meg Leonard  
Staff Writer

Whether looking to schuss down a double black diamond, snowboard down a crunchy slope or enjoy a delightful fireside drink après-ski, the Mighty Mitten offers endless escapades to choose from, making it easy to enjoy all the chills and thrills a Pure Michigan winter has to offer.

Mt. McSaubu, located in Charlevoix, is a not-so-hidden winter gem that is rated among the top three small ski areas in the country by Ski Magazine. Offering truly affordable family skiing, Mt. McSaubu's lift tickets are nearly five times less than any of the big hills in Northern Michigan.

More than just a ski slope, Mt. McSaubu also boasts a skating rink with a warming cabin on the south side, a lighted sledding hill to the north and a cross-country ski trail behind an impressive dune.

In 1956, a group of 10 dads approached Charlevoix city officials about starting a ski club to give children something to do during the long Northern Michigan winters.

The city donated a steep dune on the north side of town, while the fathers each tossed in \$100 to purchase equipment. That summer, locals pitched dirt to increase the height of their new ski hill, and Mt. McSaubu was born.

When the first snow arrived, legend has it that someone backed up a Ford Model T, deflated a rear tire and rigged a tow rope off of it to pull the mountain's first skiers up the slopes. Outdoor enthusiasts have been skiing at Mt. McSaubu ever since, making it one of the oldest downhill areas in the state. Locals like to call their community hill "Little Nub's Nob."

The Mt. McSaubu recreation area is open to the public during all four seasons. Located at 09223 McSaubu Road, only a short distance to downtown Charlevoix, the property covers 80 acres of prime Lake Michigan sand dunes and has more than a 1/2 mile of pristine beach frontage. The breathtaking panoramic views from the top of the ski hill include all islands to the west, with Harbor Springs, Petoskey and Boyne City to the east.

The ski hill is closed Tuesday and Wednesday, but operates Thursday through Monday during ski season. The ice rink is open from 4-8 p.m. on Mondays. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.cityofcharlevoix.org/331/Mt-McSaubu>.

Mt. McSaubu amenities

- Lighted downhill skiing
- Ten runs
- Four rope tows
- EMT Certified Ski Patrol
- Group and private lessons
- Free 2K lighted and groomed cross country trails
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- Free lighted sledding hill
- Snowmaking and grooming
- Adult lounge and snack bar
- Skating rink
- Equipment rental

Mt. McSaubu hours:

Monday: 4 - 8 PM  
Tuesday: CLOSED  
Wednesday: CLOSED  
Thursday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon - 4 p.m.



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# OTSEGO RESORT



Lexie Donaldson and Maddie Metzger head to the mountaintop for a good run and a day of snow, sun and fun on one of Otsego Resorts five ski lifts, including a high-speed quad lift and a handle tow lift.

## Relaxation and winter fun form a perfect pair

### Otsego Resort amenities

Why Otsego Resort?

- 32 ski runs
- 5 chair lifts
- A high-speed quad lift
- A handle tow lift
- New snowmaking and snow grooming for both alpine and Nordic ski trails
- 3 terrain parks for snowboarders
- 6.2 miles of marked cross country trails for Nordic skiers
- Ski, snowboard and snowshoe rentals

### Otsego Resort president’s week hours:

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday: CLOSED  
Wednesday: 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Friday: 2 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

By Meg Leonard  
Staff Writer

Located near I-75 in Gaylord, Mich., Otsego Resort is just a quick trip from Grosse Pointe, and provides the perfect spot for families to spend quality time together. Open since 1939, the resort’s skiing and snowboarding combined with its restaurants and lodging make it a special Northern Michigan experience.

With the addition of a three-lane tubing run, snowshoe adventures and cross country skiing, Otsego Resort offers variety and fun for everyone seeking adventure – not just skiers. Many lodging and lift ticket options are available, including skiing for kids six and under for \$5-10 for both one-day and two-day lift tickets.

No matter what activities you enjoy, no day at Otsego would be complete without stopping by the River Cabin. Here, guests can enjoy the beautiful Sturgeon River while warming up by the fire and grabbing a snack or nice glass of wine to end a day well spent.

The resort’s elevation is the highest point in the famed Northern Michigan “Snow Belt,” which assures exceptional skiing throughout the season. For more information, visit Otsego Resort’s website at <https://www.otsego-club.com/> to plan your next visit.



Katherine Cotton and Kiki Donaldson warm up near the fire at Otsego Resort’s lodge.



It’s fresh air and fresh powder for Lexie Donaldson and Grosse Pointer Maddie Metzger.



Group shot! The Donaldson family, Peace family and friends gather for a photo opp to capture some of the good memories they’ve all shared on a recent family-and-friends trip to Otsego Resort in Gaylord.



Snow bunnies just want to have fun! Friends from the Donaldson party enjoy laughs on the slopes.



# Make the most of your time off...

Keep the staycation going! Enjoy the moment with a relaxing massage or update and organize cabinets and closets to make the rest of the year easier. Get your groove on at a local concert or create your own movie binge adventure. There's so much you can do! Check out some of these cool ideas to maximize your winter break...



**Ahhhh...yes!**

Whatever else you do, make time for a nice, long massage. Nothing refreshes and rejuvenates like a Swedish or deep-tissue muscle massage. Massage Green, in Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores, will take your cares away and leave you ready to take on the rest of your staycation. Check out their full line of massage services and choose the right one for you.



## A fancy meal

Treat the whole crew to a fancy dress up dinner at home! Have everyone dress up formally, play classy music, use candlelight and pull out your finest china...Or treat yourself to some pretty new dishes like these from The League Shop. Life is meant to be enjoyed, so use the extra kid time to show them how to plan the dinner menu, set the table and choose the music. It's a great teaching moment to brush up on proper table settings and practicing fine dining etiquette—the fun way! The League Shop can guide you all the way.

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# Upgrade

Overhaul your day-to-day dinnerware and finally be free of all those chipped pieces! Organize your cupboards and fill them with updated dishes and drinkware from The League Shop. Start the new season off right with fresh new settings that put pizzazz back into mealtimes all year round.



# Movie marathon

Load up on popcorn and line up your family favorites. Animation? Drama? Horror? Rom-com? Let each family member pick their favorite and make some time afterward to share why they love it — and for the rest of the family to comment. Only rule: No bad reviews. Everyone gets to share what they liked about the film, as a show of bonding and support for each other person in the family. A little positive TLC will create lifetime memories and lasting good feelings.



# Dua Lipa

Move your feet to the beat and keep warm at Little Caesars Arena for her chart-topping 'Future Nostalgia' club vibes at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25. Tickets still available, starting at around \$60.

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# We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



## Muddy paws don't stand a chance against the Dogness Dog Paw Cleaner

OK, I'll admit I probably spoil my dog a little too much. He routinely sits in the front seat of the car when I'm driving around town, makes himself comfortable on every couch and bed in the house and enjoys kitchen scraps on a regular basis.

While I don't mind letting him live his best life, one thing I'm not cool with is the trail of muddy footprints that spreads all over the house the moment he walks through the back door.

This time of year, my dog's paws are pretty filthy every time he wants to come inside. The melting snow mixed with muddy corners of the backyard create the perfect environment for wet and dirty dog paws.

Somehow, he manages to sneak past all of us without getting his paws wiped and I end up chasing him around the house with a gross towel to save the carpets.

He's so cute that this rarely bothers me, but I still felt like there probably was a better solution to this problem.

After looking up a few things online, I saw the Dogness Dog Paw Cleaner. It had five-star reviews on Amazon and was able to ship to my house the next morning, so obviously I had to try it.

This paw cleaner looks like a canister with silicone bristles inside

of it. Essentially, users fill the paw-washer cup with water and shampoo, insert a pet's paw into the container and press the button. The soft silicone bristles spin to wash away any dirt and grime quickly and easily. The bristles are super soft, yet also durable.

My pet didn't seem to mind the process at all and sat perfectly still until he had four clean paws.

I will say this also is marketed as a dog massager

and that will never happen at my house. We do not have time for that! Also, half the time I just put water in it without dog shampoo in the interest of time and it still works quite well. After washing, I used a towel to remove any excess water and my dog was good to go.

The Dogness Dog Paw Cleaner is small, easy to store and charges using a USB cord. Being that my pet seems to actually enjoy getting his paws cleaned with this machine, I highly recommend this product because I know it is something we

will continue to use throughout the year.

We give this product five out of five alligators, because it effectively solves a never-ending problem for pet owners and is useful during every season of Michigan weather.



5 Out Of 5



**MOVIE REVIEW**  
"Columbus"  
2017 - Not Rated  
1 hr 44min

If you're looking for an action-packed thriller, you'll probably have to take a pass on this one. Viewing "Columbus", the first full-length feature film from the talented Korean writer/director Kogonada, is an almost Zen-like experience. It has a gentle and graceful pace to it that I found quite soothing.



Haley Lu Richardson.

The film features a beautifully nuanced performance from Haley Lu Richardson, known for "The Edge of Seventeen" and "Five Feet Apart", which I reviewed in this column a few months ago. This young actress has truly arrived—look out for her to shine in the next few years.

The film is set in Columbus, a small town of some 50,000 souls in southern Indiana. Casey (Richardson) is a serious young woman and we first encounter her at her job in a library.

She strikes up a friendship with her coworker Gabriel (Rory Culkin), and the two share many a smart repartee on a wide range of topics including reading, video games, and attention spans. He warns her not to get an MLS degree, as

he feels it's one of the most useless degrees one can have. I beg to differ—I feel librarians are just about the most knowledgeable and helpful people I know!

Casey has a deep love for architecture, which is fortunate because Columbus is home to some remarkable build-

ings by noteworthy architects including Deborah Berke, Eero Saarinen, and James Stewart Polshek. In a way, the Mid-Century Modern structures act as characters in this engaging story.

One day she bumps into Jin (John Cho), a Korean man who's stuck in town, looking after his father, a professor of architecture who is in a coma. I appreciated that while the two spent quite a bit of time together, they didn't get romantically involved. It made for a much more interesting tale.

The always-delightful Parker Posey plays a supporting role as Jin's father's assistant.

Jin has a marginal interest in architecture, but when Casey takes him around and introduces him to her favorite buildings, he becomes intrigued. She shares her love and passion with him, and at several points in the film, their paths cross with organized tour groups, and we hear interesting tidbits of the docent's lecture. It's almost a tease that makes you want to do some research of your own.

In the course of the movie, both Gabriel and Jin encourage Casey to follow her dream and go



back to school.

While Casey is passionate about architecture, and has been invited to go out east and further her studies, she's torn. She feels obligated to stay home and take care of her mother Maria (Michelle Forbes), who is a recovering drug addict.

Maria is a hard-working woman and the two have an easy friendship. Her drug problems are the result of terrible relationships with ill-suited partners. She also wants Casey to go out into the world and get a college degree.

As I mentioned earlier, the buildings act as supporting characters in this film. Much of the credit should be given to Kogonada. He treats each shot of the exteriors and interiors of the buildings with love and care and a true artist's sense of composition. Almost every shot is perfectly balanced and could make a stunning painting. The cinematography adds to the sense of calm and tranquility of the movie. I look forward to seeing Mr. Kogonada's next movies. If "Columbus" is any indication, they should be outstanding.

Streaming on Kanopy (for free with your library card), the Roku Channel, Amazon Prime, and other services.

★★ So-so. Not a total waste of time, but you would have been better off reading a good book.

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

**About this column:**  
My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both main-



stream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix, Hoopla, and Kanopy. I'll also review noteworthy new theatrical releases as well.

For movie trailers, visit [youtube.com](https://youtube.com). If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [domin-mark@yahoo.com](mailto:domin-mark@yahoo.com). Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](https://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).



Left, Haley Lu Richardson as Casey and John Cho as Jin.

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Classic  
Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am the mother of a very confused 5-year-old boy. His father and I are divorced, and we both have remarried. My new husband loves “Timmy” and is a wonderful father to him. Thanks to his encouragement and generosity, he has helped me be more supportive of Timmy’s relationship with his father.

I have tried to be kind to Timmy’s father and stepmother, and have gone out of my way to accommodate their schedules. We have even loaned them money to help pay some bills. I do this because I love my son.

Ann, my son’s stepmother has lied to him and to us repeatedly, and I do not know what to do anymore.

She signed Timmy up for soccer, but neglected to tell us, and we missed his first practice. She then told the other parents that we obviously didn’t care about Timmy, or we would have shown up.

She has also lied about how Timmy is doing in school. She says he has reading problems and is in remedial classes, which is absolutely untrue. Timmy is a bright little boy and is doing very well.

She encourages him to keep secrets from us and tells him we are not nice people and that he doesn’t have to do what we tell him.

Ann, Timmy loves his father and is trying to develop a good relationship with his stepmother. We do not want to make him unhappy, but I think all this deception is taking

its toll. I don’t want to prevent Timmy from seeing his father, but my ex-husband refuses to do anything to help. He lets his wife handle everything concerning Timmy, and as you can see, she does not have his best interests at heart.

I don’t want to see my son hurt, but I don’t know what to do to make things better. I am angry and upset and worried. Please advise. -- A Mom in Ohio

**Dear Ohio Mom:** You must meet with your former husband and an experienced counselor, who will spell out for him exactly what is happening. The child is the victim here, and your ex-husband can and should save him. Unfortunately, your ex-husband’s new wife appears to be vindictive and destructive.

If there is a chance that you can change the visitation and custody arrangements without going through messy court proceedings, you should consider it. If your former husband is willing to do this for the boy’s sake, it might be an excellent solution to the problem.

Good luck, dear. I hope you succeed. If you do, everybody wins.

**Dear Ann Landers:** Please tell the grandparents in your reading audience to cultivate a warm and loving relationship with their grandchildren before it is too late.

I have a 9-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter. We visit my mother every

week, but I’m about ready to call it quits.

Every time we get together, Grandma picks on my daughter and totally ignores my son. She feels it is her place to correct and discipline them.

My children’s behavior is fine, Ann. They are good kids and well-behaved. My mother freaks out over issues that make very little sense and bother no one but her.

Mom doesn’t seem to realize that she is going to leave my children no happy memories of their grandmother. The way things stand now, they don’t want to be around her because she is always “bossing them around.” I love Mom dearly, but frankly, I do not LIKE her. I wish my children could enjoy having a grandmother, but this doesn’t seem possible. Please, Ann, I know she reads you every day. Maybe if she sees this in the newspaper, it will help. -- J.W. in Southern Calif.

**Dear Southern Calif:** I doubt that reading your letter in the paper will change Grandma’s behavior. She sounds pretty set in her ways, but it’s worth a shot.

For her sake, I hope she can stand back and view her situation with a bit more objectivity. The message, Grandma, is: “Don’t try to train them. Just love them.”

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Royal Stars  
Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022: You are success-oriented, which is why your career and job are important to you. You work hard and you get results! You have an amazing ability to overcome obstacles. This year is a year of learning and teaching for you. You also might renew your spiritual or religious beliefs.

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

Something will truly inspire you today. It could be a quiet epiphany that you have or a revelation about something. Perhaps you will explore or get in touch with deeper aspects of a belief system, religion or spirituality, because something profound will be revealed to you today. Tonight: Get organized.

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

Today you might feel suddenly popular for some reason! Or perhaps, if you are involved with a club or an organization, this group might suddenly expand or take a new direction that is exciting for everyone. Some of you might be excited about ambitious new goals. Tonight: Socialize!

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

Your reputation might suddenly get a fabulous lift today! (Or it might happen this week.) You might get a promotion, a commendation, some kind of recommendation, prize or acknowledgment for your efforts. Whatever the case, your reputation is shining! Take a bow. Tonight: Home improvements.

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

Surprise opportunities to travel might fall in your lap. Or you might do something to expand your world. Perhaps you have a chance to get further education or training. Others might get an unexpected legal or medical benefit. Tonight: Learn or teach.

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

Life feels good right now because unexpected financial support or practical support from others will come your way. Some might inherit. Some might get money from the government. You definitely can benefit from the wealth and resources of someone else or another institution. Yay! Tonight: Boost your income.

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

Relationships are full of surprises lately, but they are positive surprises. Some of you might meet someone exciting who will become a long-term friend or partner. Others might benefit indirectly through an existing friend or partner. Good things are waiting for you. Tonight: You win!

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

Something surprising or unexpected will benefit you through your job, your work or what you do every day. Work-related travel might be a bonus. You might get a raise or improve your job. You might find a better job. Good news about your health or a pet might lift your spirits. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

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

Positive news about something might delight you today or this week. You might have a chance for a sudden and unexpected vacation. Or this perk could

relate to a social occasion, fun invitation, budding romance or something to do with the arts. It might be good news about your kids. Tonight: Talk to friends.

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

You might be delighted because you have a sudden chance to improve your home or find a better home. Others will be thrilled with good news relating to family matters. Whatever it is, it will make you happy! This is a favorable day for real-estate deals. Tonight: You shine!

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

Things are looking up! Mars in your sign gives you energy. Venus in your sign makes you charming. And today something will happen – perhaps through a relative, sibling or daily contact – that really boosts your spirits! It’s time to alphabetize your blessings. Tonight: Explore!

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

Something looks good, financially speaking. Today you might get on the money train. Look for ways to boost your income. Welcome opportunities for a raise or a better-paying job. This is a favorable time for you to increase your wealth. Ka-ching! Tonight: Check your finances.

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

Lucky you! Lucky Jupiter is in your sign for the first time since 2010. Today it lines up with unpredictable Uranus, which means unexpected favors and good fortune might suddenly come your way. This could manifest in many ways, but it will be positive! Tonight: Cooperate with others.

**BORN TODAY**

Singer Ed Sheeran (1991), actress Rene Russo (1954), basketball player Michael Jordan (1963).

Chevrolet Silverado EV makes commercial debut at big game

**DETROIT, Mich.—** The first-ever Chevy Silverado EV made its commercial debut during the big game in “New Generation,” a modernized version of the opening sequence from the classic show “The Sopranos.”

The HBO series, which aired from 1999 to 2007, has experienced a resurgence in popularity over the last two years, as original fans rediscover the hit series and a new generation of viewers dive into the drama. In the original title sequence, Tony Soprano drove a 1999 Chevy Suburban from Manhattan to New Jersey. Chevy updated the widely recognized opener with modern interpretations. Notably, these include Tony’s daughter, Meadow, driving

the 2024 Silverado EV. “This spot is about taking a nontraditional approach for a nontraditional electric truck,” said Steve Majoros, vice president of Chevrolet Marketing. “The Silverado EV redefines our best-selling nameplate, while the spot envisions what the next generation of ‘The Sopranos’ might look like today. The spot cements the Silverado EV’s position within American culture.”

“New Generation” features updated and optimistic interpretations from the original driving scene, including Jamie-Lynn Sigler who played Meadow with a lollipop instead of Tony smoking a cigar, a happy reunion between Meadow and Robert Iler who played her brother A.J., and

Meadow using the Silverado EV’s Four-Wheel Steer technology, which helps make parking maneuvers much easier.

The spot highlights several key features of the first-ever Silverado EV, which is expected to offer a GM-estimated 400 miles of all-electric range on a full charge, four-wheel steering, available 17-inch diagonal LCD freeform infotainment screen, available 11-inch diagonal reconfigurable driver instrument display, available fixed-glass roof and available 24-inch wheels.

In spring 2023, the Silverado EV will debut a WT model. In fall 2023, the fully loaded RST First Edition model will debut. Reservations for the Chevrolet Silverado EV are available now at Chevrolet.com.



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Contract Bridge

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♠ K 10 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K 10 6 2  
♣ J 10 9 4

**WEST**

♠ 8 7 6 5 2  
♥ 4  
♦ Q 9 5  
♣ A K 6 5

**EAST**

♠ Q J 9  
♥ Q 9 6 3  
♦ J 7 4 3  
♣ 8 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A 4  
♥ A K J 10 8 5  
♦ A 8  
♣ Q 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♥			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

There are many ways a declarer can try to ferret out information that is critical to the success of his contract. Most of these are standard operating procedure on every deal, such as referring to the opposing bidding or drawing the proper inference from the opening lead. Once in a while, though, a declarer has to exercise a bit of ingenuity to find out what he needs to know.

Consider this case where South was in four hearts and West led the K-A

and another club. After ruffing the third club, East exited with the queen of spades, taken by declarer with the ace. South then cashed the ace of hearts and, after everyone followed low, had to decide what to do next.

There were two choices: He could continue with the king of hearts, hoping that East had originally held any three hearts — in which case the queen would now fall — or he could cross to dummy and take a heart finesse, in effect assuming that East had started with the Q-9-6-3.

Percentage-wise, this was a very close proposition, but South found a way to resolve the issue without resorting to guesswork. At trick six, he led a diamond to the king and then played the jack of clubs!

Without giving the matter much thought, East ruffed to prevent a discard and thus solved declarer’s problem. But even if East had not ruffed, South could discard the diamond ace and then lead a trump. After East followed with the nine, it would not have been difficult to diagnose why East had refused to ruff the previous trick.

Purists might argue that an alert East who started with the 9-6-3 of hearts could lure South into going wrong by refusing to ruff the jack of clubs with the singleton nine of hearts. But since most defenders would probably not make this play, the recommended approach is superior to subjecting oneself to an outright guess.

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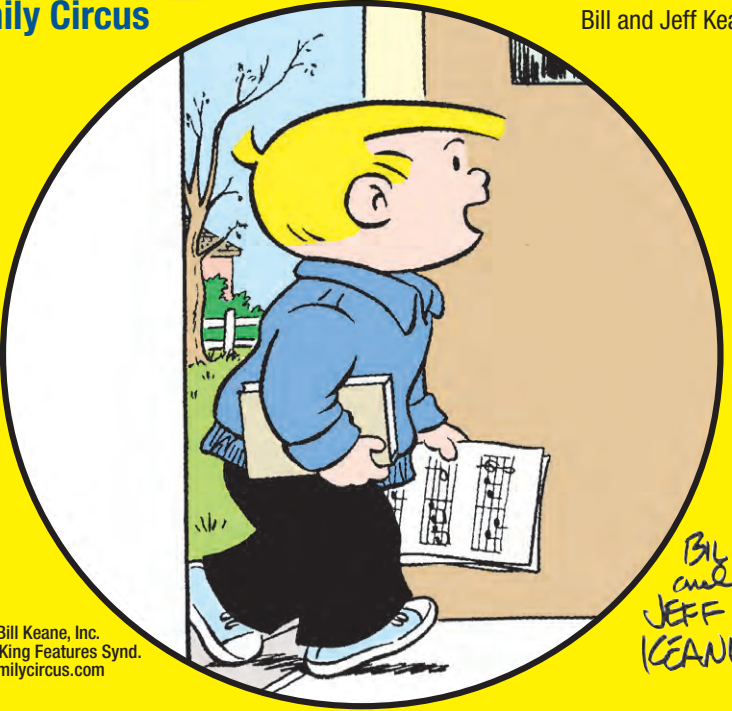
by Steve Becker



# Puzzles and

## Family Circus

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"Wouldn't it be easier if you didn't cut yourself?"

## Garfield

Jim Davis



## Dilbert

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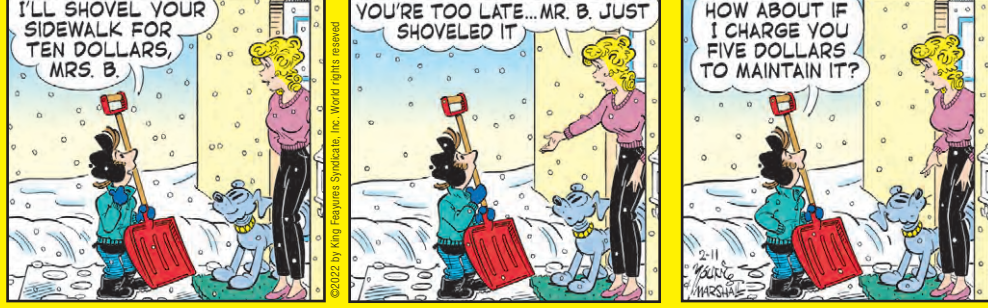
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Greg and Mort Walker



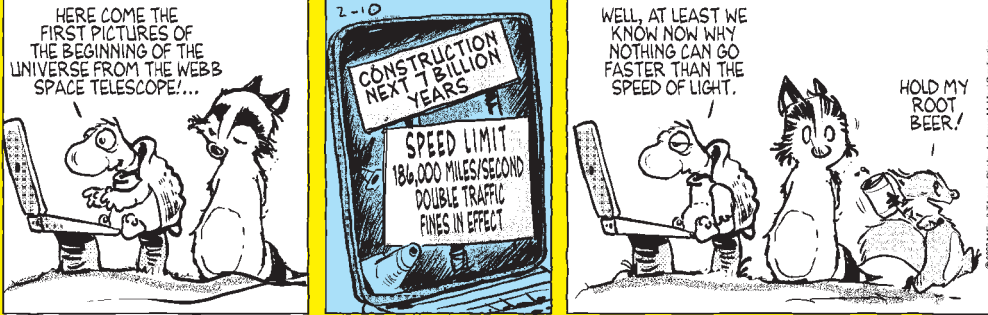
## Blondie

Chris and Dean Young



## Over The Hedge

Michael Fry and T. Lewis



## Andy Capp

Reg Smythe



## Wizard of Id

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



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson

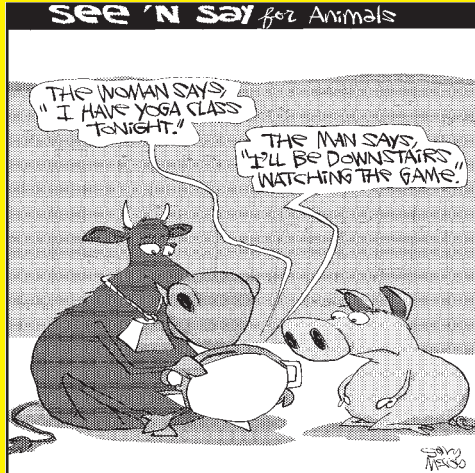
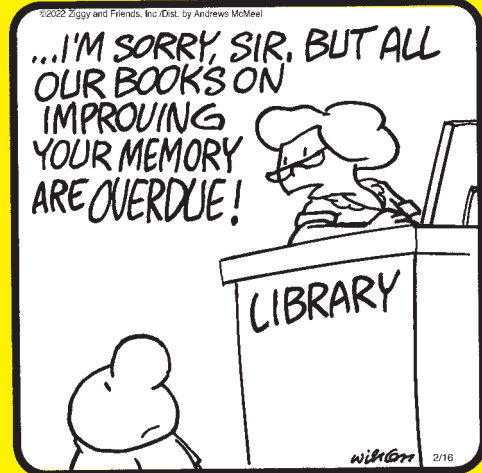


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

2/17

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg February 17, 2022

### ACROSS

- Shoot an air ball, perhaps
- Airport vehicles
- Black jack, half the time
- Wild way to run
- Tons
- Come about
- Garment worn in Bengaluru
- Regan's regal father
- West pointers, sometimes?
- Dry run of a precollege exam
- Strive (for)
- Took a risk
- Radiologists' imaging devices
- Just \_\_\_ water
- Drag queens' neckwear
- Down Under hopper
- Undesirable low interest?
- In a position to help
- Dog collar attachment
- Skin concern for a teen
- Head lock?
- Brew that may be hazy
- Let off steam
- Largest ethnic group in China
- Moment of liftoff, usually
- Tire or escalator part

### DOWN

- Dough for tamales
- Big Apple purchase?
- Put into groups
- Tickets to access the slopes
- Fried squid dish
- Name that anagrams to "Clea"
- Word after "life" or "dream"
- Big step
- Fruit-shipment box in China
- One may do the Macarena
- Slicing and dicing, e.g., for a knife

### ACROSS

- Inferior to none
- Opposed (to)
- "Flair Drip" (2018 rap hit)
- Toy that may be remote-controlled
- Snake with a hood
- Grade school variety performance
- Nonverbally agree
- Out of office
- "I haven't the faintest idea"
- Food regimen
- Relaxing soak
- Practice self-absorbed introspection
- Kwik-E-Mart operator
- Saturn, for one

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# Comics

Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



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WHY DON'T YOU SURPRISE ME SOMETIME, AND LEAVE ME ALONE?






SOME SURPRISES ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS

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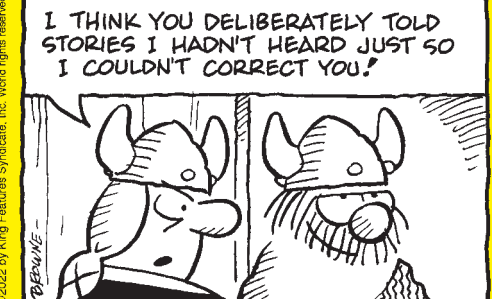
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Tony Carriolo



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## Unified basketball spreads the joy of sports

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The joys of high school sports are part of what makes a community like the Pointes special. Experiencing the highs of victory, the lows of defeat and the importance of teamwork are aspects of high school athletics in which every student should get a chance to take part. Thanks to the growth of unified basketball, more students now are getting the opportunity to be part of a team.

Coed unified basketball at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Unified basketball teams at North and South provide opportunities for special needs students to get the experience of being varsity athletes.

South began just a couple of years ago. The programs provide the opportunity for high school students with special needs to get the variety athlete experience. With practices and games both at home and away in front of packed gyms, unified basketball is quickly becoming the real deal.

“This is a fairly new program available to high schools anywhere,” said Steve Zaranek, one of the coaches for South’s unified basketball team. “The idea is to get kids with special needs involved in sports at a competitive but fun level.

... With the support of principals from North and South and from the board office, we got this program going. There are a few high schools in the area who do the same thing, so we were able to develop a basketball schedule with home and away games.”

Zaranek coaches the team at South alongside fellow faculty member Kathy Smith. The programs also were built with help from Grosse Pointe Public School System Director of Student Services Stefanie Hayes.

The first season was completed a couple of years ago, just before the start of the pandemic. COVID caused a second season to be put on hold until this winter, but the teams have been back on the court in recent months, taking on schools from around metro Detroit and each other in their own North vs. South rivalry showdown.

Scores are kept and games are played with officials as players take the court of the main gyms in the same fashion as other varsity basketball teams. Those gyms often are filled with fans from around the community. Parents, faculty, students and others have helped grow the support

of unified basketball at North and South — support that makes the unified basketball experience truly meaningful.

“The support that’s been at these games gives you a lot of faith as a coach or parent or community member in our young people in the schools, seeing them come out to share this experience,” Zaranek said. “To have fans there of all ages mainly from our community means the world to them. It makes it exciting and puts emphasis on what we’re trying to accomplish.”

A major part of the unified basketball experience is teamwork. Students with special needs at North and South get to form a team of their own and grow together through practices and games. Having unified basketball teams helps spread the lessons and values learned in high school sports to a whole new group of student athletes.

“The kids learn how to work together in a team environment,” Zaranek said. “Each time we get together we can see their social skills improving and a camaraderie developing. Sportsmanship is really well displayed by the kids and their knowl-



Students and fans in the stands at South when the Blue Devils’ unified basketball team hosted North.

edge of the game is enhanced. Most importantly, these friendships are developed with huge smiles and hard work.”

Along with North and South playing against each other, both unified basketball teams have schedules that include similar teams from different schools around the area. South’s team has played games against Clawson, Bloomfield Hills and Sterling Heights.

“The program has huge potential in the metro Detroit area,” he said. “COVID prevented a few schools who had the potential to start programs from having the chance to travel and that sort of thing. Hopefully next year, instead of just about five schools partic-

ipating, that could double or even triple and we can play additional games to lengthen the season and keep the entire overall program growing.”

As the trend of unified basketball continues to grow, the amount of communities embracing programs like the Pointes could grow as well. The fans, atmosphere and fun give unified basketball games the feeling of high school athletics in its purest form.

“It’s the true nature of high school sports,” Zaranek said. “We do keep score, but what we see is an attitude that’s very positive and a lot of effort — both disappointment and joy — and we see them very proudly wearing the South and North jerseys.”

## Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

At the MAC Blue, Gold and Silver league meet earlier this month, Michael Salvador was finally able to achieve one of the biggest goals of his wrestling career. The Grosse Pointe North junior had his arm raised as the league champion in the 152-pound weight class, a milestone victory to mark how far he has come in the sport.

Salvador began wrestling shortly before high school and joined the team at North as a freshman. It has been a long journey from where he started a couple of seasons ago to now being a league champion. For Salvador, he recognizes the moment when his career changed and he thanks his teammates, coaches and family for helping him continue to grow.

“After freshman year districts I felt kind of sick of being average, so I worked with my team-

mates at the time,” Salvador said. “My dad helped me a lot in the offseason and helped get me to finish sixth in freestyle states. He took a lot of time out of his day to get me to practice.”

Salvador now serves as one of the captains of the Norsemen during his junior season. Much of his drive for leadership comes from the example set by those teammates who helped teach him

makes sure to honor. He is always eager to help his teammates grow and learn, knowing that their improvement and his own can only bring up the entire team. It is seeing his teammates succeed that brings Salvador the most joy from being a captain.

“I see myself as someone people can look up to no matter how uncomfortable things get in the room,” he said. “Being able to know a move during drills and teach kids, then seeing them hit it in a match, it really means a lot to see my teammates learn.”

A true leader, Salvador always enjoys seeing his teammates be victorious. His own victory in the recent MAC league meet was a major milestone for him and the

team at North. Salvador moved up a weight class for the tournament, forcing himself to work even harder to take down opponents who might be bigger than him. The challenge was met with ease and resulted in a landmark tournament title.

“It’s one of the first tournaments I’ve ever really won and I was able to win it in dominant fashion,” Salvador said.

Like any athlete who gets a big win, Salvador knows the hard work of his coaches played a big part in helping him achieve it. The coaches at North who have been with Salvador during his high school career, like Jacob Girard, have had an impact on him both in the sport of wrestling and in life. Having coaches like Girard there to help him improve as an athlete, student and individual makes his experience on the team even more special.

“He’s helped me in the offseason and talked to me,” Salvador said. “We talk about life and he’s



COURTESY PHOTO

Michael Salvador was champion of the 152-pound weight class at the MAC Blue, Gold, and Silver meet.

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**Michael Salvador**

School: Grosse Pointe North  
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the last couple of years. Leadership and being a captain come with plenty of responsibilities, which Salvador

teammates be victorious. His own victory in the recent MAC league meet was a major milestone for him and the

helped me grow my mindset. He’s a tough coach but an open book. I listen to him and he listens to me. He’s helped me really grow as a person, not just as a wrestler.”

Being able to move up in weight class and still be victorious is a testament to Salvador’s work ethic and his competitiveness. He constantly is focused on out-working his opponents and never letting anyone get an edge on him both physically and mentally.

At the end of the day, Salvador wants to go up against the best. He knows how hard his teammates, coaches,

family and himself have worked to help him improve throughout his wrestling career. It is that support that makes Salvador want to show his appreciation by being victorious.

“I’m preparing by trying to go to states and be champion,” he said. “I want to test myself against the best and I look forward to getting to step on the mat at Ford Field and see everyone who helped me work and get to that point and do the best I can for them.”

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# Missed chances cost South against Warriors

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

In the game of hockey, sometimes the puck just does not bounce the way one would like it to. That was largely the case for the Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team last Thursday night when hosting Brother Rice. Missed chances on breakaways and open nets ended up costing the Blue Devils in a game that saw them go toe to toe with one of the top 10 teams in the state, but eventually fall 4-2.

“We competed and did enough to win the game, but we made mistakes and good teams capitalize on mistakes,” South coach Brandon Contratto said following the loss. “We had the chances.

The puck was bouncing and just couldn’t find the back of the net sometimes.”

The puck bouncing not quite in the favor of the Blue Devils seemed to make a big difference in a game that was tightly contested throughout the evening. Both sides began the game looking evenly matched. With about four minutes remaining in the opening period, Brother Rice struck first and the Warriors took a 1-0 lead into the locker room.

That one-goal lead remained in place for Brother Rice until nearly 10 minutes into period two when the Warriors were able to extend it. However, the Blue Devils finally were able to strike back a couple minutes

later. Paul Therriault found the back of the net for South to cut the deficit back down to just one goal, where it would stay entering the third period.



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKENNA

Sophomore Paul Therriault scored both of South’s goals in a 4-2 loss against Brother Rice on Thursday.

Brother Rice made it a two-goal game once again by scoring early in

the third period. The score remained locked at 3-1 much of the final frame as South searched for a way to mount a comeback.

It was Therriault again who came up in the clutch for the Blue

Devils. The sophomore scored his second goal of the night with just under five minutes remaining to pull South back within one.

“He’s an offensive player and we’ve been working a lot with him because he has a high hockey IQ,” Contratto said about Therriault after the sophomore scored twice Thursday. “He’s really beginning to turn himself into a two-way player and I think it’s paying off in the offensive zone. He has goal-scoring ability with a great shot and is a big part of the future of this team.”

With the clock winding down and still trailing by one, South fought desperately to tie the game. The Blue Devils pulled

goalie Dougie Cowan, who put on a strong display in net with some impressive saves despite the loss, to gain the extra man advantage in the last moments of regulation. The risk of pulling Cowan did not pay off as the Warriors scored on the empty net to cement their 4-2 victory.

South followed the loss with another tough test Saturday night against Riverview Gabriel Richard. The Blue Devils fought hard in another close matchup with the No. 2 ranked Pioneers, but came up short, losing 4-3. They host Lake Orion Thursday in the final game of the regular season, then face Detroit Country Day to open the playoffs Monday.



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Three athletes from Grosse Pointe North signed letters last week to make their college commitments official. From left: Jake Tedesco (University of Dayton, Baseball), Will Pflaum (Madonna Univesity, Baseball) and Andrew Sliwinski (Siena Heights University, Men’s Volleyball).

# North’s streak snapped by Cougars

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The 2021-22 season has been filled with impressive feats for the Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team. Perhaps the biggest could be a 12-game winning streak that helped the Norsemen secure a MAC Red division title as the final weeks of the regular season approach. That winning streak stretched from Dec. 9 all the way to last Thursday, when North took its first loss of the 2022 calendar year by falling to Dakota 43-31.

Offense was difficult to find for both sides early in Thursday’s game. North particularly struggled to find

the basket in the opening quarter, not breaking onto the scoreboard until six minutes into the game. That basket provided the only two points the Norsemen managed to get in the first quarter as Dakota held a 7-2 lead heading into the second.

Things remained mostly defensive in the second quarter, but North was able to put a small run together before halftime. The Norsemen managed to knot the game at 11 in the late minutes of the second quarter, but the Cougars pulled back ahead and took a three-point lead going into the break.

The second half continued the defensive

trend of the first. Both North and Dakota combined for just 11 points in the third quarter, with the slight advantage remaining on the side of the Cougars. Dakota’s three-point lead from halftime stretched to four points at 22-18 entering the fourth and final quarter.

The fourth quarter ended up being the most offensively productive quarter for both sides. The Cougars remained on a faster pace than North and managed to pull away late for the win.

Annabel Ayrault was the only Norsemen to reach double-digit points in Thursday’s loss, scoring 10. Natalie Babcock also finished high on the stat sheet with nine points.

Despite suffering its first loss in two months, North still looks strong as the playoffs are just weeks away.

The Norsemen can officially call themselves 2022 MAC Red champions, having recovered from the loss to Dakota with a 48-28 win over Eisenhower on Monday. Next up, North faces MAC White champs L’Anse Creuse North in the MAC Tournament Saturday afternoon at Fitzgerald High School.



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

Natalie Babcock scored 9 points for North against Dakota.

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5:30 pm Boys JV Basketball MAC Tourney @Main Gym  
5:30 pm Boys Varsity Ice Hockey vs. Lake Orion  
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7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball MAC Tourney @Main Gym

**Saturday, February 19**  
12 pm Boys Varsity Swim & Dive vs. U of D Jesuit @Boll Athletic Center

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7 pm Boys Varsity Basketball MAC Tourney @Main Gym

**Wednesday, February 23**  
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# Knights rally for win over Warriors

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

The University Liggett School boys basketball team saw its six-game winning streak snap last week with a loss to Everest Collegiate. On Friday, the Knights hosted Lutheran Westland and looked to get back in the win column. Liggett spent a good amount of time looking as though it might be headed for a second defeat in a row, but the Knights completed a second-half rally and pulled off a narrow 50-46 win.

Friday night's first quarter was an early indication of how tightly contested the game would be. The Knights and Warriors went back and forth in the opening eight minutes, ending the quarter with Lutheran Westland up one point, 12-11.

Both teams again looked evenly matched in the second quarter. They traded baskets, with Liggett able to jump out to a narrow lead. The Warriors ended the quarter with an 11-2 scoring run, however, and managed to carry a 26-20

lead into the halftime locker room.

The momentum seemed to stay in favor of Lutheran Westland following the break. In the third quarter, the Warriors extended their lead to as much as 13 points before Liggett was able to mount a rally. Big shots finally began to fall for the Knights late in the third and they were able to go on a run of their own. Liggett managed to cut the deficit from as high as 13 down to just three by the time the final quarter came around.

Momentum switched to the Knights, who were able to regain the lead in the opening minute of the fourth quarter by going ahead 41-40. The game went back to being a closely contested fight on the way to an exciting finish. The final quarter ended up being a bit more defensive than much of the rest of the game, but Liggett was able to hold on for a close four-point win.

"Tuning in our defense was the main focus at halftime," said Knights assistant coach Juwan Harper, who assumed head coaching duties for

the evening. "We run on our defense. We have shot makers and can play offense, but it all starts on defense. Once we got the defense clicking, everything else started clicking."

Liggett was led by Jarren Purify, who scored 13 points to help the Knights to victory. Preston Barr and Alex George were next, scoring 12 apiece. Purify and George stood out, especially during Liggett's rally to comeback in the second half, showcasing their abilities as leaders.

"Leadership is what we've been preaching all year," Harper said, "especially those two since they're veterans on the team. Everybody else follows their lead and once they got that through their heads, Jarren came out and played good defense and Alex hit shots and everything else followed."

The Knights have a few games remaining in the regular season before gearing up for the playoffs. They are on the road Thursday night to face Lutheran North, then take on Bishop Foley Saturday afternoon in the CHSL tournament.

# Norsemen bounce back, defeat Mott

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Before last Wednesday night, the month of February had not gotten off to an ideal start for the Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team. The Norsemen entered Wednesday night's game against Warren Mott on a three-game losing streak, including a 60-35 loss to Romeo a couple of nights before which head coach Andy Ayrault described as particularly hard. North was in search of a much-needed win against the Marauders to restore momentum as the playoffs approach — and got just that with a 43-34 victory.

Things started a bit slow for both sides, with turnovers and difficulties scoring affecting both teams. The Norsemen eventually were able to find some rhythm on offense and managed to build an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. Ayrault saw his team take some time to get into a rhythm on the court and thinks it may have been from the most recent loss still having an effect.

"We sort of gave up in the third quarter of that last game and I think there was some sort of carryover from that," he said. "This is also a team we took care of pretty well last time we played them, so we knew once we started getting in a little bit of a groove and running the stuff we wanted to run, I think then we sort of settled down and settled into the pace of the game."

Even though scoring picked up a bit later in the first quarter, offense became hard to come by once again for North in the second quarter. A

series of free throws by Adam Ayrault accounted for a majority of the points in the quarter, with the Norsemen scoring only eight total points through the eight minutes. It was enough, however, to keep North in front and holding onto a slim four-point lead going into halftime.

The pace of the game remained a bit slow throughout the second half, but North managed to do enough to stay in front. The Norsemen extended their lead to six points after the third quarter. North continued to lead through the fourth quarter despite an attempt at a late push by the Marauders. In the end, the Norsemen were able to get the victory by nine and end their losing skid.

North was led by Adam Ayrault with 22 points in the win. Drew Hill had seven points and Nicholas Robie had six. While Ayrault may have been the leader on the score sheet, it was the performance on both ends of the court by Hill that particularly stood out to his coach.

"We've been working with him on finishing at the rim and getting in control under the rim and when he can do that he's a pretty good player," Coach Ayrault said. "Defensively I think he sort of sets the tone for how we play. He works his tail off and sprints to spots. He has great ball awareness and can really set the tone for how we do defensively."

The Norsemen are back in action this week with a few weeks remaining before playoffs begin. North visits Romeo on Thursday night in its first game of the MAC Red/White Crossover Tournament.



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# District champs

The Grosse Pointe South wrestling team emerged victorious from last week's district playoff tournament. The Blue Devils beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview in the semifinals before taking down Roseville 57-19 to win the championship.

# South falls again

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

As the regular season winds down for high school basketball, this year continues to go not quite as planned for the Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team. The defending district champs currently are at the bottom of the MAC Red division with just one win in league play and saw their overall record slip to 2-14 Monday night with a 34-26 loss against Port Huron.

The biggest highlight of the night for South was the performance of Kamryn Richards. The senior was responsible for all nine of the Blue Devils' points in the first quarter thanks to three three-pointers. Richards' string of makes from beyond the arc in the opening eight

minutes gave South a 9-7 lead heading into the second quarter.

Port Huron's offense was able to find a quicker pace in the second quarter. Richards knocked down more long shots, but it started to become not quite enough for the Blue Devils to stay on track. As the teams went into the locker room for halftime, the Big Reds managed to build a six-point 22-16 advantage.

The third quarter was the roughest of the evening for the Blue Devils when it came to offense. South managed to score three points in the entire quarter, scored by Richards from beyond the line, and trailed by nine entering the fourth.

In a low-scoring battle, Port Huron was able to do enough to stay in front of the Blue Devils

in the final moments. The Big Reds never quite managed to make the game feel like it was out of reach for South. However, Richards and the Blue Devils' offense also wasn't quite able to manage enough production to close the gap as Port Huron secured an eight-point victory.

Richards scored 22 of South's 26 points in Monday's game. Twenty-one of those points came off seven made shots from beyond the three-point line.

South has a few games left in the regular season before it becomes time to defend its district title in the playoffs. The Blue Devils visited Salem Wednesday before a matchup Friday against either Anchor Bay or Romeo in the MAC Tournament.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The Board will meet in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building (first floor), 795 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. All property owners wishing to appeal their assessments must make an appointment or file a write in appeal. Either appeal method must be accompanied by the petition form (L-4035) provided by the state of Michigan ([http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f\\_2658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf)). Appointments may be made by calling 881-6565. Petitions by mail must be received by the Board PRIOR to the last session (3/21/22) so they may be reviewed in a timely manner. You may call 881-6565 for an appointment.

If there are any questions please contact the Assessor's Office at 313.881.6565 or email [pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov](mailto:pbierzynski@gpshoresmi.gov).



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