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'Newspaper of the Year' 2nd year in a row

The Michigan Press Association announced Thursday, March 16, the Grosse Pointe News topped other weekly newspapers in its circulation class to be named "Newspaper of the Year" for the second consecutive year.

Additionally, the 83-year-old newspaper won 48 awards in a variety of categories.

"I am so unbelievably proud of this entire team," Publisher Anne Gryzenia said. "It's not always easy, but moments like this make it all worth it. To be

recognized like this for the second year in a row is a dream come true and an absolute validation of the incredible talent that everyone here at the Grosse Pointe News possesses and proves every single week."

"I am so proud of the

team at the Grosse Pointe News," owner Sean Cotton said, "and want to thank them for their amazing work and commitment to providing award-winning journalism to our wonderful community."

For its editorial content,

the newspaper garnered 18 awards. Associate Editor Meg Leonard earned second place in a new category, Reporting on Extremism and Traumatic Events in MI, for her coverage of an international donation drive to lend aid to

Ukraine. She also earned second place for Best Editorial and honorable mention for Feature Story.

Editor Jody McVeigh placed first in the Feature Story category, while

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Go Green x3

Tree planting fundraiser to honor Fraser's life

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer



Brian Fraser

GROSSE POINTE CITY, FARMS & PARK — What do Michigan State University, planting trees and St. Patrick's Day have in common aside from the color green?

Together they present an opportunity to honor the life of Brian Fraser and, in doing so, better the community for future generations.

With the intention to create a long-lasting legacy for the Grosse Pointe South graduate who lost his life in the February MSU shooting, "Go Green x3" kicked off Saturday, March 11, just before St. Patrick's Day, inviting Grosse Pointers to donate funds for trees to be planted in Fraser's honor.

"I've known the Frasers for a lot of years and he's just such a sweet person and (they're an) incredible

family," said Rick Whitney, fundraiser organizer, chair of the City's Urban Forestry Commission and whose children went to school with the Fraser kids since kindergarten. "Just the kindest, most generous people you'll ever meet."

"This is to honor Brian Fraser," he added. "Just

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointers Curt Catallo and Ann Stevenson, who have made a career of repurposing historic buildings for nearly three decades, are the new owners of the former Chase Bank building at 17449 Jefferson.

New life for Chase Bank building on Jefferson

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — With its preservation uncertain after its congregation moved to a larger space in 1995, an 1847 Clarkston church was repurposed into a restaurant by Grosse Pointers Curt Catallo and

couple's first such venture while they were still dating in their 20s.

"It was a grand experiment," Stevenson recalled of the year-long, trial-and-error effort that produced what today is Clarkston Union on Main Street. "We called it The Union maybe for a reason."

With the purchase of

the pre-World War I Jefferson Chase Bank building at the corner of Rivard, the married couple are anticipating their next in a long line of adventures in bringing new life to historical buildings: this time in the form of a counter service restaurant with a liquor license and a focus on grab-and-go items.

"For us, it's about coming up with something that will complement the folks who live in the apartments next door and the homes behind us and who go to Neff Park," said Catallo, who along with Stevenson, lives just 0.1 miles — a brisk three-minute walk — from the

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Fiona Wotowicz, left, and her sister, Jubilee, collect eggs during the Grosse Pointe Woods Egg Stroll in 2022.

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Easter egg hunts abound in Grosse Pointes

GPN Staff

THE GROSSE POINTE

— With the start of this week marking the first day of spring, Easter now is just a few weeks away, but the annual city-organized Easter egg hunts in the Pointes are even sooner.

Find out what each

dent children below.

The City

The City of Grosse Pointe welcomes children of all ages to its 17th annual Spring Egg Hunt at Neff Park, with a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

After collecting eggs scattered throughout the park — including hidden

golden eggs for a chance to win a special prize — children can redeem a candy bag and grab a photo with Peter Cottontail.

Included within the entry cost of \$5 cash per child, collection bags will be provided. While registration is not required,

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Deficit less than forecast

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

—In a variation of be careful what you wish for, the municipal budget deficit that was forecast last spring is confirmed in a routine audit of city finances for fiscal year 2021-22.

"At the city council meeting and budget hearing of May 9, 2022, and during the April 28 budget workshop, the matter was openly discussed," Park Mayor Michele Hodges said. "This body approved the budget, knowing aggressive action would be required to solve our fiscal challenges that were born previously and exacerbated, as (the auditor) said, by COVID and lost revenues associated with that."

"Since COVID these last two years, everything has kind of turned upside down," municipal auditor Ramie Phillips told the council March 13. "A lot of this stuff is, hopefully,

over with. We're going to be getting back to normal operations."

A notable finding in the audit is the deficit isn't as big as anticipated.

Phillips' audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, showed a \$526,426 net loss in the general fund. The figure is about \$200,000 less than anticipated.

"We had budgeted \$770,000 in deficit," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "We shaved \$200,000 from what was projected."

"Expense control is happening," Hodges said. "Of course, we need more."

"Any loss is bad, but at the same time, you have to put it in perspective," Phillips said. "You have no danger of not having enough reserves."

Reserves, called fund balance, total 37 percent of annual operating costs. The figure is about three times the standard 12 to 15 percent, but is expected to drop to 26 percent by the end of the current fis-

cal year.

Losses to the general fund resulted from a roughly \$772,000 drop in revenue, but was partially countered by expenses being cut by \$245,000 more than expected.

Declining revenue had a greater impact than rising costs.

"Expenses were under control, but as far as revenues, that's where COVID comes in," Phillips told the council. "There were a lot of things you didn't have control over."

He cited reduced revenue from theater and recreation programs that were shut down due to the pandemic.

"This is hopefully getting back to your normal procedures and providing services," Phillips said. "That should even itself out."

Although COVID policies cut revenue, the city had to maintain services throughout the economic shutdown.

"You're in the service business," Phillips told

the council. "You have to keep it going."

Legacy costs are an ongoing expense that keeps increasing.

"Pensions are there and there's not much you can do about them," Phillips said.

"You've been really good at funding pensions. You don't have any issues there, but still, it's cash that has to be paid. Some of those pension expenses are a little over \$2 million per year. It's hard because they're for past service and you want to move forward and pay for current service."

"It's a structural problem," said Jane Blahut, Park finance director. "Everyone is going through this."

The city's present financial forecast predicts a \$1,076,000 deficit at the end of this fiscal year.

Sizeland anticipates the deficit will be less due to cost-cutting.

"This is something we hope to resolve in the next two years," he said. "Our fund balance is helping us

at this time. It's good to have a high fund balance so it can be used in emergencies, which is what we're doing."

Additional financial pressure comes from costs due to flooding during storms of 2021, plus the highest rate of inflation in a generation.

"We got \$1.1 million in (federal) American Rescue Plan money, which we used for inspecting our sewer lines and removing debris," Blahut said.

Due to state law, the city is unable to raise property taxes in direct proportion to the rate of inflation. Although inflation exceeds 8 percent, Michigan cities are limited to property tax rate increases of 5 percent.

"Prices for everything are going up," Blahut said. "But it will get better. Everything's cyclical. What goes up, must come down."

"The financial health of the city has to come first," Hodges said.

"Transparency does require a full and complete picture on where things stand."

She listed a series of deficit reduction and budget-relieving solutions:

◆ a deficit plan to be spread over the next several years,

◆ "labor negotiations that don't compromise service delivery but also respect our budget limitations,"

◆ "minimizing hostility in the work environment because all these things cost money or can cost money,"

◆ "managing our human resources well and proper handling of some of the significant legal matters this community is facing," a reference to flooding lawsuits,

◆ "making adjustments to staffing and the legal team to control costs,"

◆ "implementing cost-saving tools like our cost-recovery ordinance,"

◆ "bolstering and stabilizing our tax base by ensuring high-quality infrastructure so that flooding does not drive away investments,"

◆ "strengthening and transforming our borders to cause economic stability."

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MPA:

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Park reporter Brad Lindberg placed second in the Spot News Story category.

Ted O'Neil, who reports on the Shores, Woods and schools, placed first in the Best Columnist and

Best Editorial categories, as well as second in the Feature Story category.

Laurel Kraus, the Farms and City reporter, earned third place in the Feature Story category and second place for News Enterprise Reporting.

Sports Writer Mike Adzima placed first in the

Sports Writing category, as well as second in the Sports Feature category.

He also was credited, along with Leonard and Gryzenia, for the paper's Athlete of the Week feature, which topped the Best Sports Column category.

Photographer Renee Landuyt earned first

place and honorable mention in the News Photo category, as well as third place in the Photo Story category and second place for Sports Photo.

Movie Junkie Mark columnist Mark Domin earned an honorable mention in the Best Columnist category.

The entire newspaper staff was honored with a first-place award for Best Newspaper Design, as well as tied itself for first place in the Special Section category with its Holiday Gift Guide and Wedding Guide. Staff members also swept the Best Video Presentation category for their social media work, as well as earned second place for Best Digital Presentation.

The newspaper also was selected for the Excellence in Advertising Award for non-daily newspapers.

"As a department and as a newspaper, we are thrilled to earn first place in 'Excellence in Advertising' in our class," Advertising Manager Shelley Owens said. "Our account executives, Julie Sutton and Paul Biondi, and Administrative

Assistant Melanie Mahoney are a small but veteran team of professionals and we are supported in multiple ways. Our valued advertisers trust us with their marketing message on a consistent basis. Our talented team of graphic artists work their magic every day. Our dedicated editorial staff provide compelling content and our loyal subscribers respond accordingly. Every single component led to this award and we as an advertising team are extremely grateful."

Working side-by-side, the advertising and production departments garnered 21 awards.

The advertising department, led by Owens, includes Sutton, Biondi, Olivia Monette and Mahoney.

The Production Department, led by Production Manager Ken Schop, includes David Hughes, John Pigott, Mary Schlager and Donna Zetterlund.

"Winning so many awards from the Michigan Press Association this year feels even better than last year," Schop

said. "Last year we worked real hard at bringing so many new ideas to the Grosse Pointe News and there was a bit of trial and error, but it paid off with some great feedback from our readers and the MPA. So this year we worked even harder and introduced even more ideas by getting inspired by other types of media trends and listening to our readers again and it's definitely paying off with more awards."

"In my 20-plus years working at the Grosse Pointe News, I can say

hands down this is the strongest staff that has

ever worked together as a team and there is a real sense of pride among us all, because I see it in our last-minute changes every Tuesday evening before we put another paper to bed," Schop continued.

"Thank you to our publisher, Anne Gryzenia, for her enthusiastic leadership and to owners, Sean and Nancy Cotton,

for their vision of what a great hometown newspaper should be. And I have to say a big thank-you to the best Production Department I have ever had the privilege to be a part of. Your hard work and dedication to the Grosse Pointe News is apparent with every single issue we publish. Thanks, everybody, for a job well done."

Find a complete list of the Grosse Pointe News' 2022 awards in the chart on this page.

2022 NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR - Class C	
2022 ADVERTISING CONTEST	NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING
First Place	Second Place
Non-Daily GP News Staff	More than meets the eye: Detective calls Grosse Pointe News for compassion in wake of restaurant incident Laurel Kraus
BEST NEWSPAPER DESIGN	REPORTING ON EXTREMISM AND TRAUMATIC EVENTS IN MI
First Place	Second Place
I June 16, 2022 Issue GPN Staff	Ex-pet, former Grosse Pointer spearheads international effort for citizens fleeing Ukraine Meg Leonard
BEST COLUMNIST	SPORTS PHOTO
First Place	Second Place
Ted O'Neil	I House ruined, family safe Brad Lindberg
HONORABLE MENTION	NEWS PHOTO
Mark Domin	First Place
	I Grosse Pointe's Top Gun Renee Landuyt
BEST EDITORIAL	SPOT NEWS STORY
First Place	Second Place
School lay offs, cuts, should start with administrators Ted O'Neil	I Holiday Gift Guide GP News Staff
SECOND PLACE	GENERAL RETAIL*
I Extension too soon Meg Leonard	Third Place
	I Falling for the Fashion Donna Zetterlund, Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette, Renee Landuyt
BEST SPORTS COLUMN	HONORABLE MENTION
First Place	First Deck the Halls
Athlete of the week Meg Leonard, Mike Adzima, Anne Gryzenia	Anne Gryzenia, Donna Zetterlund
FEATURE STORY	SPECIAL SECTION
First Place	First Place
House Sisters: Decades-old painting unites former, current residents Jody McVeigh	I Holiday Gift Guide GP News Staff
SECOND PLACE	Second Place
I Connection to the King Ted O'Neil	I 2022 Wedding Guide GP News Staff
THIRD PLACE	BEST AD GROUPING*
Pointer of interest: Shores resident makes her way to America after surviving a Nazi invasion of her village Laurel Kraus	Third Place
	I GP Animal Adoption GP News Staff
HONORABLE MENTION	BEST IN-HOUSE CIRCULATION AD*
Ice bridge crossing brings bikers chilly challenge Meg Leonard	Third Place
	I Inspiration Pointes - Renovation/Innovation Donna Zetterlund, Anne Gryzenia, Julie Sutton, Alexis Bohlinger, Renee Landuyt
SPORTS WRITING	BEST IN-HOUSE CONTENT PROMOTION*
First Place	Second Place
Norsemen show tenacity and pride in championship game loss Mike Adzima, Meg Leonard	I Pointe Cabinets & Design - Bath Design Julie Sutton, Mary Schlager, Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette
SPORTS FEATURE	BEST HEALTH/FITNESS AD*
Second Place	Third Place
Brandon Reflects on Coaching Career Mike Adzima, Meg Leonard	I Healthspan Concierge Cardiology Olivia Monette, Julie Sutton
REAL ESTATE*	BEST IN-HOUSE CIRCULATION AD*
First Place	Third Place
Pumpkins in the Park Event Donna Zetterlund, Paul Biondi, Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette	I Grosse Pointe's community newspaper since 1940 Olivia Monette, Anne Gryzenia
COMMUNITY BUSINESS PROMOTIONS*	RESTAURANTS*
First Place	Third Place
Campus Shop - Christmas gift promotion Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette	I JHouse Juice - So much more than a juice shop! Olivia Monette
BEST DIGITAL PRESENTATION	SMALL ADS WORK*
Second Place	Second Place
Grossepointrnews.com and social media Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette, John Pigott	I Village Palm Julie Sutton, Mary Schlager, Ken Schop, Dave Hughes, John Pigott
REAL ESTATE*	NEW AND USED AUTOS-RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS*
First Place	Second Place
Holidays in the Village Shopping Anne Gryzenia, Shelley Owens, GP News Production	I Pumpkins in the Park Event Donna Zetterlund, Paul Biondi, Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette
HONORABLE MENTION	Third Place
After 6 Anne Gryzenia	I Holidays in the Village Shopping Anne Gryzenia, Shelley Owens, GP News Production



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PSOs wearing foundation's safety vests

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Police officers are looking spiffy in their new ballistic vests, the latest thing in life-protecting fashion.

Gone are old-style vests, those thick and bulky ones that had officers looking all puffed up like home plate umpires with seventh-inning snacks hidden in their chest pockets.

"Just like anything else, you build a better mousetrap and the technology gets better," said Park Lt. Colin Connaire, of the overnight shift. "I forget that it's on."

He and 22 fellow offi-

cers received new vests last week purchased through a \$26,000 donation from the newly established Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation.

"As far as the foundation is concerned, this is our first gift to the city," said John Wolski, foundation executive director. "We're already attacking No. 2 on the list."

Park Deputy Chief Jim Bostock has been on the job 20 years and remembers being weighed down and constricted by early-generation vests.

"They've come a long way as far as weight and comfort," he said. "Through the years they've gone from heavy,

bulky and cumbersome to, today, a lot thinner."

"The batch that the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Foundation bought for us are external vest carriers, so we're able to wear some of our equipment on the outside of them," Connaire said. "The other thing that's really helpful is when we have to transform quickly to fight a fire, I'm able to zip this vest off in the cruiser, wiggle out of it and be one step closer to putting on my fire gear."

Ballistic-resistant vests are modern-day body armor woven from a dense but flexible man-made material stronger than steel and able to stop bullets and knives.

Vests saved the lives of more than 3,100 law enforcement officers since 1987, according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police's DuPont Kevlar Survivors' Club.

The foundation's donation ensures Park officers have the same protection.

Protective vests have a shelf life. The material of which they are made breaks down with time and wear.

"It is recommended they be replaced every five years," Bostock said.

Aside from weapons, vests probably are the most expensive thing with which officers outfit themselves, according to

Connaire.

"To have them purchased for us by the foundation was a huge, welcome surprise," he said. "We can't thank them enough for what they've done for us."

"The foundation asked what we needed," Bostock said. "When they saw we were in need of replacing our vests and the importance of having a good vest, which, quite frankly, can be the difference between life and death, there was no hesitation at all."

"As you can imagine, there are a lot of needs," Wolski said. "We're attacking them one by one. The department identified police officer-

worn body cameras and in-car cameras as the next need for the department. It's a win-win for all involved. Cameras protect officers, the department and city, but also can help suspects. The camera never lies."

The foundation was established last year.

"I cannot say enough kind things about the generosity of those who stepped up and donated," Wolski said. "We have barely scratched the surface in terms of reaching out and meeting with folks. You don't have to be a resident of Grosse Pointe Park to donate or participate. It shows how people are so generous and want to help."

New clerk clicks with city

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— A good attitude is key during job interviews with Jane Blahut.

"It's important to hire really nice people," said Blahut, city clerk and finance director. "It's key to serving our residents."

It's a standard she used when helping select her replacement as clerk. Blahut retires at the end of this month after 42 years.

"You can't train someone to be nice," she said. "You have to inherently be a nice person."

Her preferred candidate, Meaghan Bachman, received city council con-

firmation March 13, and is on the job.

"Always do things with integrity," Bachman said. "It puts you on the right track."

She has 20 years municipal employment experience, including a combined 13 years as deputy city clerk in Allen Park and clerk in Flat Rock.

"I feel like I earned my way into these positions by hard work, dedication, having a desire and passion to help and serve the public," Bachman said. "I've always enjoyed it."

She's a certified municipal clerk, notary public, state-certified election official, member of three clerk associations and

former nominee for Michigan clerk of the year.

"I've probably conducted 25 elections," Bachman said. "I learn something new every time. The laws are constantly changing. You have to stay up to date."

Municipal employment is in her genes.

"I come from a third generation of municipal workers," she said. "I have family members who were elected officials. I started working in the building department of Allen Park during my summer out of high school and while I was going to college. It was great. I learned so many things I didn't know."



It's all smiles for Meaghan Bachman during her first week as the new city clerk of Grosse Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Finance Committee meeting, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Commission meeting, 8:30 a.m.



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to 12, the Easter event is free for Farms residents. Registration is not necessary.

The Woods

The annual egg stroll at Lake Front Park for children 11 and younger starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1.

Participants must register for a specific start time on the city's website. Strolls run every 15 minutes through 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$8 per child and includes a treat bag.

There are a limited number of non-resident tickets available for \$10 each at the community center. A Woods resident must be present to purchase.

The Shores

The Easter egg hunt is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at Osius Park. Tickets are \$5 for children 10 and younger and can be purchased at city hall in advance or at the park the day of the event.

Festivities include a petting zoo, pony rides, refreshments and treat bags.

The Park

A Marshmallow Drop for ages 1 to 10 takes place Sunday, April 2, at Patterson Park; however, tickets for the event — which includes goodie bags, pony rides, pony cart rides, a petting zoo, photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and more — are sold out.

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period. He was an absolutely wonderful person and it's just so sad that his life was cut short by such a senseless act."

Funds raised will go toward tree plantings in the City, Farms and Park, with one thoughtfully selected Windmill Pointe Park location that will include a plaque for the Frasers, who reside in Grosse Pointe Park.

"They're fully aware of this and supportive of this effort," Whitney noted.

For every \$250 to \$350 donated, one tree can be planted. If the fundraiser's \$25,000 goal is met, it will cover between 71 and 100 trees.

Just five days after Go Green x3 went live, it already raised \$6,500 from 60 donors.

"It is about Brian and the incredible love that he helped create and that he tapped into," Whitney said. "People have just been so generous and so excited about this and

pleased that we're doing this."

To donate, visit givebutter.com/GoGreenforBrianFraser; text 'BrianFraser' to (202) 858-1233; or scan the QR code at right.

The fundraiser will run until approximately the end of April, or until there

is a major drop off in donations.

"I think it's going to be something good for the community," Whitney said, "and having the trees will serve as a great remembrance of Brian and something that's going to be here for generations."





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Pointer passionate about piecing together the past

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Rebecca von Wormer inherited from her father a hefty suitcase full of faded family photos. Really, really old photos. There's a tintype among them.

Some of them are labeled; many are not.

The amateur genealogist is enthralled with the detective work behind figuring out who's who. Putting names to faces, learning their stories and finding the documents to prove it has proved fulfilling for the Grosse Pointe Farms resident.

But when faces go unidentified, it can be a frustration.

"One thing I say to people is label your photographs," she said.

Of the photos from her father, she said, "I would love to know who these people are. Some of them I've investigated, but some of them, I have no idea who they are. Like this one, Vaughn. The back of the photo says, 'Dear Aunt Sarah, with love, Vaughn.' I've tried everything to figure out who this guy is, but he's a mystery. He's Vaughn the Mysterious."

Not all of her detective



Rebecca von Wormer at a Mayflower Society event.

work has been in vain. In fact, due to her fact-finding facilities, von Wormer is a proud member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan. In just more than a year, she traced her heritage to Mayflower passengers Henry Samson, her 8th great-grandfather, and Stephen Hopkins, her 11th great-grandfather.

"I was shocked, as you can image," von Wormer

said of her induction. "Lineage societies are very particular about who they approve."

Her investigative roots began after her daughter asked for an ancestry test. Curiosity got the best of von Wormer and she herself got into the act.

"I went online," she said. "I'm a huge lover of history and I started working on my family tree. In conversations with my grandparents, I had names and dates, so I plugged them in."

Leaf by leaf, her family tree kept growing and, "by the next day, I'd found ancestors from the Revolutionary War."

Why stop there, she questioned.

"I got to Henry Samson and started looking for documents to verify it," she noted. "I had documents up to my 3rd great-grandfather, but I had trouble connecting him to his father. And I had the lineage coming down."

Talking about her project led von Wormer to put together the pieces — and quickly after she shared her findings with fellow members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"It took over a year to find the Mayflower link, but it took four years to connect my 3rd great-grandmother to her parents," von Wormer said. "You really have to be tenacious if you want to find something. Local historical societies are very helpful. They'll have information you won't find online."

The whole project has

been exciting for von Wormer, who currently serves as registrar for the local DAR chapter. She's helped plenty of others research their lineage and encourages people to do so.

"I really enjoy genealogy and I love history," she said. "Genealogy is our own personal history. I like learning the stories of my ancestors. ... Most people don't like learning history because it's all just dates. But for me it's the stories. People appreciate the stories more."

Von Wormer has learned quite a few stories from her past, including one about her 8th great-grandmother, Elizabeth Holmes, who was accused of being a witch.

"The accusation was so outlandish, the (accuser) was fined for slander," she said.

The Society of Mayflower Descendants is just one of nine genealogy societies of which von Wormer is a member — including the Associated Daughters of Early American Witches, thanks to those false claims.

"There's a society for everything," she said. "... Without exception, they're all nice and helpful and everybody shares this love of history."

During her research, von Wormer has come across a plethora of unique names. Her ancestors went through phases, naming babies with biblical names, ancient Roman names and even names of character traits they hoped to possess, like Justice, Thankful and Consider.

As an author, von Wormer has used some of those unique family names to name characters in her novels. She has published seven with an eighth on the way. Additionally, her pseudonym, Clara Grace Walker, is an amalgamation of family names.

"I find my family tree in particular is a great place to find names for characters," she said.

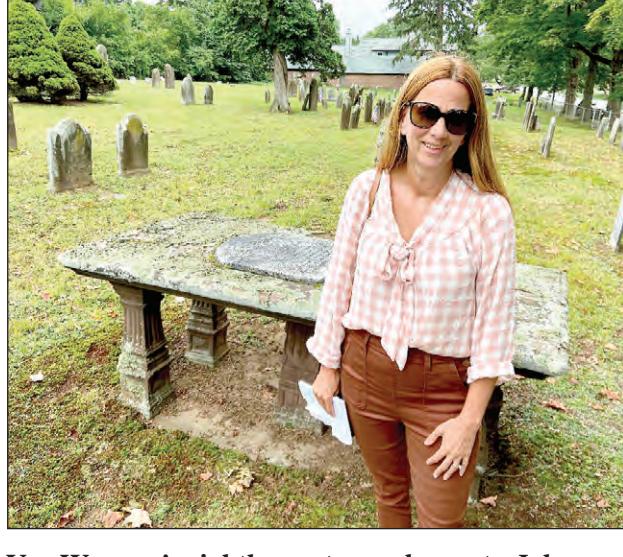
Von Wormer knew by age 9 she was destined to be an author. Her love for storytelling came to fruition with her first published novel in 2013.

"I publish independently, but hire out for editing, book covers, formatting," she said. "I like not having gatekeepers there. I'm available to write what I want and ... sell them on Amazon. There are no hoops to jump through with an agent or an editor."



Von Wormer visited the gravesite of her fifth-great-grandparents, Samuel and Betsey Pierson, in Glastonbury, Conn.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Von Wormer's eighth-great-grandparents, John Sage and Hannah Starr, are buried in Cromwell, Conn.

There's also not huge back yard to keep the feral felines warm during winter months.

When she's not feeding cats or turning over new leafs on her family tree, von Wormer counts crafting, scrapbooking and decorating picture frames among her hobbies.

"I love music, too," she said. "I'm terrible at singing, but I love it."

Of all her accomplishments, von Wormer said her children are the most fulfilling.

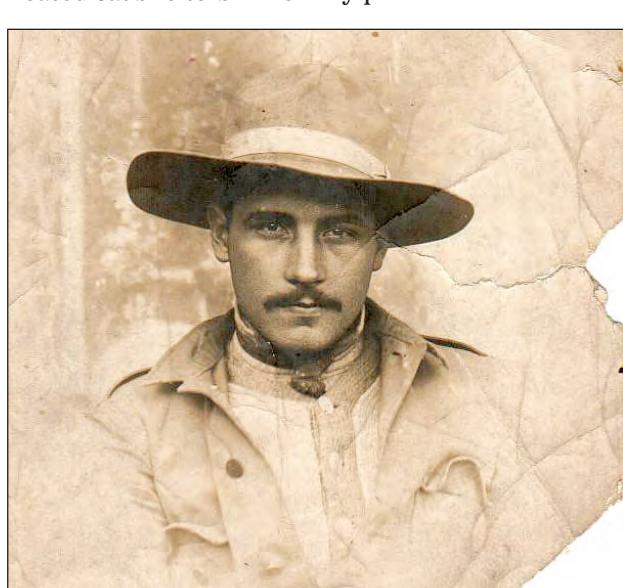
"They're all good kids and I'm so proud of them," she said. "I can't think of anything more important than that."

Her children are partly responsible for her deep dive into ancestry research. Tracing one's lineage, she said, is a way to honor one's ancestors, "who are responsible for you being here," as well as a method of "paving the way for future generations."

To those interested in doing detective work on their own family trees, von Wormer recommends familysearch.org.

"The site is free, so it's a good resource and you can get a lot of documents off of it," she said. "Verify everything."

And, she reminded, to prevent a potential Vaughn the Mysterious in one's lineage, don't forget to label those family photos.



Vaughn the Mysterious.

SANCTUARY



Clara Grace Walker
Glamorous, Dangerous, Romance

"Sanctuary" is the fourth title in her Sex and Secrets book series.

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City of Grosse Pointe**Not welcome**

After refusing to leave a local hospital and causing a disturbance at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, a man was advised he was no longer welcome there and would be arrested for trespassing should he return.

Officers were called back at 5:15 a.m. Saturday, March 18, to escort a different patient, who also refused to leave, off the premises.

Minivan search

Detectives are searching for a black woman with a medium build who was driving a blue minivan, after she stole \$113 worth of various products from a business in the 17000 block of Kercheval at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 15.

Smart thinking

A Grosse Pointe woman received a call supposedly from Publishers Clearing House Thursday, March 16, claiming she won a Mercedes Benz, but first needed to purchase \$480 worth of gift cards.

Officers are applauding the woman for realizing it was a scam attempt and calling public safety instead of forking over the funds.

— Laurel Kraus

Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms**Rent to steal**

A 2021 Toyota Corolla was reported stolen from a local rental company, because a 22-year-old Metamora man has failed to return the vehicle since Feb. 21.

Drop off drama

A 51-year-old Harper Woods woman told officers she sped in a "Right Turn Only" lane and cut off traffic at Mack and East Warren, because she was trying to get her three children to school in Detroit at 8:45 a.m. Friday, March 17.

She was arrested for multiple warrants out of Warren — assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder and two separate counts of assault and battery — while the children's grandmother arrived to take them to school.

St. Patrick's shenanigans

Although she denied drinking when pulled over for swerving on Moross at 11:30 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day, a 36-year-old Melvindale woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content to be 0.174 percent.

She was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Surprise weapon

After a firearm and nine rounds were discovered in a trunk compartment during a search of his vehicle, a 31-year-old Detroit man told officers, "If I would've known that there was a gun in the vehicle, I would've never given consent for you to search the vehicle."

The man, who initially was pulled over at Mack and Cook at 9:51 p.m. Saturday, March 18, because there wasn't a license plate on the car, did not have a concealed carry license and was arrested for concealed weapons, firearm in auto; driving while license suspended; and not having vehicle registration or insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores**Wrong way**

A 30-year-old Romulus man was arrested for

drunken driving around 5 a.m. Saturday, March 18, after being stopped for speeding.

The incident occurred on northbound Lakeshore near Oxford, although the man told officers he was going home. The driver registered a 0.143 blood alcohol content on a Breathalyzer after failing several field sobriety tests.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Woods**Close call**

A resident in the 1600 block of Bournemouth was nearly the victim of fraud after opening an email she thought was from Publishers Clearing House.

She filed a report around 11:30 a.m. Monday, March 13, about the incident. After opening the email, the woman said her computer froze and she received a message instructing her to call customer support at Microsoft. She was instructed to stay on the phone and drive to the bank to withdraw \$20,000.

The woman was only

able to withdraw \$10,000, which she did, and attempted to send it via Western Union, but the transaction would not go through. She then was told to go to Lowe's and buy gift cards, but left when the staff told her she was being scammed.

A visit to a second Lowe's had the same result, at which point she went back to the bank and deposited the money.

— Ted O'Neil

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

Grosse Pointe Park**Prowler**

Police caught a 60-year-old Detroit man within minutes of him being reported prowling in the 1200 block of Wayburn around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 14.

"(A resident) was alerted by her Ring camera that a subject was in her backyard," police said. "(The resident) witnessed the subject attempt to make entry into her garage and then walk away."

— Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, (313) 822-7400.

A look back on the City's PS efforts in 2022

By Laurel Kraus

Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The story of an officer tracking a suspect by pinging stolen AirPods off a crowd of iPhone users downtown for an August Kenny Chesney concert has made a comeback in the City of Grosse Pointe's annual public safety report for 2022.

Detective Sgt. Joe Adams was honored with a commendation for this arrest of a 46-year-old homeless man suspected of being responsible for up to 100 thefts from vehicles in the Pointes last year.

"Eighty percent of (larceny from auto) cases (in 2022) were from unlocked

cars," Public Safety Director John Alcorn said, as the latest in a long line of officers to plead with residents in recent years. "So please lock your cars."

It was these instances of larceny, along with slight increases in burglary and motor vehicle theft, that resulted in Part 1 Index, or more serious, crimes going up from 60 the year prior to 76 in 2022.

Of the 11 vehicles stolen, most can be attributed to TikTok trend #kiaboyz, in which criminals take advantage of a simple hack to hotwire Kias; however, Alcorn reported, the City hasn't seen a car theft since September.

"I'm also glad to report that our detectives were successful in making

arrests for two individuals that were directly responsible for those increases in those other two categories," Alcorn said, "so we got arrests that closed a lot of those cases."

The City saw six residential fires in 2022, with one major fire starting in the second-floor bedroom of a condo unit on Cranford in August.

"All firefighters across the board, if you ask them what they don't like, they're going to tell you they don't like basement fires," Alcorn noted. "After that, there's going to be individual locations in whatever city you work for. For us, it's Beaumont and it's Cranford."

The Cranford units have a shared attic, making the

outcome of successful containment to a single unit and no injuries that much more impressive.

For their feat, Lt. Thomas Martindale, Detective Mike Narduzzi and officers Jacob Carpenter and Lucas Rucinski were honored with a unit citation.

"One of our guys ... on the initial attack, his face mask was melted, it was so hot in that fire, but they still got it out," Alcorn said. "It was absolutely fantastic."

The other unit citation awarded for efforts in 2022, went to Martindale, Carpenter and Sgt. Justin Strohmeyer for rescuing a 4-month-old from a Detroit drug den after his mother was brought to

Beaumont Hospital for an overdose in February. Just 45 minutes after hospital staff reported a missing infant, and despite the mother being uncooperative in the child's location, the officers recovered him.

"They ended up taking him to the hospital just to be safe," Alcorn recalled, "but the baby turned out to be fine and (was) reunited with Grandma and Grandpa and Dad."

Strohmeyer and Carpenter also were given separate citations for arresting two suspects for carrying concealed weapons and fleeing and eluding, which led to the recovery of two handguns and two rifles.

For the second year in a

row, Officer Austin Giarmo earned the Mothers Against Drunken Driving award for leading the department in intoxicated driving arrests.

Among the 137 motor vehicle accidents in the City last year, alcohol was involved in the one fatality: a single-occupant car crash into a tree on Mack at Loraine in May.

Along with Sgt. Chris Sauders and Officer Steven Mukavec — who received life-saving awards for the use of Narcan to resuscitate a patient — Officer Andrew Prueter was given a life-saving award for the role he played in reviving a heart attack victim in May.

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ity for all and provide revenue as well."

♦ "seeking every resource available to us by working with elected officials at the Lansing level. It's important that any resources intended for this community should come back to this community and help in relieving our budget challenges,"

♦ "striving to preserve fund balance and a solid bond rating,"

♦ "advocating for legislation that will offset some of our pension costs and obviously being successful at doing that because legislation is now law,"

♦ "properly securing a permit for the extreme emergency relief valve so as not to put significant taxpayer dollars at risk;

♦ "building a productive dialogue with our Grosse Pointe Public School System and board of education to ensure that (now-closed) Trombly (Elementary School property) serves as a catalyst for growth and stabilizing and growing property values" and

♦ "working with our philanthropic community to bring significant dollars to the table that offset

impacts on our general fund."

"These are just examples. There's more going on as well. So, hopefully, you can see and have a more complete picture of where we're at."

"This challenge is a big one. It will not go away overnight because it didn't happen overnight. Our best strategy is to be a highly oiled team committed to implementing solu-

tions that work. Strong teams also operate within a system of policy, good processes and communicate well with each other.

"The challenge is great. We simply can't waste time on things that don't move us forward. None of us wants to be in this situation. None of us created this situation, but all of us must be at the tip of solving it. So, let's get to it."

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OUR VIEW

Bills, bills, bills

For any Grosse Pointer who feels dread each month when you sit down to pay bills, there's a reason your wallet is feeling extra light.

That's because the latest data shows a Pointer's 10 most essential household bills are more than \$2,800 higher per year than the U.S. average, according to the 2023 U.S. Bill Pay Market Size and Category Breakout Report.

The report also found Pointers pay an average of \$2,281 per month, adding up to \$27,376 per year on house-based bills. In other words, our expenses are nearly 12 percent more than the U.S. average and almost 21 percent higher than the state average.

The findings were just released by doxo.com, a third-party online bill payment site, which aggregated and analyzed data related to household financial health and spending activity from 4,000 cities nationwide.

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But perhaps we can take heart. Grosse Pointe only ranks No. 13 among Michigan cities with the highest monthly bills, falling well shy of No. 1 Bloomfield Hills, which forks out an average of \$2,788 per household each month. Cities like Birmingham, Traverse City, Northville, West Bloomfield and Ann Arbor also rank ahead of us in the Top 10.

So exactly how much are we spending and on what? Some of our bills exceed the nation's average, specifically for mortgage, rent, auto and health insurance, as well as home security. But we also pay much less than average in other categories. Go figure.

Below is our monthly average breakdown, with the national average in parenthesis. Here's where we we pay more:

- ◆ Mortgage: \$1,959 (\$1,321)
- ◆ Rent: \$1,300 (\$1,191)
- ◆ Auto Insurance: \$224 (\$207)
- ◆ Health Insurance: \$121 (\$120)
- ◆ Alarm & Security: \$98 (\$84)

Here are the areas where we pay less:

- ◆ Mobile/Cell Phone: \$118 (\$119)
- ◆ Cable/Satellite: \$112 (\$118)
- ◆ Utilities: \$338 (\$351)
- ◆ Auto/Car Loan: \$344 (\$467)
- ◆ Life Insurance: \$79 (\$89)

So is this a case of GP versus Everybody? Not really. But it is a slight gut-punch to see that Pointers annually spend about 23 percent of our average incomes toward those darn bills. And in GP, we specifically shell out more for our homes, cars, health and security than a lot of other people around the country.

The report did not specify the "whys" behind our expenses, so it's anyone's guess as to the reasons GP landed where it did in each category.

For now, we just keep paying those bills each month, like a hamster on a wheel. We want to know what you think. Does this report ring true for your household? What categories surprised you? Write to us at editor@grossepoincenews.com

The full report is available at doxo.com/insights/household-bills/Michigan/Wayne/Grosse%20Pointe/.

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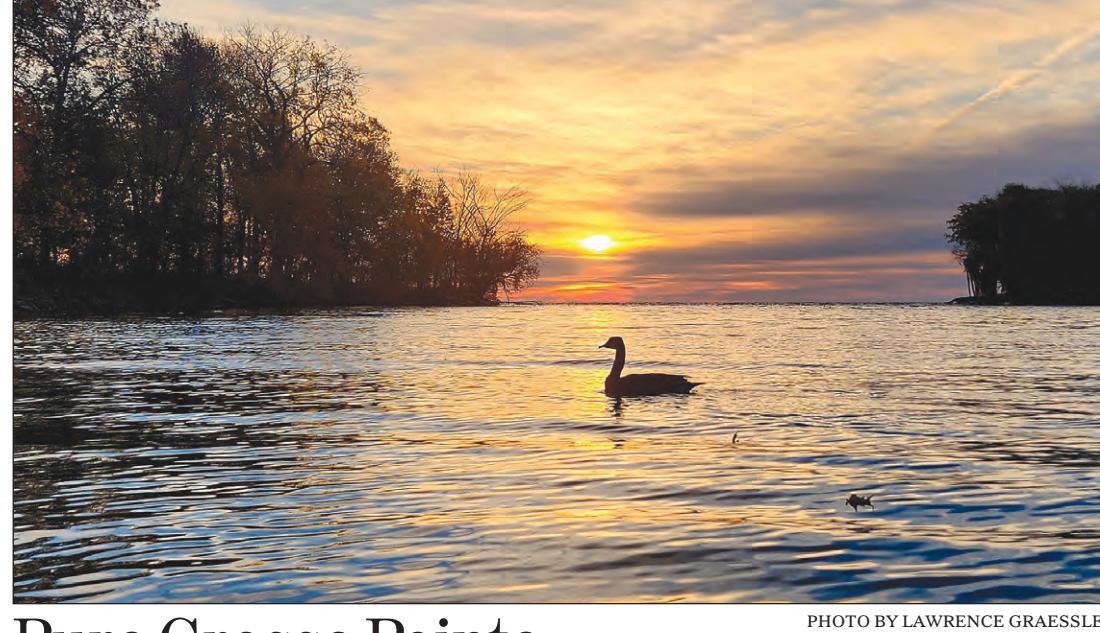


PHOTO BY LAWRENCE GRAESSLE

Pure Grosse Pointe

As the sun sets on another winter along Lake St. Clair, this peaceful scene offers us the opportunity to take a deep breath and appreciate all of the natural beauty this season offers in our community. Grosse Pointe Woods resident Larry Graessle recently captured this moment of serenity as he kayaked along the shores of the Ford House.

OUR VIEW

Oui, oui! French Bulldog named 2022's most popular breed, but sparks debate to adopt, not shop

Move over, Rover, the American Kennel Club has just named the French bulldog 2022's most popular breed, ending the 31-year reign of the Labrador Retriever.

The French bulldog has continued to move up the ranks in popularity the last few years. According to the AKC, registrations for them have increased by more than 1,000 percent. In 2022, new registrations for French bulldogs hit 108,000, surpassing Labs by more than 21,000. Nearly one in every seven registrations was a French bulldog.

The organization credits the Parisian pooch's ascent to the breed's friendly, playful demeanor and compact size, which makes them suitable for a variety of lifestyles and a good fit for apartments and smaller homes.

Labrador lovers likely have a bone to pick with the announcement, after the beloved breed enjoyed wearing the most-popular canine crown the last three decades. Critics of the French bulldog might have a beef, too. Considered a "flat-faced" breed, there are concerns about them being prone to breathing, spinal, eye and skin conditions. According to a report last week by NBC News, the British Veterinary Association said it "strongly recommends" against buying flat-faced dogs like

Frenchies or pugs. It also has campaigned to eliminate the breeds from ads and greeting cards.

Veterinarians also warn of an uptick of unscrupulous breeders who may want to cash in on the craze. Last year, a French bulldog named Winston helped increase the breed's visibility when he took second place at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, then won the National Dog Show, hosted by the Kennel Club of Philadelphia.

But joining the cute and cool crowd comes with a cost. Various French bulldog-dedicated websites report the cost for a French bulldog puppy from a reputable breeder ranges between \$1,000 to as much as \$4,500.

While we can appreciate the light-heartedness that comes with a story like Frenchies' fetching new title, the Grosse Pointe News encourages you to consider adopting your pet from a local shelter or rescue organization. Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, Detroit Dog Rescue and dozens of other animal welfare groups are overloaded with pets in need of their "forever" homes. These non-profit organizations also could use your donations to help them operate (see story on page 4B.) It is our belief that if you adopt, not shop, you will add a new companion to your home who will quickly be named the "Most Popular" member of your clan.

Grosse Pointe News

How much more do Grosse Pointers pay on monthly bills?

POINTER POLL

National average: \$1,191
Grosse Pointe: \$1,300

RENT

National average: \$1,321
Grosse Pointe: \$1,300

MORTGAGE

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Grosse Pointe: \$224

AUTO INS.

National average: \$120
Grosse Pointe: \$121

HEALTH INS.

National average: \$84
Grosse Pointe: \$98

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Response to 'American dreaming'

To the Editor:

WeGP works to protect civil rights and is not part of any conspiracy involving GP schools, despite the baseless claims made in a recent letter to the editor.

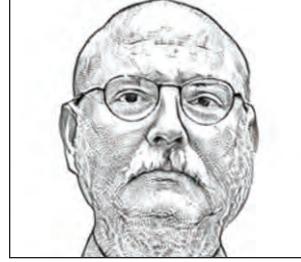
While attacks on our nonprofit organization are disappointing, they are not new. Throughout history justice activists have faced similar accusations. Some folks may not agree with us that black lives matter, that hate has no home here or that the lives and mental health of LGBTQ youth are important, but instead of fabricating conspiracy theories we need to deal in reality.

The reality is these false narratives are in stark contrast to the work we do. Together with coalition partners including The War Memorial, Ford House, Grosse Pointes &

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I SAY By Ted O'Neil

Not all records made to be broken



Local and national media, as well as college basketball fans across the country, were paying special attention in late February and early March to how one particular scenario would play out.

Antoine Davis, the star guard for the University of Detroit, was chasing Pete Maravich's all-time

NCAA Division I career scoring record. Needing 25 points to tie Maravich entering the Titans' game against Youngstown State in the second round of the Horizon League tournament Thursday, March 2, Davis came up three points shy.

In fact Davis, the NCAA's all-time leader in 3-pointers made (600), missed one at the buzzer. In the final tally, Davis finished his career with 3,664 points, compared to 3,667 for Maravich.

As Davis got closer to Pistol Pete's record, pundits were quick to point out some stark differences in their careers. For starters, Maravich

played in the late 1960s at Louisiana State when the NCAA prohibited freshmen from playing. He set his mark in just 83 career games, compared to 144 games for Davis.

Davis also benefited from getting a fifth year to play, something the NCAA awarded to all athletes impacted by COVID. There also was no 3-point line in college hoops when Maravich played.

On the other hand, Davis took 2,987 field goal attempts in his career, compared to 3,166 for Maravich. It should be noted that they both played for their fathers in college, Press Maravich at LSU

and Mike Davis at UD, meaning they basically had the green light to shoot at any time.

In third place on the career scoring list is Freeman Williams, who scored 3,249 points playing for Portland State in the mid-1970s.

Given the fact most prolific scorers declare early for the NBA draft these days and don't play four seasons of college ball, it's a pretty safe bet Maravich's record will stand for years to come.

So what about records in other sports that most likely won't be broken?

Wayne Gretzky's NHL career points record. During his career, the

Great One scored 894 goals and recorded 1,963 assists for a total of 2,857 points. Even if you took away all 894 of his goals, his 1,963 assists are still more than the 1,921 total points scored by the No. 2 guy, Jaromir Jagr.

In baseball, we have New York Yankee legend Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, set in 1941. The next closest streak is by Willie Keeler, who hit safely in 45 consecutive games for the Baltimore Orioles in 1896. Pete Rose, MLB's all-time hits leader, reached base 44 games in a row in 1978. There are only three other streaks of 40 or more consecutive games.

And speaking of baseball, purists like myself still consider Hank Aaron's 755 career home runs to be the record, due to questions about Barry Bonds and performance-enhancing drugs.

Finally, in the NBA, we have Wilt Chamberlain's 100-point night. Set in 1962, the closest anyone has come was Kobe Bryant's 81 in 2006. In fact, Wilt is one of only six players to score at least 70 points in a game and the only one to do it more than once. He actually did it six times.

For now, it's time to set records for TV watching with March Madness, opening day and The Masters.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1948

75 years ago this week

BALL-PLAYING DAYS END AT KERBY FIELD: The sale of Kerby Field was authorized Monday night, by the Farms Board of Trustees, to Camile Thiron for the sum of \$14,700. The tract covers 3.7 acres and has been used heretofore as a baseball ground and public play field by the Farms village. Mr. Thiron is a contractor and builder and will improve the tract with single family dwelling houses, of not less than 19,500 cubic content. The Farms trustees have promised to have the new athletic field further east on Kerby, ready for use this spring.

K E R C H E V A L 'SPEEDWAY' GETS SPECIAL POLICE SURVEILLANCE: The residents in the Kercheval Avenue-Merriweather Road neighborhood are again (or still) up in arms about the speeders who

make a racetrack of the stretch between Muir Road and Moross Road on Kercheval. The attention of Farms President James K. Watkins has been called to the hazard. It was suggested to him that the name of the street be changed — to Kercheval Speedway. Chief Walter Hoyt has issued special orders that a scout car should patrol that section of Kercheval, and also Chalfonte, from where similar complaints have been received.

1973

50 years ago this week

POINTE LASHED BY STORM: In many ways, last weekend's storm seemed an "instant replay" of the Nov. 14 destruction, as screaming winds caused flooding and damage along the lakeshore from The Park to The Shores. Northeasterly winds averaged 20 to 25 mph and often gusted to 45 mph before eventually

subsiding. Of all the Pointes, the Farms appeared the hardest hit. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, for example, was once again filled with water, reaching the fourth row and within a foot of stage level. But sweeping water did cover the stage, while swallowing up the orchestra pit.

CITY FIREMEN GIVE BIRTH TO BIG CROP OF MUSTACHES: In the manner of the mod squad, mustaches have appeared on the once clean-shaven upper lips of the men of the City Fire Department. It began about a month ago, when Sgt. John Rea grew a mustache for the Red Wing Old Timers hockey game. Most of the other team members grew them to provide a bit of authenticity and flavor to the old timer game. In that newly flamboyant world of men's fashion, mustaches are the vogue. But in the world of the City Fire Department, mustaches are still "nouveau." And as with anything innovative, Sgt. Rea's

mustache was the target for endless jokes and wisecracks. Yet there is safety in numbers and "five mustaches are less conspicuous than one." As the teasing died down and as Rea became a daily phenomenon, four other mustaches appeared among the men of shift two.

TWO POINTERS LEAD EFFORT TO RESTORE CLASSICAL MUSIC: When WQRS ceased to offer a classical music format in November, a lot of people around metro Detroit were left out in the cold. Which is why a group of local music lovers, including Grosse Pointe Farms residents David Wagner and Alex Suczek, have gotten involved in an effort, if successful, that will return classical music to the Detroit airwaves. Dick Wallace, a popular radio

personality, is one of the leaders of the movement.

M A P L E T O N RESIDENTS TELL PESKY ON-STREET PARKERS TO 'BUG' OFF: Calling on-street parkers a "pain in the butt" and comparing them to "a bunch of bugs," residents of Mapleton Road in the Farms hope that years of dealing with obnoxious Hill employees who use the street as a private parking lot may be over. Residents made the Hill connection by following chronic parkers to work.

2013

10 years ago this week

CITY VOTES TO SHIP D I S P A T C H : Consolidating public safety dispatch services with another city may be a sweet deal for the municipal budget, but the depart-

ment director didn't sugarcoat ways it could go sour. Main potential shortcomings of the City of Grosse Pointe contracting dispatch operations to neighboring Grosse Pointe Park are longer telephone response times and less officer availability. According to a three-year agreement, the dispatch center at public safety headquarters on Maumee at Neff closes Sept. 1.

SOUTH SHOW CHOIR SWEEPS: Grosse Pointe South High School's ensemble choirs, The Pointe Singers and Belle Towers, made a grand return to show choir competition last weekend, sweeping their respective divisions at the Teays Valley Rendition Show Choir Classic. Both groups were named Grand Champion Show Choirs in their first show choir competition in nearly a decade.

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Levasseur honored

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The late former city attorney Dennis Levasseur's life and legacy were honored this month by the passage of a city council resolution.

Levasseur, a Park resident, died March 2 from leukemia. He was 62.

"He was incredibly smart and interesting to talk to," said Councilman Max Wiener.

"He'll be incredibly missed," Councilman Tom Caulfield said.

Levasseur represented his hometown as city attorney from 2008 to 2020 during a 35-year career with the Bodman Law Firm in Detroit.

"Dennis worked with

the city administration and council to assist in the boom and growth of the Kercheval business district and preserving property values and always worked for the best interests of the city with dedication and immense passion for Grosse Pointe Park," reads a portion of the resolution dated March 13.

"Dennis' proudest accomplishments while serving as city attorney include drafting the memorandum of understanding partnering with the City of Detroit and the Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation for the future (Schaap) performing arts center, the

amended development plan of the Tax Increment Finance Authority to build the new public works building on Mack Avenue; drafting human rights, ethics and rental-landlord business license ordinances; formalizing the city and Bodman partnership with a contract and assisting the city in sustainability discussion."

A celebration of Levasseur's life is being held 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack at Whittier Road, Grosse Pointe Park.

Mayor Michele Hodges

said Levasseur's family

members requested his legacy be honored by donating to the Dennis LeVasseur Memorial Scholarship at the Wayne State University Law School or to the A. Paul and Carol C. Schaap Center for the Performing Arts.

—Brad Lindberg

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Harper Woods NAACP, PFLAG, faith leaders, businesses and volunteers, WeGP has supported or hosted community events like the Charlottesville Vigil, the Hate Has No Home Here rally and our largest annual event, GP

Pride. We are honored recipients of the Sunrise Rotary Peace Chain Award for our work building bridges in our community and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Grosse Pointe Legacy Fund grant.

We will not be deterred. With increasing attacks on LGBTQ youth and the devastating impact on mental health, it's more

important than ever that we stand as a community at the seventh annual GP Pride by WeGP. Join us June 17, to show our LGBTQ youth they are valued and loved in our community and that we stand for equal rights under the law. In GP, love wins!

SHANNON BYRNE
President WeGP
Grosse Pointe Farms

Ferry eatery back in business

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — What's perhaps the most popular pop-up restaurant in the Pointes reappeared last week after a five-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Fishissippi Coney Island was the place to be in room 213 at Ferry Elementary School Thursday, March 16.

The project started off 14 years ago in James Fisher's 4-5 magnet class and ran every other year through 2018. When fifth graders were shifted to the middle schools, Fisher shifted to a 3-4 magnet class.

He came up with the idea as a way to teach business skills and economics as part of a social studies class and because of his friendship with Grace Keros, the third-generation owner of American Coney Island in Detroit, who prepares and donates the food.

"I am so proud of those kiddos," Fisher said afterward. "They did a fantastic job."

The lessons incorporate math, technology, problem solving and social skills while the students — all dressed in American Coney Island T-shirts and hats — had to apply for jobs and practice with fake food.

But it went even deeper, delving into top-



ics some adults might have a hard time grasping.

"We researched business loans, so they asked their parents for loans and had to put up something as collateral," Fisher said. "Then we talked about the opportunity cost of the things we wouldn't be doing and finally they went online to research other coney islands to determine pricing."

Fisher said being part of the "tech generation" can make students a little introverted and shy, so they also worked on things like making eye contact.

"Welcome to Fishissippi Coney Island, how many are in your party?" smiled fourth-grader Grace Hubmeier

from behind a podium just outside the classroom.

"I didn't know what this was, but when Mr. Fisher told us about it at the beginning of the year, I was really excited," Hubmeier said. "I was a little nervous, too, wondering what job to apply for."

Waiters and waitresses greeted seated guests, asking, "May I start you off with something to drink?"

Meanwhile, the line cooks filled orders, ringing a bell and calling out, "Order's up!"

Diners had the choice of chili dogs with all the fixings, hot dogs, chili or Greek salad. Beverages included lemonade, iced tea, Arnold Palmers and two kinds of floats — root beer or cola. Some 250 orders were filled.

And just like a real restaurant, attendees had the option of paying their bill with cash or credit.

"These are advanced students and they really took to things," Fisher said. "They really wanted it to come alive."

There also is a charitable aspect to it all. As in the past, proceeds are

donated to various nonprofits. This time around it is the Autism Alliance



Above, Evelyn Jensen carries a Greek salad and a fully loaded coney dog to one of her tables. Left, Ferry Elementary School magnet teacher James Fisher demonstrates how to portion what goes on a coney dog.

of Michigan. Thanks to an anonymous donor who attended and told Fisher they would match what was raised, the total is close to \$3,400.



Above, GPPSS school board members Ginny Jeup, Ahmed Ismail and Sean Cotton look over their menus while Ferry teacher James Fisher and students Kamdyn Visk and Kasey Cleland prepare to take their orders. Left, Andrew Barr sets out orders for servers to deliver.



Grace Keros, owner of American Coney Island, who donated all the hot dogs, buns, chili and Greek salads, stands with Ferry Elementary School magnet teacher James Fisher.

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Gunnar Deem and Warren Kalbfleisch worked behind the counter putting together coney dogs and salads as the orders fly in.



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Above, Sydney Cleland delivers lunch old school, with a pencil behind her ear.

Right, Aarav Gandhi and Victor Lucas scooped ice cream for root beer floats, which were popular.

CVS Minute Clinic next door, Prueter was the first officer on scene and assisted with an AED shock and multiple rounds of CPR until the man regained a pulse and MedStar paramedics arrived to transport him to the hospital.

"A good outcome to a story such as this does not happen very often," the man later wrote in a Letter to the Editor published June 29, in the

Grosse Pointe News. "The gravity of their efforts really sunk in when I found out that the staff at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe had nicknamed me 'the miracle man.' It will take some time, but I am told to expect a total recovery."

Additionally receiving chief's letters for 2022 were Officer Muhieddine Turk, Narduzzi, Officer Robert Saleski and Officer Joshua Ina.

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A 75-year-old Farms man suffered a 100 percent blockage of his main artery — commonly called "a widow maker" — while eating at Panera Bread and was left without a pulse or breathing.

Along with two nurses — Jacqueline Chait and Dominique Delcourt — who ran over from the

GPPSS addresses middle school pools

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— After putting the project on hold when structural problems were discovered with the pool at Parcells Middle School, the Grosse Pointe Public School System is taking a fresh look at the future of all three middle school pools.

The Board of Education's Finance and Facilities Committee heard a presentation from Plante Moran CRESA at its meeting Wednesday, March 15, about various options ranging in cost from

\$780,000 to \$16.8 million.

The board last August ordered a dehumidification unit for Parcells at a cost of \$344,000, which was part of an overall renovation of the pool expected to cost \$2.5 million.

That cost more than doubled once engineers took a closer look at the pool.

"After years of poor ventilation, the chlorine started deteriorating the steel and we found a lot of rust," said Paul Theriault of PMC, the district's building consultant. "It's not in imminent danger of

collapsing, but the best decision was to shut it down."

Superintendent Jon Dean said the order for the dehumidification system was canceled.

"We decided right away not to go down that road, but there are still issues that need to be addressed," he noted.

The least expensive option, in the short term, would be to mothball the pools at Pierce and Brownell middle schools and demolish the one at Parcells. At a cost of \$780,000, most of that money would go toward demolishing the Parcells pool while keeping the

other two filled with water to ensure the integrity of the walls, but close them for use.

Brendan Walsh, a committee member and former school board member, pointed out that number could be misleading because more money will need to be spent when a final plan is decided.

Theriault said all three pools, built in the 1950s, share similar problems, including poor dehumidification, poor lighting and the fact none are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Because of the locations of the

pools within each school, only the one at Parcells could be demolished.

At \$10.8 million, the pool at Pierce would be filled in and repurposed as a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) space while the other two pools would be renovated and maintained as pools.

For \$13.6 million, the pools at Pierce and Parcells would be turned into STEAM areas and Brownell would be renovated and kept as a pool.

The most expensive option, at \$16.8 million, would see all three repurposed as STEAM areas.

Dean and Amanda Matheson, deputy superintendent for business services, stressed that any route the district takes would be dependent on future bond and sinking fund millage approvals. Plante Moran has identified some \$250 million in critical infrastructure needs the district should address in the next decade.

"In the administration's view, we're comfortable not having middle school pools," Dean said. "Pools don't touch as many kids as some of the other things we could do with that money."

Future of South IA building unsure

By Ted O'Neil
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

— While the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education has decided to move art classes out of the industrial arts building at Grosse Pointe South High School, it now has to contend with what to do with the structure.

The board voted 6-0 to spend nearly \$6,447,000 at its meeting Monday, March 20, to move the remaining art classes into the main high school.

Board President Ahmed Ismail announced at the start of the meeting that Vice President Lisa Papas could not be present as her daughter was going into labor.

In what has been referred to as Option 7, the school's auxiliary gym will be built out to house the classes, including an adjoining locker room that will house a darkroom for photography students.

The project includes replacing steam boilers in the main building with hydronic ones and other HVAC upgrades.

Work is scheduled to start this summer and be completed in January. The guaranteed maximum price of \$6,446,727

includes construction management fees of \$970,225 and an owner-controlled contingency fee of \$477,152. Any unspent portion of that money would be retained by the district.

Moving the classes came about due to the deteriorating nature of

"I support giving every student access to all classes offered at South," Trustee Colleen Worden said. "The IA building is underused and I want to give the arts program the upgrades they've been asking for."

Trustee David Brumbaugh agreed, calling it an investment, "in a world-class art program."

Because replacing the boilers in the main building will cut off the heat supply to the IA building, the board next has to decide how to heat it this fall while classes still are housed there. One option is to rent a portable trailer boiler with a set-up cost of \$20,000 and a monthly

fee of \$10,000.

In discussions at the board's Finance and Facilities Committee earlier this year, a price of \$1.8 million was discussed to demolish the building. The board, however, chose to step back from that decision and look at how or if the building, built in 1941, could be repurposed.

That would include installing a new, permanent heating system and upgrading the building's electrical system. Robert Stempien of Plante Moran CRESA, the district's construction consultant, estimated that cost at around \$1 million.

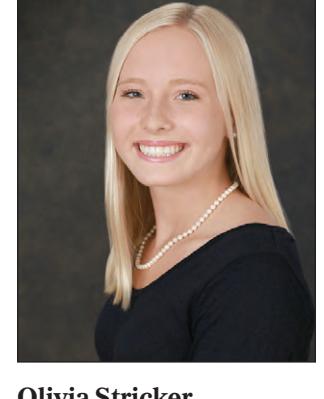
"I support getting this done, but the building cannot be left unconditioned," Ismail said. "If we do, we'll be kicking ourselves in the head."

City of Grosse Pointe student Olivia Stricker and Grosse Pointe Park student Raegan Rybicki were named to the fall 2022 Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University. Stricker is a student of the Hankamer School of Business. Rybicki is a student of the Robbins College of Health & Human Sciences.

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Susana Jarboe of Grosse Pointe Park and Sarah Fredrick of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the fall 2022 semester Dean's List at Saginaw Valley State University.

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Olivia Stricker

Bode Neumeister of Grosse Pointe Farms and Josh Thomas of the City Grosse Pointe were named to the Dean's List at Tufts University for the fall 2022 semester.

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building. "We know we have to be careful with that formula and come up with something that they are going to love having next door. I think 'respectful' is the key."

While it is early in the process and any potential plans need to be brought before the city's planning commission, the couple's vision for the non-traditional restaurant where customers would order and pick up at the counter — including, they hope, a seating area for those who may wish to dine in — incorporates an "early-and-early concept," meaning it would open early for breakfast and close in the early evening.

Staying in the lane within which they've found success at their current establishments, the intended cuisine can be described as American comfort food — "and that rightfully should be a very wide interpretation," Stevenson said — including their signature macaroni and cheese dish.

"What you're seeing, feeling is as important to us as the food," Stevenson added. "So we're really specific about what mood is being set with the music being played and the lighting always has to be a certain way."

Just as repurposing has been the theme for Catallo and Stevenson's prior projects — including a former fire hall; Berkley's Vinsetta

Garage, which once was the oldest garage east of the Mississippi; their headquarters inside a 1940s Ford Village Industries factory; and even a former Hooters in Troy which they upgraded to Gran Castor — the two intend to preserve the historical nature of the Jefferson building.

"I think the changes will just be interior," Stevenson said. "It's a handsome building and I love — and this isn't always the case — (because) it's in such exceptional shape, the idea of just being able to hang a shingle, a sign and move in and do the work here."

Uniquely existing as a non-conforming use among a neighborhood in an R-1B Single Family Residential zoning district, the building at 17449 Jefferson has been a hardware store, a drug store named Schettler's from 1918 to 1947, a barber shop, a beauty shop, Board of Health offices

and various banks: Grosse Pointe Savings Bank, Grosse Pointe Bank, National Bank of Detroit and, most recently, Chase Bank.

A full-service restaurant would not be allowed under current zoning, but it remains to be seen whether the proposed quick-service restaurant concept would be approved by the city as a grandfathered-in, non-conforming use.

"We will apply zoning standards to any proposal that is submitted," City Manager Pete Dame said via email.

Nearly three decades in, Catallo said the couple has been repurposing historical buildings long enough to know better than to promise a timeline for construction or opening; however, "the building is in such outstanding shape that it's a more straightforward undertaking than some in our past."

Also setting the Jefferson structure apart from the pack is the fact

the couple is offered most of its projects by network connections and word of mouth, but not this time around.

"I think this is the first building we've ever purchased that had a for-sale sign in front of it, ever," Catallo said, noting their interest was drawn by how it has been beautifully preserved, its placement as the only commercial building on the stretch of Jefferson and because it's in their neighborhood. "Just the fact that we drive by it every day, when we saw that the bank was leaving, we just started circling."

Assuming the planning commission's approval, a decision on the restaurant's name is forthcoming — "that's the fun part," Catallo said — as are the plans for what shape the building's sec-

ond floor may take.

One consideration could be residential, but the couple plans to bring a couple options to the city for consideration.

The parking lot, which wraps around two sides of the building and was purchased with the property, will remain as-is in an intentional effort to prevent street parking into the neighborhoods.

"I think people here would worry, 'OK, now there are going to be all

these cars parked in our (neighborhood)'," Catallo said. "We're going to design something that is cognizant of that, because we've been

in that, where cars have been parked legally in these neighborhoods, but we don't want to change the street."

"It's our neighborhood," Stevenson added, "so we would want something that we would want in our neighborhood ourselves."

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Grosse Pointe Talent presents 'Red Hot Mamas' dinner theater

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Branching off from offering educational theater programs in Grosse Pointe schools, Grosse Pointe Talent presents its first dinner theater event Friday, March 31, through Sunday, April 2, at the Tompkins Center in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Red Hot Mamas," written by David Christner, tells the story of Abby Adams and Dan Casey, a couple of middle-aged empty nesters whose plans for solitude change when both of their widowed mothers move in.

"We're having a lot of fun," said Sharron Nelson Corbin, creator of Grosse Pointe Talent and brain-child behind the production. "We're like the Blues Brothers; we're getting the band back together. Everyone in the show I've worked with before."

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, who stars as Abby Adams, is a stage veteran who has performed with Grosse Pointe Theatre, Shakespeare in Detroit, Heidelberg Dinner Theatre and Broadway Onstage.

She has shared the stage with each of her "Red Hot Mamas" costars. They include:

John Arden McClure of Roseville, in the role of Dan Casey;

Emmajean Evans of the



City of Grosse Pointe, in the role of Sarah Casey; CeCe Lester of Sterling Heights, in the role of Claudia Adams;

Charlie Rinderknecht of the City of Grosse Pointe, in the role of Peter Mason;

Sal DeMercurio of St. Clair Shores, in the role of Stan Walker; and

Michael Clyne of Grosse Pointe Farms, in the role of Russ Neary.

Clyne also will perform technical duties, along with Don Corbin of Grosse Pointe Park and Dennis Wickline of St. Clair Shores.

Technical duties for the show are many, as there is no stage at the Tompkins Center.

"It's a brand new venue," Corbin said. "Nobody has done any shows there before, so we're actually building a

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Above, Claudia, portrayed by CeCe Lesner, left, and Sarah, portrayed by Emmajean Evans, are angry because they refuse to share their bathroom. Left, the Red Hot Mamas with two gentlemen callers and an AA sponsor. From left are Charlie Rinderknecht, Sal De Mercurio, Emmajean Evans, CeCe Lesner and Michael Clyne.



John Arden McClure plays Dan Casey, the husband, and Sharron Nelson Corbin plays Abby Adams, the wife, both of whom become stressed out after their mothers move into their home.



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You never know what you'll find at The Little Thrift Shop. Genny Davenport's great-grandson, Julian Downs, peeks out from the racks.

Little Thrift Shop celebrates 65

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's not unusual for shop workers and their regular clients to build a friendly rapport. More rare are the customers who pop in to share happy personal news with the gals who run their favorite stores.

One such occasion happened not long ago when a long-time patron of The Little Thrift Shop at St. Michael's Episcopal Church dropped by to let the ladies know her twin daughters both were accepted to the University of Michigan Medical School.

"She was so proud and wanted us to know," shop manager Genny Davenport said. "... We have fun. We work hard, but there's a lot of companionship. Plus, the people who come in and the customers — we get to know all of them."

The Little Thrift Shop celebrated its 65th anni-

versary March 15. That's 65 years of not only selling quality consignments at reasonable rates, but also donating most of its profits to area charities.

"The women, back in the '50s, they used to do a rummage sale, but it was a lot of work with not much result," Davenport said. "They decided to do a thrift shop, which started in the organ chamber off the church. Then years later, they built this addition.

"All profits and clothing that isn't sold all goes to some kind of charity," she continued, noting a recent donation to a neighboring church with a particular need. "He needed men's clothing, so we gave him all of our men's clothing."

From clothing — men's, women's and children's — to purses and jewelry, to knickknacks and household items, The Little Thrift Shop welcomes donations of all kinds, as long as they're in good condition.

That list includes holiday items. The shop currently is hopping with Easter-themed items and each fall, when the holidays approach, items are so graciously donated, the shop annually operates a Christmas boutique.

"It's interesting to see what comes in and what sells," Davenport said.

Not long ago, Karen McCarthy noted, the shop received — and quickly sold — an electric drum set. Other items that made the ladies look twice include a metronome, which was swiped up before McCarthy could make the purchase, and a telescope, which is missing a part but otherwise is in good working order.

"Sometimes I think, 'I wouldn't even think to bring this in,'" Davenport said.

Added McCarthy, "but then somebody will say, 'I'll take it!'"

Since the pandemic, Davenport said she's seen

an uptick in donations, which means more choices for shoppers and ultimately more funds to donate.

Last year, The Little Thrift Shop made — and gave away — approximately \$28,000. Though the church keeps a small percentage for space rental, most of the money that comes in makes its way out to one of more than 20 charity organizations.

"It's a good feeling to know you're helping charity," Davenport said.

Around 30 regular volunteers help make the process run smooth, from organizing and pricing items to ringing up and bagging purchases. Help also comes in the form of students from Grosse Pointe North High School, who come twice a week to "empty the trash or really do anything we need them to," Davenport said. "Or grandchildren

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Robert F. Vogler

Robert F. Vogler, 88, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Bob was very proud of his 11 grandchildren and could often be found enjoying the many events in which they participated.

Bob also was proud of his 11 holes-in-one and was looking forward to his 12th. He was active in his community of Grosse Pointe Park and a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club.

Bob was the beloved husband of Elizabeth "Betty" for 57 years. He is survived by his children, James (Theresa), Andrew, Mary, Anne Hannon (Paul), Nancy DeGrand (Tony) and Molly; and grandchildren, Tim, Jake, Tyler, Danielle, Matt, Daniel, Megan, Nicole, Michael, Sean and Katelyn.

Bob's funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church. He was laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Right to Life of Michigan, rtl.org/donate, or St. Clare of Montefalco School, 16231 Charlevoix, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden, Inc.

Houston Daniel Morehead

Houston Daniel Morehead, 87, passed away Friday, March 17, 2023, in Brooksville, Fla.

Dan lived in St. Clair Shores. He was born Oct. 13, 1935, in Eldorado, Ill., to Houston R. and Mabel E. (nee Day) Morehead. He graduated from Bradley Central High School in Cleveland, Tenn. Dan received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, a master's degree in mathematics from Bowling Green State University, and later, a master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

His teaching career spanned two states — Tennessee and Michigan — where he faithfully taught mathematics to his beloved students. He spent the majority of his career at Grosse Pointe North High School before retiring in 1994.

Dan was an avid golfer and serious sports spectator. He was an accomplished musician, receiving many awards as a trombonist throughout high school. He also had a passion for singing and led the bass section in many choirs, as well as small group performances. He loved coins and was a devoted numismatist. He served God with all his heart and was a light in the lives of all with whom he associated.

Dan is survived by his wife, Sandra L. (nee DeCoster) Morehead; daughters, Carla Nimocks and Lynn

Carollo; son, Clifton Morehead; grandchildren, Adrienne Meador (Mark), Chelsea Kliewer (Jeremy), Rylan Nimocks, Caroline Brunson (Pete), Maggie Pate Nimocks, Robert Carollo, Jr. (Lauren), Caitlyn Turner (James) and Peter Carollo; brothers, Richard Morehead (Martha), Philip Morehead and Larry Morehead; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Janice Morehead Knight.

Visitation begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 25, at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home, 25800 Harper, St. Clair Shores, followed by a Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. Private burial takes place at Roseland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church, cbcroseville.org/give-2; Seven Rivers Church, bitly.ws/BR7t; or the Houston & Mabel Morehead Scholarship Fund, Lee University, P.O. Box 3450, Cleveland, TN 37320.

Charles "Chuck" Liebold

Charles "Chuck" Liebold, 84, passed away surrounded by family Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, after a short illness. He was a lifetime resident of Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores.

Chuck was born Dec. 17, 1938, to Merrill Liebold and Anna Griessel Liebold. He married his beloved wife, Susan, Aug. 22, 1964. He attended Grosse Pointe High School, "The High," and amassed hundreds of friends throughout his lifetime. Chuck was a doer, a trusted friend and a true neighbor to countless Eastsiders. He was a voracious reader; he often read more than 50 books a year at his favorite spots, including Bayview Yacht Club, Ford House, his backyard, his brother Tom's boat and cozied up to his fireplace.

Chuck loved Lake St. Clair with a passion and spent many hours as a boater, lake gazer and guest on her beautiful waters. He started as a sailor as he spent 25 years with his friends, Neil and Brad, trimming the sails. He helped close friend, Murray, clean, equip and operate his boat. Then, finally, he loved his time with his brother, Tom, as they became "daily pontooners."

Friends were extremely important to Chuck. He would call, visit and lunch with them regularly, with friends he made from grade school to high school. Later, he made more amazing friends when they moved to Windwood Pointe in St. Clair Shores, where he served 10 years on the board. He was committed to his neighbors and spent many hours dedicated to the landscape beautification and improvement of the property values for his

community. He especially cherished his Friday night "bored" meetings at BYC and City Kitchen, where he and his longtime band of misfits got together to talk sports and rearrange the world order.

Lastly, he was a loyal and ethical man to those who knew him. He put everyone he knew above himself. His family said God broke the mold with him. He will be forever loved, respected and deeply missed by his family and friends.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Susan Maxon Liebold; children, Kurt Liebold (Lisa Handlen) and Liz Liebold Pappas; and grandchildren, Grace and Ava Pappas, Sophia Liebold, Nick Pappas, Felicia Pewarchie and Kirsten Handlen.

A memorial service will occur at a later date.

Edmund Anthony Aubrey, D.D.S.

Edmund Anthony Aubrey, D.D.S., 97, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Dr. Aubrey was born July 13, 1925, in Detroit, to Aziz and Mary Aubrey. One of Dr. Aubrey's greatest achievements was marrying the love of his life, Antoinette "Toni." They were married 67 years. Dr. Aubrey lovingly referred to Toni as "my one and only."

Dr. Aubrey attended Michigan State University and was a proud alum and avid Spartan the rest of his life. He also completed dental school at Marquette University, became a licensed D.D.S. and ran his own practice for 30 years.

Edmund also was in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and served with the 15th Air Force, 777th Squadron, 55th Bomb Wing and the 464th Bomb Group. As a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator, Dr. Aubrey flew more than 50 missions in the war, over key targets in Europe.

Edmund's hobbies included riding his bike on Sunningdale, playing cards, exercising at the local LA Fitness, watching birds and freighters on the water, watching sports (specifically MSU) and walking. Edmund was a light in this world to those who knew him, known for a giving heart full of integrity and will be missed by so many.

Edmund was predeceased by his loving parents, Aziz and Mary Aubrey, as well as his brothers, Jimmy, Eddie, Fousy and Mitch. Edmund is survived by his cherished wife, Toni; loving children, Guy, Mary (Steve), Ron (Maryann), Lori and Tom; dearest grandchildren, Jason, Kristy, Jackie, Ashley, Kaitlin, Erin, Bridget, Mark, Clare and Rachel; and precious great-grandchildren, Noah, Avery, Evan, Ryan, Jackson, Antoinette "Annie," Finnian and Quinlan.

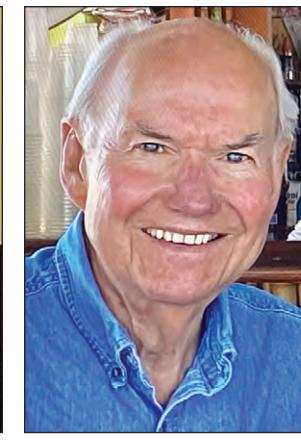
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Ann Labadie Sullivan

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Ann Labadie Sullivan, 87, died Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ann was born March 19, 1935, in Ecorse, to Alvin and Vera Labadie, both now deceased. She graduated from the Newton College of the Sacred Heart in 1957. Ann began her career as an elementary school teacher after graduation. She established a tutoring program in Detroit while raising eight children. She enjoyed donating her time to give back to the underprivileged community.

Ann was a devout Catholic and dedicated to her faith. In her spare time, she enjoyed running and playing tennis. She also completed three 26-mile marathons during her life.

Ann was the loving wife of the late Thomas P. Sullivan. She is survived by her children, Kevin, Patrick (Jackie), Michael (Tami), Sean (Phyllis), Brighid French (Michael), Thomas (Theresa), Annie Stevens (Greg) and Brian (Katie); and 27 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her brother, William Labadie.

Ann will lie in state Friday, March 31, from 11:30 a.m. until the time of her funeral Mass at noon at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Arrangements entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

Suzanne Margaret Frear

Suzanne Margaret Frear, 67, peacefully passed Thursday, March 16, 2023, after a four-year battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her two daughters and siblings whom she adored.

Suzanne was born March 24, 1955, in Grosse Pointe, to James and Katherine (nee Kolowich) Kearney, both now deceased. She was the fifth of 10 children.

At her 30th reunion from Grosse Pointe South High School, she reunited with her high school sweetheart, Michael J. Frear. They married and lived happily. Michael predeceased her in 2007.

Suzanne lived with an open heart and a passionate lust for life. She



Suzanne M. Frear

always put others before herself and had a blast doing it. An avid outdoor adventurer, she loved skiing the Rockies, gardening in her backyard, cooking for others, visiting her granddaughter in sunny California and boating on the lakes with family and friends.

Suzanne's daughters and granddaughter were the center of her world. She was adored by her daughters, granddaughter, siblings, family and friends. During the last few weeks of her life, she was truly surrounded with all that love.

It was astonishing how right up until her last breath, she never stopped thinking about others. A dedicated mother, an amazing Nonna and a cherished sister, Suzanne unconditionally loved life, people and the outdoors. With a fabulous sense of humor, her loved ones will always remember her laugh and dramatic storytelling.

Suzanne is survived by her daughters, Shannon Hatch and Sara Sommers (Mike); granddaughter, Sienna Sommers; siblings, Kathy Green (Buddy), Irene Kearney, Jim Kearney, Marybeth Geltz (Lincoln), Larry Kearney (Patti), Tom Kearney (Marty), Patty Grifo (Peter), Joanne Pierick (John) and Ginny Baysore (John); and 29 nieces and nephews — all of whom miss and love her deeply.

A celebration of her life takes place Friday, March 24, Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. with Mass to follow at noon at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation, accrf.org/donate, or The Ronald McDonald House, bitly.ws/BRIj.

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Mary Frances Griffith

Longtime resident Mary Frances Griffith, 96, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mary Frances was born June 9, 1926, to Lawrence G. and Helen Verlinden Peez.

She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1944, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1948. Later, she attended Wayne State University where she earned a Master of Library Science degree. She was the first librarian and historian of The Grosse Pointe Academy.

Throughout her life, Mary Frances was deeply committed to her community. A member of numerous organizations, she was actively involved in the Junior League of Detroit, Theatre Arts Club of Detroit and Alumnae of the Sacred Heart. After retiring to Vero Beach, Fla., in 1981, she founded the Friends of Indian River County Library and served as its first president. She also was an early president of the John's Island Community Service



Mary Frances Griffith

League and continued her involvement as a dedicated volunteer of the organization's fundraising activities for more than 30 years.

Mary Frances is survived by her daughter, Anne Scruggs (Mark); son, Don T. Galvin III; sister, Gloria Wolek; four grandsons; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Griffith; daughter, Sarah Galvin; son, Edward Galvin; and sister, Carol McNaughton.

A memorial service will be held this summer.

Memorial contributions will be gratefully received by the Alumnae of the Sacred Heart, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or the Friends of the Indian County Library, PO Box 1071, Vero Beach, FL 32961.

St. Paul Catholic School presents 'Disney's Aladdin, Jr.' March 24-25

St. Paul Catholic School students are hard at work preparing for their production of "Disney's Aladdin, Jr.", a beloved classic that will feature talent from Young 5's through eighth grade.

With a cast of 105 students, including 33 leads, 26 fourth and fifth graders, as well as 46 Young 5's through third graders, this production is a true ensemble effort. To give more students the opportunity to have lead roles, six of the leads have been double cast — a decision that required twice as much costuming, twice the number of rehearsals and significantly more effort, but ultimately ensured as many students as possible have a chance to shine.

Multiple costume changes for every cast member will be displayed, including outfits for Genie, Sultan, Aladdin and many others. Every detail was considered to create a visual extravaganza and many grandmothers and aunts have served as resident seamstresses — seven, in fact — while



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St. Paul Catholic School students present "Disney's Aladdin Jr.," this weekend.

countless parents created headpieces, accessories and even more costumes.

The set design also is something special, with volunteers dedicating hundreds of hours to make sure every detail is perfect. The result prom-

ises to be a visually stunning performance that is sure to leave audiences in awe.

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, in the St. Paul gymnasium, 170 Grosse

Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

General admission tickets are available now at showtix4u.com. Students and seniors may purchase tickets for \$5 each, while adult tickets are \$8.

Assumption offers Spring Cultural Series

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, offers a series of cultural programming this spring, beginning with "Russian Expansion v.s. Ukrainian Survival," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23.

For 30 years, Detroit native Natalie Melnyczuk has worked as an analyst, academic and diplomat. Her expertise is in Euro-Atlantic security, with regional expertise in Ukraine, Russia and Eastern Europe. Her focus has been on building understanding between nations through collaboration and cooperation to

ensure their mutual stability and security.

It is the nature of empires to conquer people and their lands, and appropriate the culture and history of the conquered as their own. With the birth of the League of Nations, the United Nations, the Laws of War, the Helsinki Commission and more, nations signed up to a set of common values that protect small countries from the threat of the large and powerful. This system is designed to protect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all nations without the constant threat of invasion by a

more powerful and aggressive country.

In this context, Melnyczuk will examine the invasion of Ukraine in 2014, and the broader full-scale invasion in February 2022.

Donation for the March 23 program is \$15.

The series continues at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, with a violin and piano recital featuring Kypros Markou and Dr. Marina Stojanovska. Markou is director of orchestral studies at Wayne State University and Stojanovska is a collaborative pianist in the School of Music at Oakland University.

They'll perform Dvorak's "Sonatina," Smetana's "From My Homeland" and other works for violin and piano. The concert will be followed by a meet-and-greet with refreshments. Tickets are \$20.

The series wraps up with a program about Hellenic cuisine at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 15. Tina Varlamos will teach participants to prepare Greek spinach pie and a custard phyllo dessert. At the end of the class, participants will taste the popular dishes. Cost is \$20 for the class.

For tickets or reservations, call Assumption at (586) 779-6111.

The Helm names Krista Siddall new executive director

Krista Siddall has been named executive director of The Helm at the Boll Life Center. She begins Monday, April 3.

Siddall brings 24 years of nonprofit and for-profit experience to her new position. She comes to The Helm from Kids' Health Connections in Detroit, serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, where she served as director of operations and programming. Immediately prior, she was program manager for Fit Kids 360 and



Krista Siddall

before that, she worked in marketing, public relations.

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who need volunteer hours come in to help, too. We never turn anybody away for help."

When the shop closed during COVID, it lost sev-

eral volunteers and sale hours were reduced to two days a week.

"If we had more volunteers, we could open on Wednesdays again," McCarthy noted.

Currently, items may be dropped off Mondays and Fridays; receiving is by

appointment only Fridays. The shop is open for paying customers Fridays and Saturdays.

"It's like a little treasure chest," McCarthy said. "Everybody is really friendly and happy to be here. It's just a happy little community."

As with any church ministry, The Little Thrift Shop is powered by the message of Christ. Volunteers distribute flyers to encourage people not only to visit the shop, but to check out the church's other ministries, like its monthly Lunch,

Laugh & Learn program. Of course, the goal is to get more people in the pews.

"And sometimes we see them on Sunday," McCarthy said.

"This (ministry) helps in a lot of different ways," Davenport

added.

The Little Thrift Shop is located at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, visit [The Little Thrift Shop page at stmichaelsgpw.org](http://stmichaelsgpw.org).

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The GPPL announces 2023 Books on the Lake authors

The Grosse Pointe Public Library's 2023 Books on the Lake welcomes three outstanding authors — P. David Allen II, Susan Orlean and Parini Shroff.

"Books on the Lake is our signature author event where the library features three authors selected by our library staff," said Jessica Keyser, library director. "This year's authors will not disappoint and will be available at the end of the program to autograph books."

The luncheon takes place Saturday, April 29, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Tickets are \$40 and go on sale online Saturday, March 25.

"Good Morning America" named Shroff's debut novel, "The Bandit Queens," a "Buzz Pick." The book is described as a "funny, feel-good read rollicking with memorable characters involved in ill-fated hijinks." Shroff received her Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin, where she studied under Elizabeth McCracken, Alexander Chee and Cristina Garcia. She is a practicing attorney and lives in the San Francisco Bay area.

A resident of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Allen is a musician, scientist and



author. His book, "Paper Valley: The Fight for the Fox River Clean-Up," is described as "a compelling human-interest tale on par with Erin Brockovich and Jonathan Harr's 'A Civil Action.'" Published in April 2023, by Wayne State University Press, "Paper Valley" is a compelling true story of a hard-fought environmental win, set in motion by a tenacious government scientist and a committed journalist — resulting in the polluting companies paying for the \$1 billion, 20-year cleanup.

This year's keynote speaker is Orlean, a New York Times bestselling author. Her novels include "On Animals," "The



Library Book," "The Orchid Thief," "Rin Tin Tin," "The Bullfighter Checks Her Make-Up" and "Saturday Night." Named one of the New York Times' 100 Notable Books of 2018, and the Washington Post's Best Books of 2018, "The Library Book" was awarded the California Book Award and Marfield



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Clockwise from top left, P. David Allen II, Parini Shroff and Susan Orlean.

Prize for Arts Writing.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Orlean grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. She's a staff writer for The New Yorker and a former contributing editor at Rolling Stone and Vogue. She's been praised as "an exceptional essayist" (Publishers Weekly) and a writer who "approaches her subjects with intense curiosity and fairness" (Bookmarks).

Presenting sponsors are Wayne County Community College District, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit grossepoinitelibrary.org.

Collection benefits animal rescues

Blankets and towels — new or gently used, but all clean — are being collected by Clean Up Clear Out to benefit local animal rescues.

The drive runs now through Monday, April 3.

"I'm doing this, first, because of my love of animals," said Sean Lane, owner of Clean Up Clear Out, adding with a laugh, "I'd rather be with an animal than a human."

"Second, I'm doing it because these rescues always need supplies, especially with all the belt-tightening going on right now. A lot of things are getting more expensive — like eggs, for example — and animals get the back end of it."

After noticing a rescue at 8 Mile and Groesbeck put out a call for blankets and towels, Lane decided to start his own drive to help. He's got a list of 20

local shelters that will reap the rewards of his collection, if enough donations are collected.

"Blankets and towels are needed for day-to-day operations, for picking up injured animals in the field," he said. "Or when they find dogs with puppies, they need blankets to keep those babies warm."

Though the drive focuses on blankets and towels, "If people are willing to make a dog or cat food donation, I'll collect that as well. Or even leashes. Just nothing bulky; a lot of rescues are limited with their space."

Those interested in donating should call (313) 886-3330 or email info@cleanupclearout.com.

"We'll arrange for the items to be picked up," Lane said.

— Jody McVeigh

GP native to give free lecture

Grosse Pointe native Farmington Hills.

Phil Hands, editorial cartoonist for the Wisconsin State Journal, presents the free program, "Cartoons as Commentary: Reflecting on the Art of Erich Lichtblau-Leskly."

An award-winning cartoonist, Hands began his career drawing political cartoons for the Grosse Pointe News while he was in high school.

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tions and programming positions for various entities. She was a recipient of the Spirit of Detroit Award in 2018.

"We are thrilled to have Krista as executive director of The Helm," said Prudence Cole, president of The Helm Board of Directors. "Her extensive experience in the non-profit sector and healthcare blends well with The Helm and its mission. We look forward to having her take The Helm to new levels of community support."

"I'm excited to begin my position with The Helm," Siddall said. "A strong community provides for all its members throughout life's journey. The Helm has grown tre-

mendously since it was formed more than 40 years ago and especially in the last few years. I look forward to building on and continuing that momentum to keep the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods great communities in which to grow up and grow older."

Siddall earned a Bachelor of Arts dual degree in public relations and English/journalism from Western Michigan University. Additionally, she has completed Master of Arts classes in organizational communication and is completing a Master of Business Administration degree. Siddall is a resident of Grosse Pointe.

Members and guests of The Helm are invited to meet and welcome Siddall from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 5.

Men's Club to get 'virtual' tour of new Wayne County Justice Center

Retired Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy M. Kenny will lead the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe on a 'virtual' tour of the newly constructed jail and courthouse for Wayne County and also share observations from his long judicial career and new perch as a retired judge. The luncheon meeting takes place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All are welcome. For reservations, call Jerry Teagan at (313) 303-5559 or email gpmcattendance@gmail.com. Meeting reservations are \$20 each.

Chief Judge Kenny served on the Third Circuit Court Wayne County bench for 26 years. He served as chief judge from 2019-22. The court is the largest in the state and one of the largest in the country.

There are 58 judges and approximately 600 staff serving the Third Circuit Court. Before becoming chief judge, Kenny served nine years as presiding judge of the 23-judge criminal division of the court.

During the height of the pandemic, Kenny led the Third Circuit Court through the pandemic crisis and the adjustment to remote judicial services, as well as the court's work with the county to design a new criminal division courthouse. He also was responsible for monitoring inmate population and health concerns at the Wayne County jails, which pre-pandemic housed 1,800 inmates in three separate locations.

In 2010, Kenny was selected as one of Michigan's Leaders in the Law by Michigan Lawyer's Weekly.

In 2011, he received the Pioneer of Justice Award from the Legal Aid and Defender Association. He also has been a frequent presenter for the Michigan Judicial Institute.

Before becoming a judge, Kenny served 20 years as an assistant Wayne County prosecutor. During his tenure in the prosecutor's office, he served as a chief trial attorney and a special assistant U.S. attorney. During his service as a prosecuting attorney, Kenny received the Leonard Gilman Award from the Federal Bar Association for outstanding practice of criminal law. He also spent several years in the private practice of law.

Kenny is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Minnesota Law School.

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stage. We have to build it, dress it, paint it.

"Our Grosse Pointe Theatre friends are helping out with lights and sound," she added. "Everybody's pitching in and helping."

Mary Lou Muer will cater the event, the menu for which includes chicken, stuffing, garlic green beans, salads, rolls, butter, coffee and a variety of pastries.

"This is her first dinner theater, too," Corbin said. "She used to do spaghetti dinners — 'Dinners with Mary Lou' — in the Park and I teach ice skating in the Park, so I said why not put a show together with a dinner?"

"... I've done ('Red Hot Mamas') before and had so much fun," she added. "The actors I wanted to bring back, I thought they

would be perfect to play these parts. It's a funny show — something silly, funny and relatable."

Though entertaining, "Red Hot Mamas" is meant for adult audiences, Corbin said.

Tickets are \$50 and include a cash bar, buffet dinner and the show.

Tickets are available online at our.show/gpp. Tickets also are available during box office hours at the Tompkins Center, from noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays, March 23 and March 30. Anyone who needs assistance or more information should call Corbin at (313) 580-5987 or email gptalent48230@gmail.com.

"Come out and have a good time, eat and have fun," Corbin encouraged, noting she's considering hosting dinner theater performances again. "We'll see how this goes. If it goes well, we'll do one or two a year."

The details

What: "Red Hot Mamas"

When: Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1

Cocktails at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the show at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

Cocktails at 2 p.m., followed by dinner at 2:30 p.m. and the show at 3:30 p.m.

Where: The Tompkins Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park.

Info: Tickets and information are available at our.show/gpp or by scanning the QR code.



Emmajean Evans and CeCe Lesner rehearse a scene from "Red Hot Mamas," which will be performed at the Tompkins Center March 31 to April 2.

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Racing For Kids kicks off 34th season in St. Petersburg, Fla.

With three years of pandemic restrictions in the rearview mirror, Racing For Kids was back on track with two special in-person events as part of the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Pete — the season-opening race of the 2023 NTT INDYCAR Series.

First off, Racing For Kids brought AJ Foyt Racing's Santino Ferrucci to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., for a special visit prior to his competing in the St. Petersburg Grand Prix. The popular INDYCAR racer made bedside visits, engaging 50 young patients, talking about racing, signing his hero cards, posing for pictures and handing out colorful Racing For Kids hats.

Joining Ferrucci was young racer Joey Brienza, competing in



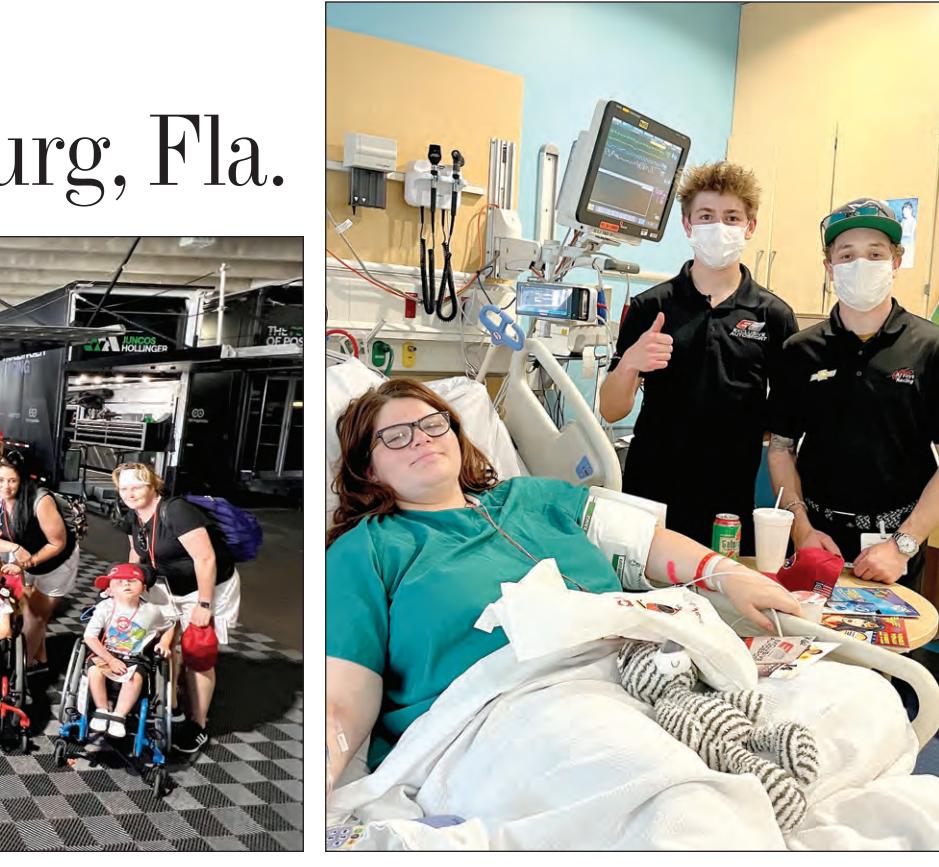
the USF 2000 Series. Their 90-minute program was the 19th visit Racing For Kids has made to Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital since INDYCAR began racing on the streets of St. Petersburg in 2003.

The following day,

Racing For Kids teamed up with St. Petersburg Grand Prix promoter, Green Savoree Racing Promotions, to entertain dozens of young hospital outpatients and their families at a VIP Kids-at-the-Track event. The fun-filled day included tours of the INDYCAR Paddock, the AJ Foyt Racing team transporter and Firestone Racing's race tire compound. They also were treated to a trackside lunch provided by Lundy Catering.

"Green Savoree and its St. Pete Grand Prix staff really helped make this happen," said Debby Wright, Racing For Kids' COO. "It was such a great way to kick off our 34th year of helping sick kids get better faster through motorsports."

Racing For Kids has plans underway for similar events during the Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix in June, as well as additional kid-oriented events at Road America in Wisconsin and Laguna Seca in California during the 2023 INDYCAR season.



Above left, racers from AJ Foyt Racing pose with outpatients from Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital and their families at the Kids at the Track day at the Firestone Grand Prix. Above right, racers made bedside visits to each patient and made their day a little brighter. Left, INDYCAR racer Santino Ferrucci and USF 2000 driver Joey Brienza race David, a young patient, down the halls of Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

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Cara Adams, Firestone manager of race tire development, conducts a tour of the Firestone Tire Center at the St. Pete Grand Prix.

GP Theatre scholarship auditions coming soon

Celebrating 50 years of its scholarship program, Grosse Pointe Theatre will host its 2023 scholarship auditions Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at 315 Fisher Road, City of Grosse Pointe.

Grosse Pointe Theatre created a scholarship program in 1972, designed to help high school seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university, and high school students enrolled in a recognized summer theater or performance camp. This year marks GPT's 50th year of granting scholarships to students in the community. In the past 16 years alone, Grosse Pointe Theatre has given out \$117,000 in scholarships. The student does not need to be majoring in a performance or technical role in college to apply for the scholarship.

Applications and rules and regulations are available at gpt.org/scholarship for any interested high school student meeting one of the following criteria:

- ◆ Must be a student at one of the Grosse Pointe high schools;
- ◆ a Grosse Pointe resident;
- ◆ a child or grandchild of a Grosse Pointe Theatre member or season ticket holder;
- ◆ has performed in or worked backstage for a GPT show and was acknowledged in the program; or

◆ has participated in GPT's "Youth on Stage" program.

Scholarships are awarded for theatrical performance or technical theater work.

Students will audition with a choice of two pieces: a memorized dramatic monologue, a memorized comedic monologue, a song or a dancing talent demonstration.

Technical theater applicants should prepare a presentation of their work such as videos, PowerPoint presentations, models, pictures or binders of work. This will be presented and evaluated as a whole body of work.

All applicants will receive immediate feedback from the judges.

GPT consistently reviews and updates its COVID policies. At the current time, face masks are optional for auditionees; however, that may be subject to change depending on the situation at the time.

Applications are due by Saturday, April 22, and may be sent to scholarship@gpt.org or mailed or put in the mail slot at Grosse Pointe Theatre, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

For more information, call Linda Zublick at (313) 320-4325 or Scholarship Chair Beth Teagan at (313) 421-6363 or email scholarship@gpt.org.

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Reaching out in times of sorrow and grief

Dear Gabby: Last week, one of my friends experienced a death in their family. It was an elderly family member that had been sick for many years but still nonetheless, a very sad and emotional event.

This particular friend typically never asks for help or assistance from anyone in our group. She is that friend that all of us go to for advice and intel in pretty much any situation.

That being said, we'd love to do something special for her and her family during this time. Do you have any suggestions for

simple yet meaningful gestures to show someone you care and are thinking about them?

— Sad in the Shores

Dear Sad,

I'm sorry for your friend's loss. In my opinion, sometimes creating a meal train and having multiple people show up at a home can be more stressful for the recipient(s) than was intended. What you want to avoid is creating undo stress and

creating the need to send multiple thank you notes, etc.

My suggestion is to send one large grazing board, or several ready-to-eat meals via a restaurant or local market and sign it "From your friends" (you may list names if you wish, and consider adding a note such as 'your friendship is your thanks' would be appropriate).

This way, there is no need for individual notes of thanks, and you are providing them

with some dinners so they don't have to think about it.

Another option is to send them one gift card for either food or something your friend loves inside a heartfelt greeting card. Keeping it simple is the best plan in times of crisis.

— Gabby

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



Mother's attitude, jealousy create an unpleasant dynamic

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I recently had a baby, and it has created some major issues with my mom and in-laws.

Mom is an unhappy person who blames others and external factors for her unhappiness. She laments her unhappiness

to me. She's incredibly jealous of any time we spend with my partner's family. She makes mean comments about them to me and questions the amount of time we spend with them.

Having her in the same room as any of my part-

ner's family is stressful. It even stresses me out when she asks me if I've seen them. We spend a lot of time with both families and see both once a week.

Additionally, Mom comes over once during the week to see the baby and stay for dinner.

My partner is wonderfully supportive and kind. He continues to welcome Mom into our home and treat her well.

However, I don't think it's fair to my partner to be treated poorly and to know that Mom says mean things about their family.

I've tried speaking to my father about this, but he says things like, "That's

how she is; you can't change someone. Just remain neutral."

I feel helpless and I'm not sure what to do — give Mom an ultimatum about her behavior, never have both families in the same room, or move far away? I tried speaking with both my parents. It didn't change her behavior. Any advice? — STRESSED OVER THIS IN WASHINGTON

DEAR STRESSED: Although you cannot change your mother's attitude, you can do something to change her behavior.

The next time she questions you about the time you are spending with your partner's family, your response should be, "Mom, you already know the answer to that question. Stop asking."

The next time she says something derogatory

about them, tell her you are aware of how she feels, you love these people, she's making you uncomfortable and to stop. It may take repeating, but eventually you may get through.

If that doesn't happen, you may wind up seeing less of her, which would be a relief.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who has been in a long-term relationship with a widower. I am concerned about his relationship with his 27-year-old daughter. She wants time with him, excluding me, and he encourages it and hides it from me.

Most recently, they traveled out of state together and he didn't tell me. I think this is abnormal and I find it confusing. He says she has anxiety and needs to spend time with him. Should I be concerned?

— EXCLUDED IN OHIO

DEAR EXCLUDED: If your gentleman friend and his daughter have to smuggle their times together past you, there is a reason.

The reason may be that you seem to disapprove of him spending alone time with his daughter. He shouldn't have to explain or make excuses for it.

He's the only parent she has left. If you and he are able to have ample private time to keep your relationship flourishing, I see no reason for concern. If you can't accept that they are a package deal, find another gentleman friend.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact *Dear Abby* at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



We Tried It!

Getting a great night's sleep never used to be an issue for me. I could fall asleep as soon as my head hit the pillow and sleep for 12-plus hours. As the years passed, it has become a little trickier to fall asleep and even more difficult to stay asleep. It's hard to unwind after a long day and every little noise seems to wake me up.

I usually go to bed and wake up at different times every day, which doesn't help my cause. I could have a consistent sleep schedule, but I decide to stay up late watching shows, scrolling on my phone and reading books. I've been waking up groggy and feeling the midday slump in a major way, so I decided to find something to help me establish a sleep routine.

I had been hearing a lot of great things about the Hatch Restore alarm clock online. The Hatch Restore is an alarm clock that also functions as a sound machine, color-changing bedside lamp, meditation machine and

Bluetooth speaker. It connects to an iPhone app and allows you to set up a sleep routine. This can include a few stages of light and sound pairings to indicate it's time to get ready for sleep.

For example, there are many videos online

where Hatch Restore owners have a certain sound and light pairing that plays for 30 minutes while they read and then it changes to a different sound and light when it's time to go to bed. The Hatch Restore also can play guided meditations

you choose in the app.

After seeing a few different videos and ads for the products, I knew I definitely wanted one. Luckily, a friend gave it to me as a Christmas gift and I was super excited to try it out.

After two months of

using the Hatch Restore every night, I can safely say it is an awesome device.

On the app, I programmed three sleep stages that play every night. Each stage has a different light and sound paired with it. All I have to do is press a small button at the top of the machine and the sound begins. The third sleep stage plays white noise all night while I sleep, until my alarm goes off each morning.

When the Hatch Restore alarm goes off in the morning, it is completely different than a standard alarm clock. You can choose between peaceful birds chirping, bells, music and other gentle noises to help you wake up. The bedside lamp slowly grows lighter in the 30 minutes leading up to the alarm going off to slowly wake you up in the morning. I chose the chirping birds alarm and I absolutely love it.

When I tell you this sound machine makes you sleep like a baby, I am serious. Recently,

Grosse Pointe had a terrible ice storm that left trees fallen all over the neighborhood and caused many homes to lose power for multiple days. A gigantic tree fell down directly next to my bedroom window during the night. A seriously massive tree. Being that my Hatch Restore was playing white noise, I heard nothing. At. All.

You will love this thing. Your kids will love it. They might even try to

steal it. So do yourself a favor and try it. I am giving the Hatch Restore five out of five alligators, because a whole tree can fall down right next to you and you'll still get a good night's sleep.

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



A fast and wonderful dinner meal

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

A fast dinner is essential to make sure your family is fed prior to all the weeknight activities and athletics. It's something that you can make ahead so kids eat a wholesome meal when they need to be at their best.

This is a quick recipe that you keep warm on the stove so that anyone can come and serve themselves when they are around and hungry. The best part is, it's really good!

A simple bisque with tomatoes, cream and sausage is finished with kale for some greens and texture. Add some crusty

bread and a green salad and the family is good to go.

Cheers, Mombeau

Tortellini and sausage soup with kale

1 lb sweet italian sausage

1 medium onion, diced

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 28 oz can crushed tomatoes

4 cups chicken broth

4 cups chopped kale

9 oz box of fresh cheese tortellini

1/4 cup heavy cream

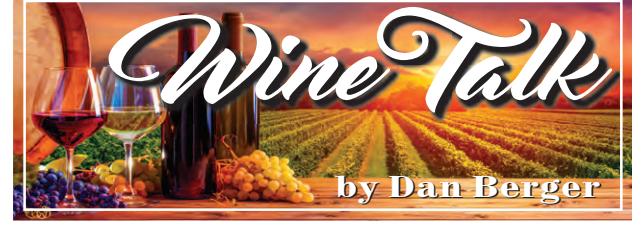
In a large soup pot, brown the sausage that has been removed from its casings. Once the sausage is brown, add the onions and garlic. Cook until soft, about five minutes.

Pour in the tomatoes and chicken broth and simmer for 10 minutes.

The last five minutes, put in the chopped kale and tortellini. Slowly pour in the cream once the soup is finished. Add Parmesan to taste.



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Restaurant wine prices and obscurity

As the COVID-19 pandemic began to wind down over the last year, I noticed a sad trend in some upscale restaurants: wine list prices seemed to be rising.

I don't mean only at Michelin-starred places. I refer also to simple, quality cafes that once priced their wines at about three times wholesale, or twice retail. That's plenty. Restaurants usually pay less for wine than do retail wine stores, and careful restaurant wine buyers can make a decent profit with normal markups.

But increasing prices beyond twice retail, such as 2.5 or even 3 times retail, pushes some consumers out of the wine market in restaurants. That eventually could backfire on restaurant owners in the form of fewer diners.

I always figure that the price of the average bottle of wine should equal about twice the price of an average main dish. So, for example, if an average main dish is \$18, a bottle of most wines that will be shared by two people should probably not exceed \$36. Recently I've seen far too many at \$50.

Of course, this is an extremely rough estimate and it's also fraught with pitfalls. Especially if that \$36 bottle is one that sells in a retail shop for about \$12. And such is often the case. Restaurants aren't exactly repositories of magnanimous behavior.

Years ago, if a brand was extremely popular in the retail marketplace, it also was seen in restaurants. So, we used to see a lot of Chateau St. Jean, Jordan, Sterling, Kendall-Jackson, Robert Mondavi and other well-regarded brands on restaurant wine lists.

The problem was that those brands were so

popular in retail stores that most regular wine buyers knew exactly how much they were paying to get them at retail. Which limited restaurants as to how much they could mark them up.

If you always paid \$18 for a particular chardonnay in a store, no restaurant ever felt comfortable charging \$50 for it. Savvy consumers wouldn't stand for it.

For that reason, many restaurants created wine lists that focused on brands and regions that were relatively obscure. The less that consumers

knew about wine list offerings, the more they would accept whatever price was put on it.

So, what do average consumers do today when confronted with wines they know nothing about? Some simply take a wild stab at it. I occasionally find myself in situations like this, and I usually resort to my cellphone.

I use an app called Wine-Searcher (<https://www.wine-searcher.com>) that has all the information most people will ever need.

Assume you're sitting in a cafe, and you find a bottle of wine that says it's

from Listrac. Open Wine-Searcher, type in "Listrac" and you'll see that it is "the least prestigious (area) of the Haut-Medoc," a French wine area, meaning wines should be reasonably

priced. The search also provides chateau name searches, allowing consumers to know how much a specific wine should sell for at retail.

For instance, if you see a wine on a list that says "Robert Mondavi Private Selection Merlot," a search will show you that most retail shops have it for \$7.99. Restaurants should charge no more than \$18 or so. Anything over \$20 isn't a very good value.

Wine of the Week:

2020 Bonny Doon Le Cigare Volant, Central Coast (\$18) — Randall Graham developed this excellent red wine long ago to emphasize how good the various Rhone

grapes could be when blended.

At one point more than a decade ago, the wine was darker and aimed at improving in the cellar. Today the style is more approachable when young.

This example is a delight in lighter-styled red wines focusing on grenache and cinsault. Elegant, low in tannins and excellent with almost all kinds of foods.

The 2021 vintage is reportedly just as good. Often seen at \$15 or less.

To find out more about Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.

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Left, Minami as Aileen and Johnny Depp as W. Eugene Smith in the 2020 movie "Minamata," directed by Andrew Levitas.

MOVIE REVIEW
"Minamata"
2020 - Rated R
1 hr 55 min
★★★★★

After high school I decided I was going to become a professional photographer, and majored in it for a year in college. During this period I became acquainted with all the greats including Ansel Adams, Frank Capra, Harry Callahan, and of course, W. Eugene Smith. Smith's wartime photos were absolutely iconic, for their composition and subject matter. I knew next to nothing about his personal life, so when I found "Minamata" on Kanopy, I immediately added it to my queue.

At first I thought it odd that Smith was portrayed by Johnny Depp. With all his goofy "Pirate" films to his credit, he seemed like an unlikely choice for such a dramatic story. But he sure proved himself in this powerful film.

The phrase, "He's back!" rang through my head. His performance is just one aspect that makes "Minamata" such an amazing movie. It's directed by Andrew Levitas who's an artist and an actor and he drew on these skills to craft a truly remarkable movie.

The beautifully subtle score is by the renowned composer and musician Ryuichi Sakamoto. And for a film about a legendary photographer, you expect the cinematography to be excellent as well. Here Benoit Delhomme delivers in spades — each shot is perfectly composed and looks like a work of art.

The story takes place in 1971. W. Eugene Smith (Gene) is on hard times. He's a heavy drinker and drug user, nearly broke, has deserted his family, and suffers from PTSD — likely the result of his first-hand experiences in war zones.

He's approached by a Japanese translator Aileen (Minami), and is asked to be a spokesman for Fuji color film. It's rather ironic, as he points out he's never shot a single frame in color in his entire life. The real reason for Aileen's visit is to recruit him to document the dire situation in Minamata, Japan.

Minamata is home to the Chisso Corporation. It's a huge chemical company that's been dumping toxic chemicals into the local water supply. The result has been devastating to the population of the small town.

The mercury has caused severe neurological damage to hundreds of people, and the situation has been going on unreported for years. They're hoping a photo-

grapher of Smith's stature will expose their plight to the entire world. Smith is reluctant to take on the assignment at first, but he soon realizes the positive effect he can have.

He approaches his edi-



Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin

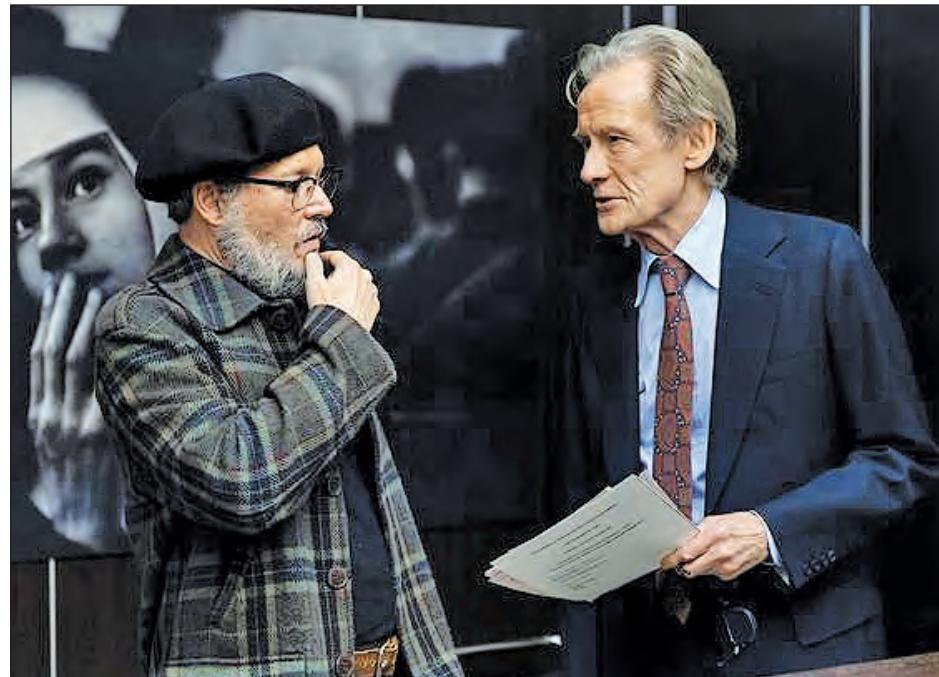
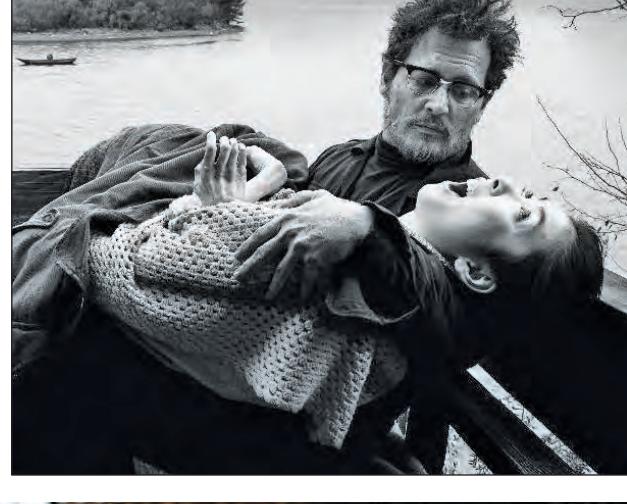


tor at LIFE Magazine, Robert Hayes, played wonderfully by the always-charming Bill Nighy. Hayes is totally fed up with Smith's shenanigans, however he realizes the impact the groundbreaking story can produce. He eventually agrees to fund Smith's venture.

The story shifts to Japan, where most of the film takes place.

At first the townspeople are hesitant to let Smith photograph them. But he eventually wins them over and joins them in their battle against the corporation.

There are a few scenes I found very moving.



Left, Johnny Depp as W. Eugene Smith and Bill Nighy as Robert Hayes.

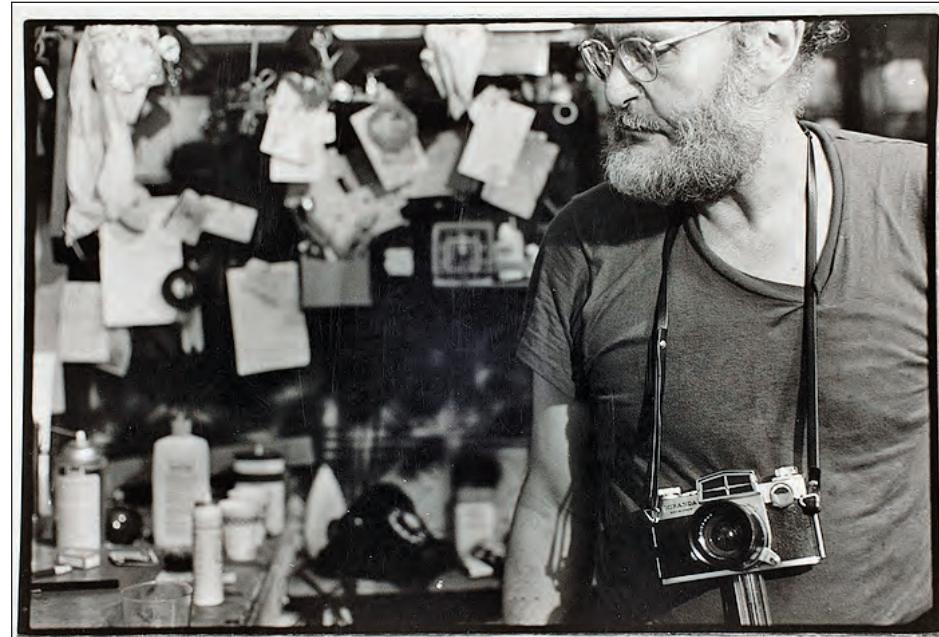


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William Eugene Smith, the actual American photojournalist that Johnny Depp portrayed in the movie "Minamata."

known. After a bit of digging I found out it was premiered at the Berlin International Film Festival in 2020, just as the Covid pandemic was ramping up. With the shuttering of movie theatres, its release was subsequently delayed until just recently.

It now can be viewed on a couple streaming platforms, and trust me, it's well worth searching out.

Note to parents: Not sure why this film is rated R. There is some swearing and the subject matter is pretty grim. But I'd probably rate it PG-13.

Currently streaming for free (with your library card) on Kanopy.com and Hoopla.com. Also on Hulu and to rent on Prime Video.

My rating system:

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

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

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

My main focus is on films that I feel have gone under the radar and deserve more recognition. They include both mainstream and indie films streaming on services like Netflix and Kanopy, as well as theatrical releases.

For movie trailers, visit youtube.com. If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: dominmark@yahoo.com.

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

At Work

by Lindsey Novak



How to end anger before it erupts

The city and the state don't matter. The location seems irrelevant. People across this country are experiencing various levels of anger. These states of anger may not be apparent, but they are always present. It hides beneath the do-gooder's intentions, the motivation articles urging people to move on and the videos of animals brightening up the day with hilarious antics. Millions of individuals can submerge themselves in mindless TikTok videos, TV sitcoms and fantasy dramas, but the anger lives on beneath the surface. Everyone feels it but never asks the deep question: Why does it continue?

Fury, anger, disappointment and utter disgust remain on people's minds because they lack control. Its presence takes hold, and those who have experienced such damage work hard to keep the misery alive. Individuals repeatedly think of the man who got the job despite having a less prestigious degree, less experience, less ability, less talent and a lower level of everything they think should matter. Yet the other person won. The fair-faced child wins the spelling bee and becomes the teacher's pet. The brainy child wins the school's science fair and becomes the target of the rough and poorly educated groups on the outskirts.

Once again, life proves to them they are "losers" — a word that no one wants to be a part of. A word that shows them life isn't fair. Sometimes they know that, but their desires won't let it rest.

And be assured no one ever told them life was

fair. It never has been and never will be. But they see others receiving things they wanted but couldn't have, achieving successes they strived for and didn't reach, living lifestyles they read about but know they will never experience, and every day they suffer in silence a bit more than the day before. They don't dare complain about what they lack in life, but they feel it because they live it. Disappointments happen daily for the mediocre office worker, the child who can't break into the cool crowd, the adult who has the talent but never wins.

Then, a minor incident causes an internal explosion, and it feels like it's time to set the record straight. It's time to even the score. They have been silent, complacent and polite. The quiet boy on the outskirts of popularity. The office clerk whose performance is acceptable but average. They have tried and tried but can't seem to win.

One can express anger in many ways, but that anger sifts into two groups: positive and negative. Emotion takes over and controls the reptilian brain — the most primitive section of the mind. The child who has been bullied one too many times reverts to revenge. The midlevel manager who knows he will never be promoted higher than he is today but wants to be known.

Neither person must resort to violence, but after a lifetime of being left out and overlooked (regardless of their age), they feel there is no other way to get attention. To let people know they count. A lifetime of losing does not

motivate a person to call out for help.

There are the right ways and the wrong ways to air their grievances. Too many people hold in their feelings and don't know how to turn those sad or angry emotions into words that communicate their pain and disappointment. A person who has lived a life of passivity, agreeing with everyone and sublimating his own thoughts, doesn't know how to promote himself to show he may have something to offer. The child who has never been accepted at school (perhaps because he has suffered abuse at the hands of his father) doesn't have the social skills to create a social exchange to join a group. The office worker who lacks confidence may know he is average but doesn't have the communication skills to advance.

We can hope for the teachers to sense a child's emotional instability and for a department manager to draw out an employee's hidden abilities, but until communication is taught as a requirement throughout our school systems, children will remain lost and unable to call out for help. Those children may become the quiet, acquiescent individuals who stay polite throughout life, or may turn into angry, explosive social rejects who one day retaliate.

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Royal Stars

Weekly Horoscopes

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EDT today (10 a.m. to noon PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

Happy Birthday for Thursday, March 23, 2023:

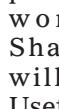
You are curious and adventurous, which means you want to learn as much as you can. You are an entertaining person and fun to be with. This year service to others is your theme. In order to benefit others, it's important to take care of yourself. Time for a makeover?



ARIES

(March 21-April 19)

Like Obi-Wan, today you might feel a great disturbance in the Force as Pluto changes signs. This might signal that your friends will change. Likewise, you might decide that goals you have been pursuing are no longer worth pursuing. Shallow friendships will end. Tonight: Useful money decisions.



TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)

A major change taking place today will empower you to achieve your life goals, and possibly change your life direction or your career path. Take all the time you need to contemplate this new direction. This will become more obvious by next year. Tonight: Practical ideas.



GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)

You are starting to see that your overall view of the world is changing.

Therefore, strive to learn everything you can, because the knowledge you gain will be useful in the future. You might develop a strong belief or conviction in something. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.



SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Major changes will be taking place at home and within your family dynamic in the near future. Your home life might change. Your residence might change. Relations to



LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

For those of you who have children, you might see major changes taking place in the near future. Others might encounter a star-crossed, intense romance. Be open to discovering activities where you can express your creative talents and explore new hobbies. Tonight: Check your finances.



PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)

You will begin to go through psychological changes as Pluto enters your 12th house, urging you to get rid of hidden psychic garbage. It's time to let go of prejudices and attitudes that no longer serve your purpose. Many of these will be childish patterns that you must confront and deal with.

Tonight: Make plans.

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♣ 10 8 2

EAST

♦ K J 7 4
♥ K 9 4 3
♦ K 4
♣ 7 6 5

SOUTH

♦ A Q 2
♥ Q J 8 7 5
♦ Q 2
♣ K 9 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — ten of spades.

This deal occurred in a high-level pair championship. At all five tables where the hand was played, the contract was three notrump, with South as declarer, and at each table South found the winning line of play to make the contract.

Despite the identical outcome at each table, it is safe to say that many declarers facing exactly the same situation would have gone down. Superficially, there seems to be nothing to the play, but that's exactly what makes it so easy to go wrong.

It appears to be normal to win the

opening spade lead with the queen, play the queen of diamonds and finesse. But in the actual deal, this approach proves fatal after East takes the queen with the king and returns a spade. When the diamonds turn out to be divided 4-2 rather than 3-3, South can do no better than go down one.

But the correct method of play — adopted by all five expert declarers — makes the contract and, in fact, produces 10 tricks. Instead of leading the queen of diamonds at trick two, South should cross to dummy with a club and lead a low diamond toward the Q-2!

What can East do in that case? If he rises with the king, South scores four diamond tricks. If East plays low instead, declarer wins with the queen and leads a diamond to the ace, felling East's king. South then continues with the jack and another diamond, and once again scores four diamond tricks.

Declarer should reason that if the opposing diamonds are divided 3-3, it makes no difference whether he starts the suit from his own hand or from dummy. But if the diamonds are 4-2, South does better in the long run by initiating the suit from dummy.

It is true that if either opponent has four diamonds to the king, declarer's play does not matter — he goes down either way. But if West has four without the king, as in the actual deal, leading the first diamond from dummy is absolutely essential.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25

E V E N T S

Things to do in and around Grosse Pointe this week

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

Blues Jam at First Place Lounge

First Place Lounge,

8 p.m.-12 a.m.

16921 Harper Ave.

Fever Candlelight Concert

The War Memorial,

6-10 p.m.

32 Lake Shore Drive.

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Ewald Branch,

6:30-8:30 p.m.

15175 E Jefferson

Hughes & Smith Quintet at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,

6-8:30 p.m.

97 Kercheval.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Fish Fry

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,

5-7:30 p.m.

23120 Gratiot Ave.

Fish Fry

Our Lady Star of the Sea,

5-7 p.m.

467 Fairford Road.

Michelle Lordi at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,

6-8:30 p.m.

97 Kercheval.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Michigan Flute Orchestra: "A Walk Through the Seasons"

The War Memorial,

2:30-4:30 p.m.

32 Lake Shore Drive.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

4th Monday Book Discussion Group

Ewald Branch,

1:30-2:30 p.m.

15175 E Jefferson

Blues Jam

The Cadieux Cafe,

8-11 p.m.

4300 Cadieux Rd.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

5th & 6th Grade Book Group

Ewald Branch,

7-8:30 p.m.

15175 E Jefferson

Music Jam

Cabbage Patch Saloon,

9:30-11 p.m.

15130 Mack Ave.

Michigan Science Center presents "Kaboomistry!"

Woods Branch,

2-3 p.m.

20680 Mack Ave.

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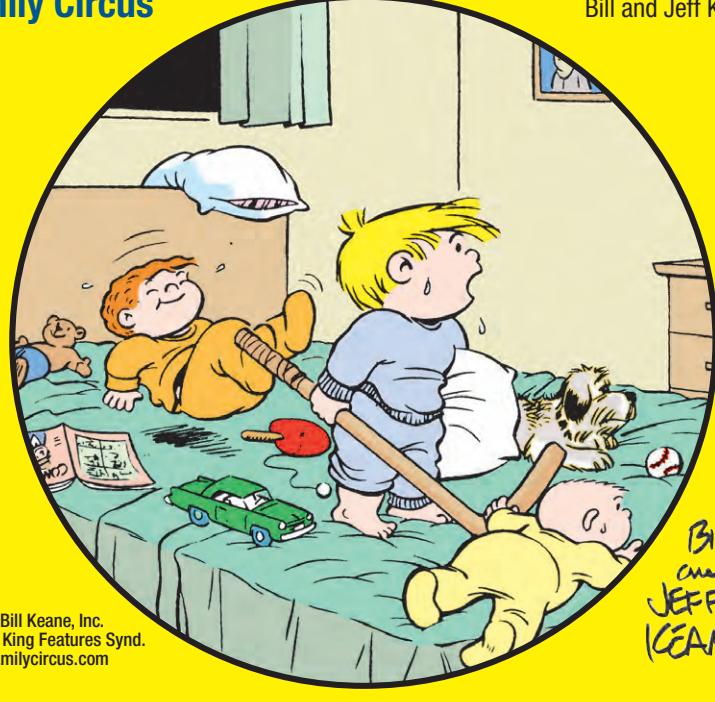
Damon Terrell at Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe,

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UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

2	8	5	4
5	7	4	8
	8	1	6
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7	9		4
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3/23 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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

Previous puzzle solution

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

3/16 Solution

Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg March 23, 2023

- ACROSS**
- 1 "We Have the Meats" chain
 - 6 Bygone music player "Frozen" queen
 - 14 Remove a big coat? Like someone from Phuket
 - 15 Tie up, like a ship
 - 17 "Avoiding anything complicated" Exhausts
 - 20 Feel sick
 - 22 Guiding principles
 - 23 Spring mo.
 - 24 Chimney grime
 - 25 **This is pretty straightforward" Oahu verandas
 - 26 Birth control option
 - 34 "Star Wars Holiday Special" guest Arthur
 - 35 Big name in aluminum
 - 36 Wooden pin
 - 37 Norwegian toast
 - 39 Country that has sent the most women into space, for short
 - 40 Six, in Sicily
 - 41 Words of self-pity
 - 42 **Quit following the mainstream!" Attended
- DOWN**
- 1 Queries
 - 2 Seehorn of "Better Call Saul"
 - 3 Microwave sound
 - 4 Little barks
 - 5 ____ Lanka
 - 6 She's hot!
 - 7 "In the Air Tonight" singer Collins
 - 8 Grain in Cheerios
 - 9 Danced in a '70s club
 - 10 Doc Brown of "Back to the Future"
 - 11 Unhurried gait
 - 12 Convinced Greek god of war
 - 13 Greek god of war

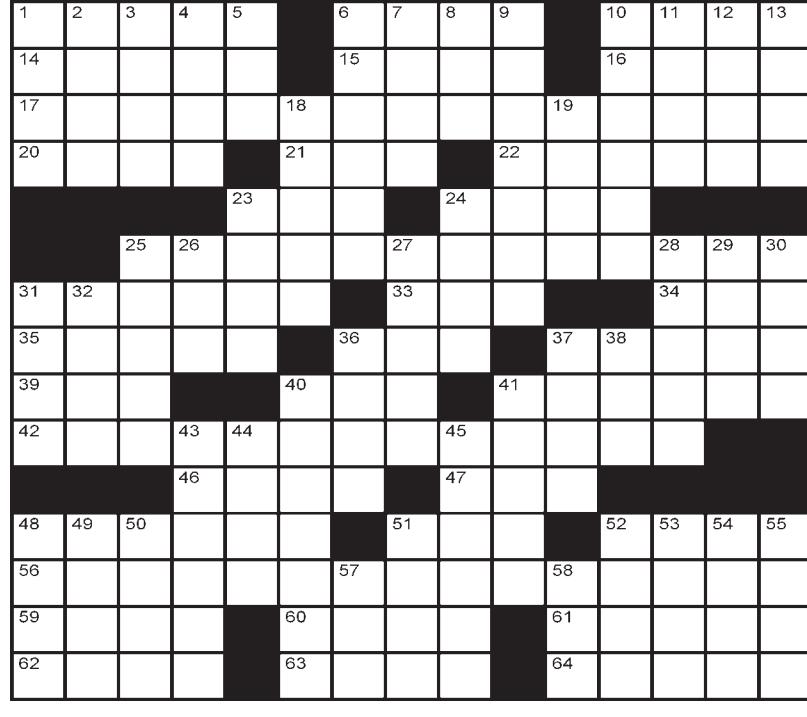
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3/16 Solution

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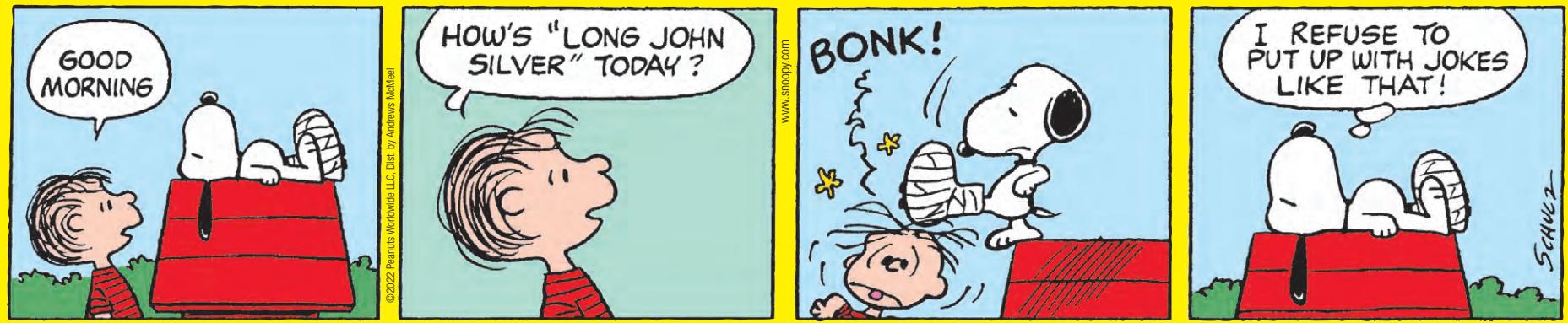

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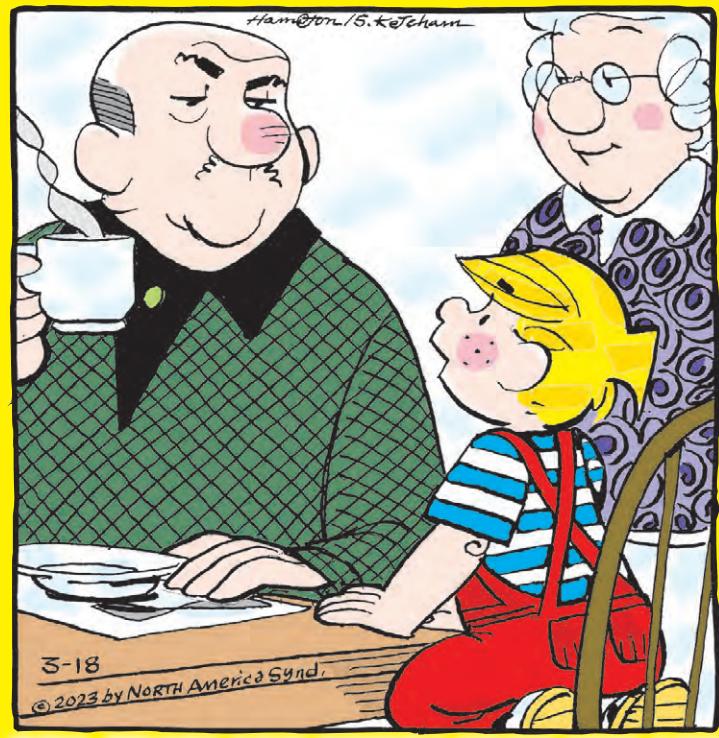
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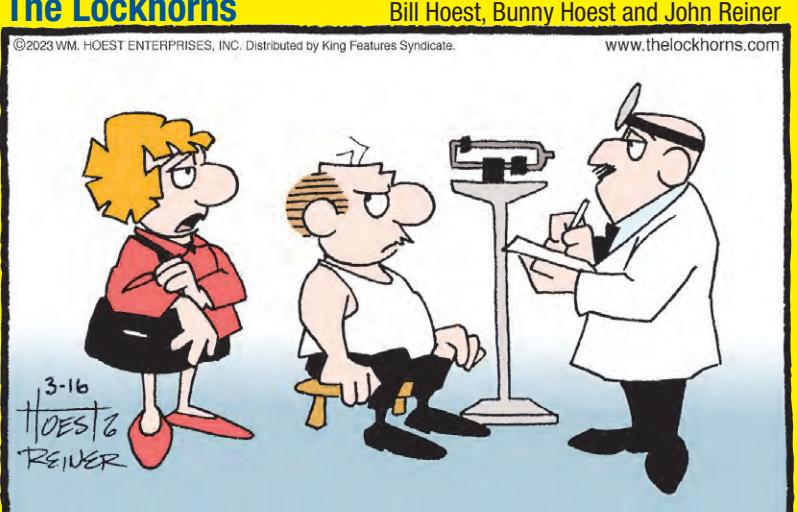
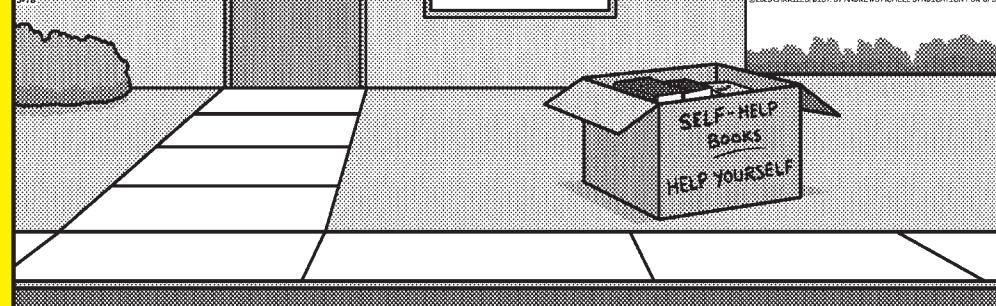

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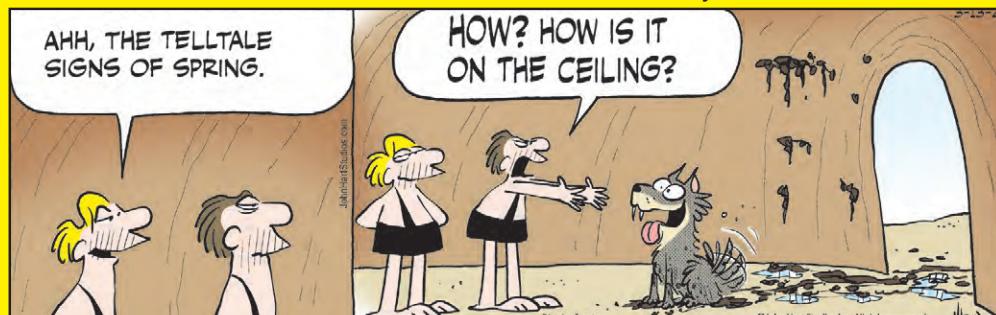
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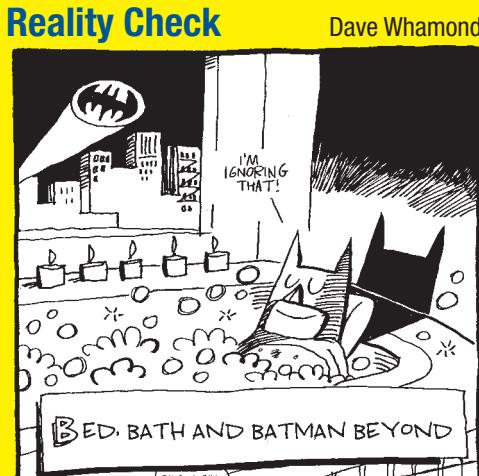

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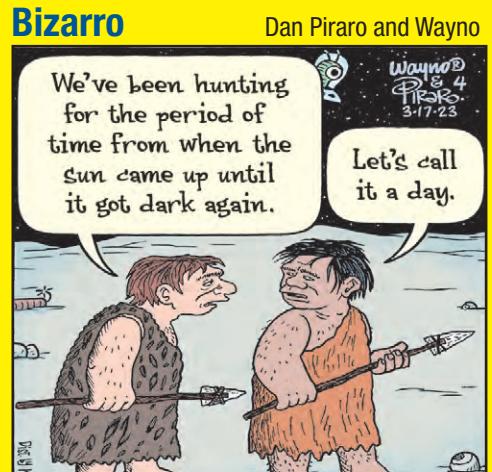
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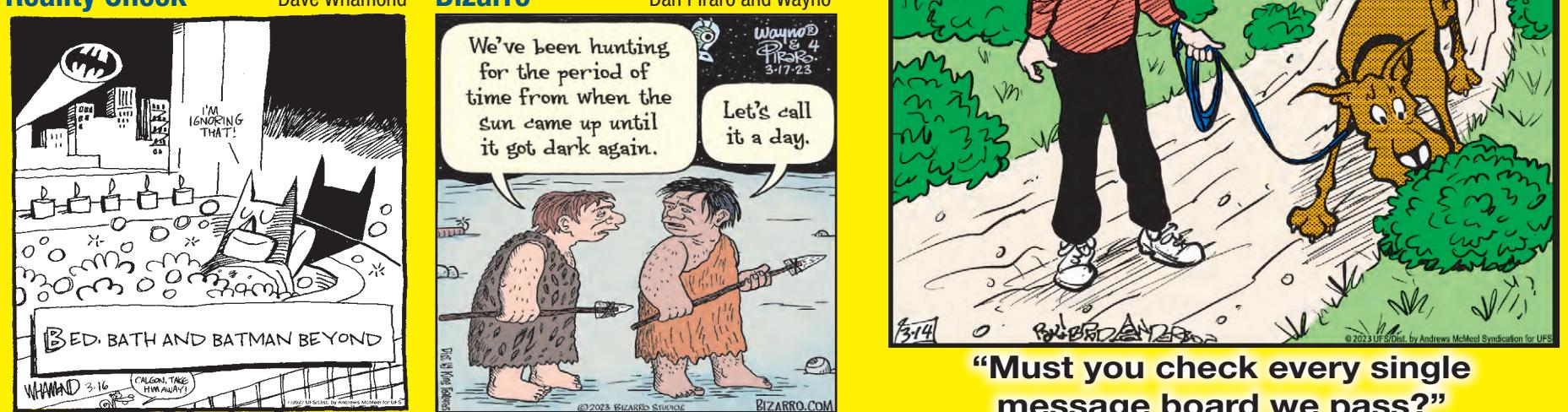

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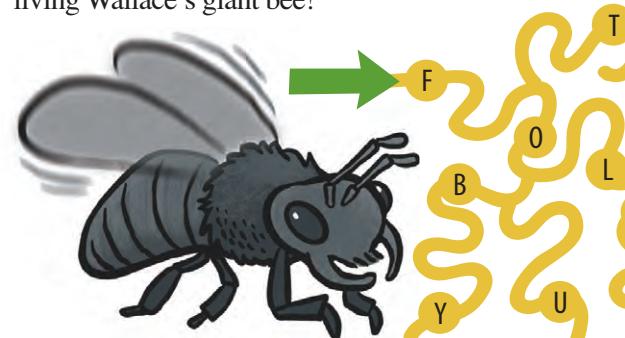
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World's Biggest Bee

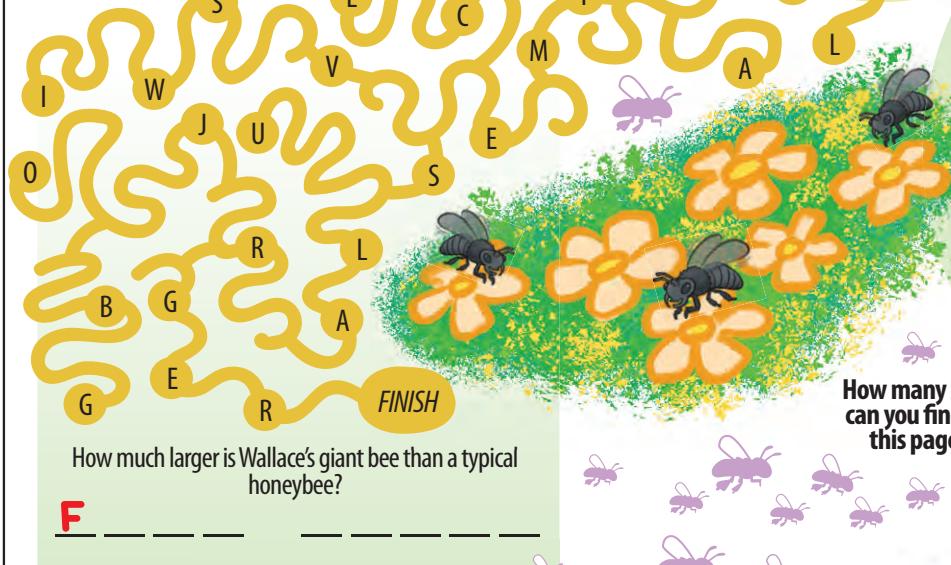
The world's biggest bee, called **Wallace's giant bee**, disappeared almost 40 years ago. Scientists thought it was gone forever, or extinct.

In 2019, scientists traveled into the forests of Indonesia. There, they discovered a living Wallace's giant bee!



What does a giant bee eat?

Like other bees, they feed on nectar and pollen but they don't make honey. Follow the maze and write down the letters along the correct path to discover how much larger Wallace's giant bee is than a typical honeybee.



How much larger is Wallace's giant bee than a typical honeybee?

F _____

Giant Jaws

The giant bee has enormous jaws called **mandibles**. It uses the mandibles to scrape sticky **resin** off trees. They use the resin to build burrows within termite nests, where females raise their young.

Does it sting?

Wallace's giant bee **does** sting. But, unlike the honeybee, it does not die when it stings.



Use the code to discover different names this big bee is called.

Indonesians call it *Raja Ofu* which means:

7	19	22	16	18	13	20
12	21	25	22	22	8	

The scientists who found it called it:

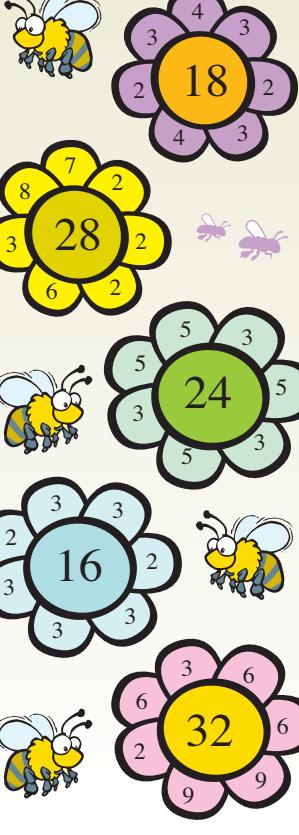
21	15	2	18	13	20
25	6	15	15	23	12

CODE

26 = A	13 = N
25 = B	12 = O
24 = C	11 = P
23 = D	10 = Q
22 = E	9 = R
21 = F	8 = S
20 = G	7 = T
19 = H	6 = U
18 = I	5 = V
17 = J	4 = W
16 = K	3 = X
15 = L	2 = Y
14 = M	1 = Z

Standards Link: Spell grade appropriate words correctly.

The numbers on the flower petals add up to the number in the center of the flower. **Oops!** All but one petal, that is! Figure out which petal on each flower needs to be plucked so that the numbers on the petals add up to the number in the center.



Standards Link: Calculate sums and differences.

Extra! Extra!

Big, Bigger, BIGGEST

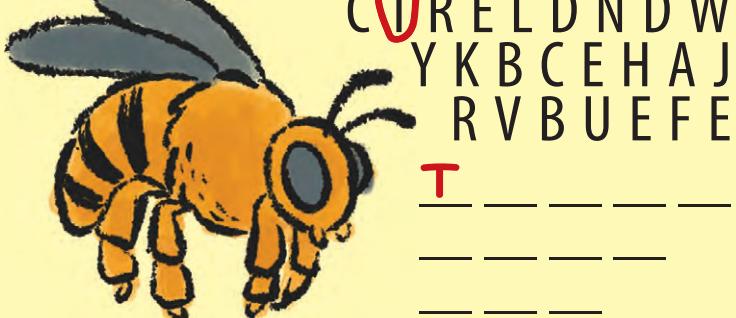
Look through the newspaper for pictures of three things. Cut them out and glue them to a piece of paper in order from big, bigger to biggest. Do the same thing to show things that are small, smaller and smallest.

Standards Link: Understand comparative and superlative forms.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

The Cutest Bee on Earth

These bees, with scientific name *Amegilla bombiformis*, look cute and cuddly. If you want to snuggle up with one of these bees, you're in for a treat because the male bees don't sting. These bees live in Australia. Circle every other letter to reveal the nickname for this bee.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

BEES
BUZZ
CARPENTER
EXTINCT
GIANT
HONEY
JAWS
MINER
NECTAR
NESTS
RESIN
STING
THUMB
TREES
VALLEY

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

S	E	R	T	G	R	G	P	V
O	E	T	V	S	R	I	T	A
U	Q	E	T	J	A	W	S	L
T	R	S	B	N	M	V	H	T
C	E	S	T	G	G	M	O	I
N	S	R	A	T	C	E	N	Y
I	I	R	E	N	I	M	E	F
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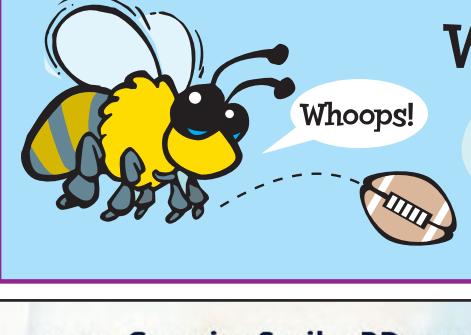
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Endangered Species

Look for articles about animals that are endangered. What is causing each animal's endangerment? What can be done to prevent the loss?

Standards Link: Use evidence from text to support a position.



What kind of bees hum and drop things?

ANSWER: Bumble bees.

Write On!

Buzzy Day

One day I woke up and I was a bee. Then ...

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North senior Sophia Borowski drives toward the basket in last Tuesday's Division 1 state quarterfinal game against Renaissance.

Successful North girls hoops season ends in quarterfinal

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe North's girls basketball season came to an end Tuesday, March 14, as the Norsemen fell to Detroit Renaissance 52-37 in the Division 1 state quarterfinals.

But the season-ending loss, which came deep into a playoff run, does little to take away from the list of accolades the team compiled this year. The Norsemen won MAC Red, MAC Tournament, district and regional titles this winter, but were unable to add a final four appearance to that list.

"You got to be willing to work hard and Renaissance did and so did we. It was a real fight and both teams played hard," North girls basketball head coach Gary Bennett said. "...Our kids played a good game and the team that beat us had to play a good game, so we didn't give anything away and I'm so proud of our kids and what they

achieved all year."

Early on, there was little to no separation between the Norsemen and the Phoenix. Both teams showcased their defensive abilities and when one broke through, the other wasted no time in answering back. North managed to take a slim advantage and lead 10-9 at the end of the first.

North contained Renaissance early on, but as halftime got closer the Phoenix started to heat up. Renaissance managed to sink a couple of key shots late in the second quarter and establish a five-point lead, the largest of the game for either team to that point.

Renaissance kept that momentum going to start the second half, going on a run that pushed its lead to double digits, leaving the Norsemen with ground to make up.

North trailed by 14 entering the fourth quarter, and finished the game never giving up hope for a comeback, even if Renaissance still

managed to stay in front by double digits as the final minutes passed.

Annabel Ayrault led the Norsemen with 17 points in the final game of her high school basketball career. Fellow senior Sophia Borowski had eight. Ayrault and Borowski, along with Mia Stephanoff, made up the senior core of this year's North team who will be remembered by their coach for their unwavering dedication.

"They came in wet behind the ears and had a lot to learn but they stuck it out through the years and kept improving every single year," Bennett said. "From last year to this year was a huge jump. The maturity level this year was so high in terms of them pushing themselves.... Their legacy will be about how they had so much growth during their time here as basketball players and people."

North finished the season with a final record of 23-3.

Athlete of the Week

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Considering that Grosse Pointe South senior Brendan Downey did not start running until he was in eighth grade at U of D Jesuit Academy, he has made it pretty far. He had tried his hand at about every other sport, from hockey to soccer to baseball before that, but he quickly realized that running was his true calling.

"I sort of dropped all those other sports and started running because my mom was a runner and really encouraged me," Downey said. "When I got to South, I played one year of basketball but stuck with running and here I am."

Where Downey is now is being a senior captain for the Blue Devils boys track and field team for the upcoming season. This is after serving as a senior captain of South's boys cross country team in the fall. Downey was also named a recipient of the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award in February, one of 32 athletes across the state to receive the award for 2022-23.

The MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award is really what the sport is awarded to certain athletes throughout the state who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above, have earned a

"There's a general empathy that comes with running," Downey said. "Even if you have a

getting better and being able to take on any test, learning from both his successes and failures. Downey's work ethic and drive has even helped him earn the nickname "Comeback Kid" from some of his coaches.

"(Brendan) has overcome adversity to become one of the strongest mental runners I've ever coached," South boys cross country head coach Mark Sonnenberg said. "He brims with talent and we've yet seen his ceiling, but what most impresses me about Brendan is his work ethic, positivity and desire to improve and learn from his obstacles."

Downey's physical ability as a runner has helped him become a state qualifier in cross country and track. The mentality he has built up to succeed in both the classroom and in competition has helped him excel even more, helping him reach success in all areas including calling himself a Scholar Athlete Award winner.

"I've watched myself

See ATHLETE, page 2D

Grosse Pointe News



Brendan Downey

School: Grosse Pointe South
Sport: Cross-Country, Track and Field

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varsity letter in at least one sport, take part in community service activities and submit an essay for the competition.

Everyone who knows Downey knows that he is a hard worker, no matter if he is in the classroom or on the track or cross country course. They see his dedication to always

bad race or a bad day at school, my teammates always lift me up and are there for me."

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COURTESY PHOTO

South senior Brendan Downey is one of 32 recipients statewide of the 2022-23 MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award in Class A.

Born to Run

- Captain for South's cross country and track & field teams
- Two-time track & field state finals qualifier
- 2022-23 MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award winner



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South eliminated in close regional final

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

The Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team this season conquered the MAC Red and the district playoffs. Looking to ride the momentum after winning their first district championship in over 30 years, the Blue Devils had a chance to end another drought Wednesday, March 15 when they took on De La Salle in the Division 1 regional title game. Despite it being a back and forth battle, South came up just short against the defending state champions and the team's season ended with a 62-58 loss to the Pilots.

"We had that game on our schedule as one of our goals all season to play De La Salle in the regional final," South coach Steve Benard said. "We didn't want to go in just to show up and put on a good effort because we're playing De La Salle, we went in wanting to win the game and I



PHOTO BY MIKE ADZIMA

South senior Anthony Benard, pictured in a game against Harper Woods, scored 21 points in the Blue Devils' regional final loss to De La Salle on Wednesday, March 15.

think that's how our guys played."

The game was close for much of the night, includ-

ing in the opening quarter. The teams traded some baskets early on while also trying to establish toughness on defense right out of the gate. After the first eight minutes, South held a nar-

row two-point lead at 12-10.

The Blue Devils built on that lead before half-time, taking advantage of really the only time in the game that either team established a somewhat lengthy lead. South's offense hit its stride in the second quarter, heading into the locker room with a 27-19 halftime lead.

That advantage grew a bit early in the third quarter, but then the Pilots began a comeback. De La Salle nearly doubled its scoring output from the entire first half in just the third quarter, making it difficult for the Blue Devils to keep up with the pace and stay ahead. The Pilots' explosive third quarter brought the game back to just a one-point margin going into the final frame.

The fireworks kept going into the fourth quarter for De La Salle and then South as well. Both teams traded baskets, going blow for blow, but the Pilots managed to pull in front. The

final few minutes were tense and had everything a fan could want from playoff basketball, but the Blue Devils were unable to be the last team standing in the close battle.

Senior Anthony Benard, who will be playing Division I NCAA basketball at Mercer College in Macon, Ga. next season, ended his final high school game at South with 21 points and seven assists. Fellow senior Alex English had 13 points.

"Overall, this group...It will go down as one of the best teams South has had in 30 or 40 years," coach Benard said to wrap up the season. "I think that's something that throughout the years, they'll get together as a group once they're done with college and are back in the community because it's a group that sticks together and that the community should be proud of."

The Blue Devils' finished at 21-5 on the season.

Martinelli ready to help college hockey team in title push

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Few college athletes get the opportunity to compete for a national championship, and for many that do, they may only get one chance. Grosse Pointe Farms native A.J. Martinelli is getting his shot beginning Friday, March 24 when he and his teammates on the Endicott College men's hockey team take the ice in the NCAA Division III Frozen Four.

"Honestly, it just feels right," Martinelli said about his team making it to the national semifinals. "We've had this goal marked even from last year when we lost our conference championship. The guys who were there, we felt like there was unfinished business and took that into this year. We're a hard-working team and as skilled as we are, we work our butts off and put the team first."

The team earned its spot in the Frozen Four by defeating Norwich University 3-0 on

they were so persistent and told me what a great fit I would be here," Martinelli said. "I took their word for it and came here and now to be honest I don't think I'd heard a bigger truth in my life."

This season, Martinelli tallied six assists, including one in the NCAA quarterfinals win over Norwich. However, he knows his role on the team is not to be lighting up the stat sheet. As a defenseman, Martinelli takes pride in playing tough defense and helping his team win by being a physical presence.

"I wasn't brought here to score, I was brought to play defense and be strong on the blue line," he said. "The best way to describe it would be like meat and potatoes. Simple but good and reliable filling my role."

The Endicott Gulls face off against Hobart College in the Division III national semifinals at 7 p.m. Friday, March 24. If Martinelli's team advances to the national championship, it would take on either University of New England or

defending national champions and Michigan's own Adrian College at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 26. All games are available to watch live on NCAA.com.



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Grosse Pointe Farms native A.J. Martinelli and the Endicott College hockey team will be playing in the NCAA Division III Frozen Four beginning Friday, March 24.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF REVISION AND AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE I, SECTION 9 AND CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE II, SECTION 31

On March 13, 2023, the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted a Ordinance to Amend the City Code, to become effective April 2, 2023, which Ordinance provides for the amendment of Chapter 16, Article I, Section 9 of the Code of the City of Grosse Pointe Park (the "Code") by adding the offense of Attempt to Commit a Crime, a misdemeanor punishable for not more than 45 days imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$500.00. Chapter 16, Article III, Section 31, of the Code is amended by adding the municipal civil infraction of Causing a Police Response, a secondary offense available only by concurrence or recommendation of the City's Prosecuting attorney, punishable with a civil fine not to exceed \$250.00.

This Summary of the Ordinance is published pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 117.3(k). True copies of the full text of the Ordinance and any law, regulations, code, or other material adopted in reference to such Ordinance are available for inspection or photocopy at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Grosse Pointe Park, 15115 East Jefferson Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

Jane M. Blahut,
City Clerk

GPN: 3-23-23

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council adopted the following ordinance at its meeting held on Monday, March 6, 2023. The ordinance was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and will become effective March 26, 2023, and is hereby published by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS; DIVISION 2, RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 2-304 TO RATIFY THE BENEFITS CALCULATED AND PROVIDED TO A MEMBER AT THE TIME OF RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS WHO RETIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1992 AND BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023.

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.

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Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

ATHLETE:

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grow from being someone who when I get pushed down, I stay down to now if I get down, I'm going to get back up," Downey said. "Being able to rewire myself to have more positive thoughts, running really does that for you...The sport isn't just physical. There's so much more of a mental aspect to it than maybe any other sport."

After graduating from

South in June, Downey plans on attending the University of Michigan where he wants to major in public policy. Downey and the other MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award Winners will be honored during a ceremony at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on Saturday, March 25 during the boys basketball state finals.

To nominate a future Athlete of the Week, visit grossepoinetnews.com/athlete-of-the-week.

After graduating from

Blue Devils help campers prep for spring ball

By Meg Leonard
Associate Editor

Grosse Pointe South's varsity softball and baseball teams hosted pre-season skills camps Saturday, March 4, to help more than 150 young players get rid of their off-season rust and re-sharpen their skills for the upcoming season. Proceeds from the clinics also raised funds for the teams' respective high school programs.

More than 70 Little

Leaguers from grades K-6 attended the morning softball clinic. Campers participated in various stretching, hitting, fielding and pitching stations, led by members of the Blue Devils varsity softball team. The camp raised funding for the program, which will help pay for uniforms, game and training equipment.

The Blue Devils varsity baseball squad welcomed 84 kids in the afternoon session, where

seven age-based groups of 12 worked on hitting, pitching, basework and fielding. The program raised nearly \$5,000 for its upcoming spring training trip March 25 to April 1, in Vero Beach, Fla.

South baseball begins its 2023 campaign at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, at home against Warren De La Salle. Varsity softball's Opening Day starts at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, when it hosts Troy Athens.



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS THOMAS

The Iris Mortgage and Champagne Athletics teams go head to head outdoors at Clark Park as part of the second annual Champagne Showcase to raise money for Clark Park in Southwest Detroit.

Champagne Showcase takes hockey outside for a cause

By Mike Adzima
Sports Reporter

Some might say there are few better ways to spend a wintery Saturday in Michigan than playing outdoor hockey with friends and family, especially when it's being done for a good cause. That is what four Grosse Pointe natives and business owners did on Saturday, March 4 during the second annual Champagne Showcase at Clark Park in Detroit.

"We just grabbed a sheet of ice and decided to make something bigger of it," said Chris Thomas, one of the founders of the event and captain of the Iris Mortgage team. "It turned into this thing where everyone can bring their families and friends and have a good time and also raise money for something that's a good cause."

Thomas, a native of Grosse Pointe Park, gathered three other Pointers this year to put together teams representing their

respective businesses to face off in a four-team tournament. The other teams were Champagne Athletics led by Frank Sorise, Bowline Financial captained by John Herbert and Exo Freight led by Dylan Welke.

The event lasted all afternoon and ended with Iris Mortgage defeating Bowline Financial 2-1 in

the championship. However, the biggest winner of the day was Clark Park itself, located in southwest Detroit.

All proceeds from the event raised by the players, businesses and fans, which totaled nearly \$6,500, were donated to Clark Park to support the growth of hockey and easy access to the game

for kids around Detroit. "It makes hockey affordable and accessible," Thomas said. "It's a hidden gem that a lot of people don't know about. ... You can donate your time by volunteering and coaching there or donate money or used equipment to equip the neighborhood skaters, so it allows people a chance to try hockey without any of the barriers of cost."

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING SUMMARY**

Regular Meeting	Monday March 13, 2023	7:00 p.m.
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A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms was held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road and called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, by Mayor Louis Theros. Present: Mayor Louis Theros, Mayor Pro Tem John J. Gillooly, Councilmembers Sierra Leone Donaven, Neil Sroka, Joe Ricci and Lev Wood. Absence: Beth Konrad-Wilberding (EXCUSED BY COUNCIL).
 Council approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2023.
 Council viewed the presentation of the 2022 Public Safety Department Merit Awards.
 Council approved a Site plan review of proposed modifications to the existing cell tower by T-Mobile at 90 Kerby Road.
 Council approved a Mid-Year Budget Amendments for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
 Council approved the Consent Agenda

- a. Consideration of a request to re-appointment Andrew Llewellyn, Mary Wells Vournakis and Mary Ellen Brayton to the Election Commission for a two-year term expiring March 2025.
- b. Consideration of a request from the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to hold the "Pointes Art Fest" on Kercheval Avenue August 5, 2023.
- c. Consideration of a request to approve February 2023 invoices.

Council received the February 2023 Public Safety Report.
 Council held public comment.
 City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk.
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