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## Chick-fil-A denial reversed

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — In an attempt to find a compromise sufficient for the majority of those involved in a dispute over Chick-fil-A coming to Mack and Marseilles, the Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals managed to pass a motion Monday that left both sides of the aisle with a bad aftertaste.

The lose/lose situation is the result of the ZBA voting 5-1 to overturn the Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department's early January denial, conditional upon the site's ingress/egress being off Mack rather than Marseilles.

At the same time displeasing neighboring business owners and

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PHOTO BY RENA LAVERTY

Grosse Pointe South's Maeve Hix celebrates what turned out to be a state championship-winning goal in the Blue Devils' 1-0 win against University Liggett in the Division 1 girls high schools state final Saturday, March 9, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

## Winter teams bring the heat at championships

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Grosse Pointe's winter sports teams helped heat up last week's cold snap with a winning week full of championship trophies, capped off by Grosse Pointe South's girls varsity hockey team capturing the Division 1 state championship 1-0 over rival University Liggett School Saturday, March 9, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

It was the kind of local sports span that can only be classified as unforgettable.

In just the past two weeks, the Grosse Pointes have crowned two girls basketball teams with district championships and two individual state champions in wrestling and swimming, along

with South's state championship in girls hockey.

The championship week began Saturday, March 2, when Wyatt Hepner brought home Grosse Pointe South's first-ever individual wrestling state championship in Division 1's 138-pound weight class.

Midweek, all three girls basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North, Liggett and South advanced to their district championships. Though South lost, North and Liggett both won their respective program's third consecutive district titles Friday, March 8. They advanced to the regional round Monday, March 11, where North lost to Royal Oak and Liggett won its semifinal.

Back on the weekend, the Pointes' united synchronized swim finished sixth overall in

their state final.

The week then hit a crescendo last Saturday with South girls hockey winning the title and Blue Devils senior Troy Liu cruising to the state championship in the 50 freestyle at the Division 2 boys swim and dive state final at Eastern Michigan University. Liu did so in a school-record breaking time of 20.77, breaking his own record set earlier this season. Liu also broke another school record at the state meet in the 100 free, breaking Jacob Montague's 2016 record of 45.67. Lui swam it in 45.42.

Grosse Pointe North's boys swim and dive team broke three school records at the meet in the 50 free, 100 fly and 200 free relay.

For full updates of these stories and much more, head to our Sports section.

## GPPSS tackling AI

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Hailed by some as revolutionary and despised by others as a scourge, the Grosse Pointe Public School System is taking a deep dive as to how it should handle artificial intelligence, or AI.

"There's no reason to run from it because it's here and it's not going away," said Chris Stanley, the district's executive director of learning technology and strategic relations. "We're trying to figure out how we can use it for personalized learning and how structural it can be for teachers."

To that end, the district has formed the GPAI Leadership Council, consisting of 30 members including administrators, teachers, parents and a few students.

"Everyone but the students has created a Chat GPT account to develop use-case scenarios," Stanley said. "We're not looking at what it can replace, but more as a tool to help understand our students better and help develop instruction."

The group already has

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## Sprucing up the Fox Creek scene on Windmill Pointe Drive

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — In a winners-and-losers sense, the warring Fox Creek Indians of 300 years ago never made it out of the woods against French soldiers they attacked at Fort Pontchartrain.

But, that doesn't justify ornamental landscaping besieging a historical marker commemorating the tribe's last stand on Windmill Pointe Drive.

"Landscaping has grown up so much you can hardly see the plaque," Pat Deck, of the Park Beautification Commission, said of the landscaping.

Two trees, 15 bushes and at least six plants surround the marker, installed on the median near the intersection of Lakepointe in 1977, by the Michigan Department of State's history division.

Beautification board members are considering including the marker's landscaping in a prospective adopt-a-garden campaign.

Yet, there may be a direct solution.

Deck said a Park resident Jaime Rae Turnbull approached her with an offer to privately support cleaning up and enhancing the site.



**The Fox Creek Indian historical marker on the Windmill Pointe Drive median at Lakepointe will be easier to see when volunteers redesign the site's overgrown landscaping.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF JAIME RAE TURNBULL

my extremely talented friends and neighbors that own Fleurdetroit to work with the Grosse Pointe Park city forester and the Beautification Commission on a design to create a reflective space surrounding the marker."

Fleurdetroit, a landscaping design firm in Bloomfield Hills, is one of at least two groups Turnbull recruited.

"Junior League of Detroit has offered volunteers to support fundraising efforts as we do not want to burden the city budget in any way," she said.

"They will begin once the weather is a little bit

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# Woods crime up slightly in 2023

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The city saw a 3 percent increase in crime overall in 2023 compared to 2022, according to the public safety department's annual report.

Total incidents increased from 496 to 511 in both index and non-index crimes, which the FBI deems as more serious and less serious, respectively.

"We're fortunate to only have a 3 percent increase," Public Safety Director John Kosanke said. "Not everything is doom and gloom, but we did have two very unfortunate instances."

Those were three fatal overdoses — including two sisters — the same night in June and a fatal shooting in October.

Edmond Doheny is facing an April trial in Wayne County Circuit Court in the death of his brother, Dennis Doheny. He faces charges of open murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

A Narcan training session put on by Families

Against Narcotics not long after the overdoses drew nearly 100 people.

The department also joined FAN's Hope Not Handcuffs, a program in which people seeking help for a substance use disorder can go to the police station, even if they have illegal drugs with them, without fear of being arrested.

The largest increases in index crimes were larceny, which went from 110 to 120, and automobile thefts, which were up from 28 to 34, with nine of those occurring in the Ascension St. John Hospital parking lot. Most of the larcenies were from unlocked vehicles.

"We need to have a partnership with the community," Kosanke said. "They need to help us a little more. If people come into our town and every vehicle is locked, they won't be coming back."

Reports of criminal sexual conduct doubled, from four to eight. Drunken driving arrests remained constant at 11.

Officers responded to nearly 9,800 calls for service last year, an 18 percent increase from the

previous year. The five-year average is 8,803.

There was a decrease in burglaries, from 14 to 11, while robberies were unchanged at four. Two suspects were arrested last March within an hour after robbing a bank on Mack.

Under less serious crimes, damage to property fell from 44 to 29, but instances of fraud went from 88 to 97. Many of those involved online and/or telephone scams.

While total ambulance runs dropped from 1,440 to 1,385, calls involving advanced life support grew 48 percent, from 400 to 659.

Kosanke said he did not think that was due to having three assisted living facilities in the city.

"We've had those for years," he said. "It could just be an aging population in general."

Total training for the department was just more than 8,000 hours, a 58 percent increase from 2022.

"That's something we take very seriously, even though we're a small department," Kosanke said.

# Village to revamp plazas with \$25,000 grant

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

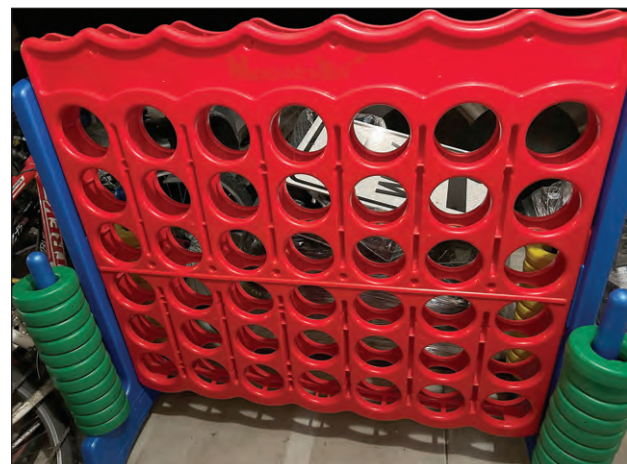
**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — As part of a 'Get to the Pointes' initiative for The Village, developed by Main Street Grosse Pointe, Moosejaw's larger-than-life Connect 4 set soon will make a grand return in one of the downtown plaza areas.

"They donated that to us when they moved out," Main Street Grosse Pointe Executive Director Cindy Willcock said. "So we get to keep a little piece of Moosejaw in The Village."

The initiative was announced off the back of a \$25,000 Michigan Economic Development Corp. Main Street Vibrancy Grant, awarded at the end of February to nine Michigan communities.

MSGP plans to put the funds toward enhancing The Village plaza areas with additional seating options, games and public art; acquiring permanent signage for The Loop social district; and commissioning Main Street street pole banners.

"The 'Get to the Pointes' placemaking initiative is a series of small projects that are purposely woven together to have a large impact on The Village," Willcock explained in a release. "These projects will enhance walkability; provide space for residents and visitors to relax, gather and enjoy; and create a sense of belonging and community pride that



COURTESY PHOTO

**Moosejaw donated its signature Connect 4 set to The Village upon its recent closure.**

will be felt for years to come."

As the downtown organization already has replaced the benches in The Village, the grant will allow for further seating options at Kressbach Place, as well as the two currently unnamed plaza areas alongside Trader Joe's and SideStreet Diner.

MSGP also intends to invest in additional sturdy outdoor games to join the chess tables and Connect 4 set in the plaza areas, such as a bag toss game.

"The chess tables were super well received and we'd see people sitting out there either playing chess or enjoying a cup of coffee," Willcock said. "... So we know we need more opportunities like that to encourage people to grab your cup of coffee and enjoy the outdoors while you can."

Public art, which Willcock noted connects people to the community, also is expected to be funded by the grant.

While the City currently is working toward establishing a mural program, the Jazz Man sculpture alongside Trader Joe's also provides a glimpse into the future of public art in The Village.

The project timeline will depend on when MSGP receives the grant funds, at which point visitors to The Village can expect to see the implementation take place fairly quickly.

"We want The Village to look different and we want people every time they come down to see something different and notice that time and care is being put into it," Willcock said. "... And I'm always having our next idea or next project in the queue so that (when) any opportunity comes available, we can take advantage of it and make that happen."

MSGP also earned the Main Street Vibrancy Grant two years prior, at which time it purchased new garland and Christmas lights for The Village.

# License plate readers on deck for Pointes and Harper Woods

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE AND HARPER WOODS** —

Following its first successful project enabling cell phone and police radio coverage in Grosse Pointe South High School, the technology-focused Grosse Pointe Public Safety Foundation has identified its next philanthropic goal in outfitting each Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods public safety department with license plate recognition cameras.

The foundation is aiming to raise \$450,000, which would cover the cost of up to 10 cameras per city to be placed at strategic intersections, as well as installation and two to three years of maintenance fees. If the cities accept the cameras, each likely will be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

"The cities that have had these cameras, all of them have had a reduction in crime from 17 to 70 percent," GPPSF Executive Director Dan Jensen said. "So they really reduce crime and they

reduce crime, because they start getting known. When the defendant ends up going to jail or prison they talk. They learn. We call it school. Prison's a school for most of these people. They get in there and they say, 'Hey, don't go to Grosse Pointe. They got cameras everywhere.'"

The technology can be used in a number of ways.

"If you get a crime and someone witnesses and says, 'They ran and got into an old, white, rusty van with a painted rear tire,' right away

you phone that into dispatch or a detective," Jensen explained, "and they enter it into the LPR computer. It immediately reduces everything that went through those cameras in the last 10 or 15 minutes — whatever (timeframe) you put in — to a white van. So you might only have three of them."

LPR cameras also have been successful in locating those with Alzheimer's or dementia, who have lost their way while driving.

With the stipulation of being on the same system, LPR cameras

would allow the Pointe departments better collaboration with neighboring cities, such as Detroit. While the GPPSF will obtain bids from various companies, many participating metro Detroit communities use the Flock Safety system.

"You want to be on the same system, if possible, as the cities around you," Jensen said. "And you just call and say, 'We just got a hit on this car out of Detroit for armed robbery. They've left our city going eastbound or westbound on Mack. It's headed your way.'"

"They can pick up their cameras and see (where) it is and now they plot where (it's) going and you can zero in on it."

For those who may be concerned with invasion of privacy, Jensen noted 99 percent of the footage never gets accessed. After going straight to the cloud, it's gone after 30 days.

"The average person is on camera anywhere from 15 to 25 times a

day, maybe more," he said. "Every party store, every bank, the libraries and the parks, everywhere you go."

Implementation of LPR cameras would require new department policies on how the system is used, including regulating which department personnel can access the footage.

The Grosse Pointe

Public Safety Foundation's official website, through which it is accepting donations, went live last month at gppsf.org.

*Editors note: Sean Cotton, owner of the Grosse Pointe News, is on the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Foundation Board of Directors.*

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warmer," Deck said.

"It saves money for the city as a collective effort with volunteers," City Manager Nick Sizeland said. "We want to pay remembrance to the Fox Creek Indians. I couldn't be prouder of the Beautification Commission for taking the lead."

Commission Chairwoman Lisa Kyle said the site's ongoing maintenance could be a candidate for an adopt-a-garden program the board plans to establish.

"There's nothing worse than a new planting that nobody maintains," Deck said.

Former Chairwoman Kimberly Clextton suggested a hybrid support system involving people donating labor, money, plants, supplies or all.

"There's a variety of ways we can do it," Deck said.

When it comes to sponsoring municipal gardens in the Grosse Pointes, the go-to person is Helen Bai of the Shores.

Bai heads her city's beautification advisory committee, which operates a sponsorship program for the annual planting and maintenance of 85 gardens throughout the 1.11-square-mile community, including along Lakeshore Drive, the grounds of city hall and the lakeside municipal park.

Grosse Pointe Park's prospective adoption program will operate differently than Shores' sponsorships, established several years ago with 10 gardens.

"The difference between a sponsor-a-garden and adopt-a-garden is that a sponsor-a-garden is a pay-only program while an adopt-a-garden is a program of pay, plant and maintenance," Deck said.



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# Egg hunts galore next weekend

By Grosse Pointe News staff

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — With the last day of March quickly approaching, next weekend will see the Pointes celebrate Easter through the annual tradition of egg hunts.

## The City

The City of Grosse Pointe is the odd Pointe out in choosing to hold its egg hunt Sunday, March 24, exactly a week before Easter.

The 18th annual Spring Egg Hunt at Neff Park begins with a 2 p.m. ribbon cutting and runs through 3:30 p.m.

"You'll want to arrive a little early to get in line," the city's event announcement noted.

Resident children of all ages will have the opportunity to search for eggs — including special golden eggs — hidden throughout the park and which can be used to redeem a candy bag, as well as the chance to win a prize. Collection bags will be provided.

Peter Cottontail also will join in on the fun, welcoming family photos.

Cost is \$5 per child — the city requests cash only — and park passes are required.

## The Farms

Grosse Pointe Farms is requesting families arrive by 9:45 a.m. for a 10 a.m. start time to its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Pier Park Saturday, March 23.

The fun is open to Farms residents with children between the ages of 2 and 12.

"There is one golden egg per age group," Parks and Recreation Director Chris Galatis noted, which offers a special prize.

Those participating should bring their own basket or bag to carry their bounty, as well as plan for the weather as the city has stated the

event will take place no matter the conditions.

## The Park

About two-dozen tickets remain for the Marshmallow Drop, Saturday, March 23, at Patterson Park.

Available tickets are for the 11 a.m. 6- to-10-year-old group.

The 10 a.m. drop for children aged 1 through 5 is sold out.

Marshmallows are delivered by helicopter.

"Marshmallows will fall from the sky," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

Children collect them in exchange for goodie bags.

"Each time slot will have five golden egg winners who will receive a special prize and there will also be pony rides and a petting zoo," Craig said. "I anticipate everyone having a great time."

The Easter Bunny will be available for photos.

"Hopefully, the weather will cooperate," Craig said.

If not, the alternate date is the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**One of the Shores' youngest residents fills his basket during a prior year's egg hunt.**

## Bunny Brunch at The War Memorial

The Bunny Brunch at The War Memorial also will be held Sunday, March 24, with reservations available for 9:30 a.m. and noon.

Alongside a full gourmet brunch buffet, Easter Bunny visit, goodie bags for children to fill at a Sweets-n-Treats Bar and professional photographer offerings, new this year is a helicopter egg drop prior to the egg hunt.

Reservations, which start at \$130 for a table for two, can be made at warmemorial.org/eventcalendar11/bunnybrunch.

Children ages 2 and under are free and not included in the table count.

next day.

Tickets for this and other recreation programs and events can be purchased at Windmill's Lavins Center or online. Check the municipal website, grossepointepark.org, for a link to the ticket site.

## The Shores

The Easter egg hunt is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23, at Osius Park for resident children 10 and younger. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at city hall or at the event.

The day also includes a petting zoo, pony rides, treat bags and refreshments.

## The Woods

The annual Egg Stroll for children 11 and younger runs 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Lake Front Park. Participants must register on the city website for a specific 15-minute slot.

Cost is \$8 for residents. There are a limited number of tickets for \$10 each for non-resident guests at the community center. A Woods resident must be present to purchase.

A small petting zoo runs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Preparing for Arbor Day

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Preparations for next month's Arbor Week got off to a prideful beginning March 6, with the city forester figuratively notching another Tree City USA designation on the wooden tie he'll wear when formally announcing the honor next month to the city council.

"That's our 41st year," said Brian Colter, long-time Park city forester.

"That's something to celebrate," said Pat Deck, a nearly 40-year member of the Beautification Commission.

Festivities planned this year feature the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest among Park

fourth graders at Defer Elementary, Maire Elementary and St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic schools.

There are 179 potential participants this year, according to Deck. She coordinates the contest.

"Numbers are up substantially from last year," she said.

Some 98 of 152 eligible students last year entered the contest, won by Jean Marc Paines-Franklin of Jane Nugent's class at Defer.

Each entrant receives a white pine seedling, the state tree.

City Forester Brian Colter said he ordered 300 seedlings.

"We can use the extras for the plant exchange," he said, referring to the

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# The Week Ahead

## MONDAY, MARCH 18

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System Communities United in Diversity meeting, 6 p.m.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Senior Citizens' Commission meeting, 4 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System regular Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Pension Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Central, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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those associated with The Giving Tree Montessori Learning Center, which borders the site on Marseilles and remains in opposition, the hearing provided little closure as it is unknown whether the franchise will move forward with the location.

Representatives for Chick-fil-A emphasized the condition of approval may not be feasible as it would require flipping the site plan 180 degrees, which they believe would reduce the ability to accommodate cars onsite by about 37 percent — the capacity of the original site plan was 51 cars — as well as reduce the number of parking spaces.

When asked twice whether Chick-fil-A would accept the condition, Brian Ellison, with Intersection Consulting Group, said only, "We would not be in support of it."

Because the site's zoning automatically allows for restaurants — the drive-thru is what required approval — Chick-fil-A has an additional option to move forward by opening a dine-in-only location should it so choose.

The purpose of the appeal hearing was to determine whether BSEED made an incorrect decision with the information it was provided at the time.

As part of its motion, the ZBA said BSEED failed to provide adequate proof that there is inadequate utilities, road access, drainage and other necessary facilities for the site; as well as that the conditional use will be incompatible with adjacent land uses and nearby zoning lots in

terms of location, size and character.

BSEED also stated as a factor of denial, the proposed 22 parking spaces were not enough to accommodate the more than 100 employees expected; however, Chick-fil-A representatives corrected that only 15 to 20 people would be on shift at one time.

"It looks like they were dragging the petitioner through the ringer here for some reason," said ZBA Chairman Robert Thomas, who also noted concern that a number of city departments, including planning and development, approved the special land use before BSEED's denial.

"What happened was this (BSEED) public hearing," said Bryan Coe, attorney with the Detroit Law Department on behalf of BSEED. "That was after the site plan approvals happened, because as the developer stated, the site plans have to be completed before you come before BSEED

to get your special land use approval and at that hearing, there were a significant number of concerned citizens in the community and that, I believe ... made the city reevaluate what they thought was best for the site.

"I was asked to emphasize the close nature of the decision for BSEED, because of the ongoing work that different development arms of the city have done for this project and because of the beneficial redevelopment of the site that we believe this proposes."

Business owners along Mack, such as Allemon's Landscape Center, which is directly next to the proposed development, as well as parents at The Giving Tree continue to cite traffic safety and congestion concerns.

"Basically it comes down to everybody agrees it's the right company, but it is the wrong site," said Kevin Chown, owner of The Giving Tree. "Chick-fil-A is my favorite

restaurant, but it's just the wrong site."

One Marseilles homeowner said he would feel forced to move should the Chick-fil-A become a reality.

The site, at 17761 Mack, currently houses a vacant Ray Laethem building.

"I'm tired of seeing abandoned buildings," said Barré Mackie, who owns 11 addresses on Mack between Moross and Alter. "I'm tired of seeing undeveloped properties. I do understand all the concerns of many people in the community as I've spoken to a lot of them — the safety, the adjacent businesses. The reality of it is, it's a B-4 zone. If you live close to a major street, that is a decision and a choice that you make."

The plans, should they come to fruition, call for Michigan's first drive-thru-only Chick-fil-A location, including a 2,950-square-foot building and outdoor patio.



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# Special Olympian, all-around athlete heads to Torino to conquer next mountain

By Anne Gryzenia  
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Eat. Sleep. Sports. Grosse Pointer Christina Danieli has found success in her passion for athletics to become one special Special Olympian.

Danieli, who lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with her family and dog, Austin, plays more sports in a week than most people do in a year. From swimming to hockey to basketball to tennis to track and field, there's at least one sport for every season.

She recently added to her list of accomplishments in the sporting world by qualifying for the Special Olympics World Games in March 2025, which will take place in Torino, Italy.

Danieli punched her ticket for both the slalom and super-G events, after dominating the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games by winning two gold medals. To further her training, she can be found schussing down the slopes in Snowmass, Utah, this April.

"I am excited to go, as I have never skied on a mountain out West, only on Michigan hills," Danieli said.

She said she looks forward to the World Games. Having never been to Italy, she also looks forward to learning about the country where her father's family



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Above, Christina Danieli and her seafaring pup, Austin, paddling on Lake St. Clair. Right, Christina Danieli with one of two gold medals at the Special Olympics Winter Games.

is from and trying some authentic fettuccine alfredo.

The fact she's only been skiing for a short time demonstrates her athleticism and drive. The biggest supporter in Danieli's journey in pursuing an athletic career is her mother, Cecelia Palen.

Palen was told early on that Christina, who was diagnosed with epilepsy and other challenges at age 1, would never have the coordination to learn to swim. But she was not having it and pushed for her daughter to remain with the general education students for physical education.

Between her determination and

"many encouraging coaches she was connected with, she bloomed and became accomplished in many sports," Palen said.

Danieli not only learned how to swim, she now has high hopes for the highest level of competition.

"I earned three varsity swim team letters in high school at Grosse Pointe South High School and won many gold medals at the Special Olympics Summer Games," she said. "I was also selected to be on the Special Olympics USA Team in Seattle in 2018, and earned four gold medals."

Her favorite events are 100 freestyle, IM

(Individual Medley) and 50 butterfly, and her ultimate goal is to get to the top level in her sport.

"My dream would be to be selected to go to the World Games as a swimmer," she said.

By all accounts, Danieli is a leader and a model teammate. Coach Frank Taylor of the SCSHA Michigan Flyers Hockey Team — of which she has been a member for the last three years — was quick to comment on Danieli's ability to lead.

"She has been a great addition to the team, not only in her hockey skill level but in her leadership skills. She is willing to do anything for the team and her teammates," Taylor said.

"She is well liked by



her teammates and always demonstrates a positive attitude towards the game, her coaches and teammates. It has been a pleasure to have her in our hockey program," he added.

Danieli makes time for all of these sports, while caring for her 2 1/2-year-old son, Andrew, who is an active toddler. Palen, aka Andrew's proud grandmother, sees a bright future for him in sports.

"I see big things down the line for him in sports. He will follow like his mother, a natural athlete."

Danieli has a lot to be proud of in her life. She is thrilled to have been given the opportunity to compete and earn high accolades in several sports. With family, she is blessed with a mother who always believed in her and with her beautiful son.

When asked what advice she would pass on to other athletes, she advised them to keep the faith.

"Always believe in yourself and work hard at whatever you want to do and good things will come. Never give up," she said.

## Playscape a busy place

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Dogs are supposed to have wet noses, but wet paws are another matter.

To help keep them dry, municipal employees are preparing to install a drain tile system at the Patterson Park dog park.

"It's not going to be a cure-all, but will help significantly," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation.

He's also seeking long-term options.

"I think we'll be able to address some of those issues we've had in the past," Craig said.

Dog well-being shares matters of interest these days in the parks department.

### Playscape

Intermittent bursts of warm weather starting last month sparked corresponding interest in the new Windmill Pointe Park playscape, a gift of the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation.

"It's packed," said Tom Fraser, Windmill harbor master, during a recent warm wave.

"It's been crowded just about every day,"

Craig said. So have four or five nearby picnic tables, Fraser said.

Although the playscape is operational, work remains on landscaping.

"We have some small areas that need touch-up work," Craig said.

### Tennis courts

The contractor that installed the new surface of the tennis courts at Windmill will return soon to smooth rough spots.

"There were some items we wanted to address with the play-

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**ARBOR:**  
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commission's spring plant exchange scheduled this year Saturday, May 18, at the Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park.

Arbor Week is April 21 to 27. Arbor Day is always Friday of the last week of April, this year April 26.

Arbor Day is a tree-planting holiday established in 1872, in Nebraska, and perpetuated by the Arbor Day Foundation.

"This year for Arbor Day, a woman reached out to me from Defer," Colter said. "She's a volunteer on the PTO and active with their Green Team. She asked if I

could give a presentation about the benefits of trees."

He accepted and intends to plant a tree on campus Wednesday, April 24, at a time to be determined.

"I told her that instead of doing a presentation in the auditorium, I'd do it outdoors," Colter said.

Tree City USA also is an Arbor Day Foundation program dating to 1976.

The Park's 41 Tree City honors tie it with four communities for ninth most in Michigan.

Grosse Pointe Woods is in second place with 45 years, not counting if it won this year, also.

The leading cities in the state are Adrian and Royal Oak, tied with 46 years.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

## Swindled

A man in Arizona is accused of obtaining money under false pretenses, after a 44-year-old Farms man sold him a laser machine to aid injuries and pain for \$2,250 through eBay.

The buyer claimed the item was not working and returned it, forcing a refund, but the Farms man said it was returned with parts swapped out.

## Window tint

A 43-year-old Detroit man was turned over to Livonia police on fraud warrants after being pulled over at Mack and Moross for blue headlights and illegal window tint at 3:23 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

## In plain sight

After being reported for smoking cannabis in public view in a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Belanger at 2:43 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, a 47-year-old Detroit man was arrested on a concealed carry warrant.

## Act natural

When a vehicle on Mack noticeably pulled

off the road to evade a patrol car at 11:06 p.m. Saturday, March 9, an officer ran the license plate and found the 37-year-old Detroit woman to have nine warrants.

She was turned over to Livonia police, as well as cited for driving while license suspended and not having proof of insurance.

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Speeding

On Monday, March 11, shortly before 8:30 p.m., an officer monitoring traffic stopped a speeding motorist near the intersection of Devonshire and Mack. The officer arrested the driver, a 31-year-old man from St. Clair Shores, for violating a suspended operators license.

— *Brad Lindberg*

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

## Vehicle theft

Security footage showed a black 2019 Dodge Ram being driven out of the parking lot at Ascension St. John Hospital around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 5.

The vehicle's owner reported the theft around 2:30 p.m. that day.

## Security scam

A resident in the 1900 block of Hollywood nearly fell victim to fraud after getting a security alert on her computer Wednesday, March 6.

The woman called the number and was told there were 1,469 hacking attempts on her computer and both of her telephones were bugged. The woman gave the person online access to

her bank account but after being transferred several times the scammers finally hung up when she refused to give them her Social Security number.

## Block party

Two residents on Country Club Drive awoke Thursday, March 7, to find their vehicles were damaged. Both had broken windows while the radio was stolen from one of the vehicles. Nothing was missing from the other.

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

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Wrong crowd

A 54-year-old Detroit man loaded a cart with four cases of beer and other miscellaneous items at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, before passing all points of purchase and exiting a busi-

ness in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

As he tried to flee, the man was arrested and charged with retail fraud through the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Two Detroit men, 51 and 55 years old, with the man also were cited and released.

## Germs

A thin, 6-foot black man is being sought for assault after striking a person three times for sneezing in his direction inside a local emergency room at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 5.

## Suspended/expired

◆ A 66-year-old Detroit man was stopped at Maumee and St. Clair for driving with an expired plate and cited for such at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6.

◆ A 39-year-old Warren woman was stopped at Cadieux and Mack for defective equipment at 3:30 a.m. Friday, March 8, and cited for

driving while license suspended.

◆ A 29-year-old Detroit woman was stopped at Mack and Neff for defective equipment at 9:20 a.m. Friday, March 8, and cited for a suspended license. She also was arrested for a warrant out of St. Clair Shores.

## Unauthorized

After being stopped at Cadieux and Mack for defective equipment at 8:40 p.m. Thursday, March 7, a 48-year-old Detroit woman was found not to have a driver's license, for which she was cited.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

Nothing to report per dispatch.

— *Ted O'Neil*  
*Report information about crime to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.*

# Park man is sentenced in conclusion of federal drug case

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — A federal drug case with news pegs lurid enough to pique coverage by an artificial intelligence news service neared conclusion recently with a Park man being sentenced to three years in prison.

Defendant Matthew D. Adams also must pay \$3,355,173 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service. He can pay a lump sum immediately or pick his poison with \$200 monthly installments, which prolong the payback 16,775 months, or 1,397

years, according to a sentencing document.

Adams' attorney, Sanford Plotkin of Farmington Hills, characterized the sentence to numerous media outlets as out of line with drug charges dropped against the drug scheme's mastermind who, from 2008 through 2017, paid Adams to procure illegal narcotics.

"His name is Brandon Johnson," Plotkin said of the other party.

Johnson and his company are identified cryptically as "Individual A" and "Company A" in U.S. Department of Justice news releases.

"Ask the government why they are trying to cover for the Johnson family. They owe the public an explanation and accountability for our prosecutorial tax dollars."

Johnson cooperated in the investigation, prompted significantly by IRS audits of Adams' personal and business bank accounts and tax filings. Johnson pleaded guilty to filing false tax returns.

He's being sentenced this week by the same judge that sentenced Adams, U.S. District Judge Matthew F. Leitman for the Eastern District of Michigan,

according to Plotkin.

As reported in the Grosse Pointe News on Feb. 2, 2023, and summarized in a March 4, 2024, news release from the DOJ Office of Public Affairs:

"Matthew D. Adams sold illegal narcotics to Individual A. Individual A was the president of Company A. Individual A paid Adams for the illegal narcotics with funds embezzled from Company A. Adams and Individual A agreed to make the payments for illegal narcotics appear like they were payment from Company A to Adams' company, MDA Property Services, for

legitimate work performed by Adams' business. From 2013 through 2017, Adams was paid for that \$10 million by checks from Company A for illegal narcotics he sold to Individual A.

"Adams withdrew more than \$1 million in cash of his illegal narcotics proceeds from his business bank accounts and used the funds to acquire real estate. He also spent over \$1.25 million on personal expenses such as private flights, golfing, jewelry, gambling, court-ordered child support, hotels and

to purchase a firearm. Adams purchased vehicles including a Cadillac Escalade, a Hummer and multiple classic cars."

That's red meat to the hardboiled neural pathways and integrated circuits of headline.com, an online news site based in San Francisco that employs both human reporters and artificial intelligence.

The site characterized "high-rolling" Adams as being "hit" with a sentence, committing "shady shenanigans" and "transacting hefty sums" until the "IRS came knocking."

## PLAY:

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ing surface," Craig said. "We experienced a little bit of bubbling."

Thereafter comes consideration of improved court lighting. "Before we get too in-depth with lighting, I want to make sure the surface is where we want it to be," Craig said.

## Starting blocks

A line item in the city's multi-year capital

improvement plan is \$40,000 to buy new starting blocks used almost constantly during summer for swimming lessons, swim team practice and meets at Windmill.

"It might not happen in this fiscal year, but next year we have to focus on this," said Councilman Tom Caulfield, liaison to the recreation commission.

"For almost three months, they are using them two times per day," Craig said.

They're also wearing

out, he said.

"You have all kinds of different weights and heights using those," Craig said. "They've lived their lifespan. They've been there a long time."

"They looked at the end of their lives," said Larry Haggart of the recreation commission. "They are," Craig said. "I'm not sure we can get through an entire swim season. It's probably our largest program by far."

He said he's spoken with members of the

swimming community about holding a fundraiser to offset the cost of new blocks.

"I'm confident we can raise some money, but not to cover the whole cost of the project," Craig said.



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### OUR VIEW

## Could Clark & Co. help girls hoops rebound from numbers decline?

It's March and that means basketball tournament season. But who figured the talk of the town, around the dinner table or office water cooler, would be centered on the women's side?

First let's start on the local level. After boys varsity basketball teams from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School were eliminated from postseason playoffs two weeks ago, we now have the girls teams making a run.

All three girls squads duked it out in their respective districts for championships Friday, March 8, with North and Liggett each winning their third consecutive district titles. In regional play Monday night, North's season ended with a loss, while Liggett won to advance to the regional final Wednesday, after press time.

Two days before in North's district semifinal game against Lakeview March 6, senior Natalie Babcock scored her 1,000th career point. Since then she's added even more to her career tally.

We also have a national storyline in women's NCAA hoops capturing our attention, thanks to the Iowa Hawkeyes' sensational guard Caitlin Clark. She is a pretty big deal.

Nobody — man or woman — has scored more points in NCAA basketball history than her.

She made headlines over the weekend when she led the Hawkeyes to the team's third consecutive Big Ten tournament championship Sunday, March 10.

She also keeps making history, like she did Sunday, March 3, when she broke Pete Maravich's long-standing record of 3,667 points to become the all-time leading scorer in men's and women's Division I basketball history.

In the Michael Jordan era, everyone wanted to "be like Mike." Today, it's all about Caitlin.

She's consistently been the best player on the court at every level this season, averaging 32.3 points and 8.7 assists, ranking her No. 1 in both statistics. She's also grabbing 7.3 rebounds per game.

She's a playmaker with a complete arsenal, placing her in a different stratosphere from her competition. Basketball analysts consider her shotmaking consistency on par with Golden State's Steph Curry when he was named the NBA's MVP in back-to-back seasons in 2015 and 2016.

It's a perfect storyline for this time of year, when March Madness meets Women's History Month.

We also have a GP native to root for in the Big Ten, former Norsemen and current Michigan State Spartan Julia Ayrault, who was just named first team All-Big Ten for this season.

An impressive accomplishment on its own, it's made even better because Ayrault stormed back to put together perhaps her best season ever after sitting out her junior season with a torn Lisfranc tendon. Who doesn't love a comeback story like Ayrault's?

And don't forget about the WNBA's Sabrina Ionescu, who went up against Curry in a landmark 3-point challenge at last month's NBA All-Star game. Though Ionescu lost 29-26 to Curry,

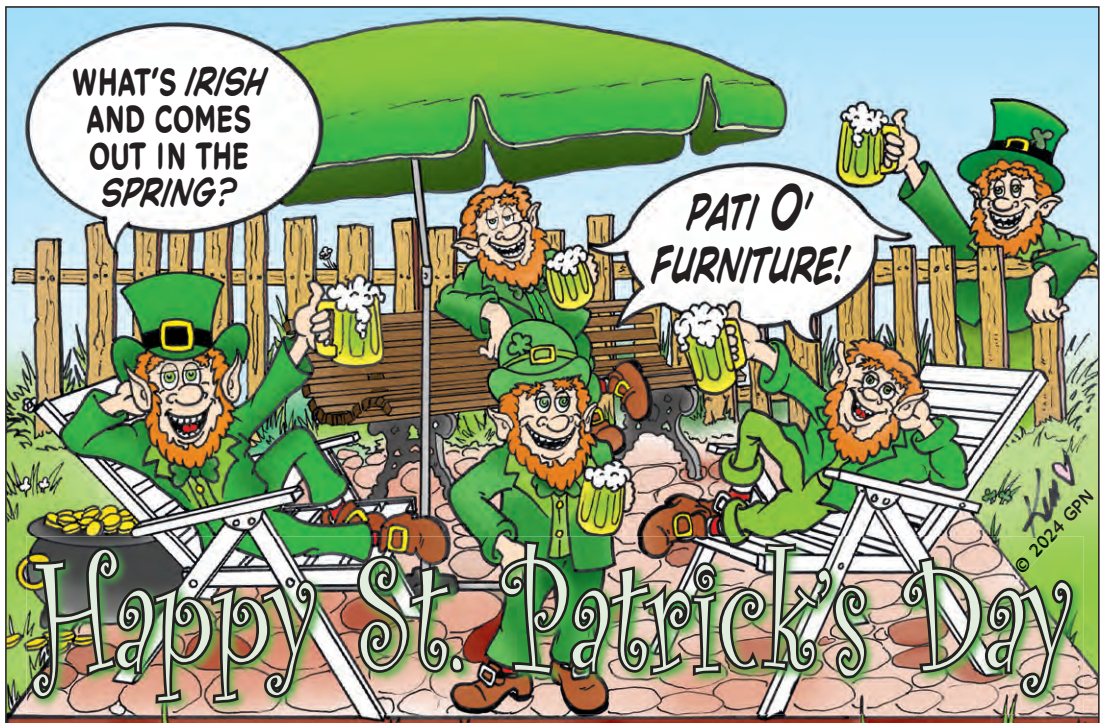


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arguably the game's best 3-point shooter of all time, millions of viewers were treated to a great display of skills from both athletes.

We hope stories like those from Clark, Ayrault and Ionescu inspire more young girls to play the game of basketball in the Pointes, where both girls head coaches — North's Gary Bennett and South's Kevin Richards — have reported a significant drop in both interest and participation in girls basketball in recent seasons.

That's especially evident this year, with each program only carrying a varsity roster of eight players each.

So why the dropoff? Why the loss of interest in Grosse Pointe for girls basketball?

It's not a lack of experience from the coaching staff. Bennett is in his 41st season at North, while Richards is in his 17th for South. Success isn't the issue either. Each coach has won multiple league, district and regional titles. Richards has reached the state final twice, in 2013 and 2014, while Bennett won it all in 2008.

Both coaches have said participation in Grosse Pointe's girls high school basketball hasn't rebounded from nearly two decades ago when the Michigan High School Athletic Association moved girls basketball from the fall to a winter sport beginning in 2007.

Some say volleyball, currently the state's most popular girls sport in terms of participation, got the biggest jolt from moving out of winter to fall.

The move may have helped volleyball's popularity but perhaps did so at the expense of girls basketball. The demand to play club volleyball in the off-season also arguably prevents female athletes from having the time to play a winter sport like basketball.

The growth of AAU programs, like travel hockey, also may pull some athletes away from playing for their high schools.

According to the MHSAA, the 2016-17 girls basketball season ended a string of 10 straight years of participation decline since the fall-to-winter switch when it increased by 2.2 percent. The organization also reported 15,896 athletes played high school girls basketball that year. In the 2022-23 season, the latest in which numbers are available, 13,788 high school athletes played girls basketball, while 19,270 athletes played volleyball. That's a difference of nearly 5,500 participants. Track and field, a spring sport, had 16,470 female participants.

Not all of this is cause and effect but in 2023, 111,570 female athletes in Michigan played at least one high school sport. That shows the pool of high school female athletes is a deep one. Connect that to the women's game never being more popular or exciting than now. Let's hope there are ways to lasso that interest so it translates to grow our girls programs at our local high schools.

## LETTERS

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### Choose words carefully

#### To the editor:

The article published March 7 regarding the HR complaints from staff members A and B piqued my interest, especially the board president's timeline. Did the request from the coaches from South and North to name the North athletic fields after Frank Sumbera cause irritation to staff or members A and B? When a Hall of Fame coach is "terminated" or "retired" after 49 years of service, questions will arise. What caused that breakup is a tightly held secret, which brings no credit to anyone in our school district.

Frank Sumbera was a great coach and an institution at North. Frank Sumbera was not the only great coach at North. Student participation in athletics was high. Is the drop in athletic participation at North due to changing societal norms, or is it a function of other factors?

When a new superintendent arrives, one of the first things she will do is examine her management team — notably the principals and vice principals. Do those individuals lead effectively? Do those individuals make good decisions in hiring and firing? Are those individuals robust enough to accept criticism and withstand rumor without embroiling the school district in needless HR complaints that cost the school district thousands of dollars? I don't know what restorative justice mediators charge, but it can't be cheap.

I would remind our board members to choose their words carefully, both in public and private conversations. You are here to make our school district better.

WILLIAM SEAMAN  
Harper Woods

### Duplicate efforts?

#### To the Editor:

Why did politicians spend time writing Proposal 2 in order to vote early? For more years than I can remember we have had ABSENTEE ballots to vote early. Have a conflict in schedule? Must attend a family gathering? Boss asked you to work all day? Whatever the reason, one can vote by absentee ballots. Instead politicians have found another way to spend taxpayers' money. The respective city clerks had to man locations for those who wanted to vote early, instead of by ABSENTEE ballot. Locations had to be open to the voter and manned for nine days, including two weekends, not to mention providing security for the voting space? Did we hire people to work at these stations? Did Proposal 2 require city clerks to leave their respective office, a busy place during election time, to work the stations?

Why did we duplicate our workload?  
MARGARET POTTER  
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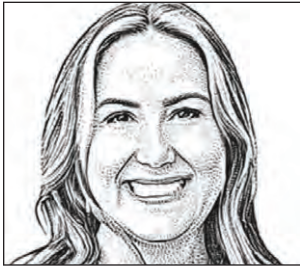
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I SAY By Meg Leonard



## To the Irish

the authenticity of his Irishness.

My grandpa would kiddingly retort, "If I was Scottish, I would cut my veins and let all of the Scotch blood run out." I figure this was just their version of love birds' banter.

I lost my mom, Mary Ellen Sloan Blondin, this January. My dad, John, passed in 2020. This will be the first year my sisters and I will be without both our matriarch and patriarch to lead our family's Holy Day of Obligation to Eat Corned Beef and Cabbage and Drink Irish Coffee. Among many things, I will miss my mom greeting us with a bright "Top o' the mornin'!" that officially opened our family's St. Patrick's Day festivities.

My mom was a third-grade teacher in Detroit until she retired some two decades ago. If you have an elementary school teacher in your life, you know there are few who enjoy a theme or a party more than an elementary school teacher. Now imagine an Irish one.

Her room was an explosion of green shamrocks and rainbows with pots of gold each March. She had every single student in her classroom

believing in leprechauns, going so far to have them create leprechaun traps. Those 8-year-olds would swear up and down that their trap had moved overnight or the Lucky Charms used to lure them were suddenly gone, thus proving their existence (see, the onset of blarney starts young!).

She brought that same enthusiasm to our home. She proudly hung the Irish flag to the right of our front door. Laminated shamrocks graced every window. Chocolate coins wrapped in gold foil and Andes mints filled decorative bowls around the house. She would always put up the St. Brigid's cross, self-awfully made by my sister Brigid when she was little, over the threshold of the kitchen doorway.

Since we are talking about my childhood home, I can't leave out the let's-just-call-it-inspirational Irish poetry throughout it. My mom had one particular rhyme framed in our kitchen my whole life, which read:

"God bless and love us and keep us all alive;

There are seven of us for dinner, but food enough for five."

Did I mention there were seven of us in my family? And I'm the youngest? Looks like

maybe my sister Katy and I, the last two kids born, helped tip the scales for our family to come perilously close to experiencing our own Irish potato famine.

The Irish also love a good toast, like "May you be in heaven a half hour before the Devil knows you're dead." Or sometimes a good ol' Irish curse comes in handy too: "May those who love us, love us; And for those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts; And if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles, so we will know them by their limping."

Now is probably a good time for me to discuss the concept of an "Irish grudge," but I think that poem does it for me.

Irish music played a lot in our house with such ditties like "Molly Malone," "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," "Whiskey, You're the Devil" or "McNamara's Band." Of course there were the incredibly sad Irish songs mixed in there, too, often about people losing limbs in the war or their children or dog dying from starvation. Trust me when I say Irish melancholy is its own special brand of magic.

And don't get me started on "Danny Boy." We've had enough bagpipers at our family's weddings and funerals

that our tears flow before we reach "the pipes are calling" part in the first sentence. It's almost Pavlovian for us. Or O'Pavlovian, as the case may be.

For decades, my mom and dad hosted epic St. Patrick's Day parties. Everyone and anyone was welcome. When I was young, my grandparents were always in attendance, with most every guest decked out in various hues of green and real Irish plaid. And no offense, but wearing the color orange was super frowned upon (If you know, you know, my Catholic friends).

It was a sure sign the party was in full swing when my great Aunt Gin would bless the crowd by performing a few Irish jigs. Aunt Gin was a kind, fiery redhead who didn't know her first name was actually Margaret (Virginia was her middle name) until the day of her wedding when the priest said, "Do you Margaret, take Stephen..." Her brother, my great Uncle Billy, would also hold court and croon a few (always sad) tunes once he was loosened up.

This was all before dinner was served, mind you.

In later years, it was always amazing to me how many "frounsins" (Irish friends you refer to as cousins) made it an annual tradition to attend

my parents' party. Younger people would usually congregate at my parents' place, too, after a full day of shenanigans. They arrived with yet enough left in the tank to share a Guinness or a "touch of the whisk" and partake in a full plate of corned beef, colcannon and Irish soda bread.

I'm grateful to say my four kids and all of their first cousins have a deep appreciation of our family's Irish heritage. They are our next generation of fully seasoned veterans who will carry on our clan's love of St. Patrick's Day, which to us is a celebration of family and the cherished gift of friendship.

This Sunday, my sisters, Michele, Brigid and Katy, and our families, will do our best to make Mom and Dad proud with a celebration worthy of many generations past. We will raise a glass to those in our family no longer with us — especially our parents, grandparents, in-laws, our eldest sister, Maureen, and Katy's sweet daughter, Clare, who died much too young.

Above all, Sunday will be an important day of appreciation of both who and where we came from. To all of our good family, friends and frounsins — to your good health and many blessings in the year ahead. Sláinte!

## YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

### 1949

75 years ago this week

#### SHIFT TO CITY PLAN OPPOSED BY TOWNSHIP:

On the eve of the election in the Farms village, when the residents will pass on the question of whether or not the Farms is to take out a charter as a city, the Grosse Pointe Township Board which now performs certain functions for the village, has issued a letter setting for the township's argument against the change.

#### VANDALS VISIT VILLAGE MANOR:

The Village Manor at 17150 Kercheval, which has been closed for the past 10 days for redecorating, was visited by marauders the night of March 4. Glass was broken in the rear and interior doors were pried open. The operators of the establishment have not yet been able to find out the extent of the robbery, but a quantity of cigarets

were taken and the records and papers of the place were wantonly mixed up and scattered all over the place.

**NEW DRUGSTORE OPENS:** Occupying the dominating corner position in the "Miracle Mile," shopping development at Mack and Seven Mile (Moross) roads, the new Kinsel Drugstore, 18th in that pioneer drug company's local chain, opens its doors tomorrow when it will play host to the people in the vast area it will serve. Mr. A. Moss, who will manage the store, says the company is in its 61st year and that the new store ranks with its finest.

### 1974

50 years ago this week

**FIRST STEP TAKEN IN FOX CREEK OUTLET RELOCATION:** All communities and agencies involved were represented at an open hearing held in the Park Municipal

Building, 15115 E. Jefferson, to discuss a proposed program for pollution abatement of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, caused by the pumping of storm waters and untreated raw sewage through the Fox Creek Enclosure Outlet. The pollution abatement was ordered by the federal government under the National Environmental Protection Act and will be processed by the Michigan Water Resources Commission.

**HANGING PANTS TRIP STREAKERS:** The streaking kick officially hit Grosse Pointe on March 1, when City police officers Edward Miller and Dennis Van Dale stopped a car to find it contained three male youths in various stages of undress. The officers had been dispatched to the scene after two complaints came into the station that youths were ringing doorbells and running naked across property on Washington Road. When officers reached the vicinity, they spotted a vehicle traveling north on Fisher Road. From the blue jeans that

were stuck in the driver's door, flapping in the breeze, police assumed this was the vehicle they were after. Their suspicions were confirmed when they pulled the car over at Fisher and Charlevoix and found three of its occupants either naked or seminaked.

### 1999

25 years ago this week

#### SOUTH GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM COMPLETES PERFECT SEASON WITH STATE TITLE:

For one period of the girls high school hockey state finals at Detroit's City Sports Arena, it was "deja vu all over again" for Grosse Pointe South. The Blue Devils trailed 1-0 after giving up a late first period breakaway goal to Harper Woods Regina's Katie Quinn. But senior defenseman Eileen Pulis said quitting was never an option. The Lady Blue Devils rallied to score four unanswered goals, complete an unde-

feated season (20-0-0) and win their first state championship, 4-1.

#### SCHOOL BOARD GETS TASTE OF MEAP:

For the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, it was a night of learning and being challenged. Meeting in the Wicking Library at Grosse Pointe South High School, board members heard a presentation about the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and then tried their hand at answering some sample questions.

### 2014

10 years ago this week

#### DISTRICT RECEIVES ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL:

A group of residents has authored and presented an alternative to a bond for funding technology in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Led by

former board of education member Brendan Walsh, the group includes members of Residents for Responsible Spending, the organized opposition to the 10-year, \$50.2 million bond proposal on the ballot Feb. 25. The bond issue was soundly defeated at the polls.

#### CONSOLIDATION PLAN B ON DECK:

An alternative strategy to reduce the cost of public safety is on deck. The City of Grosse Pointe council has consensus to cut public safety costs despite an unsuccessful attempt in recent years to contract the service to Grosse Pointe Park, as happened last year with public safety dispatch. "Whether we can work a deal with Grosse Pointe Farms or Park, I'm concerned with whatever is best for us as a city for both budgetary and public safety concerns," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

## LETTERS:

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### In response to 'No evidence'

To the Editor:

I am not sure what meeting Ms. Cracchiolo attended but that was not the meeting that I heard and saw on Feb. 27. The only "angry mob" and "hecklers" I saw were the three people that spoke on behalf of Vice President Ismail. One berated the North staff and blamed them (teachers) for all the problems in the district (I think?). One termed them "power hungry hustlers" and

one yelled at them and then proceeded to almost get into a physical altercation with an audience member. The majority of the people that came to speak asking for Mr. Ismail's resignation spoke without any derogatory remarks — unlike Mr. Ismail's supporters. This is not personal and in no way has anything to do with "how Mr. Ismail votes." This has everything to do with a community not having trust in him and a lack of transparency that the BOE majority is showing by not releasing the report. To quote the North assistant principal, Mr. Young, "We may not

know what it is but we know what it looks like" and it looks like this BOE majority is hiding things to keep us in the dark.

KELLY SEAGRAM  
Grosse Pointe Woods

*Editor's Note: The Grosse Pointe News has filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Grosse Pointe Public School System law firm to release the report.*

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Brownell student Emmy Brown with Michigan Association of Middle School Educators President Ryan Lisek after being named Middle School Student of the Year.

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# Brownell student middle schooler of the year

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Emmy Brown, an eighth grader at Brownell Middle School, was named Middle School Student of the Year Saturday, March 9, during the Michigan Association of Middle School Educators annual conference.

As noted in last week's Grosse Pointe News, Brownell Assistant Principal Holli McNally

was named administrator of the year by the group. Because MAMSE held its conference at Brownell, staff there had the opportunity to name the student winner.

"I was really surprised when I found out," Brown said. "I've gotten a lot of congratulations, which is nice."

Brown, 14, is in the Junior National Honor Society with a 4.0-plus grade point average, is a fifth grade mentor, plays basketball and super-

vises the school store.

"I like all of the activities," she said about her time at Brownell, adding that math is her favorite subject.

"It's a big help that my parents are teachers," she laughed.

Patrick Brown teaches at Brownell and Megan Brown teaches at Kerby.

Aside from school, Brown said she enjoys playing outside with friends and younger siblings, Hudson and Cece, art and babysitting. She

also plans to continue playing basketball next year at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"It's no surprise when I asked the staff for nominations she was the overwhelming choice," Brownell Principal Rodger Hunwick said. "When we talk about how we want to lead like this, achieve like this and act like this, Emmy is the 'like this.' She has so much empathy and is so thoughtful of others."

# South, Pierce auditoriums getting upgrades

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education voted at its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 27, to approve much-needed repairs to the auditoriums at Grosse Pointe South High School and Pierce Middle School.

Total cost for the projects, including a 10 percent contingency if needed, is \$203,384. Work is slated to begin in mid-June after classes get out for the summer.

"Both projects are very similar in nature," said Ben Matteson, the district's director of facilities. "The scope of these projects are to repair the tuck pointing on the exterior of the buildings, some minor roof repairs and restore the damaged interior walls."

Inside work includes replacing damaged acoustic tiles.

"It was brought to my attention shortly after I joined the district that

there was significant water damage to both auditoriums," Matteson said. "After doing our due diligence and later partnering with Ehresman Architects, it was confirmed that tuck pointing was the source of the damage at both locations."

Cracks in the exterior limestone had allowed water to seep inside, thus damaging the acoustic tiles. Often called repointing, the process applies wet mortar into cut joints to repair weak joints in old masonry. South was built in 1927 and Pierce was built in 1939.

Matteson said the auditoriums have not needed this type of work in past years and noted other parts of the buildings might need similar repairs.

"Tuck pointing has become a critical issue of mine since joining the district two years ago," he added. "We will definitely be addressing the surrounding areas to this project and tuck pointing at other schools in the near future."



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# Students, families show up for Fan Faces

By Ted O'Neil  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — There are class reunions and then there are class reunions.

Some 150 people showed up Monday, March 4, for a reunion of Fan Faces, the business Susan Howey's fourth grade class — first at Trombly and now at Monteith elementary schools — runs every year.

"It started in 2017 and we had every grade represented up through 10th grade," Howey said. "I think it shows how much all those students were touched by what they learned running their own businesses. And it was nice all those families made an effort to come."

The idea for the reunion came from this year's class and a former student, now in fifth grade, helped Howey plan it.

"One co-owner even came up with the idea to do a ribbon cutting," Howey said.

Fan Faces started off selling enlarged pictures on sticks that have become popular for sporting events, birthdays, recitals, graduations and anything else customers want them for. They have since expanded to cupcake toppers, wrapping paper, bookmarks, buttons and more.

When students first came up with the idea, they created a website — fanfaces.org — and a tagline: "Cheering people on is what we do!"

Next it was time for mentoring. Howey invited Ellen Durand, owner of El's Boutique in The Village, to talk to the class. Students now write letters to local businesses and invite them to visit the class and share their knowledge, many of which have maintained an ongoing relationship with the class. Some, including Pink Elephant Cupcakes and The Cheese Shoppe, provided food for the reunion.

"It's made the kids more connected to the



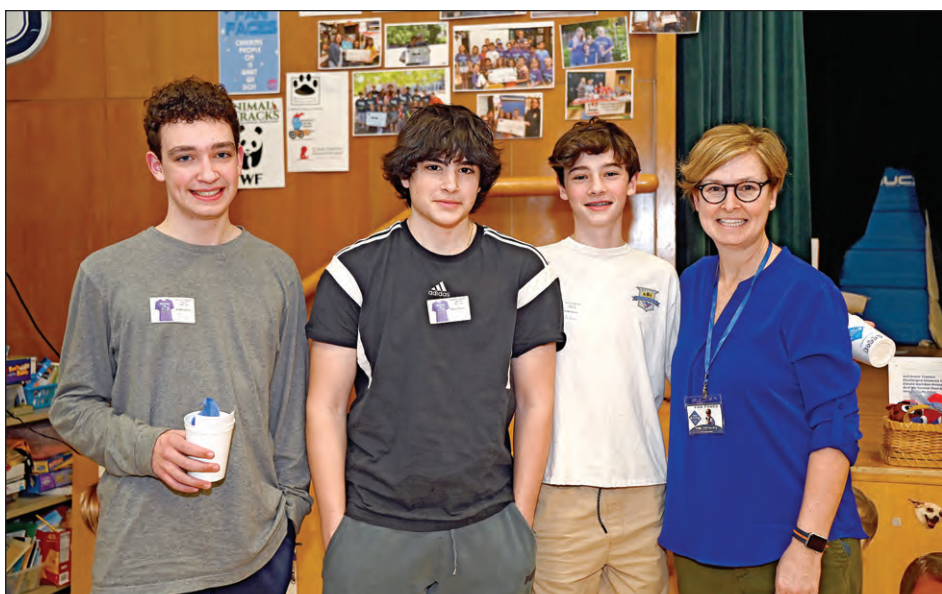
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Above, Gracie Cursi, McKenzie Wood, Amalea Orlando, Charlie Cursi and Catherine Foka with Fan Faces founder and fourth grade teacher at Monteith, Susan Howey. These students were in Howey's fourth grade class and worked on the Fan Faces business in the 2021-22 school year.

Middle, Hadley Eszes wrote her favorite memory of Fan Faces on the Fan Faces Memory Wall. Eszes was in Howey's first Fan Faces class, when Howey was a fourth-grade teacher at Trombly. When it closed she moved to Monteith, where she continues to teach fourth grade.



The Cheese Shoppe in Grosse Pointe Woods helped Fan Faces last year by talking to the class about running a business. Last year, students also visited The Cheese Shoppe and made grilled cheese sandwiches. This year, The Cheese Shoppe is helping again and already has talked with the class about running a business. The Cheese Shoppe has hired Fan Faces to make pictures with The Cheese Shoppe logo on them to go with their charcuterie boards. Pictured are owners Shannon Jones and Aramis Jones and their daughter, Poppy.



Left, former students and Fan Face workers and now ninth graders at Grosse Pointe South High School, Ryan Ridgeway, Ari Tsagaratos and Bobby Cooper, pose with Howey.

don't get paid but it helps explain that good things come from hard work."

Howey said work on the business is fluid, depending on orders, but it is woven into everything the class does.

"We go over our accounting in math class, for example," she noted. "In social studies we talk about economics."

Fan Faces even kept going during COVID, when students were attending class remotely.

"In 2017, I had no idea we'd be where we are," Howey said. "I just let the kids take the wheel and let them have a voice."

community," Howey said. "They're pretty sophisticated for fourth graders. Instead of just

buying something on Amazon, they'll ask their mom or dad to go somewhere local."

Fan Faces has donated more than \$10,000 to charities since its start.

"We donate half of everything we make to a variety of organizations," Howey said. "The kids pick which ones."

Charities have included American Red

Cross, Motor City Mitten Mission, World Wildlife Federation and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The rest of the money goes into supplies and what Howey calls profit sharing.

"We've bought things like books and recess supplies," she said. "We even took a field trip to Mum's Arcade. The kids

## AI:

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held one meeting and hopes to have recommendations in place by summer.

Stanley said he's already used AI on at least two occasions and found it useful.

"I had to send a fairly complicated email, so I put a rough draft together and it formulated a very well-thought-out email," he said.

In another instance, he used it to create an analogy for the district's computer network firewall to help him explain the technology to non-technical people.

"What it came up with was basically a security guard at a club who decides who to let in and who not to," he said.

The issue also was discussed at a recent meeting of the Board of Education's Policy and Contracts Committee.

"It's become entirely problematic," said Kevin Cox, a committee member and chairman of the English department at Grosse Pointe South High School. "There's a lot of temptation there, but teachers can pick up on it. By this time of the year, we know our students' voices."

Cox said if students use it, they are supposed to cite it.

As a former English teacher, Stanley agreed.

"You can tell when a student starts using words they haven't used before," he said. "Sometimes I'd take a sentence and run it through Google to see where it might have

come from."

Will Broman, an attorney and committee member, said he's used AI for work.

"I've created outlines for briefs, just to see what else has been done on the subject, then go in and do my own writing," he said.

Trustee Ginny Jeup, who chairs the committee, said use of AI at the universities two of her daughters attend — Baylor University in Texas and Bethel University in Tennessee — is grounds for automatic expulsion.

"There are certainly ethical considerations, so we're trying to figure out how to use it," Stanley said. "It can be used to generate ideas you might not have thought about or break down intricate topics."

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## Fontbonne fashion show supports relocation of 'Lion & Mouse,' 'Hippo'

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In late 2022, Ascension St. John Hospital became the new owners of two beloved sculptures that for decades graced Eastland Center in Harper Woods — Marshall M. Fredericks' 'The Lion and Mouse'

and William M. McVey's 'The Hippo.'

With help from the Detroit Historical Society and Kasco Construction, the sculptures were relocated to Ascension and currently are awaiting proper display at the Detroit hospital. Plans call for their installation in a courtyard sur-

rounded by a new landscape design.

To help bring those plans to fruition, the Fontbonne Auxiliary of Ascension St. John Hospital is hosting its spring fashion show fundraiser, "Wild for Fashion," Wednesday, April 17, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Cocktail service begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and the show at 7 p.m.

"We're raising money to have 'The Lion and Mouse' and 'The Hippo' installed there," said Fontbonne President Lorna Zalenski, adding that funds raised also will help defray the cost of landscaping and maintaining the courtyard. "There's a new art fund at the hospital. They want to have more art at the hospital to make it look more aesthetically pleasing."

A selection of retailers will be featured during the fashion show fundraiser, including Anne Fontaine, Capricious, Lilly Pulitzer, Max Mara, Saks Fifth Avenue and The Village Palm. Cheryl Hall Lindsey of RGA Modeling is selecting the fashions.

"The Saks Fifth Avenue segment will feature a collection by Daniel Wingate, who will be making a personal



appearance at the fashion show," Zalenski noted. "This is the first time we're doing something like that."

The event, co-chaired by Camille Cracchiolo and Stephanie Berri, also includes a raffle.

"We have beautiful prizes," Zalenski said. "We always have very generous donors in that respect."

A variety of items will be up for grabs, including items from Saks Fifth Avenue, edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Girlie Girl and several other retailers.

Members of the St. John Guild will sell raffle tickets.

"That frees up the ladies to enjoy the show

with friends," Zalenski said. "Both organizations raise money for the hospital, so we support each other a lot."

Tickets are \$125. Tables can seat up to 11 guests.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available, including "Lion" sponsorships for \$5,000 and "Mouse" sponsorships for \$2,500. A variety of patron sponsorships, as well as underwriting and advertising opportunities also are available. Payment must be received by Friday, April 5, for inclusion in the program.

Organizers said they've already received tremendous feedback from

interested guests, though invitations were only recently mailed.

"It's amazing we've already had this response this quickly," Zalenski said. "That lends itself to the excitement that's out there."

Added Berri, "I'm so excited. Fashion goes well with art. I hope to see everyone there. It's a nice evening."

Like many in the community, each of the organizers has a connection to the sculptures, which were commissioned by J.L. Hudson in the 1950s. Berri said her husband used to climb on them as a child and Cracchiolo

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From left, Fontbonne Auxiliary President Lorna Zalenski, and fashion show co-chairs Camille Cracchiolo and Stephanie Berri.

## St. Clare, Verheyden partner to bury unclaimed

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Pew after pew of St. Clare of Montefalco parishioners gathered last Wednesday morning to pay respects to 10 people they'd never met.

As it has done since 2015, St. Clare hosted a funeral Mass for unclaimed bodies, one of the Corporal Acts of Mercy of the Catholic Church. The service included words from the Revs. Andrew Kowalczyk and Richard Shubik, participation from students at St. Clare School and Austin Catholic High School, as well as hymns led by the St. Clare choir.

"Trusting in God, we have prayed together for these 10 individuals and now we come to the last farewell," Kowalczyk said during his recessional remarks. "Although the congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God



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The Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk, left, gives opening remarks at the funeral Mass as the Rev. Richard Shubik stands nearby.

will allow us to gather again in his kingdom."

The solemn eyes of parishioners watched as a single casket representing all 10 deceased was carried down the center aisle and hoisted into an awaiting hearse, courtesy of Chas. Verheyden Inc.,

funeral home.

"Verheyden donated their services, but also did the hard work behind the scenes with these bodies so we could give them proper burial," said Michelle Fisher, who leads the church's bereavement ministry.

Several of the ministry's volunteers, as well as members of the congregation, also served during the funeral Mass.

"This, in our Christian faith, is one of our Corporal Acts of Mercy," Fisher said. "We try to carry out our mission as

Christians to bury our dead, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless."

"We do it because these people have no one to take their bodies at the end of life," said Gina Serraiocco, co-chair of the bereavement ministry. "As Christians we are

to be our brother's keeper. Joseph of Arimathea stepped up and buried our Lord after his crucifixion. That's the same thing we're doing here — taking people who have no one and putting their bodies to rest."

Crosses bearing the names of the unclaimed were hung among crosses of St. Clare parishioners who have died since November. The crosses will hang until this November, when families retrieve them or they are ceremoniously removed.

"In the meantime, we have the opportunity to remember them, pray for them, pray for their souls and for their families," Fisher said. "We should do that for these (unclaimed) people, too. ... These are our brothers and sisters in Christ. There are people like them all around us, from the community we are

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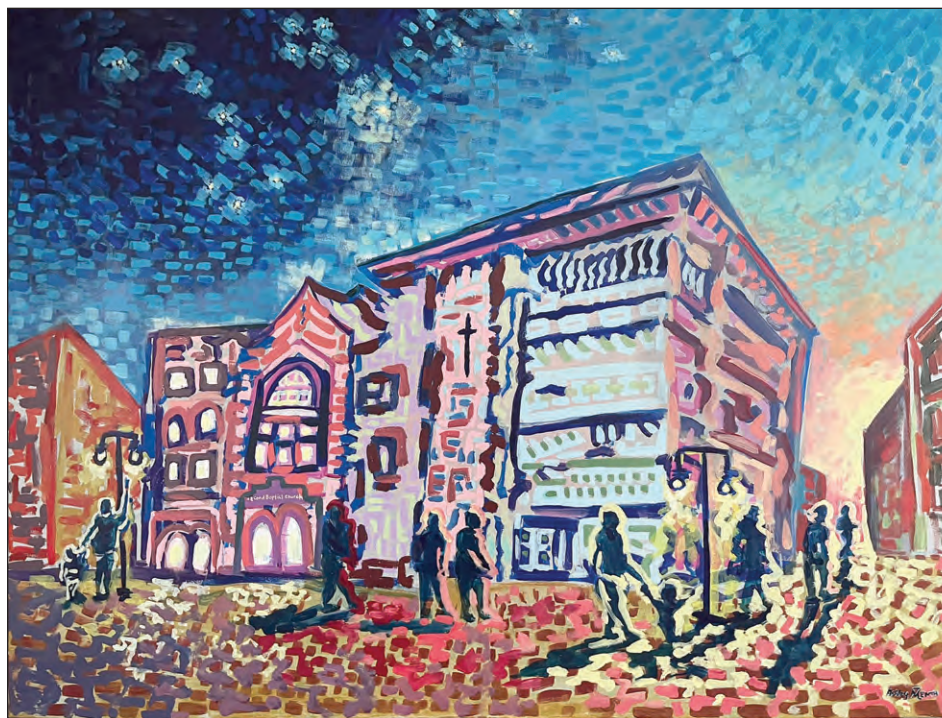
# Art collaboration, 'Reminiscence,' at Posterity through March 30

Artists Ashley Menth and Debbie La Pratt have collaborated for a joint art exhibition called, "Reminiscence," which runs through the end of March at Posterity Art and Framing Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

An artists' reception takes place 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

"Reminiscence" captures La Pratt's and Menth's theme of a shared, soulful lightness that comes from connecting to places of historical importance in the community. The show focuses on people or faith-led communities that successfully exemplify humanity at its purest form, through acts of service.

"The Light from Us" depicts the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, showing the congregation in the light. Mass at



"Midnight at Croghan Street Station," acrylic on canvas, by Ashley Menth. This painting depicts the Second Baptist Church on Monroe Street in Detroit. The light in this piece is depicted as celestial light, signifying the importance the night sky played in the role of navigation to freedom.

St. Anne is in Spanish, even though the church

was founded by the French. In its history, St. Anne Church has changed the language of its Mass according to the most prevalent language of its parishioners.

"I also wanted to focus on spiritual communities that were able to organize and put themselves in a position to help the helpless," Menth said. "Some of the notable pieces in the show feature congregations such as the Second Baptist Church that was able to protect and help over 5,000 slaves make their way to freedom. The painting is titled

'Midnight at Croghan Street Station.' The people walking toward a warm light are seeking a better life via freedom from bigotry and racial discrimination. The light from the constellations above allow the viewer to remember the light from the stars allowed for directional navigation to freedom. The word 'midnight' was a code word for Detroit. Croghan Street Station was a safe room on the Underground Railroad, which can still be visited at the Second Baptist Church today."

Menth invites the community to see these works and others in an effort "to inspire us to put ourselves in a position to help, to be a light where light is needed."

La Pratt is a bas-relief sculptor on a race to memorialize Detroit's architectural jewels before they disappear. She has captured many notable impressions of Detroit churches, some of which no longer are in existence.

"I celebrate our rich Detroit history and my love for the city," La Pratt said. "I try to teach people to look up, look down, look all around. You never know what you will see. These architectural gems were part of our collective history. These pieces were created by the masters of the day. They deserve to be preserved in an effort to remind us and inspire us."

La Pratt has been finding and creating impressions of metro Detroit's rich historical landmarks more than 30 years. Many notable Detroiters, including Martha Reeves, are collectors of her work.

Recently she has been collaborating with Ford Motor Co., to design an award for the 2024 Mustang Dark Horse. One of her pieces from the Michigan Central Station is part of the permanent collection at the Detroit Historical Museum.

For more information, visit ashlymenthart.com or DebbieLaPrattArt on Facebook.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast Group meets at 7:45 a.m. Friday, March 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tom Coyle will speak about Mother Teresa and how to save the world. Cost of the breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

## Audubon Society

Grosse Pointe Audubon hosts its next meeting Monday, March 18, in the annex building behind Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Diane Cheklich will present her documentary, "Pheasants of Detroit." Doors open at 7 p.m. for social hour and refreshments; the free meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Contact brapai@aol.com or visit gp Audubon.blogspot.com.

## Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, Ascension St. John Hospital, 22101 Moross, Detroit.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, Jefferson Masonic Lodge, 22000 E. 11 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

Register at redcross blood.org.

## Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. The speaker is Mark Mais, executive director of the Mercy Education Project in southwest Detroit, which helps women and girls live in a world immersed in equality and equity. Email grossepointerotary@gmail.com.

## Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents "Building Your Business Boot Camp: Social Media 101," from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, at The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. The program, presented by 31 & Up Media, includes best practices for social media using an iPhone, tagging accounts on a variety of platforms and learning the differences between posts, stories and reels. Tickets are \$25 each and include lunch. Visit grossepointechamber.com or call (313) 881-4722.

## Lions

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Village Grille, 16930 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Guests are welcome.

## Ford House

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

◆ Storytime: Every Night is Pizza Night, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through March 26, for ages 7 and younger.

◆ Easter Bunny Photos, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday,

March 24. Cost is \$15 per child of members, \$20 for nonmember children.

◆ Easter Brunch, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 31. Admission costs vary.

◆ Coffee with Collections, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, April 25 and Dec. 5, for members only.

◆ For tickets and information, visit fordhouse.org.

## Family Center

◆ The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods offers free programs and resources that help build happier, healthier families. The following programs take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Learn more at familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Free Community Yoga, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, through April 30. Registration is required by emailing maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

◆ Community Book Discussion, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24. A panel of experts will discuss the parenting information featured in "14 Talks By Age 14," by Michelle Icard. RSVP to maryjo@familycenterhelps.org.

## Air Show

The Michigan National Guard's 127th Wing will host the 2024 Air Show and Open House at Selfridge Air National Guard Base June 8 and 9. The event is free and open to the public, and features The Thunderbirds, U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Franklin's Flying Circus, A10 Thunderbolt II, KC135 Stratotanker and several ground displays. The theme is "Innovation Focused: STEAM Driven."

## Adaptive yoga

Yoga Moves MS, in partnership with the Kirk Gibson Foundation, hosts Adaptive Chair Yoga classes at 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Full Lotus Yoga, 20365 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Adaptive yoga benefits those with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, stroke and other neuromuscular conditions. Cost is \$12 per drop-in class or five classes for \$50 in advance. Visit fullotusyoga.net.

## Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets in person at Wayne County Community College District's Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods, as well as on Zoom, at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. Call (313) 720-8444 for the link and password.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe hosts its next lunch and speaker meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, Josh Ellig CEO of Jefferson East, speaks about the Challenges and Opportunities Facing the Jefferson-Chalmers area of Detroit. Men and women visitors are welcome to attend the meeting. Cost is \$20 at the door. To reserve a seat, email gmattendance@gmail.com or call (313) 550-9661.

Debbie LaPratt's bas-relief sculpture from Ste. Anne de Detroit.



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# OBITUARIES

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Dorothea Mary Krieg



Autumn Clara Dewey



Linda Hart

## Dorothea Mary Krieg

Dorothea Mary (nee Murray) Krieg, 93, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024.

Dorothea was born Feb. 16, 1931, in Detroit. She was the beloved wife of Dr. William H. Krieg, who predeceased her in 2013, and the daughter of Louis and Beatrice Murray. She is survived by four of her children, Charles Krieg (Krisanne), Dr. William L. Krieg (Shelley), Dorothea Kane (Gordon) and James Krieg (Susan); as well as 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Dorothea was predeceased by her son, John Hubert Krieg; sisters, Joan Gillis and Lou Ann Toal; and brother, Lawrence Murray.

Dorothea graduated from Marygrove College in Detroit with a bachelor's degree in history and education. She was a first-grade teacher in Detroit and later taught reading at The Grosse Pointe Academy Montessori school.

Bill and Dorothea were married in 1954, in Toul, France, while Bill was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, working as a dentist. They shared a love of

history and traveled extensively throughout Europe.

Many people will remember Dorothea as an accomplished artist, progressing from oil paintings to linocut prints. When time allowed, she took post-graduate art classes at the Wayne State University Department of Art, Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and Printmaking Forum in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. With William's encouragement, she established a print studio in Grosse Pointe in 1990.

Her work was featured in juried exhibitions, solo shows and several galleries. Dorothea frequently won awards for her deconstructionist interpretation of beauty found in daily life and around the world. She has been listed as a notable artist by Marquis "Who's Who." She also was a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors (samples of her work may be found on its website, dswps.org), Grosse Pointe Painters and Artists, Scarab Club and Pointe Studio Ten critique group.

Dorothea's prints were regularly selected for shows by the Birmingham

Bloomfield Artist Association, Wayne County Council for the Arts and Mid-America Print Council. Her prints have been displayed at Chrysler World Headquarters show, Denver International Airport exhibit, Junior League of Detroit Designer Show House and at Ford House. She took pleasure in knowing her prints were owned locally and across the U.S.

While Dorothea enjoyed her art, she felt her major creative accomplishment was a loving home for her husband and their five children.

Dorothea loved to entertain friends and family. She was an avid reader, sailor and golfer who enjoyed bridge, "La Libre" and travel. Her family and friends will remember her as a remarkable and inspirational woman who touched the lives of many and had a positive impact on the lives of those who knew her.

Her funeral Mass will be held in August at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic

Church, when her large international family will gather in Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to WDET 101.9 FM-Detroit Public Radio, wdet.org/support/, or the IHM Sisters, ihmsisters.org/supporting-the-mission/giving-opportunities/donate/.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Autumn Clara Dewey

Autumn Clara Dewey, 22, passed away Monday, March 4, 2024. She was a college student, baker, movie enthusiast and artist.

Autumn was born Nov. 15, 2001, to Kevin and Amy Dewey; Amy predeceased her in 2006.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe South in 2019, and enrolled at Michigan State University that fall. A biochemistry major, Autumn was scheduled to graduate with a bachelor's degree in April 2024. She held a job in the MSU horticulture department where she

was valued for her hard work. Autumn loved the sciences and the arts, including painting and drawing, movies and baking elaborate desserts.

Autumn is survived by her father, Kevin Dewey; brother, Ian; and numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Her family says whether Autumn is in heaven with her mom Amy or in their hearts, she changed the lives of her family and friends forever.

Visitation for Autumn takes place Saturday, March 9, from 11 a.m. until her funeral at 2 p.m. at Chas. Verheyden Inc., 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Linda Hart

Linda Hart, 89, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2024, at The Rivers of Grosse Pointe.

Linda was born Oct. 9, 1934, to Frederick P. and Ardath (nee McNaughton) Hart. She graduated from The Masters School in Dobbs

Ferry, N.Y., in 1953. She worked in sales for Ross Roy Advertising and Uniglobe Travel. She loved music, art and animals and was active with the Michigan Humane Society Detroit, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

She is survived by her daughters, Sheila Camden Hutchison of Washougal, Wash., and Heidi Hutchison of Indianapolis, Ind.; sons, Peter Camden Hutchison (Ann Chihan) of Sequim, Wash., and Charles Robert Hutchison of St. Clair Shores; granddaughter, Sarah Jane Hutchison of Austin, Texas; and brother, William McNaughton Hart. She was predeceased by her parents; and brother, Frederick P. Hart Jr.

She will be interred at Christ Church Grosse Pointe. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society Detroit, 7887 Chrysler Dr., Detroit MI 48211, bit.ly/4c50RJ4.

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# Supreme Court Justice David Viviano to speak

Michigan Supreme Court Justice David F. Viviano addresses the Eastside Republican Club Forum at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Justice Viviano has distinguished himself as a jurist and as an accomplished attorney with experience working in the highest levels of government, private practice and academia," ERC chairman Mike Vethacke said. "Next week we look forward to hearing about Justice Viviano's work on the Michigan Supreme Court. He is campaigning this year for reelection to Michigan's 'court of last resort,' one of two seats to be decided by voters in November."

The seven Michigan justices are elected for eight-year, staggered terms so at least one seat is on the ballot every two years. Candidates for the court are

nominated by political parties and elected on a nonpartisan ballot.

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking. There is no charge for the forum, which includes an opportunity to ask questions.

Viviano was appointed to the Supreme Court in 2013 by former Gov. Rick Snyder and was re-elected by wide margins in 2014 and 2016. He is the Supreme Court's point person for court technology and supervises Michigan's statewide e-filing initiative.

He previously served as chief judge of the Macomb County Circuit and Probate courts. As chief judge, he was responsible for the administration of one of the busiest trial courts in Michigan. He was first elected to the circuit court in 2006, and during his tenure as a trial judge presided over both civil and criminal cases. He also had the privilege of



Michigan Supreme Court Justice David F. Viviano

serving on the circuit court bench with his father, retired Judge Antonio Viviano, and his sister, Judge Kathryn Viviano.

Michigan's jury system reforms with many of the reforms adopted for use throughout Michigan. For their efforts, Viviano and his

colleagues received a national award for jury innovation.

Viviano also teaches jury management at the Michigan Judicial Institute's New Judges' School.

Viviano is a graduate of Hillsdale College with highest honors and a 1996 graduate of University of Michigan Law School.

In addition to delivering flowers for the family business, Viviano practiced law at two nationally recognized law firms, founded his own law firm in Mount Clemens and served as city attorney in Center Line.

Viviano, his wife, Neran, and their four children live in Sterling Heights.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday each month, September through May at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Stay up to date at eastsiderepublican.club and "follow" the ERC on Facebook and X.

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part of. They just had no family members to claim them.”

The annual funeral Mass occurs in partnership with neighboring Verheyden, which has been part of the effort several years.

“We will have people reach out to us and ask for assistance with handling someone’s final disposition when there’s no legal next of kin, no family, no friends,” said Brooke Hassig, a funeral services manager at Verheyden. “When no one steps forward, we get involved. We work with the Wayne County Medical Examiner’s office to get authorization to move forward with cremation.”

“We handle the legal side of everything, the authorizations,” she added. “After this Mass, sometime in the spring, we have a group crypt at Mount Olivet Cemetery where their cremated remains will be laid to rest.”

“I text (Verheyden) each year when we do this and ask, ‘Would you like to participate?’” Fisher said. “Within three or four seconds, Brooke responds and says, ‘Absolutely.’ Every time Brooke or Adrianna (Schnell, funeral services manager) communicate



The Rev. Richard Shubik gave the homily and talked about each person as though he had known them while growing up.

while planning this, which happens over a couple of months, at the end of each email they say, ‘Thank you for allowing us to be part of this.’

“Without them we couldn’t just claim bodies,” she continued. “They go through the paperwork, donate their services, donate the casket. They work in partnership with so many different places and do the hard work of figuring out the bodies who have no family or no means to claim them. All 10 people this year had no family.”

“Though many of these individuals lose a connection to their family and friends it certainly doesn’t mean they are unloved, just abandoned at the end of life,” Verheyden owner Brian A. Joseph said in a written statement. “Chas. Verheyden Inc. is known for assisting the marginalized and those who are less fortunate to celebrate the lives of all people who made our community and region a better place to live.”

“We appreciate all our partnerships with area churches that continues



Fr. Andrew Kowalczyk blesses the cremated remains with a thurible, which dispenses incense smoke.

The deceased

- Roberto Claudio, 6/7/38 to 8/15/23
- Fred Smith Jr., 3/13/50 to 8/23/23
- Mary Brown, 10/5/41 to 4/13/23
- Tyrone Pettrie, 6/22/53 to 5/14/23
- Mary Smith, 9/20/45 to 4/27/23
- Richard Dunn, 6/13/55 to 7/18/23
- Willie Simmons, 7/4/49 to 10/29/23
- Larry Livingston, 4/27/57 to 11/9/23
- Edward Williams, 2/7/50 to 12/23/23
- Rosalind Overstreet, 1/2/58 to 11/27/23



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Don Girodat places a cross on the memorial wall.

to assist us in an overall mission to celebrate the lives of so many while helping those who are less fortunate,” he added. “... We must always say to ourselves, if we cannot bury our own dead with respect and dignity, we are no better than a third-world country.”

Hassig noted that each of the deceased is listed on Verheyden’s website and that occasionally an estranged family member steps forward to reclaim a loved one.

“We’re able to make that reconnection,” she said. “We give the cre-

mated remains back to the family. And sometimes they ask if they can keep them at the group crypt, so they know where they are and have a place to visit.”

The entire process — working with Verheyden, preparing for and carrying out the Corporal Act of Mercy — is rewarding for all involved, Fisher said, explaining the heavy involvement of parishioners.

“It makes me feel good,” Fisher said. “It’s a nice affirmation of the funeral ministry, what we’re doing here. So

many people come and pray and have a hand in doing something. It’s an affirmation of their faith. It’s life giving.

“Funeral work is hard, so it makes me feel good personally when people participate,” she continued. “People say it’s a blessing to them to come and pray and do a Corporal Act of Mercy. It’s turning a negative situation for all these people into something positive.”

Added Serraiocco, “We honor them. If they weren’t honored during their life, we honor them in their death.”



Austin Catholic High School students served as pallbearers and helped load the casket into a hearse provided by Chas. Verheyden funeral home.

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remembers taking the bus to Eastland in her youth, taking breaks from shopping to play among the sculptures.

“It’s great artwork and also so nice Ascension St. John was able to acquire them,” she said. “I’m thankful for that.”

Added Zalenski, “This

will ring true to the community. My kids played on ‘The Lion and the Mouse.’ My friends played on ‘The Lion and the Mouse’ when they were children. ... It was something you would always say to your children; ‘If you’re good while we’re shopping, you can go play with the lion.’

“I’m excited about it and excited that they’ll

live at the hospital hopefully forever,” she added. “People will see them and remember. And we have our own children’s hospital within the hospital. Kids will love seeing them, too.”

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## Youth on Stage brings 'Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr.' to the stage

Grosse Pointe Theatre invites the community to "Be Our Guest" when Youth on Stage presents "Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr." March 22 to 24. Based on the original Broadway production that was nominated for nine Tony Awards and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, "Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr." features popular songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

"The junior show is very well organized and follows the original story closely," director Rachel Hutchison said. "This makes it easy for the kids to use the original as a good point of reference for character development."

Hutchison said she is excited to bring this show live to the stage.

"The animated 'Beauty & the Beast' was a favorite of mine as a child," she said. "The music is so captivating and the story is rich with themes that are important to me — acceptance, kindness, forgiveness and, of course, love."

With 55 children in the cast, plus 15 on the technical and costume crews, Hutchison has a busy job.

"This is my second time directing a show with Youth on Stage, so I know quite a few of the kids and they know what to expect from me. That makes my job a lot easier," Hutchison said. "We also have a terrific volunteer staff, many of whom are parents of kids in the

show. They are a tremendous help with everything from check-in and check-out to creating props and costumes to painting set pieces. Our volunteers make the whole production process a joy."

Performances take place March 22 to 24, at Parcels Middle School, 20300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A special sensory-friendly performance takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23, for people with autism, cognitive issues and special needs, as well as young, first-time theatergoers. The sensory-friendly performance program is sponsored by The Inclusive Arts Fund of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

The story of "Beauty and the Beast" has classic morals that ring true today.

"One of the lessons we have all been focusing on while putting on this show is to value people for who they are deep down, not on the surface," Hutchison said. "'Beauty and the Beast' is a beautiful story about accepting people, flaws and all, and helping one another grow into our best versions of ourselves. I hope that everyone who sees our show will be inspired to take that attitude into the world, everywhere they go."

"Beauty and the Beast, Jr." is presented through



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Phoebe Caine as Belle.

special arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

### THE DETAILS

**What:** "Beauty and the Beast, Jr."

**When:**  
♦ 7 p.m. Friday, March 22  
♦ 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23 – sensory-friendly performance  
♦ 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23  
♦ 1 p.m. Sunday, March 24

**Where:** Parcels Middle School, 20300 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods

**How:** Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 students, including fees. Tickets are available at the door, by calling (313) 881-4004 or visiting [gpt.org/beast](http://gpt.org/beast). Tickets for the sensory-friendly performance may be purchased online at [gpt.org/sensory](http://gpt.org/sensory).

### The cast

Phoebe Caine, Belle  
Bentley Karcher, Maurice  
Jack Schwartz, Beast  
Jackson Raleigh, Gaston  
Charles Pesta, LeFou  
Sam Frei, Lumiere  
Gianna Bellissimo, Cogsworth  
Annika Brenner, Mrs. Potts  
Jane Wujek, Babette  
Stacey Pennar, Madame de la Grande Bouche  
Kenzie Luyk, Chip  
Mack Kohler, Narrator 1  
Audrey Darke, Narrator 2  
Charlotte Torrento, Narrator 3  
Elliott Cox, Narrator 4  
Violet Hall, Beggar Woman/Enchantress  
Piper Rumohr, Mr. D'Arque  
Charlie Henze, Bookseller  
Lily Breedlove, Footstool dog  
Ivy Mancinelli, Fille 1  
Annabelle Schorer, Fille 2  
Ellie Korte, Fille 3  
Sienna Bennett, Aristocrat  
Gavin Bethell, Fishmonger  
Aubrey Stevens, Egg Seller  
Riley Birsul, Sausage Curl Girl  
Quinn Seiler, Baker  
Madeline Frei, Lady with Cane  
Alice Wamsley, Candle Seller 1  
Camille LaBeau, Candle Seller 2  
Noelle Runyon, Hatseller 1

Eliza Bennett, Hatseller 2  
Cece Brown, Milkman/Milkmaid  
Stella Mancinelli, Shepherdess 1  
Nora LaBelle, Shepherdess 2  
Finn McMillan, Butcher  
Grace Bieri, Mother/Tavern Owner  
Victoria Panzenhagen, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Selah Pellegriani, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Olive Burrus, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Charlotte Cullen, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Anna Soper, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Dot Nichols, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Lainey Beland, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Blaine Freeland, Kitchenware/Principal Dancer  
Alexis Frei, Houseware/Servant  
Anna LaBelle, Houseware/Servant  
Kersten Orrys, Houseware/Servant  
Penny Berger, Houseware/Servant  
Rebecca Parrinello, Houseware/Servant  
Viny Cavataio, Wolf 1  
Casper Chrobak, Wolf 2  
AJ Berger, Wolf 3

Right, Jackson Raleigh as Gaston. Below, Ivy Mancinelli, Annabelle Schorer and Ellie Korte as Filles.



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# Grosse Pointe Gabby

The Pulse Of The Pointes

## Nervous about celebrating St. Patrick's Day with friend

**Dear Gabby:** I am writing because I am nervous about St. Patrick's Day.

One of my good friends has been getting so out of control with drinking that it puts a big cloud over our dinners and parties. I drink socially, but never get out of control.

I'm trying not to be judgmental, but he is starting to put a damper on things when

we go out because I worry he might say or do something stupid, or we have to be in charge of getting him home safely.

We are supposed to go out to celebrate March 17, and I'm already dreading it. How can I talk to him about not drinking too much?

— Sober in the Shores

**Dear Sober in the Shores**

It sounds like you have two issues:

- 1.) You have a friend who drinks too much.
- 2.) You have decided that St. Patrick's Day is a good day to get together but you don't want him to drink too much.

Maybe the biggest bar day of the year isn't the best choice for your

next outing with him? The only way to ensure that your friend won't get drunk on St. Patrick's Day is to lock him up on that day, which obviously you won't do.

An alcoholic or heavy drinker (if that's the case here) cannot and will not be able to control their drinking to accommodate your comfort level.



It sounds like your friend really needs professional support and a recovery program. This will only happen if and when he decides to do it. If you choose to go out with him this St. Patrick's

Day, accept him for him — binge drinking and all.

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

## Widow eager to stay independent

**DEAR ANNIE:** Please give me your opinion. I am an 84-year-old widow. I have one child, a son, and one grandchild in town. My other children live hours away.

I no longer drive. I am financially independent and have someone to come clean twice a month, drive me to run errands, go to the doctor, do grocery shopping and take me to the beauty shop.

I have taken care of my parents and my husband's parents, and I know this can be very tiring. I truly hate to have to call on my children.

I try to be careful, and I don't spend unnecessarily. It adds up when you have to have extra help. My son is very caring, takes me to the doctor and never complains about helping me. I have friends who are in the same situation.

I had hoped my son would offer to go to the grocery store for me. It would save me some money. I hate to impose. I was ordering my groceries to be delivered after I had some issues with a different lady who was getting my groceries for me. I became concerned when I was having groceries delivered.

I live alone and use a walker, and a neighbor pointed out that people

who deliver groceries are well aware if you live alone. I have friends who are in the same situation and their children shop for them.

Would I be expecting too much? Thank you. — ELDER EAGER TO STAY INDEPENDENT

**DEAR ELDER:** You're obviously a very thoughtful, financially responsible, independent senior. But just because you're



**Dear Annie**

by Annie Lane

able to find solutions to your challenges doesn't mean you should feel obligated to handle everything on your own all the time.

It sounds like your son is caring and more than willing to help in whatever way you need. As

far as grocery shopping, it might not even register for him what a load off your plate his help would be since you've been handling it on your own for so long.

The next time you're See ANNIE, page 3C

## We Tried It!

by Anna Lizer



My dog loves nothing more than a nice, long walk. Actually, he'd pre-

fer to go on walks all day long if our schedules allowed it.

Bandit, the walk-loving dog, is a large, fluffy guy who is absolutely full of

spirit. He loves to bark at people, bolt across the street to smell other dogs

and run at top speed every chance he gets.

While this is awesome for him and we are glad he loves exercise, he ends up pulling us down the block during the majority of our walks.



I can't say enough good things about this adorable, loyal dog. But his listening skills? Subpar at best.

That said, having a great leash helps make our daily walks much more enjoyable.

For the past few years, I've used a traditional 5-foot-long nylon dog leash. It gets the job done, but whenever Bandit decides he wants to dart to the left or right to smell a plant or say hi to another dog, I get whiplash.

One of my friends, who owns two very large dogs, suggested a bungee dog leash. She purchased hers on Amazon and explained that it's a game changer for walking larger animals.

I ordered the 5.5- to 7-foot-long bungee dog leash she suggested and could not wait for it to arrive.

When it arrived, I took it for a test ride. The great thing about this leash is it can be hand-held or waist-worn. It also can be secured to a tree or post without

unclipping your dog.

If you are planning to wear it around your waist, the leash has a convenient clip that easily secures the strap around your midsection.

The comfortable padded leash stretches, absorbs shock and has an improved design that allows the leash to be more durable and last longer.

Near the handle, the

leash has an accessory loop for pick-up bags or small clip-on items such as keys or a wallet. It also has a traffic handle, which is a shorter, non-bungee area of the leash so dogs can be pulled back quickly in case of emergency.

The leash comes in two lengths and a variety of color options. It is listed for \$39.99 on Amazon.

I really love this product. It makes our walks so much more enjoyable and gives Bandit some free space to smell and roam, without compromising his safety or my comfort. Five out of five alligators from me!

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# Mombeau's middle

Courtesy of Mombeau's Table

My daughter is very helpful in the kitchen. She loves to chop and prep dinner for our family. This week is her turn to tell her story about her Irish recipe for St Patrick's Day. I'll let her take the stage this week. I love cooking, but I must say I am an extremely messy cook. That's why it's pretty fun. I was very happy when I found out Mombeau was going to give me her column this week. So let me tell you a little about myself. I am 10 years old, I am in fourth grade, and I am

from a family of seven. This is an Irish recipe that I knew was the one. The herbs I used were thyme and sage. It is a pork chop and potato casserole. What I think really pulls this dish together is the harmony of the potatoes, herbs, apple cider vinegar and apples. The juices from the pork that are laid over top make the potatoes taste extra good. I was stumped on what I was going to say for the rest of this so I'll just say it was really good. This is a great dish if you have leftover mashed

potatoes. If not, just boil your potato of choice and mash. Make sure to add extra butter.

Cheers, Mombeau's Middle

### Pork and Potato Casserole

- 2 lbs boneless pork cutlets
- 2 tbsp butter softened
- 4 cups mashed potatoes
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 large apple chopped
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar

- 2 tsp chopped sage
- 2 tsp chopped thyme
- 2 tbsp butter, softened
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 350. Salt and pepper the pork chops and rub them with the softened butter, salt and pepper. In a bowl, mix together the mashed potatoes, apples, onions, vinegar and herbs. Make sure it's seasoned with salt and pepper. Add the mixture to a greased casserole dish. Layer the pork chops evenly over top. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 45 minutes. Take the aluminum



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foil off and broil until the edges of the pork turns a bit brown. Garnish with extra sage if so desired.



## Ordering wine

Most Americans who dine out regularly know something about wine, but usually it's just enough to place an order. But that's not always true, and the problems that exist in these experiences can be costly and hard to deal with. The following suggestions may help diners forestall problems that may arise.

1. Read the wine list

carefully. If the list doesn't have any vintage dates, ask the server to explain what vintages are available. Not all wines improve with time in the bottle and it's usually best to buy younger white wines to avoid improper storage. Red wines are trickier to understand and usually call for some knowledge of vintages.

2. If you see a wine on the list that you've never heard of, ask the server to explain it. This is important with many white wines because what may look like a sweet wine could very well be dry and vice versa. Ask what style it was made in and what foods go with it best. It could end up being a great discovery.
3. Compare the wine list's printed appellation of the wine you order

with the one on the bottle's label. Sometimes they differ. (A wine list may say a wine is from Napa, but the label's appellation may be "California," likely a much cheaper wine.) Wines ordered in a restaurant should always be opened in front of the diner. It doesn't happen often, but on a few occasions over the years, servers have brought me opened bottles. I instantly rejected it. If you accept an open bottle, you may be getting the right bottle, but the wine might be different! (This really doesn't apply in many European cafes, particularly in rural areas, where wine often

is served from carafes.) 5. You control the temperature of the wines you order. Some people believe that rieslings and sauvignon blancs are best kept chilled in an ice bucket. But quality chardonnays should be served cool, not cold. On some occasions, servers wanted to keep my chardonnay permanently iced. 6. Most young red wines benefit from decanting. Given the high prices some restaurants charge, one thing you can do to improve your experience is to have a bottle decanted before you pour any into your wine glasses. I made this suggestion in a restaurant review

decades ago and got serious pushback from two restaurateurs. Both said they didn't own decanters. I replied that because they charged so much for most wines, they owed diners the right to enjoy them properly. 7. Consider dessert wine. Many restaurants offer dessert wines by the glass or the half-bottle. Half-bottles are perfect for four diners. Most people forget about how enjoyable such post-meal experiences like this can be. *To find out more about Sonoma County resident Dan Berger, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com.*

## Irish Coffee, where good friends meet

The Kennedy surname has always carried a legacy, a story, a place in history, if you will. Everyone recognizes it. No, I'm not talking about John and Jackie, I'm talking about John and Kathy, the original owners of Grosse Pointe's famous Irish Coffee Bar & Grill! In 1980, John and Kathy Kennedy secured their footprint in unknown history, at 18666 Mack Avenue in the Farms. Decades later, now in the hands of their son, Mike, Irish has proven to be the "neighborhood bar" it aspired to be. While they're famous for so many things, burgers, perch, fish & chips and those amazing onion rings come to mind first. The long bar at Irish has been a popular conversing hot spot for 44 years and counting. With nine cold beers always on tap and countless bottles in the coolers, a cold one after the work day comes easy here! In the mood for something to warm you up? The obvious choice is literally their name itself! An Irish Coffee made with

Jameson, sugar and topped with cream and a fancy green drizzle! Promised to make you feel warm and fuzzy inside! You might even get lucky and have Mike's better half, Allyce, greet you from behind the bar, or grab a spot next to Mr. Kennedy who's sure to have a story to tell. You can't beat \$5 burgers on Mondays. Sloppy Joes on Tuesdays...French dips on the weekends are just some of their specials. "We keep it simple here," according to Mike. "I always say: pick what you do best." Well, Mike. I think you've nailed that

Covered Patio. In March of 2020, our lives were forever changed. With an unknown fear weighing on the backs of all restaurant owners, Mike and Allyce's wheels started spinning and with the help of friends, family and staff, they got to work, out their back door. What started as two picnic tables, then a makeshift bar, has since turned into

space and I strongly suggest catching a Tigers game while enjoying a sampler platter with friends out there! You know what else Irish Coffee does best? St. Patrick's Day! There's no denying this is the place to be. People come from near and far just to be part of the celebration that takes place here. This year, the shenanigans kick off on Saturday, March 16, at noon, as the bar and grill just announced they're now open for lunch on Saturdays. The party continues on St. Patrick's Day, at 10 a.m., with food service until midnight. The ground round patties will be grilling day and night. The Leprechauns' favorites, from corned beef sandwiches and green beer to Kathy Kennedy's famous Irish Stew will be served as well.



### Food Gossip

by Nina Taormina

The back patio will be extended with their St Paddy's Day tent, and the juke box will provide Irish music all weekend. You may even catch some traditional Irish sounds from bagpipe players who will be passing through. Beers and cheers will end at 2 a.m., and it's strongly encouraged that Ubers and the like are scheduled in advance. Parking is limited as well. While this day comes and goes every year like a whirlwind for the Kennedy family, one thing always remains the same. As soon as you pull that wood door open, under the green awning, you're treated like family. "My mom and dad are very supportive, and I believe with them, us, and our employees we have created the best team in the world," according to Mike. Keep up with Irish at: IG: @irishcoffeebarandgrill FB: Irish Coffee Bar & Grill Stay tuned. Stay hungry. And stay safe this St. Patrick's Day weekend



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#1 Voted burger in Grosse Pointe.

one great back alley covered patio, with TVs, bar and food service. To say this significantly helped float the hard pandemic days and nights is an understatement. Mike credits Allyce for riding out that difficult wave with her by his side. It's a great

## DEAR ANNIE:

Continued from page 2C with him, just ask. You're not a burden nor is it an imposition — acts of love and service like this are exactly what family is for.

DEAR ANNIE: This note is in regard to "Bummer Friend," who wrote in about her negative friend who lives

alone, lost her leg and has limited ability to go out. It sounds like this woman could be severely depressed and could greatly benefit from professional counseling and perhaps antidepressants. Depression can express itself in many forms, including anger, withdrawal and negativity. Also, asking the negative friend if she felt depressed might open an

easier pathway to discuss her behavior and communication style and potential benefits of therapy. Thank you from a loyal reader! — ANOTHER IDEA DEAR ANOTHER IDEA: Something like losing a leg can indeed trigger depression, and I appreciate you writing in to draw attention to that very likely possibility. It's also always helpful

to come from a place of concern — such as inquiring about a loved one's health, whether it be mental or physical — rather than accusation when you hope to change someone's behavior. Thank you for writing in. Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com). COPYRIGHT 2024 CREATORS.COM.

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# Serving EASTER



## Celebrating spring's favorite holiday can bring out your creative side

By Donna Zetterlund and Olivia Monette  
Special Writers

Every holiday has its own special charm, but there is something about Easter that brings everyone to life in a new and inspired way. Perhaps it's the beginning of spring, the precious symbolism of rebirth or the promise of life eternal in the story of Jesus. Easter makes everything more alive. It seems to do the same for creativity in the ways we celebrate as well.

There is such happiness in setting the table for this esteemed holiday, drawing from delightful pastel colors, bright pinks and blues, the fresh greens of new growth and the yellows and lavenders of delicate flowers breaking through the awakening earth.

We've taken some inspo from that incredible springtime color palette to design several place settings we hope will stir your own creativity and make this year's Easter table the most beautiful and heartwarming ever. From an elegant golden Asian-inspired "Year of the Rabbit" theme to whimsical plays on lighthearted spring patterns, kiddie table designs and more, we've assembled some ideas we hope you'll love.

With all the great Grosse Pointe Shops on hand to source from, hosting Easter will be smooth as can be. The League Shop is at the ready with china and glassware, for finding a new pattern you'll love or for adding to your existing set to accommodate those out-of-town visitors. They've got silver and servingware galore as well as luxury gift items for all of your holiday needs. From The League Shop's unmatched selection of Herend rabbits you'll find an awesome gift or table decoration.

For the dessert table, nothing thrills guests more than Nothing Bundt Cakes. Their moist and delish bundt cakes come in 8", 10" and tiered versions as well as personal-size Bundlets or mini Bundtinis by the dozen. The Bunny Bundt is a decorated full-size cake that comes with an adorable floofy bunny rabbit on top, perfectly wrapped for Easter gifting or for contributing to the dessert lineup.

Chocolate Bar Cafe is Grosse Pointe's go-to for all things chocolate, including rabbits, eggs and other Easter delicacies like bagged candies, pastries, cupcakes, cookies and so much more. Fully-prepped Easter baskets are ready to go home or you can get the goodies you need to make your own.

For Easter hostess gifting, fillable baskets and treats, kid stuff and serving ware, Small Favors has what you need to make everyone at your party happy. The most adorable soft, plush Jellycat bunnies, fuzzy bunny ears and the cutest holiday items line the shelves of this Grosse Pointe favorite. There is always something new to make you say, "Aww," at Small Favors.

So take in the warming weather, breathe in the fresh Lake St. Clair air and take a walk in the Pointes to get ready for an Easter celebration that will fill your heart with the renewed joy. Make every moment with loved ones count at the Easter meal. There is so much to celebrate!



Above, we're adding a touch of springtime to our Easter table with a light blue tulip. With "Year of the Rabbit" vibes and vibrant plates atop golden chargers, every detail of this place setting blooms with elegant joy.

## Brunch Bundtinis



# JOY

## MAKE THE EASTER TABLE EXTRA-SPECIAL THIS YEAR WITH CREATIVE PLACE SETTINGS



PHOTOS BY ANNE GRYZENIA

Cheerful and bright pastel pinks and blues in pretty patterns make this table setting, above, an Easter showstopper. From the quilted reversible placemats with matching napkins to the Herend rabbits (from The League Shop), this setting is warm and familiar while looking posh and put-together for your guests.

Delicious Bundtinis from **Nothing Bundt Cakes**, below left, are tasty mini bundt cakes in individual servings by the dozen that add a touch of scrumptious sophistication to your Easter brunch. They come in a variety of splendid flavors, like chocolate chocolate chip, lemon, Red Velvet, and white chocolate raspberry. Yum!

Below, an impressive dessert spread with a selection of various sizes of incredible **Nothing Bundt Cakes**, topped with their amazing creamy signature frosting. Your Easter guests will go ga-ga for this extra special treat that everyone loves!

## Cotton tails

Infuse your kitchen with Easter charm with adorable cottontail bunny towels, right, from **Small Favors**. Crafted from top-notch cotton, these cute and thirsty hand towels feature an exquisitely designed crochet motif of rabbits and flowers. Ideal for your holiday kitchen or as a considerate and welcome hostess gift for your favorite cook.



## Every bunny's favorite

There's no better time of year to invest in a Herend bunny from **The League Shop**. Made of handpainted Hungarian porcelain, they feature beautiful trademark 24K gold accents. These beloved collectibles will become a keepsake treasure your family will cherish for years to come.



## Delicious Easter table treats



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# DON'T FORGET *the* KIDDIE TABLE



## Bunnies everywhere

Bring the magic of Peter Rabbit to the Easter table. Everyone's favorite bunny rabbit is always welcome — at Easter or anytime! This adorable place setting, left, is the perfect way to charm the children at your festivities and make adult guests feel like kids again. With whimsy and wonder, this storybook setting enchants hearts and sparks imaginations as springtime unfolds. So let the Easter adventures begin (and don't forget to eat your carrots!)



## Quilted cuteness

Vibrant hues and cuddly bunnies adorn this simple and whimsical table, above, promising a celebration as colorful as the season itself. Look for springtime craft shows for handmade placemats and favors for down-home appeal that invites guests to relax and enjoy the comfort of family time together. Add traditional china to upgrade the look of elegant simplicity and you have Easter table settings that ensure a lovely atmosphere with not a lot of extra work.

## The sweetest times

The **Chocolate Bar Cafe** is an old-fashioned soda fountain featuring Detroit-made Alinosi and Guernsey Farms Ice Cream as well as Alinosi's superfine chocolates and candies. Easter shopping is not complete without a heavenly visit to the Chocolate Bar Cafe.

## Bunny fur

The Tumbleweed Bunny is a little bit of Easter happiness for gifting or baskets. This tiny huggable pet comes in several colors, from **Connie's Children's Shop**.



## Yum factor

For fresh-baked cakes, cupcakes and other Easter celebration pastries, the **Chocolate Bar Cafe** levels up your good times with creativity and delectables of the highest quality. From chocolate bunnies, and chocolate eggs, above, to jelly beans or stunning mouth-watering chocolate Easter creations, right, follow the bunny trail to the Chocolate Bar Cafe.



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The League Shop is located at 16847 Kercheval Ave. in the Village.

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# ALL ABOUT *the* BASKETS!

EASTER MORNING JOY COMES WRAPPED WITH A BOW



PHOTOS BY OLIVIA MONETTE

## Packaged pleasures

If you are on the go – or busy planning Easter brunch for a dozen people – you may not have time to make Easter baskets from scratch. In that case, the **Chocolate Bar Cafe** has your back. Visit them now for ready-made Easter baskets, left, that will be savored and adored by kids and adults alike.

Beautifully-wrapped hand-filled baskets full of melt-in-your-mouth chocolate rabbits, foil-wrapped chocolate eggs, hand-dipped and exquisitely-decorated chocolate and so much more are packaged with love and topped with a lush, colorful bow. Just grab and go – knowing that this all-important Easter task has been handled with care by “egg-xperts!”

## “Ears” to a great time!

Get the party started with adorable bunny ear headbands for everyone – or to tuck in the kids’ Easter baskets this year. The comfortable, plush high-quality headbands are perfect to wear to the big egg hunt or for photos with Mr. Bunny. From **Small Favors**.



Fill 'er up, bunny

Affordable and adorable fillable Easter baskets, above and right, can be found at **Small Favors**. Stop in and stuff them with the kids’ favorite games, candy and stuffed animals to celebrate this joyous holiday – all in one convenient stop. **Small Favors** surprises and delights with their selection of seasonable treats and treasures.



It's a draw

Chalk it up to creativity this spring season with these fun and colorful egg-shaped chalks, left. Kids love hitting the sidewalks and walkways with these to express themselves with original art to delight all passers-by.

Set of 6 colorful dual-sided chalks come by the half-dozen in a cute egg carton gift box. Buy them at **Small Favors**.

## Soft and snuggly

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Marcel in good hands.

# Movie Junkie Mark

by Mark Domin



the ultimate optimist. Dean and Marcel quickly form a special bond. When the filmmaker proposes making a documentary about Marcel, he's all in. The couple makes a short film and post it on the Net. To their surprise, it instantly goes viral and Marcel becomes a world-

I'm pretty sure you've never seen anything quite like this film before. If you have your doubts, just give it five minutes. I'll be surprised if you not only fall in love with it, you'll soon be telling all your friends they just have to see it. One thing that surprised me was that the film was largely overlooked by the Academy Awards committee. That's such a pity because if any movie deserved multiple awards, it was this one. Shame on you Hollywood.

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

★★★★ One you'd recommend to friends.

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

About this column:

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

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

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

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

If you have any suggestions, feel free to email me at: [dominmark@yahoo.com](mailto:dominmark@yahoo.com).

Also, if you're looking for more recommendations, be sure to check out my blog: [moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com](http://moviejunkiemark.blogspot.com).

After seeing this beautiful and heart-warming movie I think you'll agree, we can sure use more family-friendly films like this one!

Currently streaming for free with your library card on Kanopy and Hoopla. Also on Netflix and Paramount, 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.

**MOVIE REVIEW**  
 "Marcel the Shell with Shoes On"  
 2021 - PG  
 1 hr 30 min  
 ★★★★★

I saw this wonderful film when it was released a couple years ago and really enjoyed it. When it popped up on Netflix recently, I thought I'd give it another viewing. I was equally charmed the second time around.

What an absolutely magical movie. From the opening scene when you first hear Marcel's squeaky, high-pitched voice narrating the film, you're instantly hooked. It puts a smile on your face and lets you know you're in for a special experience. "A movie about a googly-eyed mollusk?" you might be saying. Please read on.

Documentary filmmaker Dean Fleischer Camp moves into an Airbnb. Unbeknownst to him, the sprawling house is already inhabited by a young shell named Marcel and his Nana Connie. The two are voiced by Jenny Slate and Isabella Rossellini.

This film was created with a combination of live action and stop-motion cinematography. What a meticulous and time-consuming process



That pesky dog.

that must have been. But ultimately, it was worth every second of effort.

Marcel informs us that at one time, his large extended family lived at the house. But through a mix-up, they moved away and their whereabouts is unknown. So Marcel and his Nana make the best of the situation.

When the little lad gives us a tour of the house, we witness all the brilliant innovations he's come up with. He's attached an electric mixer to an orange tree with a rope, and fires it up to shake oranges loose. He gets around by riding inside tennis balls. And those are just

a few of the ingenious ideas he's concocted.

Nana Connie is equally intriguing. Marcel tells us she has an unusual accent because she was born a couple of garages away. While she's a little world-weary and getting on in years, she doesn't let that stop her from enjoying life. She spends her days tending to her garden.

Nana's learned her skills from reading books, and applies her knowledge to growing vegetables for the two of them. While their situation seems bleak at times, she's always upbeat and encourages her grandson to be brave and adventurous. She's

wide sensation.

Seeing the posts from his adoring fans is hilarious. Some of his devotees even get "Marcel" tattoos, which they proudly display. It also gives the couple the idea that maybe they can use their newly found fame to help track down Marcel's family.

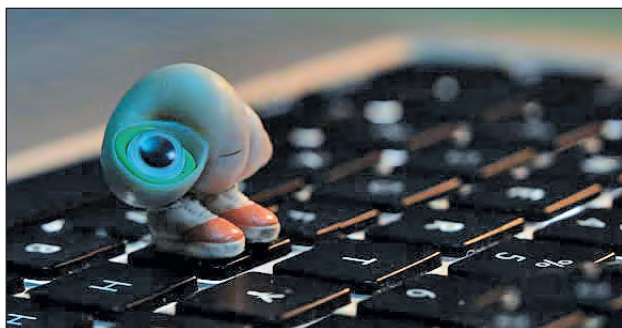
"Marcel the Shell with Shoes On" is guaranteed to put you through the emotional ringer. The little mollusk is funny, charming, clever and thoroughly engaging. You can relate to his occasional periods of loneliness and despair. You'll also find yourself laughing out loud at his comments and actions.



Nana and Marcel gardening.



Marcel goes for a ride.



Working the keyboard.



Planning a trip.



Marcel's cozy abode.

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## Royal Stars Weekly Horoscopes

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

Happy Birthday for Thursday, March 7, 2024:

You are charming, sensitive and creative. You can also be fey and otherworldly. It's important to assert yourself when need be. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people and things that might be holding you back.

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

Today you might be in competition with someone. Or you might work with a friend or a member of a group to achieve a goal, perhaps a victory. A casual friendship might turn romantic for some, because there's a lot of energy in the air! Tonight: Strong feelings.

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

Because your ambition is aroused, you'll express yourself with such emotion and eloquence that you can inspire others to follow you. Without question, your heart is in what you want to achieve, and people respect those who believe in what they're doing. Tonight: Results.

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

You'll be convincing today in your desire to learn something new or teach something to others. You might use this same energy to make travel plans or to "get away from it all" and see new turf. If you have to defend your beliefs, you certainly have the energy to do so. Tonight: Take action.

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

In disputes about shared property or how to divide or share something with someone else, you'll come out on top because you are fervent and convincing. You believe in what you're fighting for. Romance will also be passionate today (and memorable). Tonight: Check your finances.

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

Conversations with friends, partners and members of the general public will be feisty and dynamic today. Oh yes, you'll stand up for what you believe. However, the reverse might be true. You might attract someone to you who is looking for a fight. Be careful. Tonight: Be alert.

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

You have lots of energy today! You want to get things done, and you want to do so efficiently

because you want results. If you're competing with someone, this will light a fire underneath you. Competition will make you identify with what you're doing and give everything you've got. Tonight: Stay steady.

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

This is a playful day! In particular, you have strong competitive energy, which will do you well if you're in competitive sports or in any kind of team activity that needs to compete or win. Likewise, your romantic urges are strong, and you won't hesitate to make the first move. Tonight: Socialize.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is the perfect day to roll up your sleeves and make improvements at home. You have the energy to do so. Be ambitious about what you want to achieve. Make things look better. You want to create some order out of chaos and busy activity. Tonight: Success.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're unusually convincing today, which is why it's a powerful day for those of you who have to persuade others, sell, market, teach or make anyone listen to your words. This is because today you'll put everything you have into what you have to say. Tonight: Confidence.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today you're willing to work hard to do something to boost your earnings or increase your wealth in some way. You're not afraid to take action. In fact, competition will spur you to greater heights. However, this same energy could tempt you to spend big. Don't be rash. Tonight: Check your belongings.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You have strong feelings about practically everything today. But in particular, you want to make some improvements to your home or where you live, or your family situation. You'll be able to do this because you've got focus and energy to burn! Tonight: You're strong.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

This is a strong time for

you, because the Sun, Mercury, Saturn and Neptune are all in your sign. Nevertheless, you will likely accomplish the most today by working alone or behind the scenes. It's all a bit hush-hush, isn't it? Tonight: Quiet time.

### BORN TODAY

Actor Bryan Cranston (1956), actress Rachel Weisz (1970), actor Tobias Menzies (1974).

## Contract Bridge

### LUCK VERSUS SKILL

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

#### NORTH

♠ A Q 7 2

♥ 5 4

♦ A K 9 3 2

♣ 8 3

#### WEST

♠ 10 5

♥ Q J 10 9 8

♦ 10 6

♣ K 10 7 2

#### EAST

♠ J 9 8 3

♥ 7 2

♦ J 7 5 4

♣ A J 6

#### SOUTH

♠ K 6 4

♥ A K 6 3

♦ Q 8

♣ Q 9 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	3NT	

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

There are many hands where the outcome is a foregone conclusion because declarer has the overwhelming balance of strength. But there are also many other hands where skill is the sole determining factor.

Take this case where West leads the queen of hearts against three notrump and South must exercise great care to get home safely. Let's say he wins the heart with the king and plays the

Q-K-A of diamonds, hoping for a 3-3 split. West discards a heart on the third round, and South has to choose between persevering with diamonds or playing for a 3-3 spade division.

Either way, three notrump goes down. South fails by sheer force if he tries the spades first, and he also fails if he plays a diamond to establish dummy's fifth diamond as a trick. In the latter case, East wins the diamond and returns the jack of clubs, allowing the defense to collect four club tricks and put the contract down one.

However, South can make three notrump by crossing to dummy with a spade at trick two and leading a low diamond, intending to play the eight if East follows low.

In the actual case, West wins the eight with the ten but is helpless. With West on lead, there is no way the defenders can collect four club tricks. At the same time, South is sure to score three spades, two hearts and four diamonds to finish with nine tricks.

In effect, declarer shapes his play so as to avoid losing a diamond trick to East. By adopting this approach, declarer makes it impossible for the defense to score four club tricks before he can establish and score four diamond tricks.

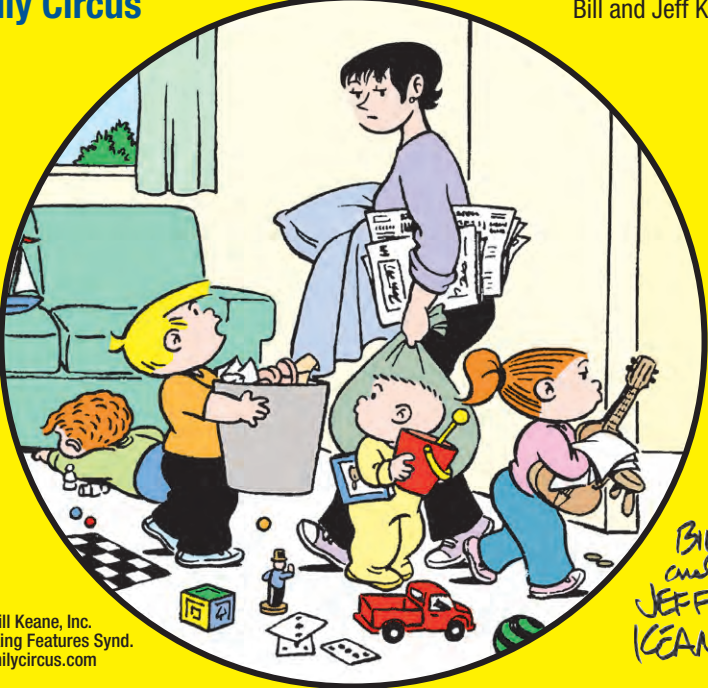
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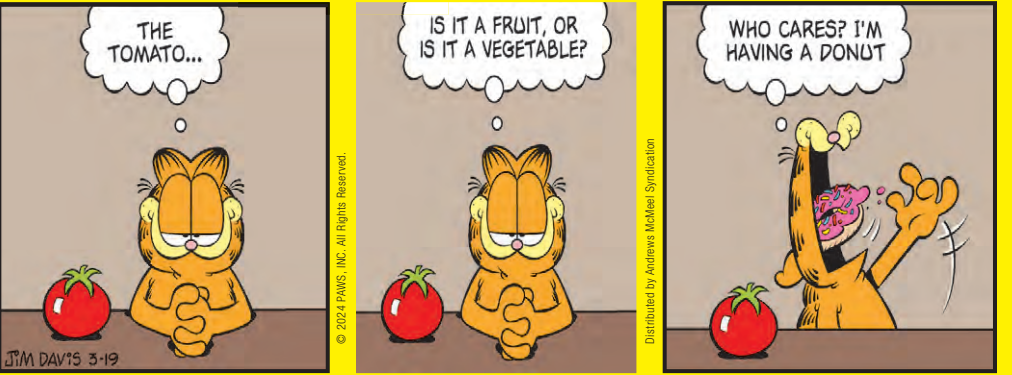
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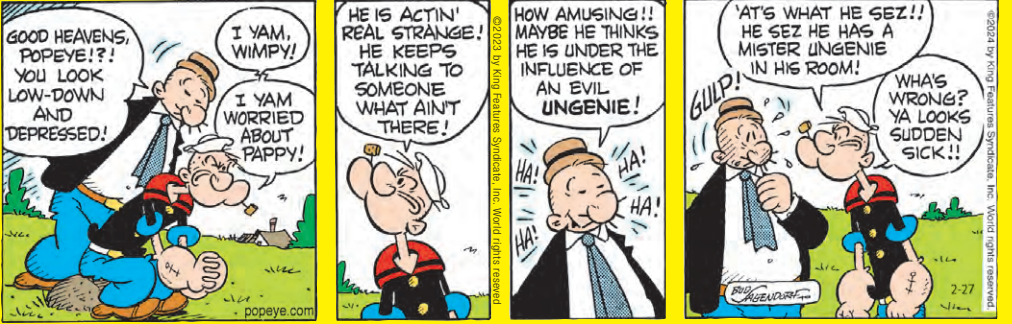
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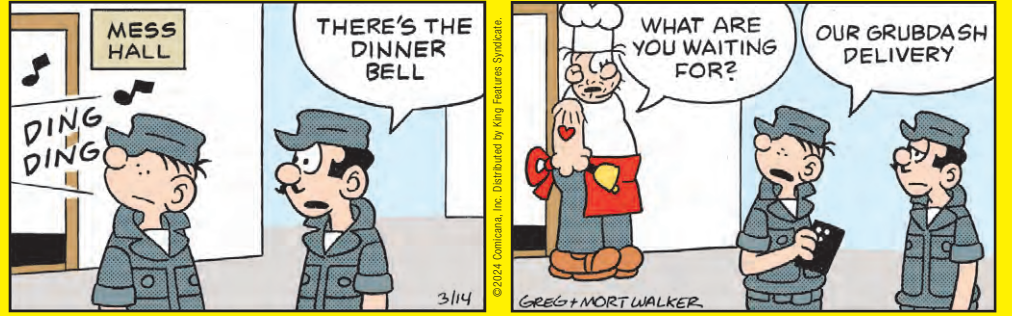
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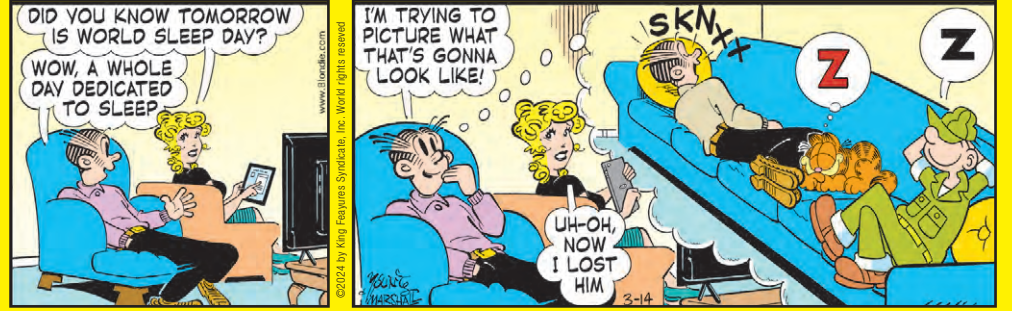
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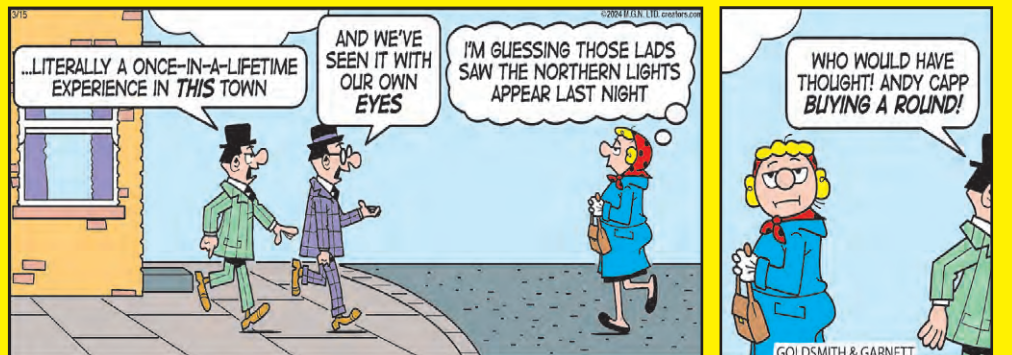
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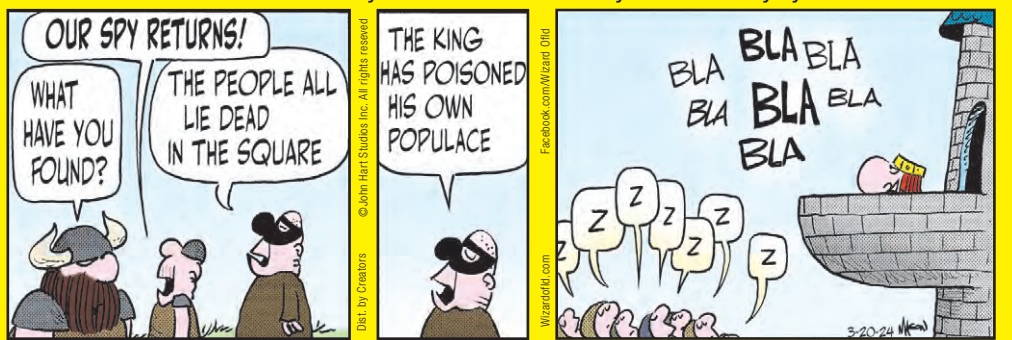
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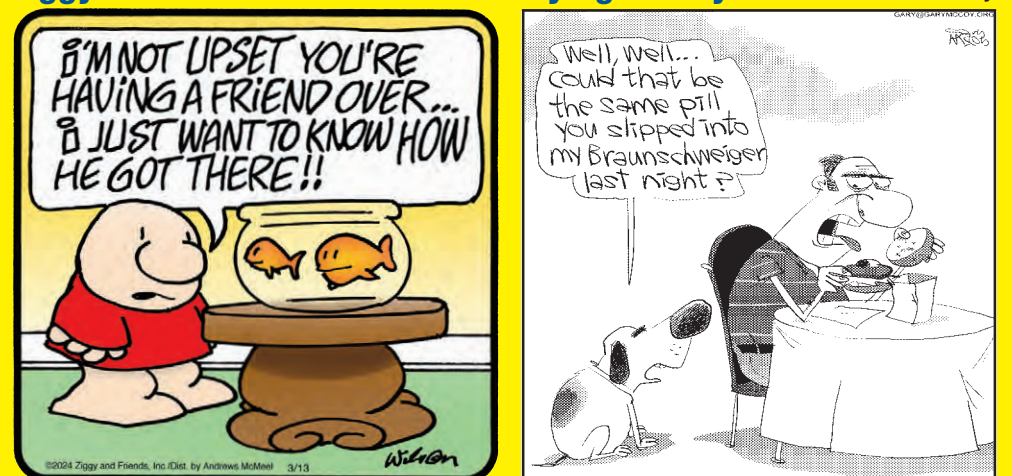


## Ziggy

Tom Wilson

## Flying McCoys

Glenn McCoy



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**"Why do we hafta straighten up the house just because the cleaning lady is coming?"**

## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

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

### Previous puzzle solution

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

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

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## Universal Crossword

Edited by David Steinberg March 14, 2024

### ACROSS

- 1 Plead
- 4 Opposite of post-
- 7 Acting ensembles
- 12 "\_\_\_ of these days ..."
- 13 Seydoux of "No Time to Die"
- 14 College athlete, e.g.
- 15 Painting and sculpture expos, say
- 18 Toyota sedan discontinued in 2022
- 19 Attire at some frat parties
- 20 Flat-bottomed vessel
- 22 Hoppy beer, for short
- 23 Prominent part of an aardvark
- 24 Sci-fi craft
- 25 Yelp user, at times
- 27 Juarez (city south of El Paso)
- 29 Feeling low
- 30 Public perception
- 33 Go it alone
- 37 Contented sound
- 38 "Spartacus" Oscar winner Peter
- 40 "Amazing!"
- 41 Frequent flyer's reward
- 43 McCartney's songwriting partner
- 45 French Mrs.
- 46 Bakery-cafe chain
- 48 Heir to the family fortune

- 50 Outrage
- 51 Certain rec centers
- 55 Young boy
- 56 Instant decaf brand
- 58 Loud burp
- 59 Make a minister
- 61 More consistent
- 63 Confidently and courageously
- 64 Destinations for ambulances: Abbr.
- 65 Seasonal illness
- 66 Toboggans, e.g.
- 67 Born as "Groovy!"

### DOWN

- 1 Sea vessels
- 2 Former energy company in business ethics case studies
- 3 Very beginning, slangily
- 4 "Picnic cutlery"
- 5 Camping gear seller
- 6 AirPods, e.g.
- 7 "Leaves nothing to chance"
- 8 Actress de Armas
- 9 With 32-Down, shared equally ... and a hint to a word hidden at the center of each starred clue's answer
- 10 Movie cliché

- 11 Underwater navigation tool
- 14 Pester
- 16 Dr. Anthony \_\_\_ prominent member of the coronavirus task force
- 17 "Places to see the big game?"
- 21 French sculptor hidden in "retro diner"
- 26 Remote batteries, usually
- 28 Mikhail Gorbachev was its last leader: Abbr.
- 30 Lout
- 31 It's between a birdie and a bogey
- 32 See 9-Down
- 34 Hand (out)

- 35 London lavatory
- 36 Possess
- 39 Easy basket
- 42 Angry music genre
- 44 Nominated
- 47 Tidy up
- 48 People who rarely tidy up
- 49 Holiday song
- 52 Drop-off location?
- 53 Fast Amtrak train
- 54 Hydrangea or azalea
- 57 "\_\_\_ questions?"
- 60 Find a sum
- 62 Before, poetically

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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### Them's the Breaks by Michele Govier

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# Comics

## Peanuts

Charles M. Schulz



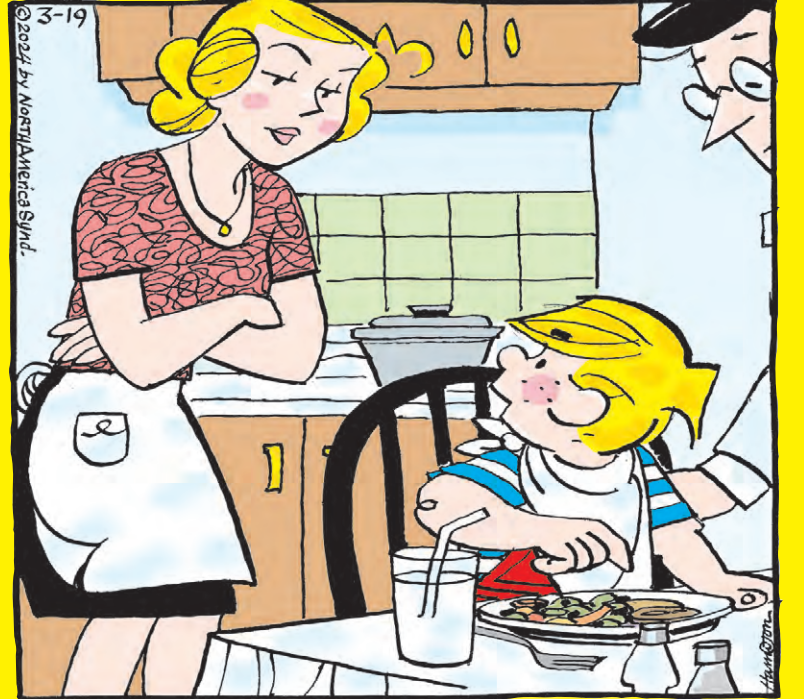
## Hagar The Horrible

Dik Browne and Chris Browne



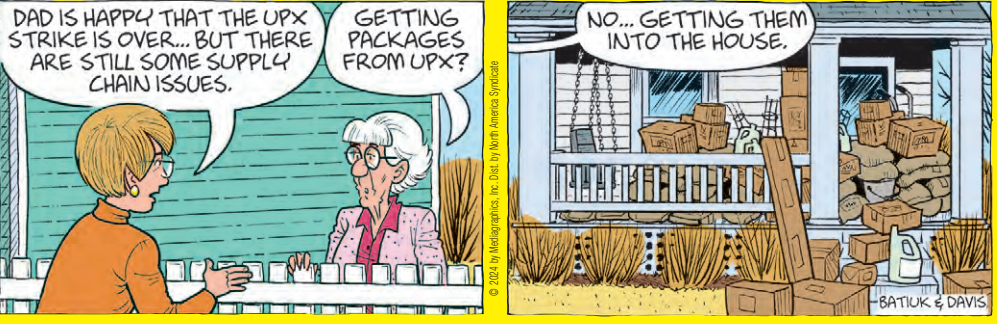
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Hank Ketchum, Scott Ketchum, Ron Ferdinand and Marcus Hamilton



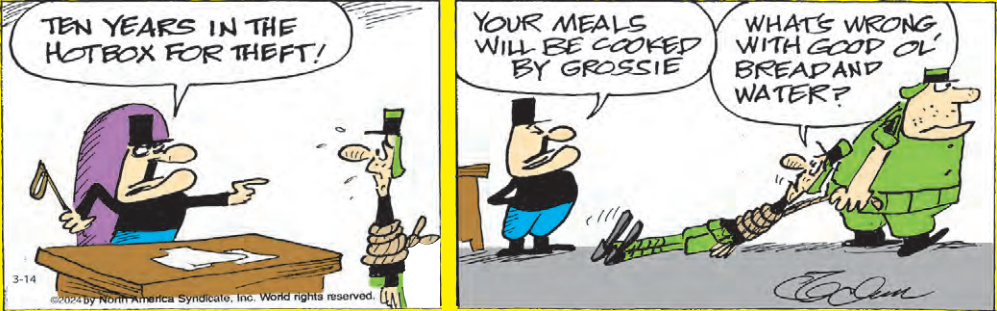
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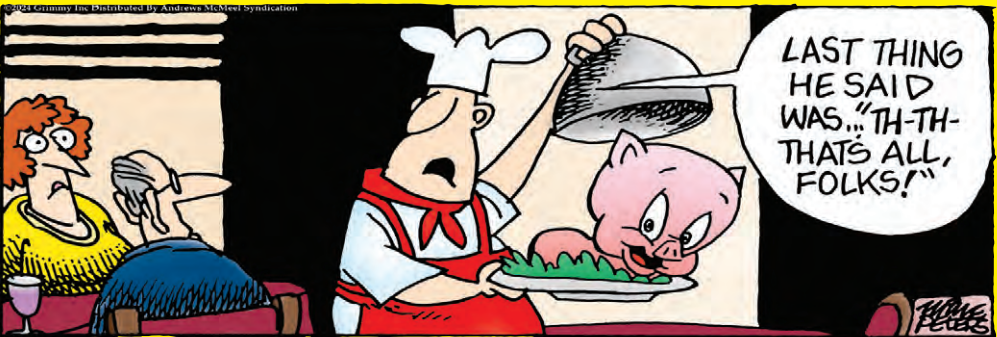
## Crock

Created by Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



## Mother Goose and Grim

Mike Peters



## Carpe Diem

Niklas Eriksson



## B.C.

Johnny Hart and Mason Mastroianni



## Wumo

Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



## Reality Check

Dave Whamond



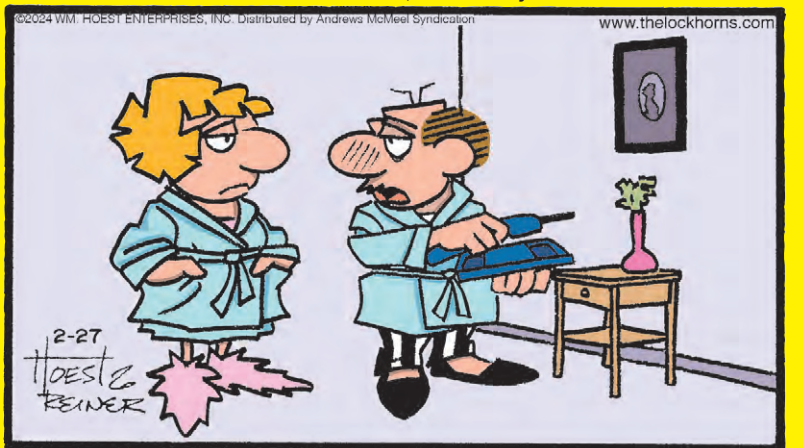
## Bizarro

Dan Piraro and Wayne



## The Lockhorns

Bill Hoest, Bunny Hoest and John Reiner



## Close To Home

John McPherson



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Paul & Brad Anderson



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## Kid Scoop Together:

### Lookalike Leprechauns

Each leprechaun below has a twin. Draw a line between each twin but remember: Leprechauns can be VERY tricky! Look closely.



Standards Link: Research: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

## St. Patrick's Day Exclusive! "Leprechaun Lips" Tells All!

**NEWS FLASH!** We found a leprechaun to answer questions about these mysterious little people! He wouldn't really show himself to us. Mostly what we saw during the interview were his lips, oversized sunglasses and his hat.

### Q: How do leprechauns get all that gold?

A: We make shoes for the fairies. Silly fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. We are always busy making new shoes for them. They pay us with gold. Lots of gold!



Leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects; identify matching attributes.

### Q: How big are leprechauns?

A: Wee folk are we. Three feet tall at most.

Can you read inches of the newspaper columns that are equal to 3 feet?

How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Measurement: Use standard measurement. Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate materials.

### Q: How do you catch a leprechaun?

A: It isn't easy. If you should see a leprechaun, get as close as you can without him seeing you.



Quickly take him in your grasp and don't take your eyes off of him. Then ask where his pot of gold is hidden.

He will try to talk you into looking away. If you do look the other way, he will be gone when you look back.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly in context.

Follow the path to the leprechaun's pot of gold.



### Extra! Extra!

#### What's green?

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures of things that can be green. List them here.

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**Bonus Challenge:** Can you list them in ABC order?

Standards Link: Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.

### Q: Why do leprechauns play tricks on people?

A: We play tricks on people who don't believe in us. We especially like to bother teachers who try to tell children that we don't exist.

### Leprechaun Lips Tricky Story

Ask your teacher or a friend for verbs, nouns and adjectives. Use these words to fill in the blanks of this story.

One fine morning, I went for a walk in the woods. I tripped on a

\_\_\_\_\_ NOUN. When I looked down, I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE little \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN with a green \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN.

"\_\_\_\_\_ GREETING," he said. "My name is \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN. I'm a leprechaun. If you want my \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN of \_\_\_\_\_ NOUN you'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ VERB me first!"

I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ VERB him, but he was too \_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE for me.

He just laughed and called out to me, "\_\_\_\_\_ ADJECTIVE St. Patrick's Day!"

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing.

## St. Paddy's Patterns

Which leprechaun comes next in each row? Circle it.



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Relate ideas of an experience.

## Double Double Word Search

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

- LAUGHED
- LOOKING
- LIPS
- GOLD
- PAY
- SHOE
- DANCE
- GREEN
- GRASP
- WOODS
- EYES
- EASY
- GONE
- ASK



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

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's phrase: GIFT OF GAB

If someone has the "gift of gab," it means the person is a good talker. The word *gab* comes from *gab*, the Irish word for mouth.

Katie had the gift of gab, which sometimes got her in trouble for talking too much during school.

Try to use the phrase gift of gab in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Abbreviations

St. is an abbreviation for Saint. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Recognize common abbreviations.



What would you get if you crossed a leprechaun with a Texan?

ANSWER: A pot of chili at the end of the rainbow.

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### Favorite Jokes and Riddles

Write down a list of your favorite jokes or riddles! Share with your friends.

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## State Champs!

### Blue Devils girls hockey wins state championship 1-0 over ULS

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

A single power play goal in the third period is all Grosse Pointe South girls varsity hockey needed to win the 2023-24 Division 1 state championship 1-0 over rival University Liggett School Saturday, March 9, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

It is the program's first state championship since 2018, and 13th state title since 1997.

Head coach Alexis Bohlinger said when she looked down at her bench during the game, she knew her Blue Devils were in it to win it.

"They were doing what we were coaching them

to do," she said. "They were raring to go out there. They were supporting each other. They were all preaching my message across the bench and the kids that didn't get to go in were right up there cheering and supporting their team."

Her team had its biggest reason to cheer at the 11:59 mark of the third period when senior forward Maeve Hix found the back of the net in a scoreless game, with just 19 seconds left on a Blue Devils power play.

Hix reacted quickly when she found herself in front of Liggett goalie Brooklyn Peshl, snapping a wrist shot that put South up 1-0. The score

held until the final second ticked off the clock, which settled this season's fight for backyard and state bragging rights.

Saying she blanked out for a minute right after she "just sort of went for it" and scored, Hix soon realized the impact of breaking a then-scoreless tie with the game's first and ultimately only goal of the game.

"I sort of shut down when I scored, so I'm trying to relive that a little bit," she said immediately following the title win. "I'm really ecstatic and happy."

Bohlinger, who gave ample credit on the win

See HOCKEY, page 2D



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Grosse Pointe South girls varsity hockey takes its first team photo as the 2023-24 Division 1 state champions Saturday afternoon at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

### South's Liu wins title in 50 free; North shatters 3 school records

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior Troy Liu won the state championship in the 50 free at the Division 2 boys swim and dive state final Saturday, March 9, at Eastern Michigan University, and did so in 20.77, breaking his own school record of 20.88 that he set earlier this season.

Liu followed up that performance later in the meet by breaking another school record in the 100 free, where he finished second overall in 45.42. He outpaced Jacob Montague's 2016 time of 45.67 to set the record.

Liu's performance was the highlight



He broke a 1974 record of 22.02. Tommy Moreland took sixth place and broke the school record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 51.27. He broke the 2022 record of 52.47.

North's 200 free relay of Keegan Wettstein, Moreland, Connor McMahon and Gusmano took seventh place and set a new school record of 1:28.46. The previous record of 1:29.69 was set in 2012.

Initially, the Blue Devils finished sixth overall, but were moved up to fifth place on a technicality. The team is waiting to see if that ruling will be overturned.

In the Division 3 meet at the Holland Aquatics Center, University Liggett's Brendan

COURTESY PHOTO

South's Troy Liu stands atop the podium donning a pair of Cartier "Buffs" sunglasses after winning the state championship with a school record-breaking performance in the 50 free.

among many notable showings from swimmers and divers representing South and Grosse Pointe North at the state final. The Blue Devils earned fifth overall, while the Norsemen finished in 16th place

and broke three school records in the 50 free, 100 butterfly and 200 free relay.

Norseman James Gusmano finished eighth in the 50 free, and earned the school record in a time of 21.89.

Beland finished 13th overall in the 500 free at the state final in 4:55.41.

The following are event results in swimming and diving for the Blue Devils and

See SWIM, page 4D

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## Mattes helps GP United Gymnastics soar

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Whether it is the beams, the bars, or the floor, Allison Mattes has been rising to be a star gymnast ever since she was four years old, and it all began with a bit of inspiration from inside the family.

"My older sister started doing (gymnastics) and I really liked watching her so I knew that I would love the sport too," Mattes said.

Mattes, currently in her junior year at Grosse Pointe North, is one of the leaders of this year's Grosse Pointe United Varsity Gymnastics team.

Competing at the Division 1 level, the highest level in high school gymnastics, Mattes helped Grosse Pointe capture this year's Great Lakes League Championship on Feb. 14 by achieving the highest individual all-around score in the competition.

She was also one of the five gymnasts who represented Grosse Pointe this past weekend in Grand Rapids at the MHSAA gymnastics state finals. Mattes finished 13th in all-around score, with her best event being floor routine, where she fin-

ished 15th.

Gymnastics is a sport where all athletes have to be able to compete in



all-around scores reflect just how much of an all-around athlete Mattes is. Along with competing for her high school team, Mattes takes part in USAG Junior Olympic level gymnastics competitions and also trains and competes for Hunt's Gymnastics Academy in Clinton Township.

It does not even stop with gymnastics. Mattes also plays girls lacrosse and field hockey at North and takes part in MICA club swimming during the summers. Gymnastics, however, has been part of Mattes' life the longest out of any sport and has taught her the most lessons that she can take with her to the field or the pool.

"Ever since a young age, gymnastics has taught me about work ethic and how to hold myself accountable," she

every event. Still, many often have their specialties or events where they excel, and the floor routine is just that for Mattes.

"Everybody gets to do their own type of routine," she said. "It's really personalized and usually where I score the best, and I have the most fun doing it."

While she excels on the floor, perhaps her high



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North junior Allison Mattes was one of five Grosse Pointe gymnasts to qualify for this year's MHSAA state finals.

said. "It helps with other sports like lacrosse and field hockey because you need to hold yourself

accountable and do the best for your team. I think

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**All-Around Allie**

- Finished with highest individual all-around score at 2024 Great Lakes League Championships
- 13th overall in all-around score at 2024 MHSAA gymnastics state finals on March 9
- 2023 Division 1 regional all-around champion



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## HOCKEY:

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to her coaching staff, said Hix's goal, the play of her first-team All-State goaltender Rosie Smith and her team's aggressive defense were all factors in the win. She said she had her defense place much of its focus on shutting down Liggett's Sofie Ancona, just named 2023-24 Miss Hockey in Michigan.

"I said, 'I don't care what else is going on in this game, you're on (Ancona) and that is your job,'" Bohlinger said. "A lot of players get distracted and don't follow through, but I think the girls that we had in that position, they followed through until the very end and that made a world of difference for us for just opening up space and giving us a chance to clear the puck."

In the opening stanza, the Knights kept feeding Ancona the puck, who got off several shots to put consistent pressure on Smith. Just two minutes into the game, Smith made a good glove save off an Ancona slap shot, which got an already-amped-up crowd cheering.

South also came out of the gates on all cylinders, executing good puck movement and peppering several shots at Peshl, who came up with a handful of big saves. Around the 2:50 mark, Knights forward Louisa Dragovic got called for roughing. South failed to capitalize on the ensuing power play and the period ended a scoreless 0-0.

The second period also remained scoreless, as tension in Mitchel Kiefer Memorial Rink continued to build. A hooking call on Liggett forward Elle Quinlan at the 11:53 in the period gave South a two-minute player advantage, but Peshl blanked the Blue Devils.



Liggett goalie Brooklyn Peshl makes a stop on South forward Maeve Hix, left, while Knights' defenseman Allie Roth checks for a rebound.

PHOTO BY RENA LAVERTY

Each team had its chances as the period closed out, but they entered the final period in regulation with no score and a state championship on the line.

A little more than a minute into the third, Liggett forward Annaclaire Doppke was called for slashing. This time, South made it count when Hix put the Blue Devils on the board with her wrist from between the circles, about 10 feet in front of Peshl.

Bohlinger said afterward, Hix showed steady improvement all season and may have been due for this big moment.

"Maeve has been one of our most consistent, level-headed players all season," she said. "She's a really good athlete, has never had a slump or a game where she's not feeling it or her legs aren't good."

"She's just consistently always that player. And I think it took us towards the end of the season to really notice how influential she was out there. And then we bumped her up a line and we bumped her up another line and

then there she was today."

But Liggett, the state's consecutive three-time state champion who beat South twice in close games earlier this season and tied once, was not about to concede anything yet.

Smith made a big save on a slap shot from the blue line with 8:33 left. She also managed to stop or use her blocker to knock away several Liggett shots that looked to be headed toward an open net.

With about 6:30 left, South began to shoot the puck out of their defensive zone, taking valuable seconds off the clock for the next few minutes in a game of keepaway. With 4:41 left, South almost found the net again, but the Knights iced it to get a stoppage in play.

With three minutes left, Liggett played aggressively and got pressure on Smith. The Blue Devils continued to clear the puck out of the zone and tie it up in the corners.

With the crowd on its feet, Liggett took one last shot but South moved it

down the ice as time ran out and South secured the program's first state championship in six years.

One of Bohlinger's best players all season was her goaltender, Smith, who made countless big saves in the state championship game. Smith continued to put in work on the ice the night

before the state final, until her head coach sent her home at 9 p.m.

"A good goalie can change the course of the game for sure," Bohlinger said. "She's been working with her goalie coach pretty consistently all season. I think (her) getting named first team All-State again was a little

bit of a confidence boost for her. We were out on the ice last night until 9 p.m., just working on little things, tweaking. She didn't want to get off. I sent her home and told her to go to bed."

Though only in her second season at South, Bohlinger has put in several years as a high school and college hockey player and coach. She recognized her team's confidence Saturday afternoon, despite its loss to Liggett in last year's state final, describing them as a family of resilient, "real" hockey players.

"Everybody showed up and they were all on their game today," she said.

South finished the season at 23-3-2.

Liggett finished at 22-1-2, suffering its one and only loss of the season in the state championship game. Saturday's game ended a run of three straight state championships for the Knights, where they rattled off 60-plus wins over that span and ran the table for three out of four seasons from 2021-24.



PHOTO BY RENA LAVERTY

South's Anne Wayman is the first to hug goaltender Rosie Smith after the Blue Devils won the Division 1 girls hockey state championship Saturday.

## Ancona named Miss Hockey

The Michigan Girls High School Hockey League has named University Liggett forward Sofie Ancona Miss Hockey for her performance in the 2023-24 season.

Ancona, whose Liggett Knights lost in the state final game to Grosse Pointe South, earned first team, All-State honors and led the division in goals, power play goals, short-handed goals, hat tricks and total points. She is also a two-year team captain for the Knights.

"This league has grown so much over the years..." Ancona told the MGSHL. "Hockey has taught me more than I could have ever imagined."

"It was my honor to wear the knighthead on my jersey for four amazing years."

— Meg Leonard



PHOTO BY LEON HALIP

University Liggett senior Sofie Ancona was named Miss Hockey for the 2023-24 season by the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League.

## ATHLETE:

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gymnastics helps discipline you and can teach you a lot about yourself."

The discipline and work ethic that Mattes possesses have been crucial to her success as a gymnast and also in her growth as a leader. The Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics team has seven girls on the roster this season, three of whom are seniors who will not be on the team this time next year.

As a junior, Mattes has been primed to step up as a veteran leader for the squad. Especially going into her senior season next winter, Mattes' discipline and drive are things that she hopes to impart to the rest of her team while being one of the most experienced gymnasts on the squad.

"It's great to know that

other people see you as someone that they look up to," Mattes said. "Being a leader definitely means that you have to have responsibility and be able to answer anyone's questions. Gymnastics is a very mental sport, and if you see a teammate struggling being a leader is nice because you can go up to them and try to help them with what they're going through."

Mattes' leadership skills and work ethic certainly have not gone unnoticed. Her coaches know that they can count on her to help bring the group together and keep everyone's heads up no matter how the competition might be going.

"(Allie) is always a hard worker doing both club gymnastics and high school gymnastics," Grosse Pointe United Gymnastics head coach

Izzy Nguyen said. "She always has a busy schedule but is a positive girl when it comes to practices and meets. She's someone who is always cheering on her teammates and won't let a bad meet bring her down. I'm excited to see what will happen for her future and what she will be bringing to us her senior year."

With Mattes' high school season now wrapped up, the off-season will not mean much time to rest. She will move on to lacrosse season in the spring while also training with her club gymnastics team, with the focus on building herself up to make her senior season with Grosse Pointe the best one yet.

"(This offseason) I definitely think I'm going to give myself a goal for each event and just improve all my skills because I really want to come back and have an even stronger senior year and make it the best one yet," Mattes said.

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Mattes competes in the floor routine during the regional competition March 2.

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# North girls basketball wins 3rd straight district title, loses season-ender to Royal Oak in regional

By Meg Leonard  
Senior Editor

In a month that celebrates the good fortune of finding four-leaf clovers, Grosse Pointe North's girls varsity basketball team made three their lucky number last week when the program won its third consecutive district championship, Friday, March 8, with a 56-35 win over Roseville at the Norsemen's home gym.

The team then advanced to the regional round, where they lost to Royal Oak 53-48 in the semifinal game Monday, March 11, at Mercy High School.

Though North's season has come to an end, one that included 19 wins and a district championship, its success came largely from the consistent play of a small roster of just eight. The team played competitively in every game, despite injuries and the inability to hold five-on-five team practices.

Head coach Gary Bennett praised his team's resilience after last Friday's title game citing North's good team chemistry and work ethic as reasons why his group has achieved a championship season, in the face of a few obstacles.

"If you'd have told me at the beginning of the year that we would be at 19 wins, I would have said you're nuts," he said after the district title win. "Jenna (Winowiecki)

sprained her ankle at the end of year. We had a tough week. We lost two games during that time. ... But, you know what, I've really enjoyed this group. They're a great group of kids."

Bennett, who is in his 41st season as North's girls head coach, said he prioritizes effort above all else.

"I'm all about competing, so if we go and we play hard and compete and lose, I'll be fine with it because I value competing more than I value winning," he said ahead of Monday's regional. "I coach because I enjoy seeing people compete and it doesn't have to be a win."

His team managed to do both last Friday night.

Roseville held the lead exactly once in the district championship, scoring the game's first basket for a 2-0 lead.

North's Natalie Babcock responded, hitting the first of the team's five 3-pointers on the night, and the Norsemen never looked back.

North's shot kept dropping throughout the quarter, including another 3-pointer from Eva Borowski with two minutes left that spotted the Norsemen up 17-5. The teams exchanged two more baskets to close out the opening frame 19-7.

Roseville had trouble scoring in the second quarter, largely due to North's aggressive defense. The teams

entered their locker rooms at halftime with the Norsemen up 28-11.

Borowski found her offensive touch after halftime, scoring seven of the Norsemen's 17 points in the third quarter.

With a 45-25 lead a few minutes into the fourth, Bennett called a time out after his team committed a few uncharacteristic turnovers. He warned his team to not let Roseville crawl back into the game.

"You're much better than this," he said, before having the team break down the huddle with a unified shout of "Defense!"

North co-captain Babcock said the team understands what the expectations are from their coaches and from each other.

"We don't care who scores. You know, as long as it's all about just getting a win and playing good basketball," she said. "And we're all about competing, so it doesn't matter how we do it."

The Panthers never came within reach of the Norsemen from that point on and North took the 56-35 win to raise its third straight district championship trophy.

Winowiecki had 13 points and Borowski had 16 points in the win. Babcock was the team's high scorer with 17. She said the team will take the opportunity to learn more, even after a win.

"We definitely could have done better on



PHOTO BY MEG LEONARD

For the third straight year, North girls varsity basketball stands center court to raise the district championship trophy.

rebounding. I feel like they had too many chances," Babcock said. "It was definitely not our best rebounding game. And we can always work on turnovers. That's always something we can control."

Bennett said while he appreciates the title win, he will always value effort over outcomes.

"It's never about the score," he said. "It's about us doing what we are supposed to do correctly, whether it be on defense or offense. (The score) doesn't matter. We want to do things right."

He also said he places his main focus on developing his team's strong fundamentals over scouting opponents.

"I know a lot of people

do a ton of scouting and look at a bunch of tape and stuff like that," he said. "And really, for me, it's about us. It's what we do and what we need to do well. And we have to make it difficult for other teams."

In the regional game Monday, North stayed toe-to-toe with Royal Oak, and went into the game's final minute tied 48-48. The Ravens scored twice for a 52-48 lead. North fought to score with 9.6 seconds left but came up empty, forcing the Norsemen to foul on Royal Oak's next possession.

The Ravens made one of two free throws for a 53-48 lead. North's final shot fell short, giving the Ravens a win that ended the Norsemen's season.

"The greatest compliment would be that other teams don't like playing us and that it's hard to play against Grosse Pointe North," Bennett said. "I don't know if they say that, but that would be the ultimate compliment, because I think Grosse Pointe North does things right."

Before his 41st season was in the books, Bennett voiced appreciation for his players and their families.

"I would say through the years we got great effort from kids and I just appreciate all the kids I've had," he said. "... I've been blessed, not just this year, but all the years, in just having great kids and great families. And those great families, it makes a difference."



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Teammates and coaches surround Norseman Natalie Babcock, holding the ball at center, after she scored her 1,000th career point Wednesday, March 6, against Lakeview in the district tournament opener.

## Babcock banks 1k points

Just call her Miss Big Shot.

Grosse Pointe North senior co-captain Natalie Babcock earned a nickname worthy of a prolific scorer when she logged her 1,000th career point and then some Wednesday, March 6, in the Norsemen's first round win over Lakeview in the team's district tournament opener.

Babcock, who climbed to 1,007 career points after beating Lakeview, ended her week with 1,024 career points after helping her team win its third straight district championship with a 56-35 win over Roseville Friday, March 8. She added nine more after

Monday's regional semifinal loss, and ends her career with 1,033 points.

Babcock said she knew the milestone was looming, but tried to not let it become a distraction for her or her teammates.

"I knew it was somewhat of a possibility, but I didn't really think about it until maybe the end," she said. "We kind of just counted up the points and realized I was close and I had a chance of getting it."

"But it wasn't like I was trying too hard to get it," she noted. "I was just playing basketball and I happened to get there. Once I got it, I was really happy about it."

Babcock emphasized that she and her

teammates did not concentrate on who scores, but got their "good energy" this season by looking for solid scoring opportunities while playing stingy defense.

"I think we play really good defense and run the floor well ... and we take care of the ball," she said. "And if someone might need to guard someone else to get a break, we'll switch. We're very close and communicate well."

Babcock is just the fourth girls basketball player at North to reach the 1,000th point milestone, joining Julia Ayrault, Ariel Braker and Olivia Stander.

— Meg Leonard



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North's Jenna Winowiecki sets up to swish a 3-pointer in the second quarter against Roseville in the district championship last Friday.

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

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Norsemen who qualified for last Saturday's meet after a qualifying preliminary round Friday. Athletes who finished in places 9-16 at prelims competed in consolation heats Saturday. Those who finished in the top eight Friday competed in championship heats Saturday and earned All-State honors.

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 • 100 Fly (6th Place)

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 • Tyler Collins  
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 • Tommy Moreland  
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 • James Gusmano  
 • Tommy Moreland  
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From left to right, Grosse Pointe North's record-breaking 200 free relay includes Keegan Wettstein, Tommy Moreland, Connor McMahon and James Gusmano.



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Grosse Pointe South seniors Joey Drawbaugh, Ben Bryan, Vincent Maffesoli and Troy Liu strike a championship pose for their fourth place 200 free relay.



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North's 200 medley relay finished 14th at the state final, including from left to right, Tommy Moreland, Keegan Wettstein, Connor McMahon and Tyler Collins. Moreland, a senior, and Collins, a freshman, are first cousins, making the race a true family affair.

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# Knights continue reign at districts

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Winning back-to-back district championships is always nice, but a three-peat is even better. Last Friday, March 8, the University Liggett girls varsity basketball team got its three-peat in the district, defeating Mount Clemens 38-27 to claim its third consecutive Division 3 district title.

Kerith Short led the way in the district title win for Liggett scoring 11 points. The win helped the Knights move on to the regional round of the playoffs, where they played their regional semifinal game Monday night, March 11.

Liggett traveled to Clawson for its regional semifinal matchup with Detroit Communication Media Arts (DCMA).

The Knights started hot, building an early lead and never looking back on their way to a 39-29 win.

The first quarter was dominated by Liggett, who started the game on a 12-0 run, building the foundation of its lead. By the time the opening frame ended, the Knights were up 14-1.

The second quarter was much of the same, with the Knights outpacing DCMA in practically every aspect. By the time the teams hit the locker rooms for halftime, Liggett held a dominant 23-4 advantage.

DCMA fought harder in the second half, while Liggett could not quite keep pace offensively as it did in the first half. Still, the Knights' dominant performance in the first



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIGGETT ATHLETICS

University Liggett's girls varsity basketball team captured its third straight district championship Friday.

two quarters was enough to help carry them on to victory and keep the playoff run alive.

Short once again led the Knights in scoring with 16. Hallie Marcero and Avery Slanec both

scored eight in the win. The Knights advanced to the regional championship game, taking on

Lutheran Northwest at Clawson High School Wednesday, March 13, after press time.

# South puts up fight in district final

By Mike Adzima  
Sports Reporter

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball faced a tough test Friday, March 8, in a quest to capture a district title. After dismantling Detroit Martin Luther King 56-10 two nights before in the district semifinals, South had a meeting with two-time defending district champion Detroit Cass Tech in the championship game. The Blue Devils fought hard against the perennially tough Technicians, but came up just short of a district title, losing to Cass Tech 60-53.

Last Friday's game started and ended close, but it was Cass Tech's lead that it built in the middle quarters that helped lead it to victory. The district final started as a very tightly contested matchup, with the Blue Devils and

Technicians trading shots until the first quarter ended in a 15-15 tie.

The second quarter saw Cass Tech begin to pull out in front. South was not quite able to keep up with the offensive surge that the Technicians experienced before halftime, leading to the Blue Devils being down by nine, 32-23, going into the locker room.

"In the first quarter, our defense was able to keep the ball out of the post," South girls basketball head coach Kevin Richards said. "In the second quarter, we weren't able to pressure the ball on the perimeter as much and they had some pretty good post entries. They were able to get it into Kayla Mount, their big girl, and she had 13 points in the second quarter and that was a big stretch for them that hurt us."

South's offense started to return to a better pace as the second half started. However, Cass Tech continued to be out in front, never letting the Blue Devils quite get close enough, ending the third quarter ahead 47-37.

In the final eight minutes, the Blue Devils showed that they would not go down without a fight. South battled its way back into contention, not letting the Technicians run away with the game. The Blue Devils got the game to within just one or two possessions in the final minutes but were unable to completely close the gap before time expired and Cass Tech escaped with the win.

Junior Maddy Benard led the way for South with 23 points in the loss, while sophomore Morgan Duff had 10. With both set to return



PHOTOS BY MIKE ADZIMA

South's Maddy Benard led the team with 23 points in the Blue Devils' district final loss to Cass Tech March 8.

next year, it gives Richards confidence they will be a strong combo of veteran leaders for the Blue Devils in 2024-25.

"(Morgan Duff) is a

really nice compliment to Maddy Benard and having those two at the top of our press on the defense really gave people problems," Richards said.

Almost all of South's roster from this season will be returning for another year. The lone senior on this year's team was Elsa Bachert, who finished with nine points in her final game as a Blue Devil.

"She was just fun and you knew what you were going to get out of Elsa when she had the ball," Richards said. "She was going to play as hard as she could, and she was a competitor. If we had a team of Elsas and everybody played as hard as she did, we could do some nice things. Her teammates saw that and how hard she worked and I think that's a reason why we were playing as well as we were."

The Blue Devils season ends with a final record of 12-12. They finished fourth out of six teams in the MAC Red division.



## Great skates! Pointes' figure skaters earn top spots at states

Grosse Pointe Unified Figure Skating finished fourth out of 12 teams Sunday, March 10, at the Michigan High School Ice Skating state championship at Southgate Ice Arena in Southgate.

The team combines figure skaters from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, including North's Luc Henri, Remy Henri, head coach Claire LaDue, North's Abby Owczarek and South's Claire Wengel. Wengel, at right, competed in the singles state championship Saturday, March 9, placing second out of 10 skaters in the Intermediate Excel Plus Group at Southgate Ice Arena. The team is coached by Claire LaDue.

